

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

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

(No worship on Saturday, Sept. 12 because of outdoor worship and meal on Sept. 13)

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship

FAITHBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m. Faithbuilders for all 3 year olds through 5th Grade.

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13. This will also be Backpack Blessing Day.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday mornings, 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. The next Adult Bible Study is available to preview on the Holy Cross website. **COMPARE AND CONTRAST JESUS' AND PAUL'S MESSAGE** – we will once again be having Adult Bible Study on the 1st & 3rd Sunday mornings of each month beginning September 6.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY, – Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m., followed by assembly of LWR School Kits and then a meal provided by the church. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, chips and dessert. Come join us for a wonderful morning of worship, ministry, food and fellowship!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAYS OF SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPT. 5 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Wear your Holy Cross “God’s Work, Our Hands” t-shirt or a Thrivent “Live Generously” t-shirt if you wish. There are extra free Thrivent shirts in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be opportunities following worship on Saturday, Sept. 5 (due to there being no worship on Sept. 12) and following worship on Sunday morning, Sept. 13, to work on our Lutheran World Relief School Kits project. Thanks to Genell Copas for coordinating the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project and to Shirley Wiens for sponsoring this project with a Thrivent Action card. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generosity in collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We have enough items for 100+ complete kits and any extra items will be put away for next year.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO: We will be taking a Congregational photo on Sunday, September 13, immediately after worship. Please wear your God’s Work Our Hands Holy Cross t-shirt. If you don’t have that T-shirt a Thrivent T-shirt would be fine. We will also be taking a photo of the people at worship on Saturday evening, September 19.

Pastor's Page

Hello friends!

Oh, my business! There is so much going on. School is back in session, Confirmation classes are starting, school is back in session, we're planning an outdoor worship with a cookout... and did I mention that school is back in session? At the time of writing this, my wife, who is a high school teacher, has just finished her first full week of teaching. My oldest daughter, Marit, is now in fourth grade and is excited to start orchestra and viola lessons. And my youngest daughter, Nora, has started pre-kindergarten, and is loving her new school. In the last few weeks, we have been getting used to the new schedule, which has included the challenge of getting out of bed in the morning. I'd like to send well wishes and the best of luck to all parents and grandparents who share in this endeavor.

Now, at church we have a number of things going on that I wanted to tell you about. The first of which is we are planning a big event. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13th. We will have outdoor worship at 9AM, with a God's Work, Our Hands project afterward. We will be putting together the back-to-school kits that we have been gathering supplies for. As an aside, I would like to thank everyone who donated for their generosity. It has been a joy to see the collection pile grow week after week. And then, after we've completed the project, we'll sit down to a meal together. We'll be providing hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, potato salad and more. So, please join us for worship, service, and fellowship.

Next, I would like to let you all know about the start of our 2026-27 Confirmation program. This year, we will be joining classes together with St. John's Lutheran church in Beatrice. I will be teaching the class on Wednesday nights. Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they grow and develop their faith in God.

And lastly, I would like to make a personal note. My oldest daughter will be having surgery on September 1st. Please keep Marit in your prayers. This is a simple surgery on her back that will help alleviate the pain that she has been feeling. After surgery, Marit will need a few days at home to recover. My wife and I will be taking some time off during the week of the surgery to take care of Marit. Thank you for understanding.

And as always, I can only scratch the surface with my letter. I am so excited for everything that is happening, and everything that is in the works. I believe that God gives us talents and abilities, and that the world needs what we have. There's a lot going on, and I can't wait to see you there. So, until I see you next, please take care of yourself, treat yourselves gently, and remember, God loves you. You are always welcome here at Holy Cross Lutheran, our doors are open to you.

Peace be with you,
Pastor James Anderson



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be Sunday, September 13. Classes will be held from 10:15- 11:00 a.m. Backpack blessing will be on Sept. 13.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Are you interested in helping our youth develop lives of faith? We need your time and talents. Contact Pastor James at your earliest convenience.



PLEASE LET PASTOR JAMES KNOW IF:

- **You or a loved one is going into the hospital or have a serious illness.**
- **There is a birth in the family.**
- **There is a death in the family.**
- **You would like a prayer said for you.**
- **You would like the Pastor to come visit you.**

WEBSITE UPDATES: We will begin working on Website updates in September. Feel free to contact Gail Russell to get your group scheduled for a photo at your next meeting or event.



HEY SINGERS! Come join the choir! Faithful Sounds will begin practice Wednesday, September 9th at 5:45! Come join us for fun and fellowship! Questions? Call Karen Jobman (402)520-0661!

