

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

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (NO Worship on Saturday, July 4)

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

No Sunday School or Adult Ed classes during July or August.

NO
SATURDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP on Saturday, July 4. Enjoy the evening with your family and come worship with everyone Sunday morning, July 5, at 9:00 a.m.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

All voting members of the congregation are asked to attend a brief Special Meeting of the Congregation at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, August 16, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on changes to our constitution. Please see inside this newsletter for items we will be voting on. If you have any questions, see Pastor James.

Pastor's Page

Hello friends!

Where did the time go? It seems like just last week we were doing VBS, then off to Synod Assembly, and then we had one event and then another and now... Happy fourth of July? Now, I'm not complaining that the days are going fast. With so much to do and so much to see, I'm glad that we are able to participate in everything that is going on.

I did want to take a moment and make a few thank-you's. I wanted to thank our Landscaping team for all the work they put into our Care of Creation weekend. I often forget just how much work they put into caring for our Church grounds, and it shows! I also wanted to thank the volunteers who helped organize, set up, and run our garage sale this past month. Thank you, also, to everyone who donated materials for the sale. The money raised will be a huge boon to our church. And finally, a big THANK YOU! from my wife and I for all the help we received in organizing worship while I was on vacation. I enjoyed leading family camp one weekend, and then getting to be present for my Goddaughter's baptism the next.

Now, to the present- as we get into the dog days of summer, please remember to drink plenty of water and take breaks inside. Heat exhaustion is no joke, so please make sure to treat yourselves gently. I give daily thanks to God that we are living in an era that has air conditioning.

As a reminder, we will NOT be having worship on Saturday, July 4 . Please make sure to take time with your families, and again, please be safe. While I am always happy to see you, I would prefer that those visits not be at the hospital, if possible. We will still have worship on Sunday, July 5th. During the month of July, we will be focusing on parables, stories with a message. I believe that a lot of growth can come out of these teachings, so please, join us each weekend as we dive into Matthew's gospel.

The other thing that I needed to mention for this month- my family and I will be going on a road trip from July 25th through August 2nd. I will return to work on Tuesday, August 4th. We are going to Utah and Colorado to see family. Please pray for my sanity, as well as the sanity of my wife and children.

And as always, there is more than I can write down in a single page. But that is what we have the rest of the newsletter for. While it is good to stay busy and use the talents that we have, don't forget to slow down as well and take time. My prayer for you is that you would find the balance in life- doing and resting. Don't just rest so that you can do more, rest so that you can appreciate all the good things going on. So, dear friends, have a great month. I hope to see you here at Holy Cross. Our doors are always open to you. See you soon!

-Pastor James Anderson



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Backpack Blessing
Saturday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.

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.

CURRENT RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Aluminum Cans – Proceeds go to Mercy Meals. Please put cans outside in the barrels in the enclosure east of the kitchen. Lids open easier if grabbed with both hands on the 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.

Plastic Shopping Bags – Donated to the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Sorry we cannot accept recyclables other than those listed above from individuals. We encourage you to take other items to the Beatrice Residential Recycling Collection Site or other recycling locations.



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.

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 18/19 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 in advance 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

EVANGELISM AND YOUR CHURCH



Freedom in Christ

July is a month when we celebrate freedom as a nation. We gather with family and friends, enjoy community events, and remember the blessings we have received. As Christians, July also gives us an opportunity to reflect on an even greater freedom—the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul reminds us: “For freedom Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1)

Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus frees us from sin, fear, and the burden of trying to earn God's love. Because of His grace, we are welcomed into God's family and given the promise of eternal life. This good news is not meant to be kept to ourselves. God calls us to share His love with others through simple acts of kindness, invitations, and service. Sometimes evangelism is as simple as listening to a neighbor, helping someone in need, or inviting a friend to worship.

As we move through the summer, consider these opportunities:

- Pray daily for someone who does not have a church home.
- Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to worship.
- Participate in community events as a representative of Christ's love.
- Share your personal story of how God has worked in your life.
- Look for opportunities to serve others with compassion and generosity.

At Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we believe that every member is a missionary right where God has placed them. Our community needs hope, encouragement, and the message of God's grace. Together, we can be a welcoming church that reflects Christ's love to Beatrice and the surrounding area.

May God bless you this July as you celebrate both the freedoms of our nation and the eternal freedom we have through Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of freedom through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to opportunities to share Your love with others. Give us courage to invite, serve, and encourage those around us. Bless our church as we seek to be a welcoming witness to our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." — Matthew 28:19

Please contact Kevin Tranmer if you are interested in developing the Evangelism program at Holy Cross Church. Email: kevintranmer1985@gmail.com Phone/Text 402 440 0298

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Garden Market is Open

Instructions for Shoppers

- Take some produce or baked goods or garden products home.
- Donate whatever amount you choose in the box on the table. Some items may have a price marked.
- **All Proceeds will go to the Community Food Pantry of Beatrice**

Instructions for Gardeners, Bakers, Crafters

- Bring your garden produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, and crafts. Any items similar to what are found at a Farmer's Market is most welcome.
- Bring items that you wish to donate on Saturday or Sunday. Items that can be stored at room temperature may be brought at any time.
- There will be a table available in the narthex.
- Any leftover produce will be taken to the Food Pantry on Monday.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Holy Cross Bible Study and Fellowship met on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The Bible Study is open to anyone wanting to participate. Blanket sewing is held on the second Wednesday of each month. All women are welcome to participate in this project. They start at 9:00 am & usually finish at 3:00 pm. They welcome anyone to help at any time during that period.

WELCA did the annual kitchen cleaning on Monday, June 2. Genell Copas, Nancy Johnsen, Sally Diekman, Karen Jobman, Joyce Haecker, Linda Hemmert, Glennys Lienemann, and Janet Byars participated. The WELCA Board did not meet in June.

The Saved to Serve event will be held at Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska August 14 – 16. The service project will be sorting garage sale items that have been donated by students and will be available free of charge to students returning to college this fall. A registration form is located in the Narthex. The cost is \$45.00 for the weekend.

We invite all women of Holy Cross Lutheran Church to participate in WELCA-sponsored activities. Calendar:

- No WELCA Board meetings in May, June, or July
- Blanket Sewing, July 8, 9:00-3:00
- Bible Study and Fellowship is on July 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted, WELCA Co-Chairpersons, Janet Byars and Keri Kendall

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QUILT AUCTION: You are invited to Carol Joy Holling Camp's 38th Annual Quilt Auction on Saturday, July 25. The day promises competitive bidding, good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of camp. Rain or shine, the day will go on! Bring your friends and family! Admission is FREE! Carol Joy Holling Camp, 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE 68003

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AS OF THIS WRITING, we don't yet know if our garage sale will be a success, but we need to take a moment to recognize several individuals for their efforts leading up to it. Their hard work in cleaning and clearing out items in our church that were old or no longer needed was truly appreciated—this was a task long overdue.

Thank you to Denny and Gail Russell, Tom Karlin, Sally Diekman, Glennys Lieneman, Nadine Hibbert and Pastor Anderson for their time and dedication. I would also like to extend thanks to everyone who donated items for our garage sale and to those who helped in any way with the setup, garage sale staffing, or clean up. Your support made this event possible.

Thank you to everyone that showed up for the Garage Sale Setup on Monday, which flowed into Tuesday. It was quite the job setting up the tables, moving chairs, organizing, pricing items, and hauling items from the basement/upstairs to the fellowship hall.

Our helpers included Joyce Haecker, Betty George, Steve & Toni Janzen, Glennys Lieneman, Paul Jobman, Sam Jobman, Sally Diekman, Terri Huls, Nadine Hibbert, and Pastor James.

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THE FOLLOWING VETERANS HAVE BEEN COMMEMORATED ON OUR HOLY CROSS VETERAN'S TREE. If anyone else would like to provide a photo, please feel free to do so. Our Veteran's Tree will remain up through Veteran's Day, November 11th.

