

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"*

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

**Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Fellowship**

**"GO and ... BE HONEST"**



### 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! No Adult Ed Nov. 5 or 12.

*Daylight Savings ends Sunday morning,  
November 5. Be sure to set your clocks  
back one hour!*



### ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be celebrating All  
Saints Day on Saturday &  
Sunday, November 4/5.

Memorials and gifts given

during the past year will be recognized and we  
will remember the following people whose  
lives have touched this congregation and have  
entered into eternal life this past year:

Shelly Schuldt (11-26-22), Steve Newman (12-  
6-22), LaVerne Wolken (12-6-22), Willy  
Hofeling (2-10-23), Robert Ames-Woolsey (2-  
24-23), Deborah Wells (4-11-23), Carol J "CJ"  
Wehrbein (5-10-23), Roxine Weichel (6-5-23),  
Eugene Rosenthal (6-24-23) and Tony George  
(7-23-23).

On this weekend, we also celebrate our newest  
saints who were baptized during the last year:  
Raiden Voight (11-6-22) and Ryker Hoxea  
(4-16-23).



### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PIE BENEFIT

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name... to declare Your  
lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night." —Psalm 92:1

We invite you to join us for Thanksgiving worship on November 22 at 7:00 p.m. as we give thanks to  
God for all of his gifts—especially the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.

A Confirmation Camp Benefit Pie and Coffee Fellowship will follow the Thanksgiving Eve Service -  
served by the confirmation class. Freewill donations for confirmation camp will be accepted. If you  
would like to donate but are unable to attend, you may use a pew envelope and mark it "Confirmation  
Camp". Thank you for helping our confirmation students!

# CROSSROADS+

**Grateful:** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

**Grateful for you** - While we are called to give thank in all circumstances, November seems to be a time set aside to reflect on gratitude. The people of Holy Cross selected Reformation Sunday as a day of Pastor Appreciation. And I do feel very appreciated and very grateful to serve at Holy Cross. I was called to serve Holy Cross in 2015 and it has been a time of walking together and sharing the gospel of Jesus together and with others in so many ways. I now declare that All Saints Sunday is also Holy Cross Congregation Appreciation Day! Ordinary saints that worship together, serve together, pray together, fellowship together! Stay after fellowship and have a treat in honor of ALL the Saints of Holy Cross.

**Grateful for educational opportunities with colleagues** – After attending the Leadership Conference with others in the Nebraska Synod, I am particularly grateful for colleagues in ministry. This included: Leading a Taizé service with colleagues on Monday evening – such a peaceful time of prayerful reflection - and attending a workshop on “Lutheran Identity in Changing Times” – lots of food for thought.

**Grateful for time with family** in October **AND** seeing the newest **dinosaur tracks** revealed at Dinosaur State Park in Glen Rose, Texas- so many three-toed claw marks of meat-eating Acrocanthosaurus and others crossing the riverbed 113 million years ago. Scientists now call this site the “Ballroom” because so many dinosaurs made tracks here that they often stepped on each other’s “toes”. Once a young person asked why dinosaurs weren’t in the Bible? I answered – who said they weren’t? God is the creator of everything!



**Grateful for the variety of worship focuses in November** – From All Saints to Thankoffering worship with special guest Casey Holsing to Thanksgiving Eve service and pie to the final week of the church year – Christ the King on November 25/26. Wow!

**What are you grateful for this November – and always?** There will be an opportunity to write them down on Thanksgiving Eve as we worship together!

In Christ’s mission that we share,  
Pastor Kathee



### FAITHBUILDERS

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** will be held 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.

**RECEIVING A BIBLE AND CATECHISM ON NOVEMBER 11/12** from the Women of the ELCA will be Lucas Vogel.



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

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! During this retreat, middle school students will hit the pause button to focus on their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Along with the lessons, our youth will learn about God's love and faithfulness. Learn more and register online at [CJHCenter.org/ms-retreat](http://CJHCenter.org/ms-retreat)



There **will not be** Sunday School on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 26.

**This year, the Children's Christmas Program** will be part of our Interactive Worship on Sunday morning, December 24, at 9:00 a.m. See page 4 for more information!