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE has a space at the Saturday Farmer's Market in Beatrice. We have a brochure about evangelism and Holy Cross, a prayer request jar, in person prayer chairs if needed and free water available during these hot summer mornings. If you are interested in being on the Evangelism Prayer group to pray the prayer request slips that are turned in, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We gathered ten prayer requests our first week at the market.

If you have questions about the Evangelical Prayer Group or are interested in helping with future evangelism activities please contact Kevin Tranmer.

BINGO AND PIZZA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Bingo Night was again a popular event with 40+ people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed some new Bingo games (especially the winners) pizza, pop and dessert. Thank you to Jackie and Darrell for picking up the pizza, Larry Hibbert for calling the numbers, and Toni Janzen and Sally Diekman for providing dessert.

Our winners were Terri Huls, Paul Jobman, Betty George, Steve Janzen, Janice Waltke, Sherri DeLong, Roger Ideus, Dallen Johnsen, Genell Copas, and Nora and Marit Anderson, who tied for the last prize. See you all next year!



CAROL JOY HOLLING had their annual Quilt Auction the end of July. Our blanket sewing ladies donated four quilts for a total of \$520.00 and Mary Schuster-Graff donated a quilt she had made which raised \$375.00 for a total of \$895.00 coming from Holy Cross women. Great job, ladies!

(Picture of quilt made by Mary Schuster-Graff)

THANK YOU!

From time to time, it is important to recognize those that go unnoticed and thank the many volunteers who quietly contribute their time and talents to our church.

A sincere thank you to Larry Hibbert, Tom Karlin, and Larry Wolken for helping remove the bell from the roof. Special thanks as well to Troy Koch, who generously provided a skid loader for the project and declined any payment for its use. In the near future, Ray Buss will be building a base for the bell and in the meantime, the bell will be sandblasted and prepared for its new location. Lastly, roof repair will be done where the bell was previously located.

Additional kudos -

Thank you to Larry Wolken for clearing the tall grass around the air conditioning units.

Thank you to Larry Kendall for spraying the parking lot.

Thank you to Paul Jobman for continually cleaning the gutters and downspouts on the southeast corner of the church and for installing the gutter guards.

Thank you to Ryan Vogel for fixing the air conditioner in the Records Office.

ADOPT-A-STREET LITTER PICKUP: Save the date! We will be picking up trash from our area north of Beatrice on Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m.

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.

GARDEN PRODUCE

You are welcome to bring garden produce to share. We will no longer be asking for donations to the Community Food Pantry. Any left-over produce will be taken to the Community Food Pantry

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. 27 items were donated during July. Thank you for your generosity to this ministry!!

EVANGELISM AND YOUR CHURCH

A New Season, A New Opportunity to Share God's Love

September brings a change of season. Summer vacations are coming to an end, children are back in school, and families are settling into fall routines. It is also a wonderful time for Holy Cross Lutheran Church to renew our commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our community.

The beginning of a new season reminds us that God is always doing something new among us.

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” — Isaiah 43:19

Evangelism does not have to be complicated. It begins with relationships. It begins when we notice someone who needs encouragement, welcome a new person, invite a neighbor to worship, or simply tell someone what our faith means to us.

September Is a Time to Invite

As we begin a new church season, consider inviting someone to Holy Cross:

A friend or neighbor who does not attend church. A family looking for a church home. Someone who has been away from church for a long time. A young family with children. Someone who may be lonely or looking for connection. A community member who could benefit from fellowship and service. One simple invitation can make a difference.

This fall, let us look for opportunities to serve families, children, seniors, schools, and others in need throughout Beatrice and the surrounding community.

Our goal is not simply to increase attendance. Our goal is to help people experience the welcome, hope, forgiveness, and love of Jesus Christ.

A September Challenge

This month, I encourage every member of Holy Cross to do three things:

1. PRAY

Pray for one person who needs God's love and encouragement.

2. INVITE

Invite that person—or another friend, neighbor, or family—to worship or a church activity.

3. WELCOME

When someone new comes through our doors, introduce yourself, learn their name, and help them feel at home.

Imagine what could happen if every member of Holy Cross prayed for one person and extended one invitation. God can use ordinary acts of faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary things.

A Prayer for September

Gracious God, Thank You for bringing us into a new season. Open our hearts to the people around us who need Your love, hope, and encouragement.

Give us courage to invite others, compassion to serve our neighbors, and joy as we share the good news of Jesus Christ. Help Holy Cross Lutheran Church be a welcoming place where families, children, young people, seniors, and those who feel disconnected from church can find friendship, hope, and a place to belong.

