

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary
Worship (Sanctuary)

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship
(Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Facebook)

WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE IN OUR PARKING LOT
VIA 90.9 FM AND FACEBOOK LIVE FOR THOSE
WHO ARE VULNERABLE OR NOT FEELING WELL.

IN AN EARNEST ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

for God's children the
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council and Pastor
Kathee have prepared these guidelines for those
wishing to attend indoor service:

- Masks will be required.
- Ushers will direct you in and out of the sanctuary to designated pews.
- No shaking hands.
- No singing...but there will be music.
- At this time there will be no Fellowship or Adult Education following worship.
- If you are sick, please stay home.
- You may continue to join in worship by Facebook Live or worship in your vehicle in the Parking Lot. Worship will continue to be broadcast via 90.9 FM for those who would like to continue worshipping outdoors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:00-10:45 a.m. Faithbuilders will
meet in person beginning Sunday, January 10.



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

The 2021 Holy Cross Annual meeting will
be held on Sunday, January 24,
immediately following worship. For those
who choose to not join the meeting in
person in the sanctuary, you may join in
the parking lot. The meeting will be
broadcast via FM radio 90.9. Those joining
remotely will be monitored by a parking
lot usher, sign in, vote by paper ballots
distributed in the parking lot and
sanctuary. When the floor is open to
questions, comments, nominations, etc.,
those in the parking lot may call the church
phone, which will be monitored.

CROSSROADS+

2021! A new year and we are all wondering what it could possibly bring after 2020, or as Time Magazine put on it's cover: Worst year ever. Well, to put it into perspective, maybe in our lifetime it was the worst year ever, but there have been worse years. Yet in all of the worst in our lives, there remains a constant for us as Christians – that our hope rests in the one who was, who is and who is to come - Jesus Christ.

In 2020, at Epiphany (which is on January 6), as we remember the star that led the magi from the East to the Christ Child, those in worship were able to select a “Star Word” for the year. Maybe you still have yours. The idea was that the magi followed the star to find baby Jesus, bringing their gifts. The “Star Word” might in some way guide us closer to God’s presence as well, if we take notice.

This year, since we can’t pass around “Star Words”, why not choose THE Word of God – a Bible verse that you will take with you throughout the year – to see how THE Word might guide you and bring you closer to God. Put it in a place to see it every day. Then see how the Holy Spirit guides, reveals, encourages.

Choose your own verse, maybe your confirmation verse, or I would be glad to give you suggestions as we begin 2021 with hope.

God, we acknowledge that we are not always ready to receive your best gifts for us. It is often our habit to turn aside, stumble over, or even reject experiences and encounters that we later understand to have been precious gifts.

Help us to be open to the gifts that you offer us through your Word, and to receive them from you with gratitude. We pray that your Spirit will enable us to live to live with intention and faithfulness. Amen.

Adapted from An Epiphany Prayer from <https://revgalblogpals.org/star-words/>



In Christ’s Mission that we share in this New Year,
Pastor Kathee



There will be no Faithbuilders on December 27 or January 3. Classes will resume January 10. At this time we are planning on meeting in-person from 10:00-10:45 a.m. If circumstances change, we will let you know.
Hope to see you all there!

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated to the Caring and Sharing Tree projects this year—Penpals and gift cards for Mosaic residents and ELCA World Hunger—Good Gifts. Your generosity to the ministries we support bring blessings to many people!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the Christmas baskets. Thank you, also, to Glennys Lienemann for making gift cards to include with the baskets!

THE MATT 25 PROJECT

In 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering, our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone's future. In Matthew 25,



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there is a story about a man who gives money to his 3 servants and goes travelling. When he returns, two of his servants have used their talents and wisdom to grow the money. God provides us with opportunities to help others and by doing so we are serving Him. He wants us to use our talents and passions to make the world a better, more loving place in His honor. With this story in mind, we were inspired to create a college scholarship for a financially needy student.

God has guided our youth group to see this scholarship project through and this is a project we are very passionate about. We hope to be able to provide this scholarship every year.

The Matt 25 Scholarship is accepting donations anytime from now until April 1. Our goal is to raise \$500 for this scholarship. Due to COVID-19, we felt it best to do donations this year in lieu of a fundraiser. We hope to resume our fundraiser again next year. Thank you for your continued support of this scholarship!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA



May this new year bring you many blessings! WELCA will not be having its annual January soup luncheon due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will have Hope Circle on January 11th in the fellowship hall with safety precautions being followed. We will not have a Board Meeting in January. The new WELCA booklet will be available for pickup in January.

Happy New Year!
Jody Helton, WELCA President

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ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS are due by Tuesday, January 5. You can leave your items at the church office or email them to smahleris@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your timely reports!

OUR NEW ADDRESS DIRECTORY will be printed in January after the Annual Meeting. If you have an address or phone number change before that, please let Sandy know.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Country Cookin'. For more information or for a ride contact Ferdie Kimminau at 331-276-7380.

FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING: Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers food and monetary donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. Special need items at this time are: Coffee, Tea, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice A Roni, Flour, Sugar, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo. 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. 14 items were donated at the end of November. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes. When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached this goal eight times so far! Our thanks to Terri Huls and Gloria Paben who add the receipts up and submit them to Spartan Nash Co. and to all of you who keep your receipts and put them in the collection box in the narthex! We have started over again and are at \$102,885.00

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Plastic Shopping Bags - Used to make sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Aluminum Cans - Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. There are collections barrels outside the kitchen entryway.

Computer Ink Cartridges - Proceeds go to the Matt 25 Project Fund. Sorry - we are no longer able to recycle toner cartridges. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

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

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facebook.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON by liking our Holy Cross Group Facebook Page, which can be accessed from the website www.holycrossbeatrice.com.

NOVEMBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Ames-Woolsey and Kathy Volle

2020	NOVEMBER	Year to Date
Income	\$11,016.65	\$167,785.56
Expenses	\$13,880.28	\$144,721.36
Balance	-\$2,863.63	\$23,064.20

2020 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$9,613.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,685.85	-\$3,072.26	-\$3,072.26
FEBRUARY	-\$3,288.40	\$11,094.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,651.09	-\$2,556.90	-\$5,629.16
MARCH	-\$5,845.30	\$24,396.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,058.26	\$11,338.55	\$5,709.39
APRIL	\$5,493.25	\$17,212.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,688.09	\$4,524.55	\$10,233.94
MAY	\$10,233.94	\$19,789.40	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$12,919.96	\$6,619.44	\$16,853.18
JUNE	\$16,853.18	\$19,826.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,731.39	\$7,094.61	\$23,947.79
JULY	\$23,947.79	\$17,345.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,228.53	\$4,116.59	\$28,064.38
AUGUST	\$28,064.38	\$17,613.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,735.75	\$3,877.88	\$31,942.26
SEPTEMBER	\$31,942.26	\$9,236.82	\$0.00	\$1,231.00	\$13,040.68	-\$5,034.86	\$26,907.40
OCTOBER	\$26,907.40	\$10,640.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,101.48	-\$2,460.57	\$24,446.83
NOVEMBER	\$24,446.83	\$11,016.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,880.28	-\$2,863.63	\$21,583.20
TOTAL		\$167,785.56	\$0.00	\$1,481.00	\$144,721.36		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship	Attendance	Offerings
Dec. 2	18	\$ 65.00 Midweek Advent Service
Dec. 5/6	13-29	\$2942.00
Dec. 9	14	\$ 145.00 Midweek Advent Service
Dec. 12/13	11-26	\$2320.90

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$80.00, Holy Cross only-\$292.00, Thanksgiving-\$50.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$405.00, Food Pantry-\$60.00, Poinsettias-\$45.00, ELCA Good Gifts-\$120.00.

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 online.....
 - Apps make life easier. With Give+ you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
 - Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
 - Make one-time or recurring donations using your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
 - Log in or donate as a guest.
 - To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.
 - Or, go to the Holy Cross website, holycrossbeatrice.com, and click on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page.





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 or Carol Karlin at 402-223-3992, 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, January 2

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey

Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, January 3

Ushers: Chris & Bonnie Baete

Reader: Bill Behrends

Saturday, January 9

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, January 10

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Reader: Dianne Cole

Saturday, January 16

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, January 17

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

Reader: Burley Copas

Saturday, January 23

Ushers: Adonna Otto, Renee-Griffeth-Splitter

Reader: Dennis Russell

Sunday, January 24

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Reader: Joyce Haecker

Saturday, January 30

Ushers: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Gail Russell

Sunday, February 31

Ushers: Gene & Austin Wolken

Reader: June Seitz

Saturday, February 6

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey

Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, February 7

Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Gloria Paben

Reader: Gloria Paben

Saturday, February 13

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Berlita Grell

Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, February 14

Ushers: Roger & Helen Huls

Reader: Terri Huls

Wednesday, February 17

Ushers: Richard & Lynn Pomajzl

Reader: Rebecca Behrends

Saturday, February 20

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Jurgens

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, February 21

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Wednesday, February 24

Ushers: Jeanette Vitosh, Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Denny Russell

Saturday, February 27

Ushers: Tom & June Seitz

Reader: June Seitz

Sunday, February 28

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Reader: Angie Vogel

Thank You

DEAR FRIENDS: We threw a big birthday party recently for the handful of kids celebrating birthdays these past few months-and what a time we had, staff as well as kids. There was a real sense of joy about the festivities, which included gifts and games and food. Of course, what's a birthday party without cake! When things were quieting down and the clean-up commenced, one of the birthday boys, Darnell, make a point of crossing the room to thank me and the rest of the staff for everything. What music those two words are to the soul: thank you. So thank you for your gift of \$100.00, which helps create moments like the one just described, inspiring a spirit of gratitude in a grateful now seventeen year old. Thank you, dear friends, for each and every one of your ever faithful gifts—what a difference each and every one of them makes here at the Oaks Indian Mission. Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director

