

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

There are no Faithbuilders or Adult Ed classes during August. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 13. That weekend will also be Backpack Blessing and God's Work, Our Hands weekend.



HOLY CROSS BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9:

It's time for BINGO again! Please join us for an evening of fun on **Sunday, August 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** Enjoy **Bingo, prizes, pizza, and pop**—what a great way to spend a Sunday evening! A special thank you to Jackie Rinne for sponsoring this event with a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Card.



**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 your July newsletter or the table in the narthex for items we will be voting on. If you have any questions, see Pastor James.

Pastor's Page

Hello friends!

I know I opened my last Pastor's page by asking where the time had gone, but the sentiment is just the same this month as it was then! There's been quite a lot going on, and I have much to say.

First, I wanted to share the personal things that I have been proud of. This last month, my wife and I finally finished paying off our student loans. We are now completely debt free, and excited to be looking at new projects we want to invest in. Marit, my oldest daughter, has started taking viola lessons, and has been excited to practice her new instrument. Nora, my youngest, attended Space Camp at her new pre-school, and is very excited to start at her new preschool.

During the month of July, I went with some of our confirmation students to Camp Carol Joy Holling. The theme of the week was "Vibe Check," focusing on Colossians 3:12, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Each day, we focused on one of those attributes, and how to live them out in our daily lives. I am proud to say that in addition to having fun and making memories with new experiences and friends, our confirmation students were excellent role models for their peers, and exemplified service and willingness to help. I got a little sunburnt and am still healing from bug bites, but hey, that's part of the camp experience, right?

Looking ahead, we have several things that I wanted to mention as we move into August and September. There are three things I want to highlight.

- We are going to be collaborating with St. John's Lutheran Church in Beatrice for this year, and will be combining our Confirmation programs. I will make sure to announce to the congregation and public when we have more details to share.
- This month, we are again collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider donating, as we are hoping to surpass our goal of one hundred kits. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- There will be a special meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday August 16th. Please plan to attend, as there are changes to the Constitution that need to be voted on.

And as always, there is more going on than I can post in a single letter. I know that God is continuing to work with and through us in all things. Let us continue to do good work, as the Holy Spirit leads us. So, dearly beloved, I hope to see you here at Holy Cross. Our doors are always open to you. See you soon!

-Pastor James Anderson



SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASSES will not be held during 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 13.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



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 during the summer months and then assembling them on **God's Work, Our Hands** weekend September 12/13.

Please add these needed items 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. Thank you for your gifts to this ministry! Thank you to Shirley Wiens for providing a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card for the purchase of the school bags and to Genell Copas for coordinating this project.

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



GARDEN MARKET IS CLOSED

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Garden Market by donating items or purchasing items. Since it began in the spring of 2024, we have donated \$706 and 350 pounds of produce to the Community Food Pantry. If you have extra produce, you are encouraged to share it at church or take it to the Community Food Pantry. Our thanks to Gail & Denny Russell who set up and coordinated the Garden Market these last two years.

CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATES

Happy Hot Day of July. As I write, today's high is supposed to be over 100 degrees with a heat index of who knows what. As you can guess, my plans are to stay inside today for as long as possible. Hard to believe that we are wrapping up the Summer already but then again as we deal with things at the Church, this year has been a rough one for draining the property budget.

We have had some big projects this year already that were unexpected like the underground sprinkler repair on Garfield Street, kitchen entry way, and just so many other smaller things that have been hard on our budget.

But now we have 2 major things that if we don't do, it's going to be a "Pay me now or Pay me later" sort of thing.

1. On the south side of the church there is about 3 ft between the church and the driveway where water comes off the church roof and is draining down the basement wall on the outside. It is also going to undermine the driveway if we don't do something soon. The permanent solution is to put concrete in that area. If we don't do something before winter, it will be in tens of thousands of dollars to replace the driveway concrete when it starts to crack because water will run under it. It will also cause extensive damage to the inside of the church and the basement wall in the coming years if we don't do something. Right now, we have a bid from Van Zyl Construction LLC to pour 6 inches of concrete between the driveway and the south side of the Church for \$1416.00. Which is by far the cheapest. Next closest bid was \$2500.

2. Remove the Bell from the roof and rewire it to its new site. As you have seen, there is a 2x4 keeping the roof steady right now as the rafters have splintered and the bell will eventually fall through the roof if we don't take it down. We don't know the cost of this yet, however, we will need a boom on a loader tractor or boom truck to take this heavy piece from the roof.

The Proposal that I am making to the Congregation of Holy Cross is to do this by donation as this is something that needs to be done sooner rather than later but right now it's not in the budget to do. If you can help with these projects, please use the envelope in the pews, put your name on it and list your donation as "Property Projects".

If you have any questions or concerns on this, please feel free to contact me or any member of Council.

