

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"*

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

**Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Fellowship**

**"GO and ... ASK"**



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed is held each Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in our study.



### WELCA FALL BAKE SALE

The Women of Holy Cross will be doing their Fall Bake Sale October 14 & 15, 2023.

We will be set up at the Fall

Craft Show at the Indian Creek Mall. The participation of all Holy Cross members will make it another huge success in carrying out our Mission!



### CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. Will meet at Hannibal Park. Go to:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/beatricene> for more information or to register.

### JOINT MISSION FESTIVAL

#### FEATURING LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

American Lutheran Church, Filley and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Beatrice will have a Joint Mission Festival with a shared worship service beginning at 9:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran, Beatrice on Sunday, October 1. Following worship, there will be a coffee fellowship and time to learn more about Lutheran Family Services from Joel Stoltenow, Assistant Vice President of Development. Joel will share about the many (in fact, 46) and varied programs provided by LFS, including adoption and foster care for children, telehealth and assisting refugees and immigrants, just to name a few. Then stay for lunch about 11:00 and enjoy an Arby's Roast Beef Sandwich free will offering fundraiser with proceeds going to LFS. With thanks to the Thrivent Action Team Grant that will provide the sandwiches.

# CROSSROADS

## Intergenerational Opportunities at Holy Cross

### **1. ALL SAINTS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE CONFIRMATION CLASS NOVEMBER 1 FROM 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. HOLY CROSS FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We have a great group of six confirmation students this year, and you are invited to join them for coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation on All Saints Day. It works out perfectly this year for you Saints of Holy Cross to join them and share your story. And also to be open to learning from them – I know that I learn from these young people every time we meet. I also enjoy remembering the days of youth as we share highs and lows at the start of our time together. Highs of accomplishments, activities, time with friends. Lows of loss and stress.

How can you be involved with our Confirmation Youth?

1. Sign up to join us for a class period or to be a prayer partner. (Sign up in the narthex)
2. Join us for the All Saints Coffee and Conversation on November 1.
3. Give them a shout-out when you see them in worship!

Times together with different generations is such a gift. As we have many elders in our congregation, this quote seems especially fitting: “There is no more noble way to spend these (later) years than to become an elder, to bear witness to the world as placeholders for peace, love, wisdom and fearlessness.” Kathleen Dowling Singh from her book *The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older* For Singh, when we choose to ripen, to awaken as we age, we offer a gift to the world and future generations.

### **2. CALLING ALL DRIVERS AND SOON-TO-BE- DRIVERS!**

Another opportunity for all, but especially new and soon-to-be drivers, is on Thankoffering Sunday, November 12, following worship. Casey Holsing will speak about “The Power of Prayer and Distracted Driving.” Casey’s mission in life is to talk to people about distracted driving following her near-fatal car accident after being struck by a 16-year old distracted driver in 2020 near Indian Creek Mall. In her interview with News Channel Nebraska in 2022, Casey said she wants people to take away from her presentation an important lesson: “I would say the number one take away is, there’s nothing worth distracting your driving,” Holsing said. “Focus on your road, focus on the driving, and the rest can wait. I shattered my shoulder, my humerus; I broke ribs, bruised my lung. Shattered my hips and pelvis. Shattered my L5, broke my femur, shattered my tib/fib, tore my bowel. So, lots of different injuries.” Eleven surgeries and months of rehab later, Casey’s ministry, if you will, is to preach this message to anyone with ears to hear.

In Christ’s mission that we share,

Pastor Kathee



## **FAITHBUILDERS 2023**

Regular classes are held each Sunday from 10:15—11:00 a.m. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School!



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Sunday, November 5, 10:15-11:30 a.m. This is for everyone fourth grade and above who will be taking communion for the first time. If parents would like to discuss first communion for their children younger than this, please call the church office to schedule a time to meet prior to November 5. First Communion will be celebrated at worship on Sunday, November 12.



**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:** Share your gift of music during worship—all instruments and vocalists are welcome. Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Call 402-228-3172 for questions.

