

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor: James Anderson (E-mail: [janderson007@luthersem.edu](mailto:janderson007@luthersem.edu)) \*Beginning July 7

Transitional Pastor: Myron Meyer \*Through July 6

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*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"*

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

**Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving**

**JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sunday, July 6-10:30 a.m.

Sundays, July 13, 20, 27—

9:00 a.m. Worship (*Please note time change beginning July 13*)

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet July 20 and 27 following worship. Our topic is "Evangelism and Your Church"

**FAITHBUILDERS** are on break for the summer and will meet again in Sept.



## **FAREWELL FOR PASTOR**

**MEYER:** Everyone is invited to Pastor Myron's last weekend of worship services on July 5/6. We

will have a card shower for Pastor Myron and also brownie sundaes after the 6 p.m. worship on Saturday, July 5 and a cake reception following our 10:30 a.m. worship on July 6.



**Beginning July 13**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**



**WELCOME!!** Pastor James Anderson has accepted the call to be our full time Pastor at Holy Cross beginning July 7 with his first worship services here on July 12/13.

Hello everyone!

My name is Pastor James Anderson. I am pleased and honored to be the new pastor at Holy Cross

Lutheran Church. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you better, and can't wait to share stories, meals, and worship with you.

Some things about me. I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. I heard the call to ministry when I was in high school, and went to Nebraska Wesleyan University for my undergraduate degree and Luther Seminary for my master's degree. I was ordained in 2019, and served at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church in Maytown, Pennsylvania. My wife and I moved back to Nebraska in 2023 to be closer to family.

My wife, Ana, has her PhD in Spanish Linguistics. She is currently preparing to start her first semester at Standing Bear high school in Lincoln. My oldest daughter, Marit (pronounced Mar (like the planet Mars)-it) just turned 8 years old, and is going into the third grade at Rousseau Elementary. She loves books, riding her bike, and taking Tai Kwon Do lessons with her mom. My youngest daughter, Nora, is 3 and a half, and enjoys dressing up, lemonade, and all things purple.

There is a lot more to learn about us, but I will save that for when we can meet in person. I am looking forward to seeing what God will do in our lives as we live and serve together. Dear friends in Christ, may God bless you and keep you, until we meet again.

Pastor James Anderson

Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**As I am writing this there is the excitement of Holy Cross calling a new pastor, Pastor Anderson.** I share in your excitement because all that I do as an interim pastor points to my departure and the arrival of a new pastor. As you have been in worship this past year, you have heard me pray, in the Prayers of Petitions often, for the church, the call committee, the synod, and candidates that would be involved in the process of calling your next pastor. That time is now upon you. Pastor Anderson will be starting his ministry with you shortly and you and he will be in a new chapter of the life of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

As you are looking forward to this I need to say goodbye to you as a church.. I am thankful for my ministry here. You have been gracious to me, I'm the one you will remember as the pastor who spilled the wafers not once but twice during worship. My full humanity on full display in those instances and your grace on display as well.

As an interim I have said goodbye to eleven congregations. Each one has been unique yet each one was looking towards the future that was dawning upon them. I too want you to look forward to your future.

Now is my time to say "Goodbye" to you. For many people there are easy goodbyes and there are hard goodbyes. It seems that the anticipated future holds how easy or how hard it is to say goodbye. Often when we are the ones who are moving on or starting something new elsewhere it feels easier to say goodbye. When we are left behind or the one continuing on, it can feel a bit harder. I think this is true at times when children first go to school or move away whether to college or a job.

In the Bible there are different stories of saying goodbye. A few stories that come to mind for me are when Isaac was going to bless his son Esau. Isaac was old and dying. That goodbye with the blessing got stolen by Jacob and it changed a family's story forever. It caused a rift between brothers for a very long time. There are times that goodbyes get mixed up and the blessing goes askew or stolen and families cannot nor will not speak for years. There is a cut off and it is a goodbye in many respects because they are absent from each other.

There are times when one has a hard time saying goodbye. I think of Elisha and Elijah. Elijah was going to be taken by the Lord and Elisha could not stay and let Elijah go. Finally Elijah asks what Elisha wants so that Elijah may go and we know Elisha's request. To get double share of Elijah's spirit. Talk about unfinished business at the end. Why didn't he talk about this earlier? And Elisha carried on as a prophet that succeeded Elijah.

