

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Councilperson on call: Dallen Johnsen, 402-806-3493

"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 10:30 a.m. Worship

(9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 9:45-10:30 a.m. Faithbuilders for all
3 year olds through 8th Grade.



SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 16

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to the
Women of the ELCA Soup
Luncheon on Sunday, February

16. They will be serving Homemade Chili,
Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef Soups, and
desserts. Freewill donation. This is an annual
fundraiser for the Holy Cross Women of the ELCA
to support church and community projects.
Nadine Hibbert has been approved for a \$250
Thrivent Action card for this project. Hope to see
you there!



SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 8/9

The vision of the Souper Bowl of Caring is to transform the
big Game Day into a nationwide movement inspiring people
to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger.
Bring your items for the food pantry and your dollars for
the soup pot that we'll have in the narthex on Superbowl
weekend. All donations will go to our local food pantry.



LOOKING AHEAD—LENT BEGINS on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.
Pastor Meyer and Pastor Bill Shaner will be our leaders for the
Wednesday night services. We will also once again have Lenten meals
before each service. A sign-up sheet for your group or organization will
be in the narthex in coming weeks.

CROSSROADS

February is the one month in the year that does not reach 30 days. Even in a Leap Year February only reaches 29 days. If you are like me only having 28 days in February is nice because it seems like winter is shorter by the shortness of February. Growing up I remember January thaws where the temps would crack 35 and the snow would melt. It seemed that February held no promise of better, warmer weather. It was just a cold snowy month.

February is seen as a dormant month for much of creation, a time to replenish itself to get ready for springtime and summer. In the church February is often a transitional month going from Epiphany to Lent. This year however, February is entirely in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is one of two seasons that are flexible (varies in length from year to year). Epiphany is wedged between Christmas and Lent. Christmas is always on December 25th and Epiphany always starts on January 6th but the length is dependent on the day of Easter (first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring Equinox). Because Easter is late this year (April 20th) the season of Epiphany needs to be long as well. So this year there are eight Sundays in Epiphany. (counting Transfiguration Sunday on March 2).

The theme of Epiphany is growing in our knowledge and faith of Jesus as being the Son of God. On Sunday, February 2nd we go back a bit in time as we have the presentation of Jesus at the temple. Then we have Jesus calling fishermen on the 9th, followed by teachings of Jesus on the 16th and 23rd.

In being a Christian, we are to grow in our relationship with Jesus. We are to grow in what we know about him and we are to grow with him as well. This is both as individuals and as a church community.

February is a short month and in that spirit of shortness I am keeping this newsletter article short.

Pastor Myron



FAITHBUILDERS CLASSES each Sunday morning at Holy Cross from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

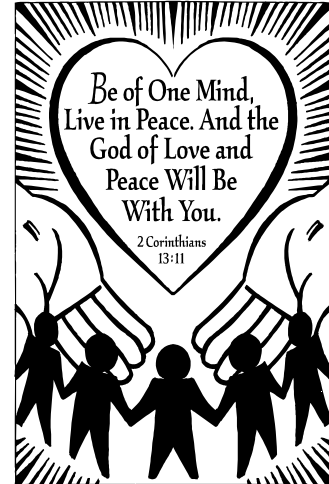


THE MATT 25 PROJECT

This project began in 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering. Our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone's future. In Matthew

25, there is a story about a man who gives money to his 3 servants and goes traveling. When he returns, two of his servants have used their talents and wisdom to grow the money. God provides us with opportunities to help others and by doing so we are serving Him. He wants us to use our talents and passions to make the world a better, more loving place in His honor. With this story in mind, they were inspired to create a college scholarship for a student with financial need. Watch for more information in the next month on our upcoming fundraiser for this project.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
Matthew 25:35



MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION:

The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024 is 3/31/2025. If you are an eligible Thrivent member please consider directing some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. You can do it online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. If you have any questions you may contact Thrivent or the church office.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS: All Thrivent members are eligible to use a \$250.00 debit card from Thrivent two times a year for nonprofit use. This is an awesome way to support your church or community at no cost to you! You can also become a Thrivent Associate Member for \$19.95 and you will be eligible to use a \$250.00 debit card from Thrivent one time a year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Thrivent Action Coordinator Nadine Hibbert.

BINGO—PRIZES—PIZZA!!

Bingo is Back!

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship to be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday February 23, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be prizes along with pizza and drinks served.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Blanket sewing was on January 8, all women are welcome to participate in this project. They start at 9:00 am & usually finish at 3:00 pm, but they welcome anyone to come help anytime during that time.

Personal Care Kits will be assembled during Lent—a collection area will be set up in the Narthex during the Lent season.

Hope Circle met on Monday, January 13, for Bible Study & Fellowship; all women are invited to attend.

The women served a luncheon at Holy Cross Church on December 27, 2024 following the funeral service that was held at the Funeral Home for Mary Haecker

The WELCA Board met on Monday, January 20. Plans are being made to host the women's annual soup luncheon which will be held on Sunday, February 16, at 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Signup sheets for helpers and soups & desserts are in the Narthex. All help is very much appreciated.

Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 5, 2025, at St John's Lutheran Church in Beatrice. The Women of Holy Cross will be assisting in the planning & helping of this event. There will be registration forms available soon in the Narthex.

Calendar

Monday, February 10: Hope Circle Bible Study 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 12: Blanket Sewing 9am-3:00 pm

Sunday February 16: Women's annual soup luncheon, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Monday, February 17: WELCA Board meeting 5:30 pm

Wednesday March 5: Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper served by WELCA

Saturday April 5, 2025: Spring Gathering at St John's Lutheran Church, Beatrice. Holy Cross WELCA is helping with this Spring Gathering.

WELCA Co Presidents

Nancy C. Johnsen & Janet Byars

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Soup Luncheon

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1918 Garfield St., Beatrice

When: Sunday, February 16, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Serving Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle, or Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Water
Free Will Offering – Funds used to support community & church projects

This is an annual fundraiser for the Holy Cross Women of the ELCA to support church and community projects. Hope to see you there!

Sign-up sheets for food donations and workers are available in the narthex.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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 402-806-0376 or ask the Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Saturday, February 1

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Denny Russell

Sunday, February 2

Greeters: Donna Rosenthal, Shirley Wiens

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Austin Wolken, Ryan Vogel

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Jackie Rinne

Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, February 8

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, February 9

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Kylie Belt

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Shawnee Ford, Ziel Tut

Reader: Peggy Johnsen

Communion: Bill Behrends

Acolyte: Sam Jobman

Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, February 15

Ushers/Greeters: Rhonda Minzel, Norma Huls

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, February 16

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Dianne Cole

Acolyte:

Livestream: Terri Huls

Saturday, February 22

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, February 23

Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Ushers: Betty George, Mary Schuster-Graff

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

Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff

Communion: Betty George

Acolyte:

Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, March 1

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, March 2

Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns, Kylie, Ziel, Shawnee

Reader: Rebecca Behrends

Communion: Bill Behrends

Acolyte:

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Wednesday, March 5

Ushers/Greeters: Terri Huls, Karen Jobman

Reader: Karen Jobman

Communion: Terri Huls

Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora, Adalyn Smith, Braxton Gartner

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, March 8

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, March 9

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Russ & Missy Jobman family

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Burley Copas

Acolyte:

Livestream: Larry Cole

Wednesday, March 12

Ushers/Greeters: Sheryl Harrington, Glennys Liemann

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Acolytes: Sam Jobman, Adalyn Smith

Saturday, March 15

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, March 16

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Betty George, Mary Schuster-Graff

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff

Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff

Acolyte:

Livestream: Terri Huls

Worship helpers continued on next page



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Feb. 1	Ray Buss
	Chris George
Feb. 2	Elsie Otto
	Carol Vetrovsky
Feb. 4	Christopher Dunker
Feb. 5	Lillian Fritch
	Shawn Hein
Feb. 6	Todd George
Feb. 10	Kristen Buhr
Feb. 11	Ally Kreft
Feb. 13	Jenae Bauer
	Dale Otto
	Daniel Otto
	Dillon Rinne
Feb. 14	Kyle Bahnsen
	Austin Wolken
Feb. 15	Nick Vrtiska
Feb. 18	Deb Sillman
Feb. 23	Brandon Creek
Feb. 24	Erica Karlin
Feb. 27	Madelyn Nielsen
	Mary Schuster-Graff
Feb. 28	Randy Johnson



Lutheran Church, Omaha. We commend Dean to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2-16-80 Larry & Carol Vetrovsky (Happy 45!)
2-28-04 Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dean Hemphill, Karen Jobman's father, who passed away December 12, 2024. Services were held December 19, 2024 at Immanuel

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Mary Haecker, Robert (Joyce) Haecker's sister-in-law, who passed away December 21, 2024. Services were held December 27, 2024 at Griffiths -Hovendick Chapel. We commend Mary to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

Worship helpers, continued...

Wednesday, March 19

Ushers/Greeters: Roger & Valora Ideus

Reader: Paul Jobman

Acolytes: Adalyn Smith, Braxton Gartner

Saturday, March 22

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, March 23

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Shirley Wiens

Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Steve Rippe

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family

Reader: Larry Hibbert; Communion: Steve Rippe

Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora

Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Wednesday, March 26

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen

Reader: Gloria Paben

Acolytes: Adalyn Smith, Braxton Gartner

Saturday, March 29

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Adonna Otto

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, March 30

Greeters: Donna Rosenthal

Ushers: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Reader: Kevin Tranmer

Communion: Jackie Rinne

Acolyte:

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

THANK YOU!! What a donation Holy Cross Lutheran Church made to Lutheran Family Services during the holiday season! There were 233 pairs of socks, 85 gloves/mittens, 30 stocking caps, 36 pr. of underwear, 1 boy's coat, and 21 new outfits (shirt & pants) collected for children. In addition, for adult personal hygiene, we collected 10 pkgs. of maxi pads, 10 pr. women's socks, 4 body washes, 22 shampoos & conditioners, 10 chap sticks, 5 body lotions, 1 fragrance mist, 14 boxes of toothpaste, 13 deodorant and 52 toothbrushes. The Caring & Sharing Tree was sponsored by Paul Jobman with a \$250 Thrivent Action card and Nadine Hibbert sponsored the LFS Donation Box with another \$250 Thrivent Action card. Thanks to all who contributed, and we also want to thank Paul Jobman for delivering these items to Lutheran Family Services. Christmas is truly the season for giving!

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THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the ELCA Good Gifts through our Caring & Sharing Tree this Christmas! We purchased 1 Water Jug, 1 Bible, 4 School Supplies for a Child, 3 Pigs, 2 Honey Bee Hives, 1 Vaccination, 1 Feed a Refugee Family and 2 Stock a Backpack with Food for a total of \$269.00. What a blessing you all are!



THANK YOU to Sally Diekman and Burley Copas for helping to assemble the Annual Reports this year. Also, a big thanks to Sally who has helped assemble bulletins and newsletters ever since Covid started and has taken over Eric Forrest's job of recording attendance this year. Your ministry to Holy Cross is much appreciated!

CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES WANTED! 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in your mailbox for the new year. If we missed your name or if you haven't used envelopes in the past but would like to at this point, please let the church office know.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Across the Trax. All men are welcome! For more information or for a ride contact Ferdie Kimminau at 331-276-7380.

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. 22 items were donated to the Food Pantry during January.

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.

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.

THE POWER OF PRAYER: If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at holycrosselcbeatrice@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!

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 can be found 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.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON by liking our Holy Cross Group Facebook Page, which can be accessed from our website www.holycrossbeatrice.com.

December 2024 Treasurer's Report

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2024 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$4,778.56	\$9,402.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,196.80	-\$4,794.34	-\$15.78
FEBRUARY	-\$15.78	\$18,685.73			\$14,036.64	\$4,649.09	\$4,633.31
MARCH	\$4,633.31	\$17,836.37			\$14,300.61	\$3,535.76	\$8,169.07
APRIL	\$8,169.07	\$9,327.92			\$14,112.18	-\$4,784.26	\$3,384.81
MAY	\$3,384.81	\$12,063.94			\$13,617.77	-\$1,553.83	\$1,830.98
JUNE	\$1,830.98	\$15,780.51			\$13,699.87	\$2,080.64	\$3,911.62
JULY	\$3,911.62	\$9,671.83			\$9,313.18	\$358.65	\$4,270.27
AUGUST	\$4,270.27	\$9,475.94			\$12,660.94	-\$3,185.00	\$1,085.27
SEPTEMBER	\$1,106.10	\$15,155.78			\$12,226.03	\$2,929.75	\$4,015.02
OCTOBER	\$4,092.34	\$11,096.25			\$11,377.00	-\$280.75	\$3,734.27
NOVEMBER	\$3,832.42	\$12,225.26			\$13,326.85	-\$1,101.59	\$2,632.68
DECEMBER	\$2,632.68	\$16,326.41			\$12,918.76	\$3,407.65	\$6,040.33
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$157,048.40			\$155,786.63		\$6,040.33

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 electronically by visiting our website at <https://holycrossbeatrice.com/> and clicking the "Giving" tab at the top of the webpage, or clicking on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page
- ◆ or try downloading the Vanco Mobile *Faith Engagement* app.
- ◆ Make one-time or recurring donations using your checking/savings account or credit/debit card

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders</u>	
			<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Dec. 11	36	\$286.00 Advent, \$10.00 Regular		
Dec. 14/15	20-46	\$1601.00		
Dec. 18	32	\$272.00 Advent, \$15.00 Regular		
Dec. 21/22	14-51	\$1689.00		
Dec. 24	118	\$1772.35 Christmas, \$210.00 Regular		
Dec. 25	28	\$1210.00 Christmas, \$50.00 Regular		
Dec. 28/29	13-53	\$1261.00		
Jan. 4/5	22-51	\$4127.90	3	\$10.00
Jan. 11/12	22/0	\$433.00 (Jan. 12 service cancelled because of weather)		
Jan. 18/19	17/34	\$2977.00	1	

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$180.00, Holy Cross only-\$179.00, Initial-\$131.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$20.00, ELCA Good Gifts-\$182.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$615.00, Food Pantry-\$65.00 Dec. Noisy Offering (Food Pantr)-\$86.81, Food Pantry Desserts-\$40.00, Facilities Use-\$19.00, Confirmation Camp-\$20.00, Lutheran Disaster Response-\$200.00, Property Insurance Deductible-\$20.00, Flooring Fund-\$200.00, Youth Fund (recycled Cans)-\$28.50. *Our thanks to Gloria Paben, Denny Russell and Gail Russell who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross!*

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025**

Present: Pastor Myron Meyer, Larry Kendall, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Jeremy Engelman, Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Austin Wolken

Council Meeting called to order at 6:55.

A An opening Prayer was said by Pastor Meyer.

B Agenda

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the agenda.

Motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Pastor Meyer to approve the Dec. 12, 2024 minutes. Motion was approved.

C Information

1. We will need to install the call committee soon.

2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Inez T. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was approved.

D Committee Reports

1. All committees are going well.

2. The ballot is ready.

3. We are having the spotlights looked at again.

E Unfinished Business

1. The Vision Team will meet Jan. 16, 2025 at 7:00. All are welcome.

2. The Ministry Site Profile will be finalized next month.

F New Business

1. Due to unforeseen circumstances Cortney Ideus will not be able to serve on the call committee. Joyce Haecker has volunteered to be on the call committee. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Jeremy E. to vote Joyce to be on the call committee. Motion was approved.

2. We tabled giving a monetary gift to the ELCA Ministries until further notice.

3. Pastor Myron Meyer and Pastor William Shaner will divide the Lent Midweek Services between Holy Cross and Soap Creek.

G Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Inez T. to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 12, 2024, December 14, 2024, January 5, 2025

Present: Pastor Myron Meyer, Larry Kendall, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Jeremy Engelman, Inez Trauernicht
Absent: Austin Wolken

Council Meeting called to order at 7:00.

A An opening Prayer was read by Pastor Myron Meyer.

B Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Larry K. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Kodi H. to approve the Nov. 14, 2024 council minutes. Motion was approved.

C Information

1. Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 pm and Christmas Day service will be at 10:30.
2. We will extend Pastor Myron Meyer's contract for 1 year.
3. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by 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 by Pastor Myron to approve \$37.06 for extension cords for Christmas decorations, \$10 from the Rosetta Swarthout Memorial and \$27.06 from the Tony George Memorial.
2. The Nominating Committee is almost finished.

E Unfinished Business

1. The next Vision Team meeting is Jan. 16, 2025 at 7:00.
2. The Call Committee is going well.
3. The Saturday night service will be at 4:00 pm through the winter months.

F New Business

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Inez T. to have the Jan. and Feb. noisy offerings go to the Beatrice Senior High and Middle Schools Mini Mart. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Jeremy E. to go with Encova for Workman's Comp. Motion was approved.

G Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Jeremy E. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht

Council Secretary

December 14, 2024

Email vote: A motion was made by Dallen J. with a second by Larry K. to pay JW Electric \$797.77 to fix the lighting and fan issues. Motion was approved.

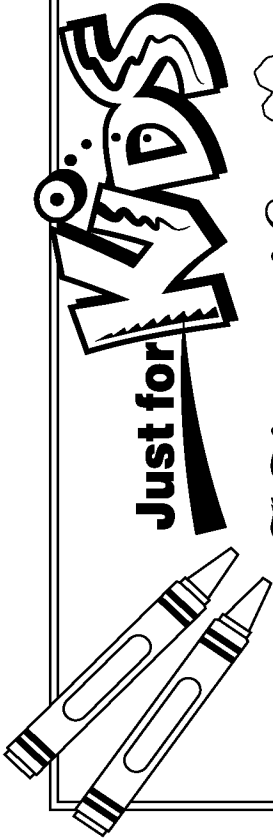
January 5, 2025

Email vote: A motion was made by Dallen J. with a second by Larry K. to approve the 2025 budget. Motion was approved.

FEBRUARY 2025

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Sandy Mahler- smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Council Meeting TBD						1 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
2 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Installation of Elected Leaders	3	4 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	5 1:30 p.m. Worship Team 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds	6 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7	8 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Installation of Call Committee	10 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	11 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:30 p.m. Memorial & Gifts Team	12 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds	13 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14 9:00-12:00 Confirmation	15 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
16 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30-1:30 WELCA SOUP LUNCHEON	17 5:30 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	18 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	19 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	21	22 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship /Noisy Offering
23 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 5:00 p.m. Bingo and Pizza	24	25 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 3:00 p.m. Wholly Food	26 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds	27 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	28	



A Message of Love

Luke 10:27 has a wonderful message to live by.

Find the message by writing the opposite words next to the ones given.
Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines they match below.

cool	1 2 3 4	soft	20 21 22 23
under	5 6 7 8	old	24 25 26 27 28
out	9 10	after	29 30 31 32 33 34
large	11 12 13 14 15	false	35 36 37 38
quiet	16 17 18 19		

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