

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"
Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:
Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary
Worship
Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

FAITHBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m. Faithbuilders
for all 3 year olds through Confirmation
class.

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 10.

ADULT EDUCATION

10:30 a.m., Sundays, Conference Room.
Bring your coffee and come join us for an
interesting time of discussion!
No Adult Ed on September 10, 17 or 24.




NEW CHURCH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

IN PERSON SIGN-UP FOR PHOTOS: Following Saturday
& Sunday worship through September 10.

ON LINE SIGN UP FOR PHOTOS: If you'd rather
schedule your photography appointment online, go to
our church website, our Facebook page, or the Universal
website, www.ucdir.com and click on "Photography
Appointment Scheduling Login". The church code and
password are in our church bulletins and on the letter
you should have received. Follow the prompts to
schedule your family's appointment time. Just for
participating, you will receive a complimentary 8x10
portrait and a pictorial church directory. You will view
your images right away and have the opportunity to
purchase family portraits.

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN September 25, 26 and 27
from 2:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross.

THANK YOU for taking part!



**GOD'S WORK.
OUR HANDS.
SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER
10 and 17**



ADOPT-A-STREET LITTER PICK UP Saturday, September 9

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. by Hoyle's North 77
Mobile Homes, 3800 N 6th St. Questions? Contact
Bill Behrends. All help is much appreciated—the
more hands we have, the faster it goes!

CROSSROADS

I wonder, how has the “Go and...” themes impacted your lives? In July, “Go and...share your story”, really led to some great conversation in our Adult Education class – even a little humor as we watched stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan’s life in 90 seconds. Ever thought of putting your life in a 90-second video? For Gaffigan, it is a promo for his new comedy special; yet he includes difficult, life-changing events such as the death of his mother at 52 and the Pandemic. For some in class, sharing our story includes seeing God at work in times of struggle. We recalled the words of Jesus to the disciples in the midst of a raging storm on the Sea of Galilee, ““Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

This month, as we prepare for our “God’s Work. Our Hands” day of service, the theme is very aptly: Go and...serve with neighbors. “Serving” is one of the Holy Cross Congregation’s key values. I often hear stories of how people at Holy Cross are serving in their vocations and through volunteering as they use their gifts for the world: mentoring and supporting students, sharing their gift of music, helping neighbors in so many ways, serving with groups and organizations throughout the community and in countless ways within the Holy Cross congregation.

Go and...serve with neighbors. Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite nun living in the 1500’s wrote this beautiful poem, *Christ Has No Body*. The words live on centuries later with a powerful reminder for us.



Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do
good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

In Christ’s Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee Forrest



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be Sunday, September 10. Classes will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m.



CONFIRMATION FAMILY MEETING to kick-off Confirmation Classes will be Wednesday September 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement. Classes will start the following Wednesday, September 13.

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS will be Sunday, September 17. Our sincere appreciation to the people who shine their light into the lives of our children.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. DAY OF SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. Wear your Holy Cross "God's Work. Our Hands. t-shirt on Sept. 10. A congregational photo will be taken following worship in front of the church. With thanks to Nick Vrtiska for photography.

We will join with churches around the ELCA for a special worship service followed by several service projects:

Brunch Fundraiser - Free will offerings will be collected to make New Mom Gift Boxes for Beatrice Community Hospital. Each box will include goodies and a Mother and Baby blessing. Boxes will be assembled the following **Sunday, September 17**, following worship.

Mosaic Home Day Games - Following brunch there is another opportunity to go out and serve others. Holy Cross will sponsor two games with prizes at Home Day from 1:00 - 3:00 for our neighbors at Mosaic. Home Day is a celebration with activities and events for residents, friends and family. Sign up to help with the games which include a duck pond and Axe Throwing (no, not real axes)! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

With special thanks to Nadine Hibbert for organizing events and to Nadine and Larry for sponsoring Thrivent Action Teams.



