

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Inspiring People to Serve Christ"

MARCH 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 congregational 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 each Sunday morning.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

You Shall Love the Lord Your God

Wednesdays March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Holy Cross Sanctuary and on Facebook Live.

This series is grounded in the Shema from Deuteronomy 6 which in Hebrew means "hear" and the encounter between Jesus and the scribe in Mark 12. The scribe comes to ask Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answers, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" (Mark 12:28-30).

Everyone will receive a beautifully printed copy of the Shema, which is suitable for framing. If you are joining via Facebook Live and would like one, please call the church office.

Midweek Lenten offerings will be divided between the Matt 25 Project and Holy Cross.

Palm Sunday—Saturday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday—Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.

Easter—Sunday, April 5, 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.

(More details will be in coming bulletins)

CROSSROADS

Here we are, well into the 40 days of our Lent journey from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. The number forty is found often in the Bible. It is a time of fulfillment of God's purpose, a time of challenges. I joined the Faithbuilders the first Sunday of Lent, along with Jackie Nielsen and Toni Janzen. We did some math and talked about the many places the number 40 appears in the Bible. Here are a few:

In Genesis 7, God sent Noah and his family in the ark for 40 days and 40 nights. In Exodus 16, Moses and the Israelites ate manna for 40 years! That's a lot of manna! And Jonah told the people of Ninevah that God sent him to tell them that in 40 days they would be overthrown, and they believed God and God had mercy on them. For 40 days Jesus was in the wilderness.

The number forty in the Bible is a time of fulfillment of God's purpose. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA reflects in her Lent message: "It's an important time in the church's life, and also for each individual believer. A time for us to go deeper into scripture, to spend some time in self-examination and reflection; a time for prayer. It's a good discipline as we prepare for the great mystery of our faith: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter itself."

As we consider the Lenten disciplines, many are "taking on extra projects or giving something up and that's good!" There are many ways as a congregation or individually that we can do this. For example, helping our community, Holy Cross continually supports the community food pantry in kind or financially, as well as the **Matt 25 Scholarship** that will be given to a Beatrice High School Senior this year. Around the world we gather for Lutheran World Relief hygiene kits (information on page 5) and a special offering March 8th for the ELCA International Women's Leaders Initiative.

Yes, it is good! But as we consider taking on extra projects or giving something up, Bishop Eaton concludes with this thought: "...but lest Lent become another work or a burden to me or to others, I want to share this prayer my spiritual director gave to me. It's just this:

Good and gracious God, open to me the desire to desire what you desire for me.

Simplicity is also a good thing in Lent: in prayer, action, and self-reflection. Open to see where the Holy Spirit is leading you on your journey.

In Christ's mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee





take
care of the
sick
CLOTHE
the naked
Welcome
THE STRANGER, VISIT THE PRISONER
WHATEVER YOU DID TO ONE OF THESE LEAST
brothers and sisters of mine
you did for
me
FEED THE HUNGRY
take
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THE MATT 25 PROJECT

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Donations are being
accepted for The Matt
25 Project anytime
from now until April 1.

Our goal is to raise \$500.00 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!
In 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering, our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone’s future. In Matthew 25, there is a story about a man who gives money to his 3 servants and goes travelling. When he returns, two of his servants have used their talents and wisdom to grow the money. God provides us with opportunities to help others and by doing so we are serving Him. He wants us to use our talents and passions to make the world a better, more loving place in His honor. With this story in mind, we were inspired to create a college scholarship for a student with financial need.
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.
- Angie Vogel

Faithbuilders classes meet in-person from 10:00-10:45 a.m. each Sunday. If circumstances change, we will let you know. Hope to see you all there!



CONGRATULATIONS to Cohen Buhr and Kierra Higgins who were confirmed on Sunday, February 14. Please keep them in your prayers.

Confirmation Classes

CONFIRMATION: We begin this Bible Year on Zoom and will be using videos from BibleProject.com. There are so many resources on this website, including very well-done videos explaining all sorts of Bible topics. We will begin with the videos: “What is the Bible?” And “The Story of the Bible.” There are also Bible studies and a daily reading plan so that you can read the Bible in a year. You get the plan in your email box. Pastor Kathee is using the plan – please give her a call or email to see what it’s all about! All these wonderful resources are free and available on their website.