You know there are times it is hard to let go, to say goodbye because we feel that there is still unfinished business or wants that are still there. I have known people who have hung in until someone they needed finally came and they said goodbye.

Jesus in the Gospels does not say goodbye much. We have the story from the cross in John's Gospel where, as Jesus was dying, he finished up some last minute business by having his beloved disciple take his mother Mary in. Jesus also said to the thief on the cross "today you will be with me in paradise." In Luke's Gospel after the resurrection Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended. Matthew's Gospel reminds us that Jesus reminded the disciples that he would be with them until the close of the age. Paul in his letters says goodbye as well and gives instructions to those whom he is writing to. Often these instructions are words of encouragement. The letters in the New Testament, of Paul, Peter, John, and Jude have a blessing of some sort in the goodbye section of the letter.

Saying goodbye in the church has often been associated with a blessing. In the history of the church we bless one another and ask that God will be with the other as we depart.

Paul would at times recap what he had done while he was with the people or anticipate what will be in his farewell sections of his letters.

Saying good bye helps to encapsulate the relationship and what has been.

Now I say "goodbye". I remember after my initial meeting with the council last June you were wrapping up saying goodbye to Pastor Kathee. Her goodbye was a good one for you and her. You, as a congregation knew she was going on to retirement and there was a sadness but a thankfulness of what had been done as ministry here. You were eager to be onto the task of calling your next pastor.

I have felt blessed here because you, as a congregation, knew what you wanted to do, call a new pastor. I was amazed how quickly you got things ready for calling a new pastor and God was quick on bringing Pastor Anderson to you.

You have been my fastest congregation going from pastor leaving to calling a new pastor. I have been here less than a full year. We have done ministry, we have worshiped, we have been church. You have been Holy Cross Lutheran doing ministry!

As an interim I have journeyed with you in the in-between times and hopefully got you excited and ready for the next pastor and chapter of your life as a church. You do ministry well here.

I end with asking forgiveness for anything I may have done that has been a hindrance to your walk with God. I also ask that as I go that you place on me those things which you need to let go of so that your beginning with Pastor Anderson is a clean slate and full of promise. I also forgive you for anything that may have hindered me as well. I say this so that I may go onto the next place unencumbered with a load that I do not need. I talk about forgiveness in saying goodbye because it gives us all new breath and new possibilities.

And now a blessing I learned once for your future: "May God walk alongside you to befriend you, ahead of you to lead you, behind you to prod you, and above you to protect you". May God bless you as you partner with Pastor Anderson going into the future that God is calling both of you into.

Pastor Myron



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Backpack Blessing  
Saturday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.



Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for the Matt 25 scholarship.  
I'm very thankful to use the money towards my  
continued studies at UNL. I plan on studying  
pre-med. Thank you!

Sincerely, Monet Marilus Baehr

For I know the plans I have  
for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not  
to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

Southern Living



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

will not be held during July or August. Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at worship this summer. Sunday School Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 14.



### **HOLY CROSS GARDEN MARKET**

Our members have been generous in sharing their extra produce, baked goods, plants, etc. Anything you might find at a Farmer's Market is welcome. We want to continue to do twice as much good with these donations. The Holy Cross Garden Market makes these items available to our members for a freewill or suggested donation. Then any left-over produce and the donations go to the Beatrice Community Food Pantry. Our members are asked to bring the items for the Garden Market weekly on Saturday or Sunday. There will be a table available in the narthex. Produce will be available weekly through the growing season or as frequently as possible.

### **WHOLLY FOOD**

Our Wholly Food team meets the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. to prepare casseroles for people who could use uplifting and comfort in the midst of life's struggles. If you know anyone who could use a casserole to brighten their day, please fill out a paper and put it in the jar in the narthex. While this is an outreach ministry of Holy Cross, delivery is open to anyone in our community.



## **EVANGELISM AND YOUR CHURCH**

Have you heard of these people: William Tyndale, Fanny Crosby – wrote “Blessed Assurance”, William Branham – initiator of the tent revival era in the 40’s and 50’s, and finally the great Billy Graham? A tough crowd to follow if someone asks if you evangelize the world.