DO YOU HUM around the house? Sing in the shower? ...Croon in the car? Then YOU are warmed up and ready to use your voice to God's glory! We would LOVE to have you join us for CHOIR! Practice will resume Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 PM! Questions? Contact Karen Jobman (402)520-0661.



A DAY TRIP IS BEING PLANNED for Tuesday, September 12, to the Holy Family Shrine and Cloisters on the Platte near Gretna followed by a lunch at your own cost at Parker's Steakhouse, Ashland. The rain date will be Thursday, September 14. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot and return home around 3:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. The deadline for sign-up is September 10 in order to make arrangements for carpooling. For questions please contact Janet Byars or Karen Jobman.

The Holy Family Shrine is glass-walled, with supports holding up its 45-ft. tall roof. A man-made stream bubbles along a path cut along the walkway to the entrance and then into the floor of the nave.

The Cloisters on the Platte highlights the Stations of the Cross and is a 2,500-foot-long walking tour with audio meditations, comprised of 14 sculpture stations that represent Christ's trial through his burial. The trail is wheelchair accessible. There is a suggested \$10 donation, but it is not mandatory. Additional information is available at holyfamilyshrine.com and cloistersontheplatte.com.



OUR 2023 MISSION FESTIVAL at Holy Cross will support Lutheran Family Services as we learn more about the many ways they build stronger communities. LFS began when the Lutheran Children's Home opened in Fremont, Nebraska in 1893. Joel Stoltenow, LFS Asst. VP of Develop, will join us on Sunday, October 1st to share more about what they do, including "The Fatherhood Initiative" which has supported almost 250 fathers toward becoming better caregivers and providers.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who helped assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief on August 5 and 6. We were able to put together **115 kits!** Thank you to Rosetta Swarthout for sponsoring this project with a Thrivent Action Team card, to Genell Copas for coordinating the project, and to all of you who donated items for this ministry! What a blessing!





GO AND...

SERVE WITH NEIGHBOR

As Mr. Rogers asked us – “Who is your neighbor?” Love grounds us as we engage with our neighbors living next door, the people in surrounding communities, and those living beyond our own horizons. Accompaniment calls us to use our God-given gifts and talents as we collaborate, learn from each other, and together walk in agape love.

Questions to Consider:

- Who is your neighbor? How do you know?
- What did you discover in walking with your neighbor?
- As you GO with your neighbors, how do you describe your vocation?

Prayer: God of Accompaniment, you meet us where we are at. Help us meet our neighbors wherever they might be and walk with them. Amen.

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” (ELW 708)

Chorus: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who pours out himself for them. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we will love with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”, words by Tom Colvin, ©1969 and this arr. 1982 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-715997.

WORSHIP MATTERS



Assisting Ministers: What, Why, How? (Training: Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:15 a.m.)

Holy Cross is seeking to reignite the ministry of “assisting minister” which was once a vibrant part of Sunday ministry at Holy Cross, but was put on hold during pandemic.

And so we will share with the congregation here what this role is, why it exists and how one does it. When we know this together as a community, we can share the responsibility for raising up leaders for this role and support those who assist in this way in worship.

The assisting minister role has deep roots in Christian history. The early church commissioned deacons to take extra food from the offering at holy communion to those in need. In this role they came to serve as assisting ministers in worship: praying for the needs of the world, giving thanks for the offering, assisting the presiding minister at the table, serving the people bread or wine, and sending the people forth to love and serve their neighbor.

The assisting minister role requires an understanding of all parts of worship and how they work together. This ancient role has its own dignity and importance within worship and, along with the presiding minister, offers continuity of leadership throughout the worship service.

We hope this brief description of the assisting minister will encourage you to suggest people who might be good candidates for this important position – maybe yourself! **We invite you to consider attending the training scheduled on Sunday, September 24, at 10:15 a.m. following worship to learn more.**

The training will provide an opportunity for further discernment and those attending the training can decide to continue or not after training is completed.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



WELCA Fall General Meeting, Sunday September 17, at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. All women of Holy Cross are welcome to attend and enjoy this fellowship. Coffee and rolls will be served.