BILL BEHREND
Navy 1964-1968
Holy Cross Member

BERNARD BEHREND
Army 1942-1945
Father of Bill Behrends

JERRY BUSBOOM
Army 1942-1945
Father of Janet Byars

DENNIS BYARS
NE Army National Guard
Company C 1958-1968
Husband of Janet Byars

ADOLPH EITZMANN
Marines 1942-1948
*Uncle of Genell Copas &
Roger Eitzmann*

ELDON EITZMANN
Army 1952-1954
*Brother of Genell Copas &
Roger Eitzmann*

LOYAL EITZMANN
Army 1955-1957
*Brother of Genell Copas
& Roger Eitzmann*

TODD GEORGE
Coast Guard 2001-2021
Retired
Son of Betty George

ROBERT HAECKER
Army Nat'l Guard 1962-1968
Holy Cross Member

ROY HEMMERT
Air Force 1964-1985 Retired
Holy Cross Member

N. DEAN HEMPHILL
Navy 1954-1958
Father of Karen Jobman

DEAN HIBBERT
Army 1952-1954
Father of Larry Hibbert

JOHN H. IDEUS
Army 1941-1945
Father of Glennys Lienemann

FRANK JANZEN
Army 1942-1946
*Father of Becky Behrends &
Steve Janzen*

LEROY JOBMAN
Marines 1952-1954
*Father of Paul Jobman,
Nadine Hibbert & Russ Jobman*

DALLEN JOHNSEN
Navy 1969-1973
Holy Cross Member

TOM KARLIN
Navy 1969-2000 Retired
Holy Cross Member

DALE LIENEMANN
Army 1996-2003
Son of Glennys Lienemann

HAYDEN WEISHAHN
Marines 2014-2019
*Grandson of Glennys
Lienemann*



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 Tom Karlin at 402-806-6894, 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, July 4 – NO Church

Sunday, July 5

Greeters: Roy & Linda Hemmert
Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Steve Rippe
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family; Reader: Larry Hibbert
Communion: Linda Hemmert
Livestream: Terri Huls

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

Greeters: Alex & Cortney Ideus family
Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Merle & Jane Ideus
Reader: Peggy Johnsen; Communion: Keri Kendall
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, July 18

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, July 19

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Gloria Paben
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin; Reader: Gloria Paben
Communion: Gloria Paben
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, July 25

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht
Reader: Denny Russell
Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, July 26

Greeters: Shirley Wiens, Betty George
Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel

family; Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Jackie Rinne; Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, August 1

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, August 2

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle

Engelman; Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Bill Behrends

Livestream: Terri Huls

Saturday, August 8

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, August 9

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Betty George, Mary Schuster-Graff

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

Reader: Joyce Haecker

Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff

Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, August 15

Ushers/Greeters: Rhonda Minzel, Les Adams

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Les Adams

Sunday, August 16

Greeters: Sheryl Harrington, Terri Huls

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Roger & Valora Ideus

Reader: Paul Jobman

Communion: Sheryl Harrington

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, August 22

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, August 23

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Glennys Lienemann

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Gloria Paben, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Kevin Tranmer; Communion: Karen Jobman

Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, August 29

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, August 30

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins family

Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Jackie Nielsen

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Jackie Nielsen

Livestream: Terri Huls



JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

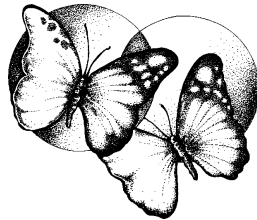
7-4-91 Steve & Suzanne Bayless
 7-4-03 Daniel & Lorella Matulka
 7-15-72 Ron & Gloria Paben

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 Cody Brown
 Klarissa Hein
 Jane Martin
 Ron Paben



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Kennedy Rose Beu, daughter of Olivia White and Korey Beu, was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at our June 14, 2026 worship service. Kennedy was born May 20, 2026 in Lincoln, NE and her sponsors are Nolan White, Micaela Houseman, Calan Sedlacek, and Jerica Forney. God's blessings to you and your family, Kennedy!



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Vicke Deboer, Roger & Helen Huls' daughter, who passed away June 9, 2026. A memorial service for Vicke will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 5:00 p.m., at the Knight Event center in Bellevue (1020 Lincoln Road, Bellevue, NE 68005). A reception will follow the service.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Helen Huls who will be 88 on July 24. God's blessings to you —may you have a happy and healthy year!