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ALL NEW! WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY – As the Body of Christ we are all given abilities for the good of our community and congregation. There are many people in our congregation who have the gift of helping with worship technology. And there are those ready to show them the way. If you use a Smart Phone, you are already on

your way to Facebook Live worship videos. If you are familiar with a computer keyboard and church bulletin, you can show PowerPoint. If you have created any document in Microsoft office, Oh Yes! You can create a worship Powerpoint! If you read this and the Spirit is prompting you to say yes to learning more please contact Dallen Johnsen for Facebook Live and Gail Russell for PowerPoint.



GOOD NEWS FROM BETHANY WALKER: On the Road to Ordination Step 70: Graduating Debt-Free

Seminary education costs more than \$60,000. With only one tuition bill left to pay I am humbled to say I will be able to graduate without debt! Many, many people and congregations began this seminary journey with me back

in 2016 with the commitment to help me financially. Others joined me along the way. Luther Seminary granted me a trustee scholarship. The Nebraska Synod and the Northwest Synod of WI granted me funds. The people are too numerous to name but you all know who you are. The congregations span three states including the people of Bethany Lutheran, Grantsburg, WI, Kings Valley Lutheran, Osseo WI, Osseo Evangelical Lutheran, Osseo WI, Immanuel Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, Holy Cross Lutheran, Beatrice NE,

St Johns Lutheran, Beatrice NE, Messiah Lutheran, Aurora NE, St Pauls Lutheran, Grand Island NE, Faith Lutheran, Durand WI, Rock Creek Lutheran, Rock Falls WI, St Mark Lutheran, Sioux City, IA I have truly been prepared to be a pastor for God's people by God's people. These churches and so many individuals have been committed to raising up and supporting this leader for the church. Thank you!

(and you can stop sending money now! 🙏 or better yet redirect it to another budding pastor! 😊)



IT'S GARDEN PLANNING TIME

After the recent cold weather, we are all getting more excited for spring. If you plant a vegetable garden, it's time to order your seeds and perhaps start some seedlings inside. As you are planning, please consider planting a little extra for the Community Food Pantry. **They welcome fresh produce!** The Food Pantry is

open on Mondays and Thursdays to drop off your produce. Just put it in a cardboard box and it is quick and easy to drop it off. Although we hope things will be getting back to normal this summer, it was easy to do a contactless drop off of produce last summer and fall.



Prepare for A Season of Hope: Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in Lent

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1-3

This season of Lent, Holy Cross will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits. Each week, please bring in the featured Kit item at worship or call the church to drop off during the week so that we can reach out as Christ's healing hand in the world. LWR is very short of these kits at this critical time of pandemic.

First Week of Lent – February 20/21: One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.

Second Week of Lent – February 27/28: Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (3-5 ounces each) 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars.

Third Week of Lent – March 6/7: One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used. Do not provide toothpaste; it will be provided by LWR.

Fourth Week of Lent – March 13/14: One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging.

Fifth Week of Lent – March 20/21: One metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packing

Palm Sunday – March 27/28: Any items that we are short of (we'll let you know through bulletins and email!)



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.



INSTALLATION OF HOLY CROSS LEADERS: The following elected church leaders were installed at our February 7 worship service with God's blessings and our thanks for their servant leadership:
2021 HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL: Tom Karlin-President, Dallen Johnsen-Vice President, Joyce Haecker-Secretary, Kodi Higgins-Finance Leader, Matthew Ames-Woolsey-At Large, Ryan Vogel-At Large.