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## **WORSHIP MATTERS**



Why do we read scripture out loud in the service? St. Augustine's experience in the fourth century is still what we are after. He described his encounter with the heard word this way: "Thy Word struck my heart and I loved thee." To strike the heart of the hearer with the power and peace of the word of God is the goal of the reading of scripture. Those well prepared for the task can approach with confidence the responsibility of being such instruments of the spirit of God. By God's grace, the reader has, in reality, the words of eternal life" on the tip of their tongue. Here are a few tips for the readers at Holy

Cross with gratitude for your ministry:

- Simply start with the reading. No greeting such as "good morning" is needed. Everything should focus the attention of the hearer on the word and not on the person reading the word.
- The first and second readings are announced: A reading from Isaiah or Romans, etc. No need to include chapter and verse.
- The Psalm is introduced: We read Psalm 23 responsively.
- Allow the words to sink in. Slow down. Pause at the periods. Take a breath at the semi-colons.
- Don't ignore the commas.
- No worries if you sneeze, cough or lose your place. Everyone knows you didn't want it to happen, so no apology is needed. Pause. Find your place. Continue.
- Read every word – strong and sure! From the beginning to the end of the text.
- For help with pronouncing words, pick up a copy of A Handbook for Readers on the book shelf in the Conference Room and take it home – it is yours. Or there is a copy available in the lectern. Or you can find resources online.
- Practice, practice, practice.
- When you have a reading from the book of Revelation it is often easy to add an "s" when there is none.

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# GO AND...

## ASK

In a world that is shifting and changing, we have come to recognize the importance of asking good questions. Good questions come from intentional listening and a willingness to engage with the unknown. God, Jesus, prophets, disciples, crowds, and Martin Luther all asked questions. As followers of Jesus, we are called to wrestle with questions, which do not always result in clear answers.

### Questions to Consider:

- What big questions are on your heart and mind?
- What is a question you are afraid to ask?
- What would you add to Martin Luther's 95 Theses?
- What is a 'GO to' question as you engage in conversation?

**Prayer:** Knowing God, what are you asking of me? Amen.

**Song:** "Ask the Complicated Questions" (ACS 1005)

- 1. Ask the complicated questions, do not fear to be found out;  
for our God makes strong our weakness, forging faith in fires of doubt.**
- 2. Seek the disconcerting answers, follow where the Spirit blows;  
test competing truths for wisdom, for in tension new life grows.**
- 3. Knock on doors of new ideas, test assumptions long grown stale;  
for Christ calls from shores of wonder, daring us to try and fail.**
- 4. For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound;  
in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.**

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**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Thank you to all those who took part in our congregation photo, to Nick Vrtiska for photography, and to those who attended the September 10 brunch. Thank you to those who helped assemble New Mom Gift Boxes for Beatrice Community Hospital on September 17 and those who helped with Mosaic Home Day games that afternoon. Thanks to Nadine Hibbert for organizing events and Nadine & Larry for sponsoring Thrivent Action Teams.

Thank you, also, to everyone who helped with the Adopt-A-Street litter pick up on Saturday, Sept. 9. What a blessing you all are!

A meal was served by the Vision Team, games were played, and prizes were won! Thanks to all who participated in making our Thrivent Action Team Project for Mosaic's Home Day a success. The residents and staff were certainly excited for Holy Cross members to be there and take part in their activities. A Pick-Up the Ducks game was provided as well as an Ax Throwing game (loads of fun and very popular). Thanks to Larry and Keri Kendall for providing the Ax Throwing game, to Stacie Bruns for providing the kiddie pool, and to Inez Trauernicht for the ducks. Helpers from Holy Cross for the afternoon were Michelle Engelman, Gloria Paben, Karen Jobman, Sheryl Harrington, Pastor Kathee, Richard Schnaidt, Larry Hibbert and Nadine Hibbert.

The following Sunday, the new mom boxes were assembled. Money for this project came from the freewill offering from the brunch held the previous Sunday and a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant. Thanks to the people that helped assemble these boxes in quick order.