Hope Circle met on Monday, August 14, for Bible Study. All women are invited to join in the monthly Bible Study & fellowship.

Blanket sewing was on August 16.

The women served for the funeral of Tony George on July 27.

There was a Board meeting on August 21 and plans were made for the WELCA General Meeting which will be Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 am following the worship service. All women are encouraged to attend to join in the planning for upcoming events and for the year of 2024.

September/October Calendar

Monday, September 11: Hope Circle/Bible Study 10:00am

Wednesday, September 13: Blanket Sewing 9:00 am -3:00pm

Sunday, September 17: WELCA General Meeting 10:15 am following worship

Monday, September 18: WELCA Board meeting: 7:00 pm

Monday, October 9: Hope Circle/Bible Study 10:00am

Wednesday, October 11: Blanket Sewing 9:00am to 3:00pm

Saturday/Sunday, October 14 & 15: Mall Bake Sale: Saturday 10 -5 and Sunday 11-4

Monday, October 16: WELCA Board meeting

WELCA Co Presidents

Nancy C Johnsen & Joyce Haecker

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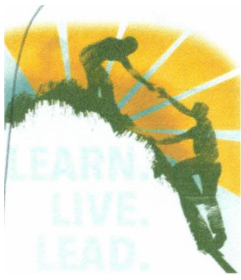
THANK YOU to everyone who has donated sheets for our blanket sewing ladies. They are very much appreciated. There is an ongoing need for new & used sheets so anytime you have extra during the year, please consider donating them to Holy Cross.

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"BE STILL..." Nebraska Women of the ELCA 2023 Biennial Convention and Gathering will be Oct. 6-8, 2023 at the Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center. Registration forms are on a clipboard in the narthex. Deadline is September 20. Early bird discount of \$25.00 if registered by Sept. 1. If interested in attending, please see Nancy Johnsen or Joyce Haecker.

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OUR HOLY CROSS BLANKET SEWERS donated two blankets to the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Quilt Auction this past weekend. The blankets raised \$675.00 for this ministry. Thank you, Holy Cross blanket sewers!



FIRST ANNUAL HOMESTEAD CLUSTER BUILDING LEADERS WORKSHOP

- ◇ I have a desire to serve God in a leadership role.
- ◇ I have an inner restlessness when people ask me what I want to do with my life - as though God has something more in mind for me.
- ◇ I have felt that God has been calling me to Christian service since early in life and it continues.
- ◇ I enjoy studying theology and I want to engage more in guided study. I want to broaden my skills.
- ◇ I may be too old to pursue a career in the church. I might upset my life more than I can handle. I need to seriously reflect with someone.
- ◇ I would like to volunteer nationally or internationally but I don't know where to start pursuing the possibility.

If anyone of the above statements describes you, or someone you know, the homestead cluster clergy and congregations in the Nebraska Synod, ELCA, invites you to attend the first annual "Building Leaders Workshop" hosted by St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice from 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 21st to 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

The workshop is designed to inspire, encourage, connect, and support persons who are considering or discerning the possibility of serving in various leadership capacities in the ELCA as well as serving as volunteers both nationally and internationally.

Representatives from ELCA Seminaries, the Nebraska Synod Staff, the Lutheran Deacon and Deaconess services, the Parish Ministry Assistant Program, Faith Formation Ministry, Congregational Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, Technology Ministry, Lay Visitation Ministry, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation, ELCA World Hunger, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services will be present.

Registration is \$30.00 per person - deadline is September 15, 2023. Scholarships are available through our congregation. For information, please speak to Pastor Kathee.

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Dear Friends,

There are only so many words to describe the sincerest appreciation of your partnership with us here at Oaks Indian Mission. Our gratitude has no end. It is by your partnership and support of so many children, God's inheritors, that they are able to call this oasis of grace home.