Most of us get a little nervous when we talk about evangelism. We get a lot nervous if we are asked to go out and evangelize. We take different perspectives of evangelism and say, hitting homeruns like a Hank Aaron or an Aaron Judge. We shy away from someone asking us to bake a cake like a Betty Crocker or a Rose Beranbaum. There are plenty of really good baseball players and even more really good bakers out there. We might even know someone who we think is a good player or a good baker. And we might know someone who is pretty good at Christian evangelism. God certainly gives some of His people the unique gifts of talking to others and sharing the gospel and faith and repentance and their hope for eternal life, and they become a Billy Graham. In Matthew chapter 28, Jesus tells his disciples to, “therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

We are disciples of Christ. The best place to evangelize is with the people closest to you. The church family shares in the evangelism effort. We don’t need a two-hour televised show to let others know of the healing, saving grace of Jesus. We don’t need to prepare ourselves to approach strangers on the street with a smile and “have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?” We can pray for all people. We can pray for those who struggle with their faith. We can pray that someone you know finds a place of worship where evangelism is a common concept for everyone. We can invite them to Holy Cross. “Come with me Sunday. We are having a meal after the worship service!” Or, “our choir sings tomorrow morning, would you like to come with me to listen to them?” The invitation is not hard.

Your church family can help with the rest, and we should. The book of Acts gives great details of the fervent relationship in the early church and the sharing of faith. Our church is good at welcoming others. We can be good at building on those welcoming moments and bringing others into a real relationship with God. When others can see how we express our faith and recognize the grace that fills our lives and can hear why we trust in the Message the way we do, we have just evangelized to others!

If you are a great evangelizer, you have a generous gift that should be shared with the community and like a Billy Graham – the world. If you are a disciple of Christ, you should “go and make other disciples ...” You don’t have to do it alone. We have a whole building of brother and sister disciples to help.

Our adult Bible study this month focuses on evangelism and our church. Please join us to realize how you are an evangelist. Discuss with us how we are a Team Evangelism Holy Cross!

### **A PRAYER FOR OPPORTUNITY**

Gracious Father, I look for the opportunity to proclaim the goodness of Your name. Please bring me into contact with those who are being led to You. Direct me Lord and lead the conversations You want me to have. Let me share the invitation to Your house at Holy Cross. In Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Hope Circle Bible Study met on Monday, June 9. Hope Circle Bible Study group meets the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study and fellowship. All women are invited to attend.

Blanket sewing was held on Wednesday, June 11. All women are welcome to participate in this project. They start at 9:00 a.m. and usually finish at 3:00 p.m., but they welcome any one to come help anytime during that time. There was no WELCA Board meeting in June.

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 special Board meeting is planned for 11:30 following Bible Study on July 14 to finalize plans for the meal and entertainment.

### **Calendar**

Wednesday, July 9: Blanket Sewing: 9:00 am to 3:00pm

Monday, July 14: Bible Study 10:00 am

Monday July 14: WELCA Board Meeting 11:30 am

WELCA Co Presidents

Nancy C. Johnsen & Janet Byars

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**QUILT AUCTION:** You are invited to Carol Joy Holling Camp's Quilt Auction on Saturday, July 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Quilts handcrafted by individuals, congregations and groups from Nebraska and beyond will be auctioned to fund summer camp scholarships. View quilts, schedule, and more at [CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction](http://CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction). More than just an auction! Bring the family for a day of fun: camp tours, BBQ lunch, and more! Free parking and admission! Carol Joy Holling Camp, 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE 68003

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### **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Special Meeting Minutes—June 22, 2025**

1. Holy Cross held a special meeting to vote on approving Pastor James Anderson as our new Pastor.
2. Declaration of a Quorum by Dallen Johnsen (Confirmed, Communing, Contributing). We need 16 members to declare a quorum, 53 members were present.
3. Dallen J. called the meeting to order at 9:32.
4. Larry Kendall explained how the process of the Call committee worked. We acknowledged the MSP committee and the Call committee. They both did a great job.
5. Dallen said a Prayer.
6. After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Behrends with a second by Jeremy Engelman to vote to call Pastor James Anderson as our new Pastor.
7. We needed 35 Yes votes to Call Pastor Anderson. We had an unanimous vote to call Pastor James Anderson as our new Pastor. The votes were counted by Jeremy Engelman and Kevin Tranmer.
8. Kodi Higgins discussed the 2025 Compensation package for Pastor Anderson.
9. After discussion, a motion was made by Burley Copas with a second by Gail Russell to vote on the Compensation package as present by Kodi.
10. We needed 35 votes to approve the Compensation package. We had an unanimous vote to approve the 2025 Compensation package for Pastor Anderson. The votes were counted by Jeremy Engelman and Kevin Tranmer.
11. Dallen J. explained what happens next in the process.
12. A motion was made by Gail Russell with a second by Burley Copas to destroy the ballots. Motion was approved.
13. A motion was made by Roger Ideus with a second by Dianne Cole to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

Inez Trauernicht. Council Secretary



June 19, 2025

Hello Holy Cross Church Family!