On Thursday morning, Pastor Kathee, along with Larry and Nadine Hibbert delivered 36 new mom gift boxes to the labor and delivery unit at the Beatrice Community Hospital. The boxes were well received and greatly appreciated. Thanks to all for participating in this great ministry.





Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church Women



# BAKE SALE

Sat, Oct 14, 10-5

Sun, Oct 15, 11-4

Indian Creek Mall  
Beatrice Fall Market & Craft Show

Cookies, Cakes, Brownies,  
Cinnamon Rolls, Pies, Breads  
& More

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"*



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## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**



Hope Circle met on Monday September 11, 2023 for Bible Study. All women are invited to join in the monthly Bible Study & fellowship.

Blanket sewing was on September 13, 2023.

The WELCA General meeting was held on Sunday September 17, 2023 after the worship service. The meeting was well attended and plans for the upcoming activities for the rest of 2023 and the coming year of 2024 were discussed and planned. The Budget for 2024 was presented and passed and also the Donations for the year was decided on and approved.

The WELCA Board met on Monday September 18 & upcoming events were discussed. Plans are in motion for the Fall Bake sale which will be held at the Indian Creek Mall Fall Craft Show.

### **October Calendar**

Sunday, October 1: Mission Festival ( Help serve lunch and cleanup)

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

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

Friday, October 13: Pricing and marking of Baked Goods & Setting up for Bake Sale at the Mall.

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

Monday, October 16: WELCA Board meeting: 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 17: Serve Warrens Table

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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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FALL AT CAROL JOY HOLLING?**

October 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EXPLORE! A day retreat at CJH for elementary kids. This is a one-of-a-kind retreat for kids in grades 1-6 to discover the magic of exploring God's creation at CJH Camp.

November 10-12, MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT. Come back to camp for the weekend and enjoy classic camp activities such as high ropes, creative arts, and campfires!

November 18-19, MOTHER & TWEEN DAUGHTER RETREAT. Join us as we spend quality time together and learn about what it means to express yourself in a healthy, faith-filled way!

January 19-21, HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT. Join us for a faith-filled winter adventure all while getting to hang out with camp friends old and new.



LEARN.  
LIVE.  
LEAD.

## BUILDING LEADERS WORKSHOP



ELCA at St. John Lutheran Church, Beatrice

6:30 PM Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

to 3:00 PM Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

PERSONS 10 YEARS TO 100 YEARS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING OR BUILDING LEADERS FOR MINISTRY IN THE ELCA!

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 Diaconess services, the Parish Ministry Associate 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 - payable to St. John Lutheran Church. Registration deadline is ~~September~~ <sup>October</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Registration includes Saturday Evening Dessert Bar, Sunday Brunch, and snacks and drinks provided throughout the workshop.

Contact [secretary@stjohnbeatrice.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnbeatrice.org) or call 402-223-5268  
for more information.

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## 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.
- ☐ My congregation is desperately looking for a pastor or spiritual director! Maybe it's me?

If any one 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 21<sup>st</sup> to 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

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### BUILDING LEADERS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

(Or fill out online at [stjohnbeatrice.org/form/10562](http://stjohnbeatrice.org/form/10562))

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Assistance for lodging is available -

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive assistance.

Please make check payable to St. John Lutheran Church with 'Building Leaders Workshop' in the memo and mail to 701 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Beatrice, NE 68310 or pay online by going to [stjohnbeatrice.org/online\\_giving](http://stjohnbeatrice.org/online_giving) and scroll in the giving box to the Building Leaders payment option.





**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

Thank you so much for your “noisy” donation of \$125.37 and Bob Marshall also contributed \$100.00 of his fee for a total of \$225.37 to Mercy Meals of Lincoln to feed the starving around the world. That feeds 1325 hungry kids while they also hear the Gospel. Blessings, Kathy Carter, Mercy Meals of Lincoln

Pastor Kathee and Holy Cross Members,  
I had a wonderful time at your service and social time last Saturday (Outdoor worship/concert). Thanks very much for including me!

Thanks, also, for your generous support of Mercy Meals of Lincoln—your support will fill a lot of little tummies! I pray that our great God will continue to bless your ministries—thanks again!