Use each of us as Your witnesses in our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and community.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Holy Cross Bible Study and Fellowship met on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The Bible Study is open to anyone wanting to participate.

Blanket sewing was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. Blanket sewing is held on the second Wednesday of each month. Eighteen to twenty-two quilts are made each month. All women are welcome to participate in this project. Holy Cross donated 5 quilts to the Camp Carol Joy Holling Quilt auction held on July 25. The quilts raised a total of \$895. 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 met on Monday, August 17. Nancy Johnsen led devotions and prayer.

We are collecting items for school kits to be assembled on Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 13, following the worship services. Our goal is 100, which we surpassed last year. For additional information, please consult the bulletin. WELCA thanks everyone who has contributed items for the school kits.

We will hold a Bake Sale Planning Meeting on Sunday, September 13, at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Peppernut baking and bagging will take place on Tuesday, September 15, from 8:30 a.m. until completion. Lunch will be provided.

The Fall Craft Fair at Indian Creek Mall will be on Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex for volunteers to sign up to help staff the booth. We encourage all members to donate baked goods so we can continue to have a successful fundraiser.

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.

The General meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, 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:

- September 9 – Blanket Sewing from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- September 14 -- Bible Study and Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- September 15 – Peppernut making, baking, and bagging at 8:30 a.m. – completion in the Fellowship Hall. We need lots of helping hands.
- September 21 – WELCA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Work Room
- October 10 and 11 – Fall Craft Fair at Indian Creek Mall. October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and October 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Program is "Riding the Orphan Train" by Charlotte Endorf
- October 10 – NSWOL Autumn Renewal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island
- October 25 – WELCA Annual Meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room

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



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!

THE LIVE STREAM of Holy Cross worship is on our YouTube Channel. To access the YouTube livestream 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.

WHOLLY FOOD: Our Wholly Food team meets the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. to prepare meals for people who could use uplifting and comfort in the midst of life's struggles. If you know anyone who could use a meal 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.

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO YOU THAT YOUR KIDS KNOW GOD?
BECAUSE ONE DAY, NONE OF THE THINGS I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR WILL MATTER.
THE HOUSE WON'T MATTER. THE TITLES WON'T MATTER. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
WON'T MATTER.
BUT MY KIDS WILL.
WHEN I STAND BEFORE JESUS, I DON'T BELIEVE HE'S GOING TO ASK ME HOW MUCH I
HAD OR HOW SUCCESSFUL I WAS. I BELIEVE WHAT WILL MATTER MOST IS THAT I
POINTED MY CHILDREN TO HIM.
I WANT THEM TO KNOW WHERE TO TURN WHEN LIFE GETS HARD. I WANT THEM TO
KNOW WHO TO CRY OUT TO WHEN THEY'RE HURTING. I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT
GOD IS FAITHFUL, EVEN ON THE HARDEST DAYS.
THAT'S WHY I PRAY FOR THEM. THAT'S WHY I TALK TO THEM ABOUT JESUS. THAT'S
WHY I TRY MY BEST TO LIVE MY FAITH IN FRONT OF THEM.
MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD, MY GREATEST PRAYER IS THAT ONE
DAY WE'LL ALL BE TOGETHER IN HEAVEN. NOTHING ELSE ON EARTH COULD EVER
MEAN MORE THAN THAT.

*I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.*

~Philippians 4:13



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!

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 – no worship

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

Saturday, Oct. 3

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, Oct. 4

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins family

Ushers: Roger & Valora Ideus

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Terri Huls, Karen Jobman

Reader: Terri Huls

Communion: Karen Jobman

Livestream: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, Oct. 10

Ushers/Greeters: Rhonda Minzel, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, Oct. 11

Greeters: Russ & Missy Jobman family

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Larry Hibbert; Reader: Paul Jobman

Communion: Toni Janzen

Livestream: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, Oct. 17

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Les Adams

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Les Adams

Sunday, Oct. 18

Greeters: Larry & Keri Kendall

Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Jackie Nielsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin; Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Communion: Keri Kendall

Livestream: Larry Cole

Saturday, Oct. 24

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, Oct. 25

Greeters: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family; Reader: Peggy Johnsen