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### **ALL SAINTS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE CONFIRMATION CLASS WEDNESDAY, 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, Nov. 1. 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, share highs and lows—highs of accomplishments, activities, time with friends and 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.



# Challenge November 1-30

## **THRIVENT'S NOVEMBER FOOD SHELF CHALLENGE FOR THE WYMORE FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER 1-30**

Once again, Pastor Kathee applied for the Thrivent November Food Challenge. Another Thrivent member had selected the Beatrice Food Pantry, so we will be helping our neighbors in Wymore! Here's the challenge:

Collect 500 individual containers of non-perishable foods or essential items in the month of November. We will be joined by other team members including Holmesville Church of the Brethren and other Wymore churches. Last year our confirmation class delivered the food items and helped stock the shelves - it was a great experience and we hope to do that again this year. If we collect 500 food items, Thrivent will send a check for \$500 to the Wymore Food Pantry. A display will be in the Narthex in the month of November - thanks for helping our neighbors!



### **INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 9:00 A.M.**

A Surprise this Christmas Eve! This year we have the wonderful opportunity for two services on Christmas Eve because it falls on Sunday, December 24th!

9:00 a.m. An Interactive Worship with Holy Communion, Carols and Luke's Christmas Story, and a Christmas Pageant for everyone! At worship on Christmas Eve morning, there is an opportunity for all to choose to be part of the Christmas story with simple costumes and no lines to memorize. Luke's Gospel will guide us through the story of the birth of the Christ child.

5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

## **RECOGNITION OF MEMORIALS AND GIFTS**

Recognition of the following memorials and gifts will take place on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5. We thank these families for remembering their loved ones in this way and for remembering the church in their gifts.

Carole Weber Memorial – **Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Mosaic**

Loren Beran Memorial – **Christmas Tree**

Stuart Weber Memorial – **Christmas Tree**

Rondi Mettscher Memorial – **Landscape Markers**

Hilda Dieckhoff Memorial – **Pavers**

Mark Jobman Memorial – **Faithbuilder Easter Supplies**

Doug Freitag Memorial – **Faithbuilder Easter and VBS Supplies, Backpack Blessings**

Robert & Donna Johnsen Special Gift – **Choir Music and Outdoor Concert**

Alvina Lienemann Memorial – **Vacation Bible School**

Willy Hofeling Memorial – **Viburnum & Shrub Rose Plants, Christmas/Easter Shadow Casters, Advent Banners**

Virgil Riens Memorial – **Candlestick Lighters**

Wilfred Ideus Memorial – **Candlestick Lighters**

Memorials from November Schuster, Ed Pike, Bernie Baker, Keith Meeske and Louie Paul – **Outdoor Playset**

Landscape Funds & Memorial Interest – **Landscaping**

Roxine Weichel Memorial – **Choir Music**

Arleen Hippen Memorial– **Two Prairie Gold Quaking Aspen Trees**

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## **MERCY MEALS FOR MAUI** **A MEAL PACKING EVENT IN LINCOLN** **THRIVENT AND MERCY MEALS OF LINCOLN**

The deadly wildfires in Maui have left a path of destruction and devastation.  
Join in as the community comes together to pack 100,000 meals for Maui.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 S 84th St., Lincoln

Two Hour shifts

10:00am - 12:00pm - Full

12:00 - 2:00pm – 73 volunteers needed as of 10/24/2023

2:00 - 4:00pm – 76 volunteers needed as of 10/24/2023

4:00 - 6:00pm – 67 volunteers needed a of 10/24/2023



If you attended the Outdoor Concert this fall at Holy Cross, Bob Marshall shared information about Mercy Meals of Lincoln. Now there is a Meal Packing Event available in Lincoln. As Pastor announced last weekend at worship, the events do fill up quickly. A group from Holy Cross is going from 10am-Noon, but unfortunately that time slot is full. If you are interested in being on a wait list if we have cancellations, please contact Gail Russell. Or you can sign up in the narthex if you are interested in another time slot. If you would like a link to signup a group of family, friends, scouts, teams, clubs, or co-workers please contact Gail Russell.





