

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

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 4:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

(10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship)

FAITHBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays — 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders for all
3 year olds through 8th Grade.



ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025—10:15 A.M.

Please come and be a part of the decision making for 2026! We will meet in the sanctuary—all members are encouraged to attend the meeting to be part of your congregation's future. All CCC members (contributing, communing, confirmed) are eligible to be on the ballot and to vote!

Deadline for reports is Monday morning, January 5. Please leave items at the office or e-mail to Sandy at smahleris@gmail.com. Thank you!

How can I use the New Year to better serve my Lord?

I'll read my Bible every day, and be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others; I'll love my neighbor, too.

I'll focus on "give" instead of "get" in everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at; angry feelings I'll discard;

I'll try to love my enemies, even though it's hard.

In the New Year, I'll lift people up, instead of putting them down.

I'll fill my heart with love and joy, and never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries; put it all in His hands;

I'll repent and try to sin less, and obey all His commands.

These New Year's resolutions are difficult, at best.

Yet, here's what I can do each day that will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart, with all my mind and soul;

If I do that essential thing, I'll leave the rest in His control.

- Anonymous

Pastor's Page

Hello Friends and Happy New Year!

I hope that this new year finds you and your family well and warm. There is so much to look forward to in this new year, and I can't wait to see it happen.

This past month, our confirmation class did a project in which we went shopping for kids in need. I want to thank Nadine and Larry Hibbert, our confirmation students, and their parents for their support of this project. With a \$250 grant from Thrivent Action Team card sponsored by Roger Ideus, we were able to buy gifts for several kids through the Giving Tree program. Thank you all for your efforts!

Now, normally, I would highlight goings-on this month, but as this is the start of the new year, we often hear of people making New Year's resolutions. I thought I might talk about some goals that I have for the new year. There are many ways in which someone might improve themselves, and I wanted to lay out some of my own goals for this year.

In 2026, I want to:

Physical: Start exercising more (walking, jogging, and calisthenics 2-3 times a week)

Mental: I want to read more (I'm going to try for one book a month)

Financial: I want to pay off my student loans by the end of this year

Social: I want to do a better job of reaching out to friends and acquaintances

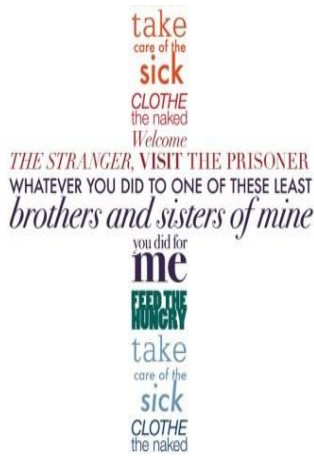
Spiritual: I want to spend more time in prayer (aiming for 5 minutes a day)

Special challenge: I want to push myself to be more out of my comfort zone. Once a day, I want to challenge myself to do something that I find challenging. Whether that is doing the task that I've been putting off, planning something that is more than two weeks away, or the one I dread most (asking for help).

If you have your own goals or resolutions for this year, I would love to hear them. You don't have to challenge yourself to do everything differently. If there is something you want to change, I would encourage you try. And, if it takes a bit longer, please don't be discouraged. Research shows that it can take anywhere from four days to eleven months to form a new habit.

But, goals or no, here is the important thing. Even if the year changes, God's love for you stays the same. The reason I end every sermon with "Dear friends in Christ, God loves you..." is because I think that we need to hear it again each week. So, whether you are working on something new, or continuing an old habit, I pray that you will include God in the process. And, as always, I hope to see you at Holy Cross. There is so much going on this year, and I hope to see you there. Dearly beloved, our doors are always open for you, and you are welcome here.

Peace be with you,
Pastor James Anderson



THE MATT 25 PROJECT

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 travelling. 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, we were inspired to create a college scholarship for a financially needy student.

Angie Vogel and our Holy Cross youth will once again be raising money for the Matt 25 Scholarship for 2026 Beatrice High School grads. Watch for more

information in the coming months.

"...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



Faithbuilders classes will meet each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in January.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: We welcomed into our membership on Sunday, December 14, Janice Waltke who comes to us from American Lutheran, Fairbury. Welcomed into membership on December 28 were Cody, Stacie, Kash & Zane Brown who come to us from St. Paul Lutheran, Beatrice. We're delighted to have you all as part of the Holy Cross family!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Holy Cross Bible Study Group met on Monday, December 8. The Home Bound Christmas containers were packaged and will be delivered for Christmas. A Thrivent Card was provided by Shirley Wiens to purchase items. The Bible Study Group invites everyone to attend the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am for Bible Study, refreshments and fellowship.

If you would like to help with Bingo, please contact a Board member. Bingo will be held in February at The Good Samaritan Center & Gold Crest in Adams.

The WELCA Board met on Sunday, December 14, following the worship service. Discussion and plans are set in motion for the Annual Soup Luncheon which will be Sunday, February 1, 2026. Rhonda Minzel was welcomed as a new member of the Board for 2026. Our thanks to Joyce Haecker who is leaving the Board after her years of serving.

Nancy C Johnsen and Janet Byars, Co-Presidents.

Calendar

January 12: 10 am Bible Study

January 14: 9:00-3:00pm Blanket Sewing

January 17: Winter Retreat at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Ne

January 19: 5:30 pm WELCA Board

February 1: 1:00 am -1:30 pm Soup Luncheon at Holy Cross Church.

THE WELCA WINTER RETREAT is January 17, 2026, at St Paul Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Ne. If interested please contact a WELCA Board member for a registration form. Registration deadline is January 7, 2026.

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PRAYER CHAIN: Is there someone or something you would like to keep in prayer? Holy Cross has a prayer request chain team. The request is given to the pastor, the church office or one of the coordinators. Your request is then e-mailed or called to those members who have agreed to pray for your request. Our coordinators are Lynn Pomajzl 402-806-0304 and Jolene Pike 402-228-2011. We would like to have the prayer team also share the joy of thanks when a good and glorious event happens or prayers of request are fulfilled. Feel free to pass these along to the team. Everyone enjoys praying in joy! Anyone can join the team at any time, just let one of the coordinators know.





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. 60 items were donated at the end of November.

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 - Proceeds go to Mercy Meals - Blue River (Odell). 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 Recycling 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.

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.

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!

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.

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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 council minutes will be in next month's newsletter.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Jan. 1 June Seitz
Jan. 3 Stacie Bruns
Tom Seitz
Jan. 4 Robert Jurgens
Jan. 5 Gale Buss
Steve Rippe
Jan. 6 Liberty Sejkora
Shirley Wolken*
Jan. 7 Anna Pike
Donna Rosenthal
Jan. 8 Diane Waltke*
Jan. 9 Judson Kreft
Jan. 10 Kasha Gartner
Taylor Garton
Keri Kendall
Jan. 11 Glen Baete
Jan. 12 Zachary Schmale
Jan. 13 Kevin Tranmer
Jan. 14 Pastor Kathee
Jan. 15 Vi Kimminau
Jan. 18 Joyce Parde*
Clayton Wells
Jan. 20 Lorella Matulka
Jan. 21 Richard Pomajzl
Jan. 22 Eli Miller
Jan. 24 Nora Anderson
Jan. 25 Haileagh Voight
Jan. 27 Cohen Buhr
Jan. 31 Kathy Baete

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Shirley Wolken who will celebrate her 88th birthday on January 6...
Diane Waltke who will celebrate her 89th birthday on January 8....
Joyce Parde who will celebrate her 91st birthday on January 18...
God's blessings to you all—may you have a happy and healthy year!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



January 10, 1976—Dennis & Gail Russell
January 10, 2016—Jordan & Whitney Grabouski
January 23, 1982—Randy & Brenda Johnson
January 24, 1975—Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Congratulations to Denny & Gail Russell who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 10! God's blessings to you—may you have many more happy years together!



HOLIDAY DESSERTS – We have exceeded our goals once again! We were able to purchase 80 pies for Holiday Desserts for the Community Food Pantry! Thank you, Holy Cross family, for your generosity.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated towards the Caring and Sharing Tree opportunities – ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts Program and CASA Mother Baskets. Your donations toward these ministries is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU for your generous donation and faithful support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go a long way in helping us provide the much needed support for women struggling with addiction and life controlling problems. You are sowing into a ministry that God is using to change lives and set women free through a personal relationship with Jesus. Blessings – Sheepgate Women's Center

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH & WELCA: Day1 is beyond grateful for your donation in your support in this ministry. We are Blessed! God Smiles on those who give. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in your hearts! Day1 - Pat Jobman



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, Jan. 3

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

Sunday, Jan. 4

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin
Reader: Peggy Johnsen; Communion: Keri Kendall
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, Jan. 10