Your friendship is truly a gift in itself. School is starting back up and the children are arriving back from time with their families. We pray

that we can help the children grow in a positive way. Thank you. Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director
(\$310.00-July, \$300.00-August)



NOISY OFFERING for September and October will go toward the Discretionary Fund. For the first time, mid-year, the funds to assist our neighbors in need have been depleted. Please help fill the bucket and help our neighbors. The need is great. One mom had a large auto repair bill that used her month's salary and Holy Cross was able to help with rent for her family. Others have asked for assistance with gas to get to work. We are Christ's hands and feet to others.

EAST HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARDS: Thanks to Gail Russell and Terri Huls for taking pictures of new members, baptisms, etc. and to Gail for keeping those pictures posted on a bulletin board.

CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES NEEDED! We are asking you to help us with the east bulletin board – this one is used to post pictures and clippings of our members. If you have any pictures or newspaper clippings you would like to share, please go ahead and post it on that bulletin board or give to Sandy. Thank you!

JOYFUL STEPS: Everyone is invited to come join us in the church basement at 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays for our weekly hour of fellowship and exercise. No equipment needed. Bring a friend or neighbor. You may wish to bring a bottle of water. See you all then!

THE LIVE STREAM of Holy Cross worship is on our YouTube Channel. To access the YouTube live stream go to the Holy Cross website www.holycrossbeatrice.com. There is a link to the live stream on the homepage and also on the "Watch Live" page.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Plastic Shopping Bags - Used to make sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Aluminum Cans – Aluminum Cans – Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Please put cans outside in the barrels in the enclosure east of the kitchen. Lids open easier if grabbed with both hands on front dimples.

Computer Ink Cartridges – Proceeds go to the Matt 25 Project Fund. Sorry – we are no longer able to recycle toner cartridges. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Cell Phones – Donated to the Hope Crisis Center. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING: Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers food and monetary donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. All items are very much appreciated. NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE! If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the narthex or your monetary donation in an envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity to this ministry!!

THE POWER OF PRAYER: If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com or fill out a prayer slip found next to the prayer box located on the rack in the narthex. Thank you and God's blessings!

WHOLLY FOOD: Our Wholly Food team meets the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. to prepare casseroles for people who could use uplifting and comfort in the midst of life's struggles. If you are interested in joining this team, please let Glennys Lienemann know. If you know anyone who could use a casserole to brighten their day, please fill out the paper in the jar in the narthex. While this is an outreach ministry of Holy Cross, delivery is open to anyone in our community.



WORSHIP HELPERS

Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office **402-228-3172** aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights – please call Norma Huls at 402-223-3184, for Sunday mornings, please call Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 and they will find someone to replace you. Worship helpers – please be at church 30 minutes before worship begins. Instructions will be in the back window of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Johnsen or ask Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Saturday, September 2

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

Sunday, September 3

Greeters: Barb Scott, Stacie Bruns

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Dianne Cole

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

Saturday, September 9

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, September 10

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton

Reader: Jeremy Engelman

Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, September 16

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, September 17

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Karen Jobman

Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Terri Huls

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Communion: Kendall Hein

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, September 23

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, September 24

Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen

Ushers: Gloria Paben, Mary Schuster-Graff

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Susan Kreft

Reader: Gloria Paben

Communion: Gloria Paben

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

Saturday, September 30

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, October 1

Greeters: Shirley Wiens, Donna Rosenthal

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kayleigh & Lucas Vogel

Reader: Angie Vogel

Communion: Ryan Vogel

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

Saturday, October 7

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

Sunday, October 8

Greeters: Jeff & Jenae Bauer

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Austin Wolken, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Jenae Bauer