2021 NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS: Mission Endowment: Dianne Cole, June Seitz; Nebraska Synod Assembly Delegates: Jody Helton and Rose-Ann Parde; Alternates: Renee Griffeth-Splitter and Terri Huls. Nominating Committee: Bill Behrends, Norma Huls, Rebecca Behrends, Darlene Folkerts, Renee Griffeth-Splitter, Inez Trauernicht

2021 WELCA OFFICERS: President-Jody Helton, Vice President-Sheryl Harrington, Secretary-Rebecca Behrends, Treasurer-Nancy Johnsen, Mission Action-Genell Copas, Circle Co-Chairs-Dorothy Hofeling, Joyce Haecker
COUNCIL-APPOINTED HOLY CROSS CO-TREASURERS Robert Ames-Woolsey and Kathy Volle, installed on October 4, 2020, and Financial Secretary, Gloria Paben, continue to serve in 2021.

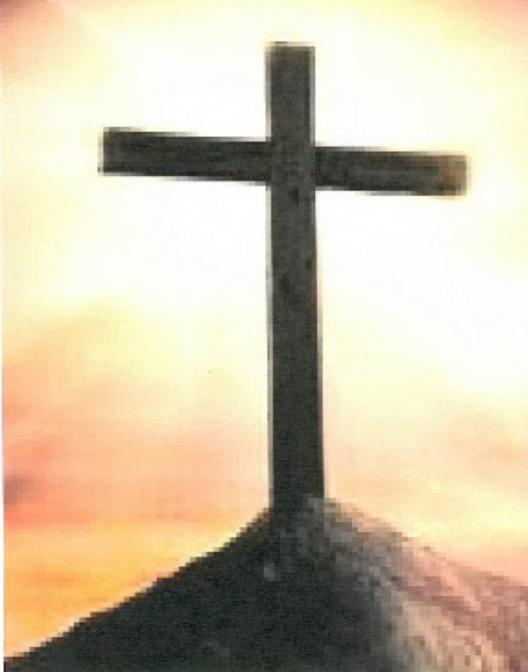
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Jones Jae Grabouski, daughter of Jordan & Whitney Grabouski, was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, February 6. Jones was born December 22, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska and her sponsors are Brandon & Kate Spanjer and Josh & Crystal Houseman. God's blessings to you, Jones, and welcome to your church family at Holy Cross!

GOD'S BLESSINGS to Rylie Kreft who has completed her First Communion instruction and received First Communion on Saturday, February 6. God's blessings be with you, Rylie!

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Pastor Douglas Allen who passed away Saturday, January 16. His memorial service will be held at a later date. We commend Pastor Allen to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Franklin Belt, Franklin (Ashley) Belt's father, who passed away February 23. Franklin's funeral service will be held March 1 at the Cutler O'Neill Meyer Funeral Home in Council Bluffs. We commend Franklin to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

YOU ARE INVITED to experience the "Stations of the Cross" at Centenary United Methodist Church:



Stations of the Cross
Join us for a self-paced meditation and reflection experience based on the traditional stations of the cross.

Centenary United Methodist Church, Dining Room
Wednesday, March 31- by appointment
Thursday, April 1- 3:00- 9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 2 -3:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 3- by appointment

Groups of 8 or more are asked to make an appointment.

This is a free event and open to all ages and abilities. Younger children may need an adult to help them read.

Completing all the stations takes about 45 minutes.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

Due to the weather and extremely low temperatures of February, WELCA was unable to meet after 2 different attempts. Hope Circle will meet on March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship for our March Bible Study which will conclude our study of angels. Please note if you are on the WELCA Board that due to Spring Break, we will have a meeting at 6:30 on March 8th prior to our Hope Circle Bible Study. Blanket sewing will also continue as scheduled.



Peace+

Jody Bures-Helton
WELCA President

NEEDED: Our women who sew blankets every month for Lutheran World Relief are in great need of sheets – any kind, any size, any color. Bring them along to church any weekend or drop off at the office any Tuesday or Friday



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, March 14. On Saturday, March 13, be sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed!

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 is 3/31/2020. If you are an eligible Thrivent member please consider directing some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. You can do it online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt. If you have any questions you may contact Thrivent or the church office.

OUR THANKS to Pastor Kathee for directing Thrivent Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church this past month.