## WORSHIP MATTERS

**Remember the Newcomer** (*from Leading Worship Matters Augsburg Fortress, pg 260*)

"As you prepare for your role, whether you'll be greeting people before worship, serving communion, or leading the prayers, think about someone coming to Holy Cross for the first time. What would you like to offer that person through your presence in worship today? Can you give a sense of calm? A word of welcome? A smile? Remember that your presence reflects the welcome God has extended to us all."



# GO AND...

## BE HONEST

Honesty requires vulnerability, awareness, and a willingness to really listen. Assumptions and half-truths can lead us to misunderstand the situation and story. What does reconciliation mean as we strive to move from places of misunderstanding? God calls us to be honest. Sometimes, that may look like lament and confession, and other times hymns of praise and gratitude.

### **Questions to Consider:**

- What is a time you didn't tell the whole truth... or were not honest?
- What piece of history should you/could you explore with a lens of honesty?
- In what way are you being dishonest in your life?

*GO and* express gratitude by saying thank you to someone who deserves it.

**Prayer:** Reconciling God, we ask for forgiveness for the times we have not reconciled our differences and acknowledged the hurts and wounds we have caused. Amen.

### **Song: Amazing Grace (ELW 779)**

1. **Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear. And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**
3. **Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far. And grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years. Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.**

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## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**



Hope Circle met on Monday, October 9, for Bible Study. All women are invited to join in the monthly Bible Study & fellowship.

Blanket sewing was on Wednesday, October 11. There will be no blanket sewing in November or December. The Women of Holy Cross served refreshments after the October 1 Mission Festival Service & also helped serve the lunch.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the Fall Bake Sale which was held at The Fall Craft Fair at the Indian Creek Mall on Saturday, October 14 & Sunday, October 15. Thank you for all the baked goods that were donated, assistance in marking the baked goods & transporting the baked goods, tables etc. to the mall and back to the church on Sunday. We had such a huge variety of baked items which made the sale a great success. We had several men assist in helping with the loading and transporting the heavy items for us and we thank you for that. A Thrivent Card was used to help cover expenses and we are appreciative of that.

Women cooked & served for The Warrens's Table on Tuesday, October 17. Meals were provided for 113. Thank you to everyone that helped. A Thrivent card was used for expenses and that was appreciated, thank you!

The women will serve a Reception for Pastor Kathee ( Pastor Appreciation) on Sunday, October 29, following the Worship Service.

### **November Calendar**

Sunday, November 5: All Saints Sunday & Reception

Women's Thank Offering Service: Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12 (First Communion & Reception & Speaker after service will be Casey Holsing)

Monday, November 13: Women's Bible Study 10:00am

Monday, November 20: WELCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm

WELCA Co Presidents, Nancy C Johnsen & Joyce Haecker

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

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.



**AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** is November 15<sup>th</sup>. November is a great time to thank everyone that helps with recycling at Holy Cross. Thank you to Denny & Gail Russell for taking items to the recycling trailers weekly. If you are not sure about what items can be recycled, there is a list on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Thanks to Sheryl Harrington for recycling old cell phones at the Hope Crisis Center. Thank you to Duane and Wayne Schuster for recycling the aluminum cans. The proceeds from the aluminum can recycling go to the Youth Fund. Thank you to Rose-Ann Parde for recycling the plastic shopping bags so they can be made into sleeping mats. Thanks to Gail Russell for

recycling ink cartridges. The proceeds from the ink cartridge recycling goes toward the Matt 25 Scholarship. We want to thank the members that recycle their cans, ink cartridges, and plastic shopping bags at Holy Cross. Thank you to everyone that makes the extra effort to recycle when they are helping at church. Thank you to Bill Behrends and everyone that helps with the Adopt-a-Street litter pickup in the spring and fall. What great examples of Stewardship of the Earth.



**LEAVES ARE A NUTRIENT-RICH COMPONENT OF YOUR**

**LANDSCAPE.** Think about where they came from: the tree growing in your yard, using the nutrients from your soil! Returning them to that same soil so those nutrients can be recycled makes a lot of sense. This is done most easily by simply using a mulching mower to shred leaves that have landed on your turf (dry leaves shred more efficiently). Most Extension or turf resources say you can shred up to 6" of leaves into your turf, but smaller amounts at a time may be more efficient. If you

feel you have too many leaves to shred into the turf, composting at home is an option and a simple approach. The Internet is full of suggestions and helpful hints for being a successful home composter. Shredded leaves are a great starting material for creating 'black gold' that can be used just about anywhere in your garden or landscape.