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 during June. Thank you for your generosity to this ministry!!

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Bob Downs, Helen (Roger) Huls' brother, who passed away Monday, June 15. We commend Bob to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



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

May 2026 Treasurer's Report Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2026 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance	YTD Balance including Balance Forward
JANUARY	\$1,098.72	\$20,686.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,836.50	\$6,850.10	\$6,850.10	\$7,948.82
FEBRUARY	\$7,948.82	\$14,914.97			\$12,889.61	\$2,025.36	\$8,875.46	\$9,974.18
MARCH	\$9,974.18	\$19,253.23			\$15,117.99	\$4,135.24	\$13,010.70	\$14,109.42
APRIL	\$14,109.42	\$14,877.08			\$15,978.68	-\$1,101.60	\$11,909.10	\$13,007.82
MAY	\$13,007.82	\$17,120.55			\$15,935.83	\$1,184.72	\$13,093.82	\$14,278.54
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$86,852.43			\$73,758.61		\$13,093.82	\$14,278.54

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>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
May 30/31	15-34	\$4694.53
June 6/7	24-36	\$5091.90
June 13/14	18-80	\$2600.00
June 20/21	10-50	\$2612.00

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$120.00, Holy Cross only-\$20.00m, Food Pantry-\$45.00, Food Pantry (Garden market)-\$57.00m Insurance Deductible Fund-\$20.00, Mother-to-Mother (May noisy offering)-\$68.56, Mercy Meals (Recycled cans)-\$77.00, Facility Use-\$50.00



Thank you to Mark Byars, Larry Hibbert, Nadine Hibbert and Karen Jobman for designating their Thrivent Choice dollars this past month to Holy Cross.

ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS are eligible to receive Thrivent Action Team money at no cost to them to help with church projects, community needs, etc. This 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.

THESE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS WILL BE VOTED ON AT OUR AUGUST 16, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO BE HELD AT 10:15 A.M. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor James or Council President Larry Kendall.

The Nebraska Synod has looked at our constitution and suggested five changes. They will be voted on at our August 16, 2026 Special Meeting of the Congregation. Underlined items are additions. Crossed through items are deletions. Since there is no longer a Hope Circle, we will also remove it from the Organizational Structure of the Congregation at this meeting and therefore be voting on these six items:

C1.01. The name of this congregation shall be Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Beatrice, Nebraska.

C1.02. For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws and continuing resolutions, the congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Beatrice, Nebraska is hereinafter designated as “this congregation.”

C4.04.01. Remove ~~Hope Circle~~ from the Organizational Structure of the Congregation.

***C5.03.** j. elect its Congregation Council, boards, and committees ~~as required in C.13.~~ and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions; and

(Because “Vision and Expectations: Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is no longer in force, the language in C9.02.01. has been changed.)

~~**C9.02.01.** Any pastor called to serve this congregation shall, prior to accepting the call, subscribe to Vision and Expectations: Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, adopted by the Church Council of the ELCA in October 1990. Because we believe and confess that the marriage of male and female is an institution created and blessed by God, we teach and practice that sexual activity belongs exclusively within the biblical boundaries of a faithful marriage between one man and one woman. Pastors, therefore, agree by their subscription to remain chaste within marriage and celibate outside of marriage and to preach and teach in accordance with this understanding.~~

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(The Nebraska Synod Council suggests using the word directors instead of trustees since the State of Nebraska uses the term “directors” in the statute that governs religious corporations.)

C12.05. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

a. The Congregation Council shall be the board of ~~trustees~~ directors of this congregation, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs. It shall have the powers and be subject to the obligations that pertain to such boards under the laws of the State of Nebraska, except as otherwise provided herein.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

Present: Pastor James Anderson. Larry Kendall, Kodi Higgins, Tom Karlin, Jeremy Engelman, Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Kevin Tranmer

Council called to order at 6:48 PM

A. We had a reading and a Prayer by Pastor James.

B. Agenda

1.A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Tom K. to approve the agenda with the updated changes. The motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the May 12, 2026 Council minutes. The motion was approved.

C. Information

1.Pastor James helped with VBS May 27-29, he attended the Synod Assembly May 29-31.

June 6 Pastor had an outdoor service which turned into an indoor service due to weather. June 14 he will have a baptism, June 20-21 Pastor James is leading a summer Camp in Fremont, NE . June 26-28 he will be on vacation to attend his Goddaughter's baptism. July 12-17 Pastor James will be at Camp Carol Joy with the Confirmation class.

July 25-Aug. 2 Pastor James is on vacation.

2. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1.Kodi H- Finance, all reports look accurate. Memorial and Gifts, no report.

2. Tom K.-Stewardship, no report.

3. Kevin T- Nominating, no report.

4. Kevin T.-Evangelism/Social Ministry, given by Pastor James, the Saturday Farmer's Market is \$100 till the end of the season if we would like a tent to pass out water and have a Prayer station. There are 3 more Palooza's at Chautauqua Park which are once a month on Sunday's 2-5. Jeremy E. will talk to Kevin T. to get updates on next steps.

5. Jeremy E.-Youth/Parish Ed., no report

6. Inez T.-Worship, Tom K. and Inez T. have taken over the worship committee duties for Sat. night that Norma Huls handled. Everything else is going well.

7. Tom K.-Property/Improvement Committee, no report

8. Pastor James-Mutual Ministry, no report

E. Old Business

1.The new sprinkler system has been installed and we are releasing the remaining balance to Jason Schmale.

2. Vacation Bible School went well for Pastor Anderson.

3. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Kodi H. to change the housing allowance of Pastor James salary to \$35,000. There is no change to the overall Compensation, just a change in how much is designated for housing which is tax free. The motion was approved.

4. The Synod Assembly went well and there will be a report for the congregation on July 12 from Karen, Janet, Pastor James, and Larry.

F. New Business

1. The 60th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Cross was tabled until we hear from the Synod.

2. The next Vision Team meeting is July 16, 2026 at 7:00. Everyone is welcome.

3. The Holy Cross Garage Sale is June 24th, 12-6, June 25th and 26th, 8:30-6.

Proceeds will go to the Church Improvement Committee, unless it is listed in Memorial and Gifts. Any items left will be donated to a nonprofit organization.

4. The bell tower rafters are very weak. The bell is being moved to the ground so the bell tower can be repaired and then the bell will be placed on the ground permanently as it is too heavy to go back on the roof.

5. The July 4 evening service has been cancelled so everyone can spend time with their families. Announcements will be made at both services along with the bulletin.

6. Mission Endowment and Memorial and Gifts was discussed, we will meet with the leaders to discuss the policies on June 14th.

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

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second by Jeremy E. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

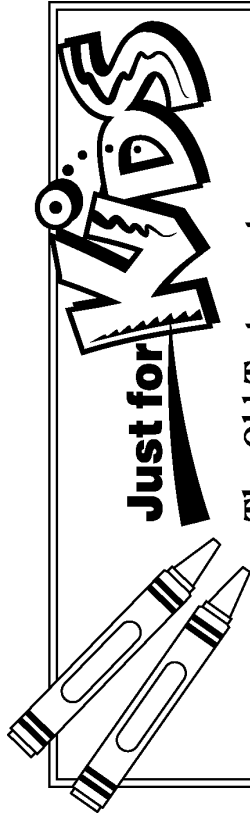
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Email vote, A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Inez T. to hold a special meeting after church service on August 16 to approve some changes in the Church Constitution. The motion was approved.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	3	4 NO WORSHIP SERVICE THIS EVENING
5 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	6	7 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	8 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	9 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	10	11 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
12 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	13 10:00 am. Holy Cross Bible Study	14 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	15	16 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 7:00 p.m. Vision Team 8:15 p.m. N.A.	17	18 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
19 9:00 a.m. Worship/Adult Baptism 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	20 NO WELCA Board Meeting	21 NEWSLETTER articles due 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	22	23 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	24	25 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
26 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	27	28 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 3:00 p.m. Wholly Food	29	30 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	31	



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