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: Sweet Potatoes, Saltine Crackers, Graham Crackers, Chicken Broth, Turkeys or Hams, Cereal, Chicken Helper, Canned Pumpkin, Pie Filling. 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 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 \$130,636.00.

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.

THE COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET at First Christian Church, Beatrice, is in need of gently worn coats, especially children’s coats. Sweatshirts, scarves, gloves and sweaters are also accepted. Take them to First Christian Monday-Thursday 9-noon and 1-4 p.m. or bring them to Holy Cross and put them on the hangers on the hallway coat rack marked “COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET” and they will be delivered. Thank you!

THE POWER OF PRAYER: If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com or fill out a prayer slip found next to the prayer box located on the rack in the narthex. Thank you and God’s blessings!



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!

Wednesday, March 3

Ushers: Gene & Austin Wolken
Reader: June Seitz

Saturday, March 6

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey
Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, March 7

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Bill Behrends

Wednesday, March 10

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen
Reader: Gloria Paben

Saturday, March 13

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Berlita Grell
Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, March 14

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Reader: Burley Copas

Wednesday, March 17

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Saturday, March 20

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, March 21

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Reader: Joyce Haecker

Wednesday, March 24

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Dianne Cole

Saturday, March 27

Ushers: Adonna Otto, Steve Rippe
Reader: Gail Russell

Sunday, March 28

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel
Reader: Angie Vogel

Thursday, April 1

Ushers: Chris & Bonnie Baete
Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Friday, April 2

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Bill Behrends

Saturday, April 3

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey
Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, April 4, 7:00 a.m.

Ushers: Dallen Johnsen
Reader: Terri Huls

Sunday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Dianne Cole

Saturday, April 10

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Berlita Grell
Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, April 11

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Reader: Burley Copas

Saturday, April 17

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, April 18

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel
Reader: Angie Vogel

Saturday, April 24

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Jurgens
Reader: Dennis Russell

Sunday, April 25

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen family
Reader: Jackie Nielsen





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- March 6, 1981 Richard & Lynn Pomajzl
- March 6, 2004 Josh & Crystal Houseman
- March 20, 1998 Ron & Kathy Volle
- March 23, 2001 Kyle & Kimberly Bahnsen

- Mar 1 Lorraine Hoyle
- Mar 2 Whitney Grabouski
- Mar 3 Janet Cooper
Shawnee Ford
Sherman Skala
- Mar 4 Tiffani Bayless
Billy Buss
- Mar 5 Sydney Sejkora
- Mar. 6 Adalyn Smith
- Mar 10 Sara Buss
Jon Zimmerman
- Mar 12 Charlotte Belt
Keith Meeske
Tracy Otto
- Mar 15 Brian Brauer
- Mar 16 Dwayne Garrison
Ferdie Kimminau
- Mar. 17 Renee Griffeth-Splitter
Jay Kreft
- Mar. 18 Anne Frye
- Mar. 19 Bristol Parde
- Mar 22 Carson Bagwell
Sheryl Harrington
- Mar 25 Chris Paben
Sommer Sejkora
Mitch Waltke
- Mar 26 Dawson Zimmerman
- Mar. 31 Cole Miller

Dear Friends,

Looking back upon this past year, we here at the Oaks Indian Mission give thanks to God for seeing us through the many challenges that 2020 posed. Not the least of which, of course, was living with the constant threat of Covid-19. We had a few positive cases here on campus, but no hospitalizations. Neither staff nor kids became seriously ill. Though, the two week quarantines no doubt took a certain emotional toll.

Through it all, partners in ministry like you have helped keep this Mission strong and financially prepared for the demands of 2021, our childcare program as solid as ever, with the opportunity to explore ever new ways to bless each and every child we have been called to serve. Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 that makes this possible.

Thank you so much, dear and faithful friends, for keeping the Oaks close as we begin a new year... it is support such as this that keeps this ministry doing what it has so graciously done for hundreds of years now!

Shine, Jesus, Shine!
Rev. Don Marshall
Executive Director

Special Birthday Greetings to:
 Dwayne Garrison who will turn 85 on March 16....
 Ferdie Kimminau who will turn 86 on March 16...
Our best wishes to you for a year of happiness, health and blessings!