Communion: Jackie Rinne

Livestream: Terri Huls



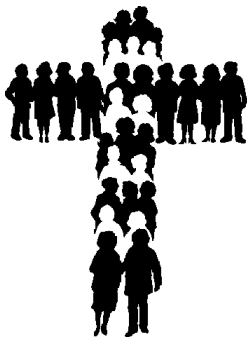
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1 Janet Byars
Matthew Dunker
Dylan George
Gerald Stevens
Karla Tranmer
Sept. 2 Ziel Tut
Sept. 4 J.T. Karlin
Sept. 5 Susan Kreft
Sept. 8 Beth Dunker
Sept. 9 Diane Waltke (Mitch)
Sept. 10 Linda Walz
Sept. 12 Inez Trauernicht
Sept. 13 Bonnie Baete
Xander Otto
Sept. 15 Robert Haecker
Sept. 16 Richard Schnaidt
Frieda Wolken
Sept. 17 Peggy Johnsen
Sept. 20 Gail Russell
Sept. 21 Rita Schuster
Barbara Scott
Sept. 22 Theresa Litterick
Sept. 23 Justin Karlin
Sept. 24 Breanna Janzen
Sept. 26 Carol Fielder

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Frieda Wolken who turns 93 on
September 16. God's blessings to you.
We wish you many more happy and
healthy years!!!

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SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 7, 1980 Larry & Nadine Hibbert
September 14, 1991 Darrell & Jackie Rinne
September 29, 1979 Ken & Deb Sillman



Dear Friends,

As summer continues at Oaks Indian Mission, our campus is full of activity, laughter, and opportunities for the children and families we serve. From summer activities and outings to everyday moments of learning and growth, your support helps make it all possible. Thank you for continuing to stand with Oaks Indian Mission. Your generosity of \$400.00 provides, care, stability, and opportunities that make a lasting difference throughout the year.

The children are having a wonderful summer break. Thank you for your lovely gifts. We are truly grateful for your continued support and prayers.

Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director

Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$100.00 and food donations to the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc. Your gift is sincerely appreciated and will directly benefit the ministry of helping others seeking assistance from the Pantry. The Pantry is solely supported by donations of food, time and monetary gifts. Thank you again for your generous support and making a difference in our community.

The Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.

JULY 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

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	\$21,120.55	(includes \$5000 CD withdrawal)		\$14,519.59	\$6,600.96	\$16,435.58	\$17,534.30
JUNE	\$17,534.30	\$11,094.04			\$13,997.11	-\$2,903.07	\$13,532.51	\$14,631.23
JULY	\$14,631.23	\$16,045.05			\$13,984.11	\$2,060.94	\$15,593.45	\$16,692.17
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$117,991.52			\$102,398.07		\$15,593.45	\$16,692.17

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship Attendance Offerings

July 25/26	46-36	\$1300.00
August 1/2	12-57	\$7403.00
August 8/9	19-48	\$1967.90
August 15/16	11-39	\$1765.00
August 22/23	11-41	\$1386.00

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$150.00, Food Pantry-\$55.00, Garden Market (Food Pantry)-\$20.00, Insurance Deductible-\$20.00, Mercy Meals (Recycled Cans)-\$55.00, Property Projects-\$2360.00, Noisy Offering-Willow Center-\$81.81, Thrivent Choice Dollars-\$184.00
Memorial Fund: Norma Huls Memorial - \$1305.00

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OUR THANKS to Bill Behrends, Roger Ideus, Valora Ideus, Jackie Rinne, and Shirley Wiens for directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

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WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

- ◆ You can put your donation in the offering plate during worship at church.
- ◆ 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.

Holy Cross Lutheran
Church Council
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026

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

Council called to order at 7:08

- A. We had a reading and a Prayer by Pastor James.
- 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 Tom K. with a second by Jeremy E. to approve the June 9, 2026 Council minutes. The motion was approved.
- C. Information
 - 1. Tuesdays in August Pastor James will be hosting the Homestead Cluster Pastor's bible study. August 6 was Mutual Ministry, August 16, the congregation will hold a special meeting to vote on the Constitution. September 13 we will be assembling School kits for Lutheran World Relief and also have God's Work Our Hands and blessing of the Backpacks.
 - 2. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Inez T. to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.
- D. Committee Reports
 - 1. Kodi H.- Finance, all reports look accurate. Memorial and Gifts- A motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Jeremy E. to use \$300. from the Marvin Wolken Memorial Fund and \$100. from the Loren Beran Memorial Fund for a new laptop for the sanctuary. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Jeremy E. with a second by Inez T. to use \$573. from the Jean Trout Memorial for the Property Projects Fund cement project on the south side of the church. The motion was approved.
 - 2. Tom K.- Stewardship, no report
 - 3. Kevin T.- Nominating, Dallen Johnsen will serve as the nominating chair.
 - 4. Kevin T.- Evangelism/Social Ministry, Kevin T. set up a booth for prayer requests at the Farmers Market on Aug. 8 and 15. Have received some Prayer Requests from Aug. 8. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Narthex if anyone would like to be a part of the Evangelism Prayer Chain.
 - 5. Jeremy E.- Youth/Parish Ed. We discussed what to do with Sunday School.
 - 6. Inez T.- Worship, everything is going well.
 - 7. Tom K. Property/Improvement Committee, discussed the roof of the old bell tower and how to fix it so it drains properly.
 - 8. Pastor James- Mutual Ministry, the committee is Mary Schuster-Graff, Pastor James, Paul Jobman, and Larry Cole. They are brainstorming and gathering information on how to improve the Congregation life at Holy Cross.
- E. Old Business
 - 1. Discussed what to do for the 60th Anniversary of Holy Cross. We will have an Outdoor Service on Sept. 13, 2026, with no Sat. night service on the 12th so everyone can attend on Sunday. We will stuff the Lutheran World Relief backpacks after worship and then have a meal with Holy Cross