Finally, in one of our newsletters earlier this fall, we talked about Soft Landings. Soft Landings is a concept that aims to provide a suitable environment under trees and shrubs that allows for insects - usually moths and butterflies - to overwinter and complete their life cycles. Shredded leaves work perfect for this. Collect the leaves with the bag of your mower as you remove them from your turf areas. Alternatively, many leaf blowers have a reverse function, effectively turning your leaf blower into a combo leaf vacuum and shredder. These shredded leaves can be applied as mulch underneath trees and shrubs and in other planting beds, using the same principles as those for the application of hardwood mulch - not too thick (about 2-3") and not up against the trunk and bark. They will provide similar moisture retention and weed suppression capabilities as hardwood mulch and perhaps be a bit more inviting to those creatures looking for a long winter's nap.

Information courtesy of Great Plains Nursery, Weston, NE





time to introduce yourself and welcome them to Holy Cross!

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** We welcomed into our membership Triston, Mercadeze and Haleigh Voight on Sunday, October 22. Raiden Voight was received into membership at Holy Cross through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 6, 2022. Please take the



**NOISY OFFERINGS:** Noisy offerings on the last Sunday of the month for November and December will go to Los Companeros, an ecumenical community organization in Beatrice. The mission of Los Companeros is to walk with, welcome, and support newly arrived immigrants/refugees in Beatrice with basic needs as they become part of the community.

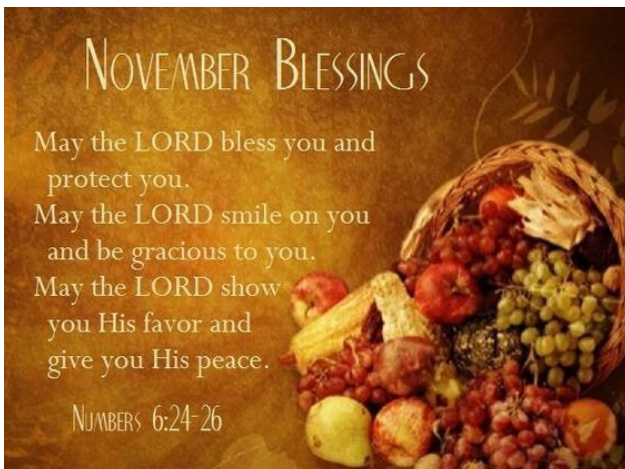
**“WHOLLY FOODS”** was organized in October 2022. During this year, the committee has made and delivered 90 meals for those who are experiencing health issues, loss of family or friends, and loneliness. The sharing of food and the fellowship experienced when meals are delivered has been a true blessing. We would like to thank all those who have supported this ministry through their prayers, kind words, and especially, by sharing names of people who would like to receive a meal. We look forward to continuing this ministry to our members and to the community.

Wholly Food Committee, Glennys Lienemann, Dianne Cole, Michelle Engelman, Rose-Ann Parde and Janet Byars

**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.**



#### **INFORMATION DEADLINES**

If you are involved with anything that needs to be in a bulletin or newsletter in the next few months, please get it to Sandy as far ahead as possible. The months ahead will be busy and full, so the sooner we have your information, the better! **Bulletin items are always due by Tuesday noon, December newsletter items are due Friday morning, November 17, January newsletter items are due Friday morning, Dec. 8, and Annual Report items are due Tuesday morning, Jan. 2.**

You can leave your items at the church office or e-mail them to [smahleris@gmail.com](mailto:smahleris@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your timely reports!



**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. Most needed items are: pancake flour, syrup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, saltine/graham crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cake mix/frosting, canned meats, noodles, pasta, hamburger, tuna & chicken helper, all soups—chicken noodle, tomato, chunky & cream, flour, sugar, laundry/dish detergent, shampoo, conditioner, ketchup, mustard, mayo, cooking oil, toilet paper, paper towels, hot & cold cereal, healthy kids snacks.