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021**

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

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

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: “Imitating Christ’s Humility”

C. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. to approve the agenda with a second by Bill B. Motion was approved.

2. Motion made by Dallen J. and a second by Bill B. to approve the council meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

D. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee referred to her report. A motion was made by Dallen J. for the transfer of Nick & Jessica Parde family to Bethlehem Lutheran at Crete, NE and Carolyn Saville to a local church in Colorado. A second by Ryan V. and motion was approved.

2. Motion was made by Joyce H. and a 2nd by Bill B. to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

3. Covid-19 considerations: Will continue with services with the same previous guidelines -- wearing masks and social distancing. Council will discuss again at the next council meeting.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial – Have received change for noisy offering. A suggestion was made that these funds be added to the Matt 25 scholarship fund. Memorials & Gifts -- received a gift of \$300 from Chuck Brown’s memorial.

Stewardship—Had a fall program planned but because of Covid, will post-pone until next year. Nominating –

Ballot has been completed to be presented at annual meeting. Evangelism & Social Ministry – Devotional

booklets are expensive but think they are important so will continue to order them. Parish Education –

Faithbuilders have started in-person classes although for now only a few are attending. Property – Stable has

blown over and will need to be repaired or replaced. Youth, Worship and Mutual Ministry – no report

F. Unfinished Business:

1. A letter has been sent requesting a refund less the cost of 2 cables to the company for the parking lot electronics.

2. Rachel Kurtz concert had been cancelled, discussed the possibility of rescheduling by Zoom after Easter.

G. New Business:

1. Discussed the agenda for the annual meeting and instructions of how members that prefer to stay in the parking lot can still participate with the meeting.

2. Would like to celebrate in some way for the church’s 55th anniversary.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord’s Prayer

Bill B. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dallen J. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned with Lord’s Prayer at 8:05.

Presented by Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2021**

1. Declaration of a Quorum by Tom Karlin - (Confirmed, Communing, Contributing -- 162 x 15% = 25 members present to declare a quorum -- 36 members present - quorum declared.) Meeting called to order at 10:05AM.
2. Opening with a Litany and prayer by Pastor Kathee.
3. Tom Karlin presented the agenda for the meeting. Bill Behrends made a motion with a second by Dallen Johnsen to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
4. Pastor's Report - Pastor Kathee referred to her written report. She stated this last year was awful, yet wonderful. Thanked the congregation and leaders with helping with parking lot and Facebook services which will continue for now.
5. Secretary's report - Joyce Haecker read the Secretary's Report from the January 24, 2020 annual meeting. Dallen Johnsen made motion to approve the secretary's report and a second by Larry Cole, motion was approved.
6. Treasurer's report - The Treasurer's report was presented by Norma Huls. Thanked Solveig Bishoff for her years of service and the new co-treasurers are Robert Ames-Woolsey and Kathy Volle. Had applied for the paycheck protection program which was approved and this also contributed with ending the year with a higher positive balance. Asked for any questions from the floor and there were none.
7. Audit Committee Report. The Audit Committee of Holy Cross met on January 20, 2021 to audit the treasurer's records for 2021 for Holy Cross and WELCA and found them to be correct.
8. Other committee reports - Refer to the annual report.
9. Presidents report - Tom Karlin referred to his report. Stated this past year was a very impressive year, thanked the congregation and the council for the extremely busy year.