Thank you,

Larry Kendall
Holy Cross Council President



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Holy Cross Bible Study and Fellowship met on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with seven people attending. The Bible Study is open to anyone wanting to participate. Blanket sewing was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. 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 a.m. and usually finish at 3:00 pm. They welcome anyone to help at any time during that period.

The WELCA Board did not meet in July.

The Saved to Serve event will be held at Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska, August 14 – 16. The service project will involve sorting garage sale items donated by students and making them 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. The registration deadline is August 1.

WELCA “Autumn Renewal” will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Nebraska. The cost is \$20.00, and the registration deadline is September 30, 2026.

Registration forms will be in the Narthex beginning September 1, 2026.

We are collecting items for school kits to be assembled on Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 6, following the worship service. Items we are collecting are:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8” x 10-1/2”, no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpener
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2-1/2” eraser
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers

Our goal is 100, which we surpassed last year. For additional information, please consult the bulletin.

The WELCA Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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

Calendar:

- August 10 - Bible Study and Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- August 12 – Blanket Sewing from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- August 17 – WELCA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Work Room
- September 20 – WELCA Annual Meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room

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

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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. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

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

Plastic Shopping Bags – Sorry we are no longer able to recycle your plastic shopping bags from home. You are encouraged to take them to a retailer that recycles them. Some of the thrift stores will reuse them also.

JUNE 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler

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	\$14,036.50	\$6,650.10	\$6,650.10	\$7,748.82
FEBRUARY	\$7,748.82	\$14,914.97			\$14,114.09	\$800.88	\$7,450.98	\$8,549.70
MARCH	\$8,549.70	\$19,253.23			\$15,767.99	\$3,485.24	\$10,936.22	\$12,034.94
APRIL	\$12,034.94	\$14,877.08			\$15,978.68	-\$1,101.60	\$9,834.62	\$10,933.34
MAY	\$10,933.34	\$17,120.55			\$15,519.59	\$1,600.96	\$11,435.58	\$12,534.30
JUNE	\$12,534.30	\$12,094.04			\$14,997.11	-\$2,903.07	\$8,532.51	\$9,631.23
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$98,946.47			\$90,413.96		\$8,532.51	\$9,631.23

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offerings</u>
June 27/28	13-36	1296.00
July 5	38	\$2946.90
July 11/12	14-39	\$9666.00
July 18/19	15-51	\$2326.95

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$120.00, Holy Cross only-\$25.00, Choir Fund-\$5.00, Matt 25 Fund-\$200.00, Property Improvement Fund-\$2669.74, Food Pantry-\$40.00, Cradle Roll Reimbursement-\$98.33, Synod Assembly Reimb-\$152.60, Facility Use-\$15.30, Mother to Mother (June noisy offering)-\$42.69, Oaks Indian Mission-\$400.00, Insurance Deductible Fund-\$20.00, Thrivent Choice-\$106.00

OUR THANKS to Joyce Haecker, Gloria Paben, Gail Russell and Karla Tranmer for designating their Thrivent Choice dollars this past month to Holy Cross.

CHANGE IN TAX LAW FOR 2026-2028

- Charitable donations - \$1000 per person or \$2000 per couple will be deductible in 2026 - 2028 even if you take the standard deduction and do not itemize. Most people do not itemize and may not realize that they will be eligible for this deduction.
You will need to have documentation of your donations to receive the tax deduction. The financial statement provided to you by Holy Cross after the end of each year will serve as documentation of your donations at Holy Cross. If you use cash for your contributions at church and want to use this as part of your donations for the year, please be sure that you put the cash in an envelope and put your name on it so it can be attributed to you. For all tax issues, please check with your tax professional.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Stacie Renee Brown was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 19. Stacie is the wife of Cody Brown and mother of Kashton and Zane. Her sponsor is Angie Vogel. Welcome, Stacie!

SAVE THE DATE for "*God's Work. Our Hands.*" worship and service opportunities Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12/13.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS UPDATE

Thank you to the following people for sponsoring Thrivent Action cards for a variety of activities in the past few weeks.

- Valora Ideus - A card was used to help with expenses for the recent Pitch Tourney. Thank you, Valora!
- Paul Jobman - Gutter guards were purchased and installed (thanks Paul) on the southeast corner of the church. Funds were also used for roof repair in conjunction with the bell tower project. Thank you, Paul!
- Karen Jobman - A new kitchen microwave has finally been purchased! Thank you, Karen!
- Shirley Wiens - School kit bags are being purchased for our LWR project. Thank you, Shirley!
- Jackie Rinne - BINGO fellowship complete with prizes, pizza and pop is being held on August 9th at 5 pm. Thank you, Jackie!



July 14, 2026

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1918 Garfield St
Beatrice, NE 68310-2633

Dear friends,

It was lovely to be with you for worship the weekend of June 27th & 28th. Thank you for the invitation and for the warm welcome when I arrived.