Communion: Larry Hibbert

Audio/Video: Jenae Bauer

Saturday, October 14

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, October 15

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Barb Scott

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut

Reader: Janet Byars

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, October 21

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, October 22

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Jeremy Engelman

Communion: Larry Hibbert

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

Saturday, October 28

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, October 29

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Makenna & Kierra Higgins

Reader: Peggy Johnsen

Communion: Toni Janzen

Audio/Video: Terri Huls



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1 Janet Byars
Matthew Dunker
Dylan George
Gerald Stevens
Karla Tranmer
Sept. 2 Ziel Tut
Sept. 3 Clarence Parde*
Sept. 4 J.T. Karlin
Sept. 5 Susan Kreft
Sept. 8 Beth Dunker
Sept. 9 Diane Waltke (Mitch)
Sept. 10 Linda Walz
Sept. 12 Inez Trauernicht
Sept. 13 Bonnie Baete
Xander Otto
Sept. 15 Robert Haecker
Sept. 16 Richard Schnaidt
Frieda Wolken
Sept. 17 Peggy Johnsen
Sept. 18 Nancy Franken
Sept. 20 Gail Russell
Sept. 21 Rita Schuster
Barbara Scott
Sept. 22 Theresa Litterick
Sept. 23 Justin Karlin
Sept. 24 Breanna Janzen
Sept. 26 Carol Fielder

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Clarence Parde who turns 92 on September 3...
and to Frieda Wolken who turns 90 on
September 16. God's blessings to you both. We
wish you many more happy and healthy years!!!

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THE COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET at First

Christian Church, Beatrice, is in need of gently
worn coats, especially children's coats. Scarves
and gloves are also accepted. Take them to First
Christian Monday-Thursday 9-noon and 1-4 p.m.
or bring them to Holy Cross and put them on the
hangers on the hallway coat rack marked
"COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET" and they will be
delivered. Thank you!

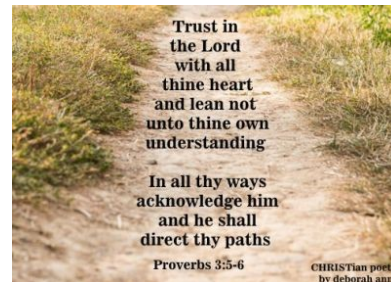


SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 7, 1980 Larry & Nadine Hibbert
September 14, 1991 Darrell & Jackie Rinne
September 29, 1979 Ken & Deb Sillman

EVERY DAY CHOICES

By Deborah Ann Belka (used by permission)



Every day we make choices,
what to eat, to wear, to do
day-to-day there's options
God places in front of you.

Every day there are decisions,
influencing our daily life
some will bring endless joy
others only eternal strife.

Every day we must decide,
the things to us that matter
some make our faith stronger
others causes it to scatter.

Every day we can pick,
which path or road to take
some are straight and narrow
lead to the wide gate.

Every day we need to select,
where to lay up our treasure
each new day we need to fix on
what will bring God pleasure.

We need to make choices,
each and every day
and it is up to each of us ...
to follow Jesus along the way!

<https://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com/>

JULY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$9,598.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,184.73	-\$4,586.39	-\$4,586.39
FEBRUARY	-\$4,586.39	\$17,035.98			\$15,392.22	\$1,643.76	-\$2,942.63
MARCH	-\$2,942.63	\$12,352.40	\$2,500.00		\$15,232.78	-\$380.38	-\$3,323.01
APRIL	-\$3,323.01	\$16,469.57	\$3,333.33		\$13,789.31	\$6,013.59	\$2,690.58
MAY	\$2,690.58	\$13,068.29			\$13,516.05	-\$447.76	\$2,242.82
JUNE	\$2,242.82	\$11,877.68			\$13,830.22	-\$1,952.54	\$290.28
JULY	\$290.28	\$14,201.63			\$15,022.29	-\$820.66	-\$530.38
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$94,603.89	\$5,833.33		\$100,967.60		-\$530.38

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
July 29/30	19-35	\$1330.00
August 5/6	14-42	\$3078.90
August 12/13	22-47	\$2679.30
August 19/20	21-50	\$1823.68

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$180.00, Holy Cross only-\$535.00, Food Pantry-\$75.00, Sound/Streaming Meal Pork-\$91.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$320.00, Maui Wildfire-\$495.00, Discretionary-\$424.00, GWOH T-Shirts—\$373.00, Noisy Offering (Discretionary)-\$74.69, Facilities Use-\$40.00
 Memorials: Roxine Weichel Memorial—\$597.50

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OUR THANKS to Pastor Kathee for directing her Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in August!