providing the hamburger and hotdogs.

2. August 16, 2026 we will hold a meeting after the service to approve the constitution changes.

3. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Tom K. to approve paying \$550. to Ray's Welding for making a frame to mount the bell on. The motion was approved.

F. New Business

1. We will be appointing someone to do the announcements and other worship duties when Pastor James is gone.

2. Discussed how much it cost for a Supply Pastor versus a lay ministry person.

3. A motion was made by Pastor James with a second by Tom K. to approve the transfer of Elsie Otto from Holy Cross to the Wymore Church of Christ. The motion was approved.

4. The next Vision Team meeting is October 15, 2026. Everyone is welcome.

5. A motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Pastor James to pay NebraskaSign \$2642.04 for the lettering and repairing the wall. It will say Welcome to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The funds to be determined. The motion was approved.

6. There is no air return in the Sanctuary. Larry Hibbert is getting bids to have returns put in the Sanctuary.

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

1. A motion was made by Pastor James with a second by Jeremy E. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

August 16, 2026

Email vote: A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Jeremy E. to use a Thrivent card to buy the hamburger, hotdogs, potato salad, chips and desserts. The motion was approved. The congregation will not be bringing anything as it will all be provided with a Thrivent card.

do everything
in Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

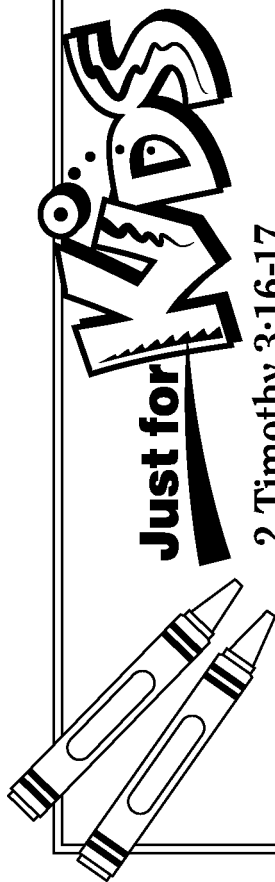
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	2 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (at St. John's)	3 8:15 p.m. N.A.	4 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Michael J's	5 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship followed by LWR School Kits project
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study	7	8 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	9 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 5:45 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (at St. John's)	10 8:15 p.m. N.A.	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Michael J's	12 NO WORSHIP
13 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Backpack Blessing 10:00 a.m. Congregational Picture, God's Work, Our Hands project, Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day, WELCA Meeting Lunch for all	14 10:00 a.m. Holy Cross Bible Study	15 8:30 a.m. WELCA Peppernut Baking & Bagging 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	16 5:45 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (at St. John's)	17 10:30 a.m. Pastor at Homestead House 8:15 p.m. N.A.	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Michael J's NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	19 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship followed by Congregational Picture
20 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study	21 5:30 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting	22 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	23 5:45 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (at St. John's)	24 8:15 p.m. N.A.	25 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Michael J's	26 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering
27 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	28	29 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 3:00 p.m. Wholly Food	30 5:45 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (at St. John's)			

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SEPTEMBER 2026
Assembled with a prayer.



2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper

1 2 3 4

They form the alphabet

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

One who is learning

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

A small test

19 20 21 22

A group of relatives

23 24 25 26 27 28

To offer something

29 30 31 32

Glad

33 34 35 36 37

Group who works together

38 39 40 41

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24 5 27 11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6 21 11 29 2 15

1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15 24 17 15 21 12

20 11 40 23 14 27 23 3 10 13 16 24 38 33 21 17 29

39 9 1 14 4 21 17 29 38 2 10 10 40 38 8 21 17 29

34 17 15 7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29 26 17

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39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11