Writing from my new home in O'Fallon, MO. I'm living in a new home which is my son Gary and Gayle's house. They now let me use the Master Bedroom & Bath – great for walker use!

I am doing well, doing all I can do to help with everything I can do safely!

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, gifts, lunches, parties, etc (some that I couldn't attend because I was in the hospital – but not for long.)

Take good care of one another. Show your love where you can because, as always, but especially now, the world needs lots of caring and love.

With God's love you can do wonderful things – Spread Joy!

Your sister in Christ, Dorothy Hofeling

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

### **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.



### **PLEASE HELP FILL OUR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS!**

Our summer project this year is School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting items throughout the summer beginning July 19/20 and then assembling them in September.

Please watch for sales on these items, add them to your shopping lists and bring them to church. Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies sometimes mean the difference between getting an education or not. In the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Many of these school kits go to war torn countries where the children are affected through no fault of their own. The bags are sent with no symbols for their own safety. All items should be new and in good condition. You can leave your donations in the tub in the narthex. Our thanks to Genell Copas for coordinating this project and thank you to everyone for your gifts to this ministry!

**We surpassed our goal of 100 last year—Can we do it again this year?**

Each School Kit needs:

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener                      One box of 16 or 24 crayons                      One 2½" eraser

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## WORSHIP HELPERS

Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone

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

### **Saturday, July 5**

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

### **Sunday, July 6**

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau  
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family; Reader: Bill Behrends  
Communion: Rebecca Behrends  
Livestream: Terri Huls

### **Saturday, July 12**

Ushers/Greeters: Rhonda Minzel, Adonna Otto  
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Tom Karlin

### **Sunday, July 13**

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas  
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family; Reader: Janet Byars  
Communion: Dianne Cole  
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

### **Saturday, July 19**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel  
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Norma Huls

### **Sunday, July 20**

Greeters: Shirley Wiens, Donna Rosenthal  
Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Gloria Paben; Reader: Jeremy Engelman  
Communion: Gloria Paben  
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

### **Saturday, July 26**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Adonna Otto  
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Beth Dunker

### **Sunday, July 27**

Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen  
Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Larry Hibbert; Reader: Richard Schnaidt  
Communion: Keri Kendall  
Livestream: Larry Cole

### **Saturday, August 2**

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

### **Sunday, August 3**

Greeters: Ryan & Angie Vogel family  
Ushers: Duane & Inez Trauernicht  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Shirley Wiens, Steve Rippe; Reader: Angie Vogel  
Communion: Ryan Vogel  
Livestream: Terri Huls

### **Saturday, August 9**

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

### **Sunday, August 10**

Greeters: Donna Rosenthal, Melanie Lafin  
Ushers: Gloria Paben, Glennys Lienemann  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen family; Reader: Kevin Tranmer  
Communion: Jackie Nielsen  
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

### **Saturday, August 16**

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

### **Sunday, August 17**

Greeters: Susan Kreft, Betty George  
Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Larry Hibbert; Reader: Peggy Johnsen  
Communion: Keri Kendall  
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

### **Saturday, August 23**

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Adonna Otto  
Reader: Denny Russell  
Communion: Tom Karlin

### **Sunday, August 24**

Greeters: Roger & Valora Ideus  
Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family; Reader: Paul Jobman  
Communion: Toni Janzen  
Livestream: Larry Cole

### **Saturday, August 30**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel  
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Beth Dunker

### **Sunday, August 31**

Greeters: Terri Huls, Sheryl Harrington  
Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton  
Reader: Sheryl Harrington  
Communion: Kendall Hein  
Livestream: Terri Huls



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 2 Paul Jobman  
Logan Kreft  
July 4 Rhonda Minzel  
July 5 Joyce Jurgens  
July 8 Melanie Laflin  
July 10 Jolene Pike  
July 13 Steve Garton  
Cole Karlin  
July 15 Ron Martin  
July 17 Kendall Hein  
Bailey Ideus  
July 19 Norah Bruguera  
July 19 Bryce Karlin  
July 22 Hannah Jobman  
Noah Jobman  
July 24 Helen Huls\*  
July 25 Nadine Hibbert  
July 26 Sally Diekman  
July 28 Jeanette Vitosh  
Ron Volle  
July 30 Klarissa Hein  
Jane Martin  
Ron Paben

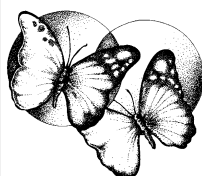
### **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

to Helen Huls who will be 87 on July 24. God's blessings to you —may you have a happy and healthy year!



### **JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

7-4-91 Steve & Suzanne Bayless  
7-15-72 Ron & Gloria Paben  
7-28-84 Jeffrey & Jenae Bauer



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Sara Pella, granddaughter-in-law of Carlyne & Leon Wolken. Sara passed away on June 10 and her funeral service will be held Monday, June 23, at Exeter Milligan High School gym. We commend Sara to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.



Dear Friends,  
Summer is fully underway here at the Oaks Indian Mission and we are eagerly anticipating a hot day after experiencing so much rainfall in May. As is typical for this season, the kids have started their summer activities. This includes a summer work program that allows them to earn money while gaining valuable hands-on work experience.

The support of Oaks offers wonderful opportunities for kids, special moments that create lasting memories and help shape their futures in positive, faith-filled ways. So we give thanks for your gift of \$430.00, which makes all this, and so much more possible. Summer is here, and the boys are enjoying time together through the summer work programs. Thanks to your support, they're learning and have fun. Blessed be our life together in Christ! Grace and peace, Dan Cooper, Executive Director

Dear Patrons,  
Thank you for your donation to the food pantry. Because of your kindness we can continue to help those in need.  
Blessings,  
The Community Food Pantry

**ASERACARE HOSPICE** is looking for volunteers in this area to provide support to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can visit, read to the patient, participate in a favorite activity, or simply sit alongside them in their journey. They also have virtual and behind-the-scenes opportunities available. Volunteers are a vital part of the hospice care mission. They will provide you with extensive training and continued support throughout your tenure. To sign up or find out more please contact Jen Vogt, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, 402-943-6871, or apply online at <https://bttr.im/1fnah>

# **May 2025 Treasurer's Report** **Sandy Mahler, Treasurer**

| <b>2025<br/>General<br/>Operating</b> | Balance<br>Forward | Income             | Transfer<br>in | Transfer<br>out | Expense            | Monthly<br>Balance | YTD<br>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            |
| MARCH                                 | \$9.73             | \$20,281.08        |                |                 | \$14,318.09        | \$5,962.99         | \$5,972.72        |
| APRIL                                 | \$5,972.72         | \$12,921.22        |                |                 | \$13,581.73        | -\$660.51          | \$5,312.21        |
| MAY                                   | \$5,312.21         | \$11,229.47        |                |                 | \$12,377.40        | -\$1,147.93        | \$4,164.28        |
| <b>TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:</b>           |                    | <b>\$64,321.98</b> |                |                 | <b>\$66,198.03</b> | <b>-\$1,876.05</b> | <b>\$4,164.28</b> |



## **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.

With deep gratitude we thank all who support Christ's mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Our ministry continues to make a difference in the world by supporting so many ministries locally, nationally and around the world.

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## **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

| <u><b>Worship</b></u> | <u><b>Attendance</b></u> | <u><b>Offerings</b></u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| May 17/18             | 19-34                    | \$1146.00               |
| May 24/25             | 18-39                    | \$1216.00               |
| June 1                | 76                       | \$6994.00               |
| June 7/8              | 22-48                    | \$2393.90               |
| June 14/15            | 12-39                    | \$1131.00               |
| June 21/22            | 14-56                    | \$2778.00               |

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$200.00, Holy Cross only-\$255.00, Insurance Deductible-\$20.00, Food Pantry-\$90.00, Garden Market (Food Pantry)-\$62.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$620.00, Noisy Offering (BPS Mini-Mart) -\$77.09, Facility Use-\$8.00



**ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS** are eligible to receive Thrivent Action Team money at no cost to them to help with church projects, community needs, etc. They can be a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Benefit members are eligible for two \$250.00 impact cards per calendar year. 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. Contact Nadine Hibbert if you are interested or have any questions and for more information about Thrivent Action Team cards.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2025