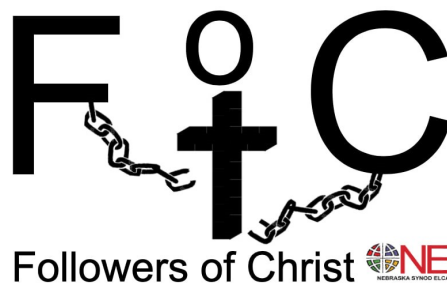
In Christ, Bob Marshall

Thank you so much for inviting us to listen to your music concert this past week. You are a special part of our neighborhood. Steve, Pat and Shawn Timm

**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. With a humble spirit and unwavering thankfulness, we accept your gift in the amount of \$320.00.

Through your prayers and good thoughts, you have already given us so much. We send our sincerest thanks and prayers to you and your families. Our prayer is that God blesses you as you have blessed us. Your gifts are genuinely helping to change lives. Thank you so much for caring.

Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director, Oaks Indian Mission



**FREED FOR LIFE—NOVEMBER 5! PRISON MINISTRIES IN THE NEBRASKA SYNOD** continues to be a vital and important ministry for those who are currently incarcerated and those who are transitioning out of incarceration. Our Followers of Christ Prison Ministry congregation within the walls of the Nebraska Penitentiary and FEAST program at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Lincoln provide crucial support and education, sharing the love of Christ for all people and the transforming power of God’s grace.

These ministries are solely funded by donations that come from individuals and congregations within our Synod. This year’s fundraising and educational event, Freed for Life, will be held on Sunday, November 5, from 3-5 p.m. at Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln. There will be hors d’oeuvres, speakers, community partners, music, and much more.

**We will be carpooling to go to this event. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are interested in attending.**



**CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES NEEDED!** One of the bulletin boards in the east entrance hallways is open for everyone's contributions. If you have any pictures or newspaper clippings you would like to share in this way, please go ahead and post it on that bulletin board or give to Sandy. Thank you!

**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.

### **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.

**THE COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET** at First Christian Church, Beatrice, is in need of gently worn coats, especially children's coats. Gently used scarves, gloves and stocking hats are also accepted. Take them to First Christian Monday-Thursday 9-noon 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!

**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.

**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 POWER OF PRAYER:** If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at [holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**FREE DEVOTIONALS:** Please pick up your free copy of Portals of Prayer, Christ in Our Home, or Our Daily Bread. They can be found on the table in the narthex.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Oct. 2 Michelle Engelman  
Pastor Bill Shaner  
Oct. 3 Marvin Wolken\*  
Oct. 4 Geneva Cramer\*  
Nancy Johnsen  
Jason Schmale  
Oct. 5 Toni Janzen  
Oct. 6 Pastor Donald Legacie  
Kathy Orth  
Keith Wolken  
Oct. 7 Nolan Bahnsen  
Oct. 9 Arlene Overbeck  
Oct. 14 Rosetta Swarthout  
Oct. 17 Rick Paben  
Oct. 19 Jason Pike  
Oct. 20 Pam Garton  
Oct. 25 Arlene Owens\*  
Oct. 29 Richard Fielder  
Shamryn Kreft  
Oct. 31 Crystal Houseman  
Lucas Vogel

## OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 6, 1968—Dale & Adonna Otto (Happy 45th!)  
October 14, 2017—Jason & Ally Kreft  
October 14, 1990 Kevin & Karla Tranmer  
October 17, 1987—Steve & Toni Janzen  
October 17, 1992—Tim Graff & Mary Schuster-Graff  
October 27, 1973—Ray & Gale Buss

*(Those celebrating 25, 50, 60 & over years of marriage...)*

### CONGRATULATIONS to ...

Ray & Gale Buss who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 27!

**God's blessings to you —may you have many more joy-filled years together!**

### \*Special Birthday Greetings to:

Marvin Wolken who will turn 96 on Oct. 3....  
Geneva Cramer who will turn 92 on Oct. 4...  
Arlene Owens, who will turn 93 on Oct. 25...

**Our best wishes to you all for a year filled with happiness, health, and many blessings.**



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Linda Dorn, Sharon Crosier's sister, who passed away September 11. Linda's funeral services were held September 15 at Our Savior's Lutheran, Wymore, NE. We commend Linda to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Walter Vitosh, Jeanette Vitosh's father-in-law, who passed away September 21.. Walter's funeral services were held September 25 at Harman-Wright Mortuary. We commend Walter to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## 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 30**

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Sally Diekman  
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Tom Karlin

### **Sunday, October 1**

Greeters: Shirley Wiens, Donna Rosenthal  
Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kayleigh & Lucas Vogel  
Readers: Angie Vogel, Brenda Hippen  
Communion: Ryan Vogel, Stan Fritzen, Ross Kaufman  
Acolytes: Kendall Hein, Kayleigh Vogel  
Audio/Video: Terri Huls

### **Saturday, October 7**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht  
Reader: Denny Russell  
Communion: Inez Trauernicht

### **Sunday, October 8**

Assisting Minister: Richard Schnaidt  
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: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen  
Reader: Berlita Grell  
Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

### **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**

Assisting Minister: Beth Dunker  
Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins  
Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Makenna & Kierra Higgins  
Reader: Peggy Johnsen  
Communion: Toni Janzen

### **Saturday, November 4**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht  
Reader: Gail Russell  
Communion: Inez Trauernicht

### **Sunday, November 5**

Assisting Minister: Terri Huls  
Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Terri Huls  
Ushers: Karen Jobman, Glennys Lienemann  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family; Reader: Terri Huls  
Communion: Terri Huls  
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

### **Saturday, November 11**

Ushers/Greeters: Inez Trauernicht, Adonna Otto  
Reader: Berlita Grell  
Communion: Norma Huls

### **Sunday, November 12**

Greeters: Vi Kimminau, Elsie Otto  
Ushers: Toni Janzen, Gloria Paben  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin; Reader: Jackie Nielsen  
Communion: Keri Kendall  
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

### **Saturday, November 18**

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker  
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Tom Karlin

### **Sunday, November 19**

Greeters: Ryan & Angie Vogel family  
Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne, Shirley Wiens  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Austin Wolken; Reader: Richard Schnaidt  
Communion: Jackie Rinne  
Audio/Video: Larry Cole

### **Wednesday, November 22**

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Rebecca Behrends  
Reader: Bill Behrends

### **Saturday, November 25**

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen  
Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

### **Sunday, November 26**

Assisting Minister: Bill Behrends  
Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas  
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman; Reader: Janet Byars  
Communion: Dianne Cole  
Audio/Video: Terri Huls

## AUGUST 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>2023 General Operating</b>	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
AUGUST	-\$530.38	\$10,762.84	\$540.00		\$14,072.99	-\$2,770.15	-\$3,300.53
<b>TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:</b>		<b>\$105,366.73</b>	<b>\$6,376.00</b>		<b>\$115,040.59</b>		<b>-\$3,300.53</b>

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

### Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Aug. 26/27	44-48	\$1933.00		
Sept. 2/3	17-47	\$2936.00		
Sept. 9/10	15-64	\$2836.90		
Sept. 16/17	11-47	\$1983.00	8	\$10.00
Sept. 23/24	12-53	\$2259.68	5	\$10.00

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$150.00, Holy Cross only-\$555.00, Food Pantry-\$80.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$300.00, Youth Fund (recycled cans)-\$40.75, Discretionary-\$45.00, August Noisy Offering (Discretionary)-\$101.25, September Noisy Offering (Discretionary)-\$70.79, God's Work. Our Hands T-shirts-\$95.00.  
Memorial Funds: Tony George Memorial-\$10.00

**AN EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO YOU:** As a member, employee, volunteer or participant in an ELCA congregation, you're eligible to join the ELCA Federal Credit Union. For more information call 877-715-1111, visit them online at [elcafcu.org](http://elcafcu.org) or scan the QR code on the poster on our bulletin board.



### WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

- ♦ You can send your donations by mail to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1918 Garfield St, Beatrice, NE 68310. If you would like pre-addressed envelopes, please call the church office.
- ♦ You can drop your offering off in the mail slot at the southeast end of the church.
- ♦ You can give online.....
  - Apps make life easier. With Give+ you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
  - Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
  - Make one-time or recurring donations using your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
  - Log in or donate as a guest.
  - To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.
  - Or, go to the Holy Cross website, [holycrossbeatrice.com](http://holycrossbeatrice.com), and click on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2023

Present: Pastor Kathee Forrest, Austin Wolken, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Larry Kendall, and Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Ryan Vogel

Council Meeting called to order at 7:04.

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee "Go and Share your Story" 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 Pastor Kathee with a second from Larry K. to approve the minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. Confirmation will begin with a family meeting September 6, 2023.
2. Larry K. made a motion with a second from Inez T. to move \$540.00 from over/short from previous years to the general account to cover bills. Motion was approved.
3. Inez T. made a motion with a second from Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Inez T to move \$116.02 from the Virgil Riens memorial to help pay for the candle lighters. Motion was approved.
2. Spotlights in the front of the church still need to be looked at.
3. All other committees are doing well.

E. Unfinished Business

1. The Photo Directory is going well. Sign up online begins August 12. Photos will be taken Sept. 25, 26, and 27.
2. Bob Marshall will assist with the outside church service with a concert after church on August 26, 2023. Cookies, tea and lemonade will be served between the church service and the concert.
3. Pastor Kathee made a motion with a second from Larry K. to have a special second offering on August 26, 2023 to go to Mercy Meals. Motion was approved.
4. God's Work our Hands will be September 10 with a congregational picture of everyone with their God's Work our Hands T Shirts, with a brunch after the picture to make money for the Beatrice Community Hospital New Mom's bags. In the afternoon we will be playing games at Mosaic's Home Day for their families.
5. September 17 we will put the New Mom's bags together.
6. Mission Festival will be October 1, 2023 to benefit Lutheran Family Services with more discussion later. American Lutheran, Filley has been invited to join.

F. New Business

1. There will be a meeting sponsored by the Homestead Cluster regarding "Active Remote Worship Service" via the internet and zoom, on September 12, 2023 at 7:00 at St. John's in Beatrice.
2. The next Council meeting will be September 19, 2023.

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

1. A motion was made by Inez T, with a second from Larry K. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht  
Council Secretary



# OCTOBER 2023

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 Website: www.holycrossbeatrice.com; E-mail: holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com  
 Office Hours: 8:30 am-3:00 p.m., T,Th, F.  
 Pastor Kathee Forrest-Kathee.forrest@gmail.com; Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship with LFS 11:00 a.m. Arby's Lunch (Freewill donation for LFS)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>4</b>  2:30-4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. NA	<b>6</b>  8:00 p.m. NA	<b>7</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	<b>10</b> 10:00 Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Worship Team 6:30 p.m. Memorials & Gifts Team	<b>11</b> 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing  No Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. NA	<b>13</b>  8:00 p.m. NA	<b>14</b> 10-5 WELCA BAKE SALE at Indian Creek Mall 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/No communion
Pastor Kathee on vacation October 8 p.m. through October 19						
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship/ No communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship  11-4 WELCA BAKE SALE at Indian Creek Mall	<b>16</b>  7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps Holy Cross serves at Warren's Table 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>18</b>  No Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Vision Team 8:15 p.m. NA	<b>20</b> Newsletter articles due  8:00 p.m. NA	<b>21</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
Pastor Kathee on vacation October 8 p.m. through October 19						
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>25</b>  5:00-7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. NA	<b>27</b>  8:00 p.m. NA	<b>28</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
Pastor Kathee at Fall Leadership Gathering						
<b>29 REFORMATION</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed  2:00 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk (Hannibal Park)	<b>30</b>  5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	<b>31</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..			

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**God wants us to live our lives in His way.  
In Exodus 20 you will find some special rules to live by.**

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