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

Sunday, Jan. 11

Greeters: Glennys Lienemann, Shirley Wiens
Ushers: Jackie Nielsen, Gloria Paben
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns, Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut; Reader: Jackie Nielsen
Communion: Gloria Paben; Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, Jan. 17

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

Sunday, Jan. 18

Greeters: Ryan & Angie Vogel
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Angie Vogel; Communion: Angie Vogel
Livestream: Terri Huls

Saturday, Jan. 24

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Adonna Otto
Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Denny Russell

Sunday, Jan. 25

Greeters: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman
Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton
Reader: Jeremy Engelman
Communion: Burley Copas
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, Jan. 31

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, Feb. 1

Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Ushers: Betty George, Mary Schuster-Graff
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Terri Huls; Reader: Terri Huls
Communion: Sheryl Harrington
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, Feb. 7

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

Sunday, Feb. 8

Greeters: Merle & Jane Ideus
Ushers: Roger & Valora Ideus
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Courtney Ideus family; Reader: Paul Jobman
Communion: Gloria Paben
Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, Feb. 14

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

Sunday, Feb. 15

Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen
Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Susan Kreft
Reader: Karen Jobman; Communion: Toni Janzen
Livestream: Terri Huls

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Kevin Tranmer; Communion: Bill Behrends
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, Feb. 21

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

Sunday, Feb. 22

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins family
Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Steve Rippe
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Russ & Missy Jobman family; Reader: Richard Schnaidt
Communion: Larry Hibbert
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Lenten Wednesday, February 25

Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Burley Copas

Saturday, Feb. 28

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Denny Russell

Sunday, March 1

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut
Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman; Reader: Janet Byars
Communion: Jeremy Engelman
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

NOVEMBER 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2025 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance	YTD Balance including Balance Forward
JANUARY	\$6,040.33	\$10,505.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,113.04	-\$2,607.23	-\$2,607.23	\$3,433.10
FEBRUARY	\$3,433.10	\$9,384.40			\$12,807.77	-\$3,423.37	-\$6,030.60	\$9.73
MARCH	\$9.73	\$20,281.08			\$14,318.09	\$5,962.99	-\$67.61	\$5,972.72
APRIL	\$5,972.72	\$12,921.22			\$13,581.73	-\$660.51	-\$728.12	\$5,312.21
MAY	\$5,312.21	\$11,229.47			\$12,377.40	-\$1,147.93	-\$1,876.05	\$4,164.28
JUNE	\$4,164.28	\$14,794.64			\$13,105.80	\$1,688.84	-\$187.21	\$5,853.12
JULY	\$5,853.12	\$13,027.81			\$18,351.46	-\$5,323.65	-\$5,510.86	\$529.47
AUGUST	\$529.47	\$13,939.80			\$14,233.11	-\$293.31	-\$5,804.17	\$236.16
SEPTEMBER	\$236.16	\$15,240.40			\$15,454.41	-\$214.01	-\$6,018.18	\$22.15
OCTOBER	\$22.15	\$12,566.50			\$14,501.58	-\$1,935.08	-\$7,953.26	-\$1,912.93
NOVEMBER	-\$1,912.93	\$14,345.25			\$13,916.90	\$428.35	-\$7,524.91	-\$1,484.58
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$148,236.38			\$155,761.29		-\$7,524.91	-\$1,484.58

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship

Attendance

Offerings

Nov. 26	47	\$415.00 (Thanksgiving Eve)
Nov. 29/30	5-57	\$2396.00
Dec. 6/7	20-53	\$6206.90
Dec. 13/14	13-49	\$1875.00

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$90.00, Holy Cross only-\$110.00, Food Pantry-\$50.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$25.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$600.00, Poinsettias-\$18.50, Insurance Deductible Fund-\$20.00, Facility Use-\$50.00, Holiday Desserts-\$115.00, Reimbursed expenses-\$344.80, Reimbursed Landscape expenses-\$825.78
Memorial Fund: Ina Jurgens Memorial-\$20.00

Our thanks to Glennys Lienemann and Gloria Paben for donating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross this past month.



WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

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

January 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.
And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."
"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,

No, live in this moment, for I Am here."
"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."
So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

Fairchild, Mary. "Christian New Year's Poems." Learn Religions, Sep. 3, 2019, [learnreligions.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098](https://www.learnreligions.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098).