New Business:

- A. Nominations and Elections - nominations were opened from floor.
Church Council (2 year term): Mathew Ames-Woolsey, Kodi Higgins, Tom Karlin), Mission Endowment (3-year term) vote for 2: Dianne Cole, Jackie Rinne, June Seitz, Travis Spilker. Nebraska Synod Assembly Voting Members (1 year term): Jody Helton and Rose-Ann Parde. Synod Assembly Alternates: Need 2, nominated from floor: Terri Huls and Renee Griffeth-Splitter. Nominating Committee: 1 year term (Need 4 plus 2 outgoing council members (total of 6): Rebecca Behrends, Darlene Folkerts, Renee Griffeth-Splitter, Elsie Otto, Inez Trauernicht, Kathy Volle. Council Members - Bill Behrends, Norma Huls. Ballots were passed out. After ballots were counted: Mission Endowment Committee new members: Dianne Cole and June Seitz. Nominating Committee: Rebecca Behrends, Darlene Folkerts, Renee Griffeth-Splitter, Inez Trauernicht, Bill Behrends and Norma Huls. Other positions filled by nominees as on the ballot. Pastor Kathee thanked the nominating committee as had more folks than minimum needed for some positions for the first time since she had been here.
 - B. Proposed budget for 2021 - Norma Huls presented the proposed 2021 budget. Norma explained budget items that showed an increase or decrease. Asked for questions/discussion. Motion by Burley Copas, seconded by Ferdie Kimminau to approve the 2021 budget. The motion carried.
 - C. Would like technology worship assistants. A new I-pad had been purchased for Facebook Live.
10. Adjournment: Motion made by Nancy Johnsen and seconded by Bill Behrends to adjourn. Motion carried.
 11. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, Meeting ended at 11:06
- Submitted by Joyce Haecker, Council Secretary

(Minutes to be approved at January 2022 Annual Meeting)

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Following Annual Meeting
January 24, 2021**

A meeting of the 2021 Church Council was held immediately following the annual meeting.

Present: Tom Karlin, Dallen Johnsen, Matthew Ames Woolsey, Joyce Haecker, and Pastor Kathee Forrest

Absent: Ryan Vogel and Kodi Higgins

The 2021 Church Council officers were selected:

Tom Karlin, President

Dallen Johnsen, Vice President

Joyce Haecker, Secretary

Kodi Higgins, Finance Leader

Ryan Vogel and Matthew Ames-Woolsey – Council members at large

The church council will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 11 at 7:00

The meeting was adjourned.

Presented by Joyce Haecker
Council secretary

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JANUARY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Ames-Woolsey and Kathy Volle, Co-Treasurer

	2021	JANUARY	Year to Date
Income		\$15,007.02	\$15,107.92
Expenses		\$12,369.21	\$13,758.12
Balance		\$2,637.81	\$1,349.80

2021 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$15,007.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,369.21	\$2,637.81	\$1,349.80
TOTAL		\$15,007.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,369.21		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Faithbuilders

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Jan. 30/31	17-39	\$2964.00	5	\$5.00
Feb. 6/7	47-31	\$2045.90		
Feb. 13/14	10-36	\$3132.00		
Feb. 17	27	\$284.00		
Feb. 20/21	14-33	\$1753.00	5	\$10.00

Other offerings/donations include:

Benevolence-\$160.00, Holy Cross only-\$1005.00, Initial Envelope Offering-\$28.00, Food Pantry-\$80.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$100.00, Souperbowl (Food Pantry)-\$232.00, Lent-\$40.00, Matt 25 Fund-\$10.00. Reimbursement from WELCA-\$120.18.

Memorial Fund: Mark Jobman Memorial-\$1625.00

MARCH 2021

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 Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30 Confirmation via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	4 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	5	6 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Masks and Social Distancing are required for all worship services and meetings held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.						
7 9:00 a.m. Worship— Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Facebook 10:00-10:45 Sunday School	8 6:30 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	9	10 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 5:30 Confirmation via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	11 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 6:30 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	12 8:00 p.m. N.A.	13 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
14 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Confirmation— Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Facebook 10:00-10:45 Sunday School	15	16	17 5:30 Confirmation via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	18 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	19 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	20 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
21 9:00 a.m. Worship— Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Facebook 10:00-10:45 Sunday School	22	23	24 5:30 Confirmation via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	25 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	26 8:00 p.m. N.A.	27 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
28 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship— Sanctuary, Parking Lot, and Facebook 10:00-10:45 Sunday School	29	30	31 5:30 Confirmation to Centenary Stations of the Cross	<i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</i>		

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and few self-centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgement of others.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

*In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen*