

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:
Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving
APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
Sundays — 10:30 a.m. Worship
See page 4 for March Lenten worship schedule.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 9:45-10:30 a.m. Faithbuilders for all 3 year olds through 8th Grade.
Our last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 4.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—Wednesdays,
April 2 and April 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SUPPERS: You are invited for good food and fellowship at our Lenten suppers which are held **each Wednesday evening from 6:00-6:45 before our midweek Lenten service at 7:00 p.m.** There is a freewill offering taken. Thank you to everyone for your time and efforts in providing this ministry.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY/PASSION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, April 12—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13—10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.
Easter Breakfast (served by the WELCA) –
April 20, 9:30-10:15 a.m. (freewill offering)
Easter Egg Hunt—April 20, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Worship—Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, April 27. Being confirmed on that Sunday will be Braxton Gartner, Samuel Jobman, Owen Olson, Adalyn Smith and Kayleigh Vogel. Please keep them in your prayers. There will be a cake reception in their honor at 9:30 a.m. on the 27th. Everyone is invited!

CROSSROADS

Easter is again in April (April 20th to be exact). To me, Easter worship is always special, even if we are using the same liturgy we have been using. It is special because we know that things are different, we no longer have to fear the future and death for God has conquered death once and for all. It is this knowledge that helps us to look towards the future with hope and confidence.

Christians the world over will talk about being an Easter people. We talk this way because we believe and know that all things are under God. This means that you and I can live confidently and expectantly in our lives. We live this way because no matter what may befall us, we have a God who is in charge and nothing can separate us from His love. This is important for us as individuals and as congregations.

April begins with Lent. We will have the 5th Sunday in Lent and then we will pivot to Holy Week. We will celebrate Palm Sunday on April 13th. Let's celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In addition to Palm Sunday, we will have Maundy Thursday service which is a time we remember our Lord starting Holy Communion with his disciples. There will be the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday. We will have a Good Friday service which will focus on the passion account of our Lord Jesus according to Luke's Gospel. Come for both of these services as well.

Easter Sunday will be a celebration with Easter Service at 10:30am. We will celebrate Holy Communion.

The last Sunday in April will be Confirmation Sunday. On this Sunday five (5) of our youth will be affirming their baptismal vows. Come and support them in this milestone of their faith journey. The Gospel for this Sunday will be the story of doubting Thomas. At the end of the Gospel lesson there is an important statement that Jesus said for the confirmation students and all to hear "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. We believe by what we hear.

The confirmation students have heard much over confirmation and their Sunday School years. May they come always to believe and have life in Jesus' name.

Easter is the time for us to walk boldly into our futures confident that God is with us. As you walk into the future I pray that you will always know your Lord and Savior and that you are secure in His keeping.

Pastor Myron



EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. before our 10:30 a.m. worship. There will be no regular Faithbuilders class that morning. Faithbuilders

classes will be held all other Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 a.m. through May 6.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be Sunday, May 6.

Graduation/Matt 25 Scholarship

Recognition will be held Sunday, May 6. There will be a reception and light lunch served after worship on that day.



PREPARE FOR A SEASON OF HOPE: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PERSONAL CARE KITS IN LENT *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1-3*

This season of Lent, Holy Cross will once again walk with people around the world afflicted by natural disasters, war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits. Each week, please bring one or more of the featured item to

worship. Thank you for participating in this ministry! We will assemble these on Palm Sunday weekend, April 12/13. (Amounts needed are as of March 25, 2025)

We are working towards a goal of 100!

First Week of Lent – March 8/9: One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended. **(3 needed)**

Second Week of Lent – March 15/16: Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (3-5 ounces each) 8-9 oz. total, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars. **(need 110 4 oz or 210 3 oz)**

Third Week of Lent – March 22/23: One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used. Do not provide toothpaste; it will be provided by LWR. **(need 0)**

Fourth Week of Lent – March 29/30: One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging. **(need 0)**

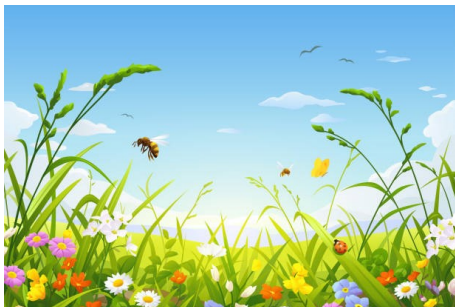
Fifth Week of Lent – April 5/6: One metal nail clippers. Remove packing **(need 25)**

Palm Sunday – April 12/13: Any items that we are short of (we'll let you know through bulletins and email!) We will be assembling these on this weekend.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE that helped with food packaging with Mercy Meals of Odell on March 17th. Holy Cross is considering planning a Mercy Meals food packing in late summer or early fall. We need your suggestions for dates and times, and who to partner with. Should we partner with one or two other congregations? The Homestead Cluster? Make the event open to the public? Mercy Meals will bring the food and supplies to us. We need to

provide a location and pay for the cost of the food. Twenty volunteers can pack about 6000 meals in two hours. Although a meal only costs about \$.17, that is \$1000 in cost. We need to have at least two shifts of twenty people to make it worth the time to hold a packing event in Beatrice. Please contact Gail Russell, Kevin Tranmer or Kodi Higgins with your suggestions. Let us know if you would like to help with the planning!



SPRING LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Landscape Program and Planning – Thursday, March 27, 6:00 p.m. at Tall Tree Tastings

Nicole Stoner, Gage County Extension Educator, will be doing a program on Drought Tolerant Plants. The program is open to the public. Following the program, we will discuss Holy Cross' landscape plans for 2025 and beyond.

Spring Landscape Cleanup

The Landscape Team will start preparing for Spring beginning the end of March. There will be tasks anyone can help with. One or two work events will be scheduled each week. Come when you can. We will include a variety of days and times determined by the weather forecast and the team's suggestions. Bring your gloves, garden hand tools, and a water bottle. We will be cleaning up leaves, cutting back perennials, planting containers by the entrances with annuals, mulching landscape beds, spot seeding grass, removing vegetation under evergreen trees, and more. The schedule will be announced about a week in advance at worship, on the Holy Cross Facebook page, on the Holy Cross website, email and text. In case of inclement weather, please check the Holy Cross website or Facebook page

Easter Decorating – April 19, 10:00 a.m.

The Landscape Team and anyone who wants to help will be decorating the Easter flower cross on Saturday April 19th. If someone is willing to lead this project, that would be very helpful.

Anyone who wants to help with any of our events is most welcome. Contact Gail Russell to be added to the Landscape Team.

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ELECTRONIC AND GLASS RECYCLING – Saturday, April 5, 9am-Noon at Indian Creek Mall Parking Lot Northeast Corner

You can recycle computer and computer accessories, home theater and gaming items, audio electronics, miscellaneous items (including cameras, small appliances, microwaves, cellphones and accessories) and glass. For a complete list go to Keep Beatrice Beautiful's Facebook page or for questions call Keep Beatrice Beautiful at 402-228-4576.



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!

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.

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.

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!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Hope Circle met on Monday, March 10 for Bible Study & Fellowship; all women are invited to attend.

Blanket sewing was not held on Wednesday March 12 as the kitchen & fellowship flooring was replaced that week. All women are welcome to participate in this project. They start at 9:00 am & usually finish at 3:00 pm, but they welcome any one to come help anytime during that time. WELCA served the supper prior to the Ash Wednesday service.

WELCA Board met on Monday March 17. The kitchen flooring has been completed and will be paid by WELCA.

Hygiene kits will be assembled during Lent, a collection area is set up in the Narthex.

The Annual 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. Registration forms & agenda sheets are available in the Narthex.

Holy Cross WELCA will be hosting a meal on August 9 for out of town guests attending The "Saved to Serve" event at Mosaic that weekend. A Board meeting is planned for 11:30 following Bible Study on July 14 to finalize plans for the meal and entertainment.

Kitchen cleaning will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at 9:00 am. Many hands help! Bring your cleaning supplies that you like to use.

Calendar

Saturday, April 5, 2025: Spring Gathering at St John's Lutheran Church, Beatrice.

Wednesday, April 9: Blanket Sewing 9am-3:00 pm

Monday, April 14: Hope Circle Bible Study 10:00 am

Monday, April 21: WELCA Board meeting 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 23: Confirmation Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 27: Confirmation

Tuesday, April 29, 9:00 am Kitchen Cleaning

WELCA Co Presidents

Nancy C. Johnsen & Janet Byars

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OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Michael Baete, Michele (Russ) Jobman and Suzanne (Steve) Bayless' father, who passed away Wednesday, March 26. Services will be held at a later date. We commend Michael to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

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.

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024 is March 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. See page 4 for more information.



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!

Wednesday, April 2

Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Keri Kendall
Reader: Gloria Paben
Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora, Braxton Gartner

Saturday, April 5

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Sally Diekman
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Denny Russell

Sunday, April 6

Greeters: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Ushers: Stacie Bruns, Kylie Belt
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family; Reader: Bill Behrends
Communion: Rebecca Behrends
Livestream: Larry Cole

Wednesday, April 9

Ushers/Greeters: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Reader: Richard Schnaidt; Acolyte: Sam Jobman

Saturday, April 12

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, April 13

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton
Reader: Janet Byars; Communion: Dianne Cole
Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora; Livestream: Terri Huls

Thursday, April 17

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde
Communion Helper: Inez Trauernicht
Acolyte: Livestream: Larry Cole

Friday, April 18

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen
Reader: Paul Jobman Acolyte:

Saturday, April 19

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, April 20

Greeters: Betty George, Mary Schuster-Graff

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family
Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff
Communion: Betty George
Acolyte: Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, April 26

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, April 27

Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Terri Huls
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Susan Kreft
Reader: Larry Hibbert; Communion: Sheryl Harrington
Acolyte: Sydney Sejkora; Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, May 3

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker
Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, May 4

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Melanie Laflin
Ushers: Roger & Valora Ideus
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Steve Rippe; Reader: Peggy Johnsen
Communion: Gloria Paben; Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, May 10

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, May 11

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family
Reader: Kevin Tranmer; Communion: Bill Behrends
Livestream: Terri Huls

Saturday, May 17

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, May 18

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns family
Reader: Janet Byars; Communion: Dianne Cole
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, May 24

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, May 25

Greeters: Donna Rosenthal, Shirley Wiens
Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Betty George, Sheryl Harrington
Reader: Jeremy Engelman
Communion: Sheryl Harrington
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, May 31

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Rhonda Minzel
Reader: Berlita Grell
Communion: Tom Karlin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April 2 Kim Bahnsen
Alyssa Wolken
April 5 Norma Huls
Russell Jobman
April 6 Marli Powell
Mavrick Powell
April 8 Casandra Baete-Jobman
RoJane Wolken
April 10 Carol Karlin
April 11 Larry Kendall
April 14 LaNette Klostermeier
April 17 Jane Ideus
Eugene Wolken
April 24 Rochelle Hoxa
April 27 Michelle George
Karen Jobman
April 29 Karen Gartner
April 30 Kenneth Fritch
Michelle Manes

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to
RoJane Wolken who will be 85 on April 8.
God's richest blessings be with you—may
you have a happy and healthy year!



Dear Holy Cross Lutheran,
Thank you for all you do as
God's people in Beatrice.
Thank you also especially for
your continued participation
in mission share. Through
you, and because of you, so
much good work is done in the world and so
many lives are changed out of God's deep love
made real through you. Thank you, thank you,
thank you!

I hope to see you and thank you in person at
Synod Assembly and as part of the synod on the
road again experience coming up on June 28 in
Davenport and/or next spring in Cook. And
please know that your congregation is prayed
for daily by your grateful siblings in Christ, near
and far.

Thank you for sharing God's love and Christ's
light with the world.

God's blessings and peace,

Timothy Siburg

Director for Mission, Innovation and Steward-
ship of the Nebraska Synod

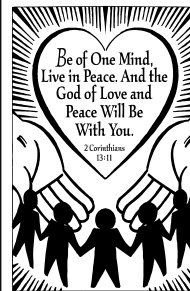


APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 5, 1986 Bill & Rebecca Behrends
April 6, 2019 Larry & Keri Kendall
April 11, 2014 Larry & Dianne Cole
April 12, 2003 Coby & Kristen Buhr
April 22, 2009 Gary & Kathy Orth
April 29, 1972 Tom & June Seitz



PRAYER CHAIN: If there is
anyone who would like to be put
on the prayer chain, please call the
church office or our Prayer Chain
Coordinators – Lynn Pomajzl or
Jolene Pike.



FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers
food and monetary donations for
the Community Pantry and Emer-
gency Services in Beatrice on an on-
going basis. All items are very
much appreciated. NO GLASS JARS,
PLEASE! If you would like to give to
this ministry, please leave your do-
nated items in the shopping cart in the narthex or
your monetary donation in an envelope in the offer-
ing plate. 25 items were donated during March—
Thank you!

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 bar-
rels 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 nar-
thex.

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

FEBRUARY 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2025 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$6,040.33	\$10,505.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,113.04	-\$2,607.23	\$3,433.10
FEBRUARY	\$3,433.10	\$9,384.40			\$12,807.77	-\$3,423.37	\$9.73
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$19,890.21			\$25,920.81	-\$6,030.60	\$9.73

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship	Attendance	Regular Offerings	Faithbuilders Attendance	Offerings
Mar. 1/2	15-46	\$10,603.30	4	\$10.00
Mar. 5	61	\$407.00—Ash Wednesday, \$45.00-Regular		
Mar. 8/9	17-42	\$2651.90	3	\$10.00
Mar. 12	46	\$470.00—Midweek Lent		
Mar. 15/16	21-47	\$3546.00	9	\$10.00
Mar. 19	cancelled			
Mar. 22/23	16-64	\$1472.00	10	\$10.00

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$120.00, Holy Cross only-\$170.00, Food Pantry-\$75.00, Insurance Deductible-\$35.00, Flooring Fund-\$2278.45 (including \$2253.45 WELCA), Memorials & Gifts Lunch-\$372.00, Easter Lilies-\$120.00, Palm Branch Reimb-\$64.85; WELCA Reimb-\$25.57, Oaks Indian Mission-\$400.00, Youth Fund-Aluminum Can Recycling-\$57.00

OUR THANKS to Dorothy Hofeling, Nadine Hibbert, Bill Behrends and Gloria Paben for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross!

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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

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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. Please let Nadine Hibbert know if you are interested and/or if you have any questions.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025

Present : Pastor Myron Meyer, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Kevin Tranmer, Inez Trauernicht,
Larry Kendall, Jeremy Engelman
Special Guest: Gail Russell

Council called to order at 7:00.

Gail Russell talked about Mercy Meals and making it a church project. Pastor Meyer is going to bring it to the Cluster and discuss it in more detail next month.

- A.
- B. An Opening Prayer was said by Pastor Meyer.
- C. Agenda
 - 1. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Larry K. to approve the agenda with the additional item regarding the CD that is due in mid April. Motion was approved.
 - 2. A motion was made by Larry with a second by Pastor Meyer to approve the Feb. 11, 2025 council minutes. Motion was approved.
- D. Information
 - 1. Confirmation is April 27, 2025 at 10:30
 - 2. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's Report . Motion was approved.
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. All committees are going well.
 - 2. The carpet is being installed in the kitchen and fellowship hall.
 - 3. We tabled the front north Sanctuary door until we have more estimates.
 - 4. The electricity in the Sanctuary is being looked into.
- F. Unfinished Business
 - 1. The Vision Team Meeting will be April 24, 2025 at 7:00.
 - 2. The Ministry Site Profile is completed and submitted.
 - 3. Lenten midweek services are being alternated between Pastor Meyer and Pastor Shaner.
 - 4. Appointed positions were discussed.
- G. New Business
 - 1. We tabled until later getting an electric door on the east door.
 - 2. Kodi H. made a motion with a second by Larry K. to keep the CD at Mission Investment, ELCA. Motion was approved. The CD is maturing in April, 2025.
- H. Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer
 - 1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Jeremy E. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

Holy Cross Council Minutes
02/11/25

Present members: Pastor Myron, Dallen Johnsen, Kevin Tranmer, Larry Kendall, Jeremy Engelman, & Kodi Higgins.

Dallen called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Pastor Myron led opening prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved. Motion by – Pastor Myron Second by – Jeremy. All in favor.

Last month's council meeting minutes were read and approved. Motion by Larry Second by Kodi All in favor.

Pastor's Report:

Lenten midweek- Pastor Shaner to be here on Ash Wednesday and alternating weeks

Confirmation April 27th.

April 6th. (Kevin leading service that Sunday) Pastor Shaner will start with Ash Wednesday and the Pastors will alternate.

April 23rd. Confirmation meal. Council will plan to assist. Sidney plans to go to confirmation camp & will plan to bring a friend.

Pastor plans to take a weeks' vacation in May. Date TBD.

Treasurer's Report – Kodi - Report was review and motion made by Larry Second by Jeremy. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Kodi - Things are on track and looking good. In April we have a 1-year CD come due. Council will discuss further in March meeting.

Memorial & Gifts – Kodi - Faithful Sounds for sheet music was approved previously.

Stewardship / Mission Endowment – Larry - No report on mission endowment. Stewardship is exploring new ideas as a way to move forward.

Nominating – Kevin - No report.

Evangelism & Social Ministry – Kevin - Discussed ideas to move forward.

Youth – Jeremy - Sunday School is going well.

Parish Ed – Jeremy - February adult education is on hold for February with plans to resume in March.

Worship - Inez - Going well and things are lined up thru spring and going well currently.

Property – Larry - North door off sanctuary needs repair and property will look for bids consider replacement.

Mutual Ministry – Pastor Meyer - On hold until new Pastor is found,

Old Business:

Next vision team meeting will be April 17, 2025 @ 7:00

Update was provided and discussed on current status of the MSP & call committees.

Pastor Myron provided an update on the Lent midweek services that have been planned.

New business:

Should doors be locked to the church when no staff is around, and a non-member has a meeting going on? Motion to lock the doors once members are all in was made by Larry. Second by Jeremy Engelman. All in favor.

Leadership training (Online Zoom Call) will be held March 15th, 2025 @ 9-12 Dallen will email out details to council members.

Reviewed & discussed fellowship hall flooring estimate \$4378.44 Est. Jim's Carpet provided this estimate. Motion was made by council to proceed with replacement of fellowship hall carpet up to \$4,500.00 total. Motion made by Kevin and Second by Larry. Memorial has approved a good portion of the above cost, but approx... \$1,450.00 gap will remain. All in favor

Holy Cross will be going back to 6:00 Saturday service beginning March 1st. Larry motioned Kodi second. All in favor.

Midweek Lent offering was discussed. Confirmation kids are doing March 26th. Council will do baked potato bar April 2nd.

Lent offering will go 50% Matt 25 & 50% to fellowship hall flooring. Motion made by Kodi Second by Jeremy All in favor.

Council was provided new membership roster and calendar for 2025.

Discussed food pantry. They had called and requested assistance in delivering sacks to residents in Beatrice on March 4 – 8.

Pick up of the sacks is planned on March 15th. This will be put in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet will be in back.

Discussed comments made during the annual meeting regarding Thrivent (Choice Dollars) & how recycle funds are spent.

Thrivent choice dollars are funds that are donated to the Church thru Thrivent. Recycle funds have been going to the youth fund and will continue to do so.

Motion made by Kodi to adjourn at 8:26 and second by Larry All in favor. Adjourned and closed with the LORD'S Prayer.

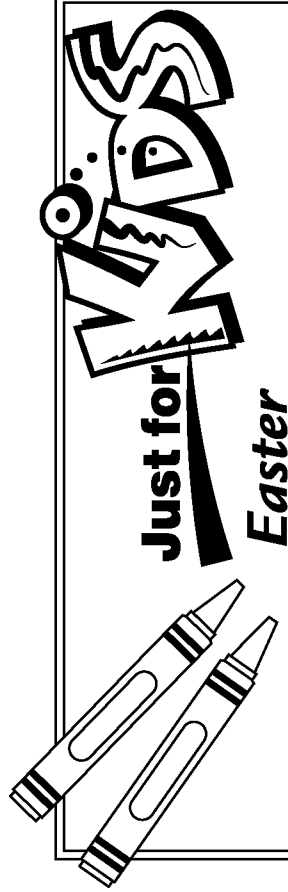
Respectfully submitted

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:30 p.m. Memorials & Gifts Team	2 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds 6:00-6:45 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	3 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	4	5 9:00 WELCA Spring Gathering— St. John 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	7 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	8 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	9 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds 6:00-6:45 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	10 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	11	12 PASSION OF OUR LORD 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 PASSION OF OUR LORD 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	14 5:30 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	15 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	16 5:45 p.m. Faithful Sounds	17 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship 8:15 p.m. N.A.	18 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship	19 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/ Easter Vigil
20 EASTER 9:30 a.m. Easter breakfast 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg hunt 10:30 a.m. Worship	21	22 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	23 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Banquet/ Rehearsal	24 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Vision Team 8:15 p.m. N.A.	25	26 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/ Noisy Offering
27 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Reception 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering	28	29 9:00 a.m. WELCA— Kitchen Cleaning 3:00 p.m. Wholly Food	30			



Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		

14	15	16	17	18	19	20								

great happiness	1	12
a place where plants grow	—	—
opposite of evening	13	7
a shape that means love	15	9
it rises every morning	8	4
a close companion	10	—
Jesus was nailed to it	—	—
it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb	—	—