### **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.



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN:** Thank you so much for the wonderful gift boxes for the moms and babies at Beatrice Community Hospital! They have been such a nic treat for our patients! It was such a thoughtful gesture. Sincerely, Labor & Delivery Department

**DEAR HOLY CROSS CHURCH MEMBERS:** Thank you for doing a litter clean up this fall. You are very faithful in your commitment to keep our community clean and green. Thank you for your hard work. Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.

**DEAR FRIENDS,** 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. What an exciting time it is here at the Oaks. Thank you for being a unique partner to this ministry and for your gift in the amount of \$300.00. Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director. Oaks Indian Mission.



**WORSHIP HELPERS**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR 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, November 4**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Berlita Grell

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, Nancy Johnsen

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: Gloria Paben; 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

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, Michelle Engelman

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

**Saturday, December 2**

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Tom Karlin

**Sunday, December 3**

Assisting Minister: Gloria Paben

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

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

Reader: Larry Hibbert

Communion: Gloria Paben

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

**Wednesday, December 6**

Ushers: Berlita Grell, Sheryl Harrington

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

**Saturday, December 9**

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Norma Huls

**Sunday, December 10**

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

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

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Kendall Hein

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

**Wednesday, December 13**

Ushers: Beth Dunker, Terri Huls

Reader: Beth Dunker

**Saturday, December 16**

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

**Sunday, December 17**

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Gloria Paben

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

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

Reader: Peggy Johnsen

Communion: Gloria Paben

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

**Wednesday, December 20**

Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

**Saturday, December 23**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

**Sunday, December 24, 9:00 a.m.**

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Joyce Haecker

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Joyce Haecker

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*(If we missed your anniversary or birthday this month, please give the church office a call at 402-228-3172. Thanks!)*

November 1	Bill Behrends
November 2	Darrell Rinne
November 3	Brenda Johnson Nolan White
November 5	Emma Evers* Rylie Kreft
November 6	Coby Buhr Donald Forke
November 8	Jayden Baete
November 9	Eric Forrest
November 10	Dallen Johnsen Lynn Pomajzl
November 12	Roger Eitzmann Tasha Fritz
November 13	Suzanne Bayless Steve Janzen Missy Jobman
November 14	Berlita Grell
November 16	Roger Huls* Zachary White
November 19	Larry Vetrovsky Shirley Wiens*
November 21	Triston Voight
November 22	Ainsley Karlin
November 23	RaeLynn Scott-Portrey
November 28	Caleb Jobman
November 29	Genell Copas Adonna Otto Trevor Schmale



### **Special Birthday Greetings:**

to Emma Evers who will turn 91 on November 5...  
to Roger Huls who will turn 87 on November 16...  
and to Shirley Wiens who will turn 87 on November 19.

**God's blessings to you all—may you have a happy, healthy, and blessed year!**



## **NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

November 4, 2017	Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
November 11, 2006	Shawn & Klarissa Hein
November 13, 1976	Nick & Sharon Vrtiska
November 17, 1973	Rick & Chris Paben
November 22, 1985	Wayne & Rita Schuster
November 24, 2012	Richard & Berlita Grell
November 28, 2017	Triston & Mercadeze Voight
November 30, 1968	Pastor Don & Ruth Legacie

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ...

Rick & Chris Paben who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 17, 1973.

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

*(Worship Helpers, continued)*

### **Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas  
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole  
Reader: Rebecca Behrends  
Communion: Dianne Cole  
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

### **Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day**

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Barb Scott  
Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut  
Reader: Jeremy Engelman  
Communion: Gloria Paben

### **Saturday, December 30**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel  
Reader: Gail Russell  
Communion: Norma Huls

### **Sunday, December 31**

Greeters: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen  
Ushers: Austin Wolken, Steve Rippe  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Madelyn & Morgan Nielsen  
Reader: Jackie Nielsen  
Communion: Steve Rippe  
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne



**SEPTEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT  
SANDY MAHLER, TREASURER**

<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
SEPTEMBER	-\$3,300.53	\$11,250.74	\$3,400.00		\$13,539.90	\$1,110.84	-\$2,189.69
<b>TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:</b>		<b>\$116,617.47</b>	<b>\$9,776.00</b>		<b>\$128,580.49</b>		<b>-\$2,189.69</b>

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance/Offerings</u>	
Sept. 30/Oct. 1	15-84	\$3131.00	10	\$10.00
Oct. 7/8	17-35	\$2014.20	2	\$10.00
Oct. 14/15	15-49	\$1422.00	4	\$20.00
Oct. 21/22	14-56	\$4254.11	5	\$10.00

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$130.00, Holy Cross only-\$680.00, Lutheran Family Service-\$1315.00, Food Pantry-\$40.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$20.00, Discretionary Fund-\$660.00, CROP Hunger Walk-\$4.50, Facilities Use-\$40.00, Submitted Photos/Directory—\$105.00.



### WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

- ◆ You can bring your offering to worship.
- ◆ 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  
September 19, 2023**

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

Council Meeting called to order at 7:00

Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee "Go and..... Serve with neighbors" by Bishop Scott Johnson.

**Agenda**

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

**Information**

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Inez T. to approve the transfer of Mercadeze Voight from St. Paul Lutheran; Diller, Triston Voight from Wymore Church of Christ, daughter Haileagh from St. John Lutheran; Beatrice, and son Raiden is already a member. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Kodi H. to have the October noisy offering go to the Crop Hunger Walk and the November and December noisy offering will go to Los Campaneros. Motion was approved.
3. Mission Festival will be October 1, with a joint service with American Lutheran, Filley.  
A lunch with Arby's roast beef sandwiches will be held with a freewill donation going to Lutheran Family Services.
4. Pastor Kathee will be on vacation October 8, after worship and returning October 19.
5. Building Leaders Workshop was discussed.
6. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Inez T. to move \$3400 from the over/short from previous years to the general account to cover bills. Motion was approved.
7. A motion was approved by Inez T. with a second from Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's report.  
Motion was approved.

**Committee Reports**

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Larry K. to approve up to \$250 for Advent banners from Memorials and Gifts. Motion was approved.
2. Discussed the drainage issues.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Discussed Churches in our Cluster live streaming via internet and zoom.
2. Discussed the directory pictures next week.

**New Business**

1. Power Point was discussed
2. The next Council meeting will be October 17, 2023 at 7:00.

**Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer.**

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Inez T. to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht  
Council Secretary

# November 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 2:30-4:00 p.m. Confirmation 3:00-4:00 All Saints Coffee & Conversation with Confirmation class 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. NA	<b>3</b> 8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>5 ALL SAINTS/ DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:15-11:30 a.m. First Communion Class 3-5 p.m. Freed for Life	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>8</b> 2:30-4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. NA	<b>10</b> 8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>12 THANK-OFFERING/ VETERANS RECOGNITION</b> 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>12 THANKOFFERING/ VETERANS RECOGNITION/FIRST COMMUNION</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Casey Holsing Presentation/Reception/ Sunday School	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>15</b> 2:30-4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. NA	<b>17</b> NEWS-LETTER ITEMS DUE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>18</b> Mercy Meals for Maui Packing Event in Lincoln 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	<b>20</b> 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:45 p.m. Pie & Coffee Benefit	<b>23</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 8:15 p.m. NA	<b>24</b> 8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>25</b> 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
<b>26 CHRIST THE KING</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Fellowship NO Sunday School 10:30 Adult Ed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	<b>29</b> 2:30-4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>30</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..           </div>		



**How to observe Thanksgiving.**

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself.

~~Author Unknown.~~

**A VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER**

God of peace,  
we pray for those who have served our nation  
and have laid down their lives  
to protect and defend our freedom.  
We pray for those who have fought,  
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,  
whose nights are haunted by memories  
too painful for the light of day.  
We pray for those who serve us now,  
especially for those in harm's way.  
Shield them from danger  
and bring them home.  
Turn the hearts and minds  
of our leaders and our enemies  
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.  
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!  
May the peace you left us,  
the peace you gave us,  
be the peace that sustains,  
the peace that saves us.  
Christ Jesus, hear us!  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!  
Amen.

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