As I may have mentioned to you, traveling around the state and visiting the congregations of the Nebraska Synod is one of the most enjoyable elements of my call as bishop. My visit to Beatrice was no different – it was good to return to a church I last visited many years ago, and I hope it won't be as long until I can return to Holy Cross.

God bless you as we walk together as the Nebraska Synod: one church, better together!

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Scott Alan Johnson



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Solveig Bischoff
August 3	Dennis Russell
August 5	Kevin Otto
August 6	Willard Rippe
	Jessica Bruguera
August 8	Waylon Chenoweth
	Roma Garrison*
August 11	Larry Cole
	Betty George
August 13	Dorothy Hofeling*
August 14	Leon Voight
August 16	Kodi Higgins
	Micaela Houseman
	June Kreft
August 21	Terri Huls
August 22	Stacie Brown
August 23	Courtney Kendall
August 25	Jody Bohling*
August 27	Beth Baete
August 26	Ana Anderson

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Roma Garrison who will turn 91 on August 8, Dorothy Hofeling who will turn 90 on August 13, and Jody Bohling who will turn 90 on August 25. God's blessings to you all —we wish you a happy and healthy year!!!



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

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 at 402-239-8188 if you are interested or have any questions and for more information about Thrivent Action Team cards.



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 4, 2001	Sommer & Matt Sejkora
August 5, 1967	Pastor Bill & Jane Shaner
August 9, 1997	Duane & Inez Trauernicht
August 10, 2001	Henry & Denise Williford
August 20, 1982	Don & Deb Forke

CONGRATULATIONS to Matt & Sommer Sejkora who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 4, 2001.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henry & Denise Williford who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 10, 2001.

God's blessings to you all. Wishing you many more happy, blessed years together!



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Wilma Knudsen who passed away Thursday, July 9. Wilma's funeral was at Fox Funeral Home on Monday, July 13. We commend Wilma to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Randy Ropers, Lanny Ropers' brother, who passed away July 15, 2026. Arrangements are pending. We commend Randy to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dale Evers, Emma Evers' son and Sharon (Nick) Vrtiska and Shirleen (Bruce) Schwisow's brother. Dale passed away July 18, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. We commend Dale to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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 or ask Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

WORSHIP HELPERS

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

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

Greeters: Roy & Linda Hemmert
Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Shirley Wiens, Betty George
Reader: Linda Hemmert
Communion: Angie Vogel
Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Mary Schuster-Graff
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff
Communion: Joyce Haecker
Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, September 19

Ushers/Greeters: Rhonda Minzel, Les Adams
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Les Adams

Sunday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 26

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Les Adams

Sunday, September 27

Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole
Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family
Reader: Janet Byars
Communion: Jackie Rinne
Livestream: Terri Huls

**Vision Team Meeting
July 16, 2026**

Present: Toni Janzen, Jackie Rinne, Larry Hibbert, Nadine Hibbert, Dallen Johnsen, Bill Behrends, Betty George, Glennys Lienemann, Linda Hemmert, Paul Jobman, Sally Diekman, Tom Karlin, Inez Trauernicht

Dallen J. opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer. Everyone talked about their accomplishments.

Thrivent cards used: Paul Jobman-Bell tower repair/gutter guards, Larry Kendall-Food for Confirmation Banquet, Gail Russell-Provided snacks for litter pickup, Trivia prizes, and refreshments and snacks for Sat. and Sunday services, Valora Ideus-Pitch tournament snacks and prizes, Karen Jobman-Kitchen microwave, Shirley Wiens-Bags and school supplies for LWR school kits, Jackie Rinne-Pizza, drinks and prizes for Bingo night.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2026

1. Pizza/Bingo Party-Feb.
2. Pancake Feed/Church Improvement Committee-Feb.
3. Walking Tacos with Confirmation class-March/Lent service
4. Lutheran Family Service boxes-April
5. Easter Brunch-April
6. Easter Egg Hunt-April
7. Pitch Tournament

OLD BUSINESS

1. The pitch tournament was a success.
2. July 19, there will be a meeting after church to decide if enough people want to go to Branson to Sights and Sounds.

NEW BUSINESS

1. August 9 is Bingo/Pizza Party
2. September 13 - God's Work Our Hands, tentatively an Outdoor Service with a Potluck. Hopefully doing something for Willow Center.
3. Trunk or Treat -October 25, 3-5 with a Noah's Ark Theme
4. Discussed having a new digital sign for the front of the Church.
5. Discussed Christmas candy sacks for Christmas Eve Service.
6. Having a Noisy Offering to help the quilters with material.
7. The next Vision Team meeting is October 15 at 7:00.
8. Discussed having more pitch tournaments.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Church Improvement Team has painted, bought a new table to replace the card tables, a bookcase for the puzzles. The bulletin boards are going to be moved to the east of the Pastor's Office and they will repaint.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Note Taker

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026

Present: Larry Kendall, Tom Karlin, Jeremy Engelman, Kevin Tranmer, Kodi Higgins, and Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Pastor James Anderson

Council called to order at 7:05.