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

Council called to order at 6:55

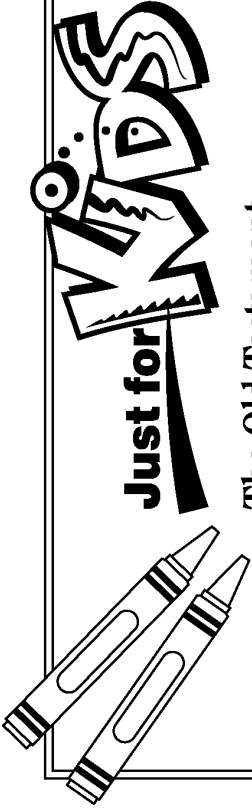
- A. An opening Prayer was said by Pastor Myron Meyer.
- B. Agenda
  - 1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Larry K. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
  - 2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Kodi H. to approve the May 14, 2025 minutes. Motion was approved.
- C. Information
  - 1. The Pastor's Report was discussed.
  - 2. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was approved.
- D. Committee Reports
  - 1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the purchase of \$35.99 for a Jesus with Children picture and \$289.99 for a Cross on hillside picture from the Clarence Parde Memorial fund. Motion was approved.
  - 2. Nadine Hibbert and Keri Kendall have organized a Church Improvement Committee to identify areas of needed physical church improvements/updates.
  - 3. Kevin T. discussed evangelism and will put an article in the monthly newsletter.
  - 4. Holy Cross has 1 student going to Camp Carol Joy Holling this year.
  - 5. We are getting bids on the entryway by the kitchen. We are replacing all the hand sanitizers that have mold on them.
  - 6. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Kodi H. to have the Oct., Nov., and Dec. Noisy offerings go to Sheepgate. Motion was approved.
- E. Unfinished Business
  - 1. VBS which was May 27-29 was a huge success.
  - 2. The next Vision Team Meeting will be July 17, 2025 at 7:00. Everyone is welcome.
  - 3. We had a discussion on where to go as a church.
  - 4. Council duties were discussed.
- F. New Business
  - 1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Kodi H. to approve the 2025 Compensation package for Pastor Anderson. 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 8:35. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht  
Council Secretary

# July 2025

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| Sunday                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                 | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                                                                                          | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                  | <b>1</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Joyful Steps                                  | <b>2</b>                                   | <b>3</b><br>8:30 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Across the Trax<br><br>8:15 p.m. N.A.                              | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b> 6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Brownie<br>Sundaes/Card<br>Shower |
| <b>6</b><br><br>9:30 a.m. Fellowship<br>10:30 a.m. Worship<br>11:30 a.m. Cake<br>Reception/Card<br>Shower for Pastor<br>Meyer | <b>7</b>                                                                                         | <b>8</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Joyful Steps<br><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Council      | <b>9</b><br>9:00-3:00<br>Blanket<br>Sewing | <b>10</b><br>8:30 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Across the Trax<br><br>8:15 p.m. N.A.                             | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship                                           |
| <b>13</b><br><br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:00 a.m. Fellowship                                                                   | <b>14</b><br><br>10:00 am. Hope<br>Circle Bible<br>Study<br>11:30 a.m.<br>WELCA Board<br>Meeting | <b>15</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Joyful Steps                                 | <b>16</b>                                  | <b>17</b><br>8:30 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Across the Trax<br><br>7:00 p.m. Vision<br>Team<br>8:15 p.m. N.A. | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship                                           |
| <b>20</b><br><br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:00 a.m. Fellowship<br>10:15 a.m. Adult<br>Bible Study                                | <b>21</b><br><br>NEWSLETTER<br>articles due                                                      | <b>22</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Joyful Steps                                 | <b>23</b>                                  | <b>24</b><br>8:30 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Across the Trax<br><br>8:15 p.m. N.A.                             | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship/Noisy<br>Offering                         |
| <b>27</b><br><br>9:00 a.m. Worship/<br>Noisy Offering<br>10:00 a.m. Fellowship<br>10:15 a.m. Adult<br>Bible Study             | <b>28</b>                                                                                        | <b>29</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Joyful Steps<br><br>3:00 p.m.<br>Wholly Food | <b>30</b>                                  | <b>31</b><br>8:30 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Across the Trax<br><br>8:15 p.m. N.A.                             |           |                                                                                                 |
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