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*I can do all things through Christ
 who strengthens me.
 ~Philippians 4:13*

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023**

Present: Dallen Johnsen, Larry Kendall, Pastor Kathee Forrest, Ryan Vogel, Austin Wolken, Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Kodi Higgins

Council Meeting called to order at 7:10.

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee "Walkie Talkie Prayer by Bishop Scott Johnson".

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Inez T. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Austin W. with a second from Larry K. to approve the minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. Pastor Kathee made a motion with a second from Larry K. to approve the transfer of Greg, Jody, Brady, and Mallory Helton to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Haysville, KS. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. The spotlights in the front of the church need to be looked at.
2. The on-demand water heaters for the kitchen need to be replaced.
3. All other committees are doing well.

E. Unfinished business

1. The celebration of paying off the sound system is July 23, 2023.
2. The summer concert is August 26 at 7:00.
3. The photo directory pictures will begin in September.
4. We are getting new members on the Vision Team. The next meeting will be July 27, 2023 at 7:00.
5. Duties for worship while the Pastor is out of the office and funeral services were discussed.

F. New Business

1. St. John's is hosting a building leadership course in October.
2. A motion was made by Ryan V. with a second from Larry K. to use the noisy offering from July, August, and September for the Discretionary Account. Motion was approved.
3. God's work our Hands is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023
4. October 1, 2023 will be the Mission Festival with Mission Festival offerings going to Lutheran Family Services.
5. The next council meeting will be August 10, 2023 at 7:00.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

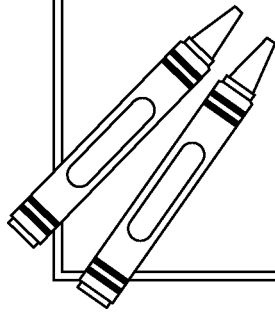
1. A motion was made by Ryan V. with a second from Larry K. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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September 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	1 8:00 p.m. N.A.	2 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Photo Sign-up following worship
3 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Photo Sign-up for directory, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	4	5 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	6 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confirmation Family Meeting	7 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax	8 8:00 p.m. N.A.	9 9:00 a.m. Adopt-a-Street 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Photo Sign-up following worship
10 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Congregational Photo, Photo Sign-up for directory, Sunday School Rally Day 10:30 a.m. GWOH Brunch 1:00-3:00 p.m. Games at Mosaic	11 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	12 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	13 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing TBD Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	14 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	15 8:00 p.m. N.A.	16 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
17 9:00 a.m. Worship/S.S. Teacher Installation 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, WELCA General Meeting, Assembly of Mother's Gift Boxes—GWOH, Fellowship	18 7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting	19 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TBD Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	21 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	22 8:00 p.m. N.A.	23 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
24 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Assisting Minister Training, Fellowship	25	26 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	27 TBD Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	29 8:00 p.m. N.A.	30 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
	Sept. 25, 26, 27 2:00-8:30 p.m. PHOTO SESSIONS FOR DIRECTORY					



Just for KIDS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper

1 2 3 4

They form the alphabet

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

One who is learning

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

A small test

19 20 21 22

A group of relatives

23 24 25 26 27 28

To offer something

29 30 31 32

Glad

33 34 35 36 37

Group who works together

38 39 40 41

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24 5 27 11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6 21 11 29 2 15

1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15 24 17 15 21 12

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