A. We had a reading and a prayer by Larry K.

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Tom K. to approve the agenda.

The motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Kodi H. to approve the June 9, 2026 Council minutes. The motion was approved.

C. Information

1. June 9, Pastor helped plan the church garage sale, June 14, Pastor James baptized Kennedy Rose Beu, daughter of Korey Beu and Olivia White. June 20-21 Pastor was on vacation to lead a summer camp, June 26-28, Pastor was on vacation to help with his Goddaughter's baptism. July 12-17, Pastor James is at Confirmation camp, July 13, Pastor held the funeral of Wilma Knudson, July 19, Pastor James will baptize Stacie Brown, July 25-August 2, Pastor 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, discussed having a tablecloth made to go with the prayer tent for Sat. morning Farmers Market. A motion was made by Kevin T. with a second by Tom K. to buy the tablecloth for no more than \$200. The motion was approved.

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

6. Inez T. Worship, everything is going good.

7. Tom K.-Property/Improvement Committee, discussed putting concrete on the south side of the Church.

8. Pastor James-Mutual Ministry, no report

E. Old Business

1. The 60th Anniversary of Holy Cross was tabled until August.

2. The garage sale was a success, \$2500 was made. Thank you to everybody who helped and donated.

3. The handicap door is finished. The total bill from Hamm Glass was \$4016. and the electrical bill for moving the exit box was \$339.72 with a total of \$4355.72.

\$3000. will be paid by the Synod with a grant that Janet Byers wrote, leaving a balance of \$1355.

A motion was made by Kodi H, with a second by Tom K. to use \$507.72 from the Facility

Use donations and \$848 from Thrivent Choice Dollars to pay for the final amount of the door. The motion was approved.

4. Mission Endowment tabled until the Synod can talk to the council.

5. The bell tower has no new developments. However, a decision needs to be made soon as the roof is not very strong and the bell needs to come down.

F. New Business

1. We discussed who would replace Norma Huls on the Audit Committee.

2. It was discussed if the bulletin boards should be moved to the east of Pastor's office.

A motion was made by Kevin T. with a second by Jeremy E. to move the bulletin boards to the east as room allows. The motion was approved.

3. The Vision Team meeting is July 16, 2026 at 7:00.

4. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Tom K. to approve paying Pastor Jacob Kruger for being our supply Pastor in July. The motion was approved.

5. Aug. 16, 2026 we will have a Congregational meeting to approve the Policy and the Constitution changes.

6. The Beatrice Fire and Rescue Safety Program was discussed.

7. We discussed the bids we have for the concrete south of the church. We have bids from Van Zyl Construction and Collins Construction.

8. A motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Inez T. to have 2 months of Noisy Offering go to the Willow Center in Beatrice and 1 month of Noisy Offering go to the Venezuela World Relief Fund. The motion was approved.

G. Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Jeremy E. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:50. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

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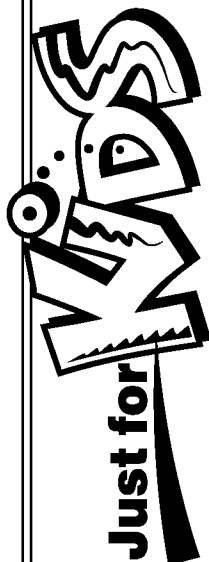
WHOLLY FOOD: Our Wholly Food team meets the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. to prepare casseroles for people who could use uplifting and comfort in the midst of life's struggles. If you know anyone who could use a casserole to brighten their day, please fill out the paper in the jar in the narthex.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

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!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
2 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	3	4 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	5	6 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7	8 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 9:00 a.m. Worship/ 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Memorial & Gifts Team Meeting 5:00 p.m. Bingo and Pizza Night	10 10:00 a.m. Holy Cross Bible Study	11 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	12 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	13 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14	15 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
16 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Special Meeting of the Congregation	17 5:30 p.m. WELCA Board Mtg	18 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	19	20 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside NEWSLETTER articles due 8:15 p.m. N.A.	21	22 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
23 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	24	25 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 3:00 p.m. Wholly Food	26	27 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Ringside 8:15 p.m. N.A.	28	29 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
30 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	31					



“Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation. Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

CODE:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

(Matthew 26:36)

(Genesis 2:15)

(Matthew 4:18)

(Matthew 3:13)

(Exodus 19:20)

(John 4:6)

(Acts 18:2)

(Genesis 11:5-9)

(Daniel 6:16)

(Exodus 16:1)

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