DEAR HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH: Thank you so much for your gift of \$150.00 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 gracious support.
- The Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Jan. 1 June Seitz
Jan. 2 Roxine Weichel
Jan. 3 Tena Behrens*
Stacie Bruns
Jan. 3 Tom Seitz
Jan. 4 Robert Jurgens
Jan. 5 Gale Buss
Steve Rippe
Jan. 6 Liberty Sejkora
Shirley Wolken
Jan. 7 Anna Pike
Carole Weber
Jan. 8 Diane Waltke (Elmer)
Jan. 10 Kasha Gartner
Taylor Garton
Keri Kendall
Lonnie Litterick
Jan. 11 Glen Baete
Jan. 12 Susie Brown
Zachary Schmale
Jan. 13 Diane Otto
Jan. 14 Pastor Kathee
Jan. 15 Vi Kimminau
Jan. 18 Joyce Parde*
Clayton Wells
Jan. 19 Sydney Brauer
Jan. 20 Lorella Matulka
Jan. 21 Richard Pomajzl
Jan. 22 Eli Miller
Jan. 27 Cohen Buhr
Jan. 31 Kathy Baete

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Tena Behrens who will celebrate her 97th birthday on January 3...
Joyce Parde who will celebrate her 86th birthday on January 18...
God's blessings to you both—may you have a happy and healthy year!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 2, 1999—Pastor David & Anne Frye
January 10, 1976—Dennis & Gail Russell (Happy 45th!)
January 10, 2016—Jordan & Whitney Grabouski
January 23, 1982—Randy & Brenda Johnson
January 24, 1975—Dallen & Nancy Johnsen



He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

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REMOVAL OF THE GREENS – Removal of the Greens will be Sunday January 3 at 10:00 a.m. The stable and the outdoor nativity scenes will be removed when the weather allows. Please contact Tom Karlin if you would like to help with the removal of nativity scene outside. Your help is appreciated.



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 20120**

Council met by Zoom: present – Bill Behrends, Tom Karlin, Ryan Vogel, Dallen Johnsen, Norma Huls, Pastor Kathee Forrest, and Joyce Haecker.

A. Call to order: 7:00p.m. by Tom Karlin

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: Persisting in Midst of Difficulty

C. Agenda:

1. Dallen J. made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition to new business. 2nd by Bill and motion approved.
2. Motion was made by Bill B. and a second by Ryan V. to approve the council meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

D. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee referred to her report. Motion by Tom K. and a second by Ryan V. to use 50% of the Thanksgiving eve offering and the Midweek Advent offerings to help with Bethany Walker's tuition and 50% for the food pantry. While pastor is on vacation, Pastor Suzanne Howe will take emergency calls. Jody H. will be the Supply Pastor. Joyce H. made a motion that she be paid the supply pastor fee as suggested by the guidelines of the NE Synod which would total \$250.00. Seconded by Dallen J. and motion was approved. Pastor will have 2 candlelight services Christmas Eve—5:00 p.m. with the children's Christmas program by Zoom and 7:00 p.m. traditional service. Individual battery-operated candles for the candle light service have been purchased.
2. Motion made by Joyce H. and a 2nd by Ryan V. to approve the treasurer's report.
3. Covid-19 considerations: Will continue with the indoor services – wear masks, keep socially distanced.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial – Some discussion of upcoming budget. Stewardship—offering envelopes have been ordered. Nominating—had meeting, making progress on filling positions. Parish Education—working on Christmas Program to be done on Zoom & recorded which will be shown at 5:00 Christmas Eve service Worship—will not always have an assisting minister nor acolytes for now. Property –Some leakage at the Kitchen entry, has been repaired. Memorials & Gifts, Evangelism & Social Ministry, Youth, Mutual Ministry—no report.

F. Unfinished Business:

1. Documentation has been sent in for the paycheck protection program which should be forgiven. No word about the small business loan on whether documentation needs to be submitted.
2. Will contact the contractor about electronics to be installed which haven't been completed.
3. Will have a basket on Christ King Sunday for donations for the Matt 25 scholarship.

New Business:

1. Sharing & Caring tree – will have ELCA good gifts again, can purchase small gift cards for Mosaic residents.
2. Have not yet received new insurance proposal from Church Mutual, can expect about a 12% increase

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Bill B. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dallen. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:37.

Presented by Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</i> </div>					1 8:00 p.m. N.A.	2 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
3 9:00 a.m. Worship— Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Facebook No Faithbuilders	4	5 ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS DUE	6	7 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:00 p.m. N.A.	8 8:00 p.m. N.A.	9 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
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A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

Fairchild, Mary. "Christian New Year's Poems." *Learn Religions*, Sep. 3, 2019, learnreligions.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098.

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