

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary

Worship (Sanctuary)

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

(Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Facebook)

Our Outdoor Worship this month will be held on June 20. (Chairs will be provided)

FAITHBUILDERS

Faithbuilders' Sunday School classes are on break for the summer. Check inside for information on Vacation Bible School to be held August 1-6.



NEBRASKA SYNOD ELCA

YOU ARE INVITED to watch the Nebraska Synod Assembly on the PowerPoint screen in the sanctuary at Holy Cross on Saturday, June 5. The assembly will be from 9:00-3:00 and you are welcome to come watch any or all of it with Pastor Kathee and our delegates Rose-Ann Parde and Jody Helton. It will end with a Closing Prayer and Sending and Rite of Recognition and Certification of PMAs approximately between 2:30 and 3:00. More information and links to the schedule and how to watch the assembly is on page four of this newsletter.



ALL-CHURCH SUMMER GAME NIGHTS AT HOLY CROSS

How about a game of Uno, Scrabble or your favorite? Join us for a game night at Holy Cross – everyone is invited to have a night of fun and Pastor is serving hot fudge sundaes!! Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (June 9, July 14 and August 11)



ADOPT-A-STREET LITTER PICK UP will be Saturday, June 5. Please meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Your help is much appreciated – the more hands we have, the faster it gets picked up! Check with Bill Behrends if you have any questions. Thank you

CROSSROADS+

“As we gather may your Spirit work within us. As we gather may we glorify your name.” (based on Hebrews 10:25)

It seems almost as quickly as we came to a screeching halt in March 2020 because of the Covid pandemic, we are once again gathering together thanks to vaccines that are readily available here in Gage County, which have reduced the number of Covid cases. While we remain always vigilant, I am so thankful that I was invited to again lead devotions in May at Whispering Winds and Homestead House and to bring communion to our home-bound.

With a little adaptation, this year’s confirmation class was able to meet in person to have a “picnic” meal with family and council representatives as they shared their faith statements. I must admit, it has been quite emotional for me – seeing everyone face-to-face rather than on Zoom! I thank God for the vaccines – even though I get a little squeamish with all the television spots showing people getting shots in the arms – squeamish but thankful.

We celebrated Pentecost and Confirmation Day in person – having a processional with the young people being confirmed and laying hands on each of them during their Affirmation of Baptism. Hallelujah! (Yes, I did hand sanitize between each one, but honestly I think that was more out of habit.)

We are entering into a post-Covid world and I wonder what that will mean. One thing for sure, we will continue to share our worship services on Facebook Live. But the bottom line is that there is no better way than to gather together in person to worship God and be sent out to love and serve our neighbor.

Speaking of gathering, look for information on a fun, new way of gathering suggested by the confirmation class: Summer Game Night! On the second Wednesdays of June, July and August we invite everyone to the Fellowship Hall, bring your favorite card or board games and have some fun – oh, and I will be serving hot fudge sundaes!

In Christ’s mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



Sunday School classes will not be held during June, July or August. Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at Vacation Bible School!

**ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WITH CENTENARY, HOLY CROSS, AND FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

August 1, 2021 — August 6, 2021

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

608 Elk Street

Beatrice, NE 68310

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Great News! The registration website is up and running! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/55d41c>. We will also have it posted on our website.

More Great News! There will be a preschool class this year!

Anyone entering preschool through grade 5 is invited to attend. There is no charge to attend VBS.

Volunteers (youth entering grade 6 and up and adults) should register on the same website as the participants. Volunteers do not have to attend every day of VBS. Please indicate your availability on the form.

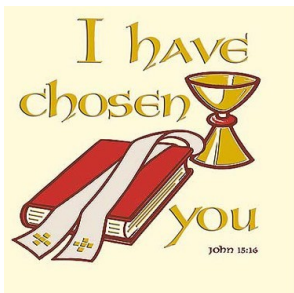
There are paper copies of the Volunteer sign up and the Participant Sign up in the narthex if you would rather not sign up online.

These are some of the ways that help is needed:

- 1) Decoration/ Prep only (not able to attend VBS)
- 2.) Station Leader
 - Imagination Station
 - KidVid Cinema
 - Games
 - Bible Adventures
- 3.) Crew Leader (travel to each station with a family group)
- 4.) Preschool
- 5.) Kitchen
- 6.) Photographer and Spotlight Slideshow.

Looking forward to a great Vacation Bible School!





Bethany Walker, a former member of Holy Cross, will graduate from Luther Seminary on Sunday, June 6, and will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA on June 26. The people of Holy Cross are invited to sign a card that is on a table in the Narthex through June 13. The congregation is gifting Bethany with a bright and beautiful green stole that can be used throughout the many weeks of ordinary time in the church calendar. WELCA made a selection through MayaWorks. MayaWorks partners with over 125 low income indigenous women in the central highlands of Guatemala. Seventy percent of these artisans are Cakchiquel Maya and thirty percent are Tz'utujil Maya. In addition, seventy percent come from extremely poor and remote hamlets of the Chimaltenango and Sololá areas. We are also sending water from our baptismal font poured on Pentecost Sunday which she will add to water from other ministries that have formed her faith and place these waters in the font at her ordination. If you would like to send personal greetings to Bethany, her address is: N1006 910th St., Mondovi WI 54755



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The link to the Synod Assembly webpage with information and schedule is:

<https://nebraskasynod.org/events/events-directory/2021-nebraska-synod-assembly.html>

Items on agenda include:

9:00 a.m. Opening Worship

9:45-11:45 a.m.—Assembly Session (voting and reports)

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lunch Break with continuous showing of ordination anniversary honorees, those retired in the past year, plus videos of Serving Arms and other ministries

12:15-3:00 p.m. Assembly Session II (including Lay & Rostered Leadership Education, ELCA Churchwide Video, Bishop Brian Maas Annual Report & Q&A responses, Announcement of Elections, Voting)

2:50 p.m. Closing Prayer and Sending & Rite of Recognition and Certification of PMAs

3:00 p.m. Assembly Ends

(Please note—these will be approximate times)

You can also watch online from the Synod Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/Nebraska Synod](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaSynod)

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Del Wiemers who celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his ordination on May 23. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is: Pastor Del Wiemers, PO Box 97, Diller, NE 68342. Pastor Del will be honored through the Nebraska Synod Assembly ordination anniversary honorees video presentation on June 5 from 11:45-12:15.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA is now on our summer schedule. The next Hope Circle will be held on June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Blanket sewers continue working hard throughout the summer as well. Don't forget...the WELCA Southeast Spring Gathering is being held on Sunday, June 27, in DeWitt. Registration Deadline is June 20.

We are having a Golden Age Recognition on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 at Holy Cross. There will be a sweet treat for all members 70 and older that they can pick up after worship that weekend. Those members not able to attend worship will have their sweet treat delivered. This is being brought to you by a Thrivent Action Team grant allowing us to recognize those "golden agers" in our congregation.

Have a safe and happy summer!
Jody Bures-Helton, WELCA President

2021 SPRING WELCA GATHERING—THEME: CREATION AND PRAISE: The 2021 Spring Gathering for the Southeast District of Nebraska WELCA will be held June 27, 2021 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 209 N Quince St, DeWitt. Registration forms are in the narthex. They are due by June 20th.

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate for the in-kind offering, we will have a box in the narthex and take the items to DeWitt.

Items needed are:

Mother to Mother Ministry: diapers (all sizes, pull-ups), wipes, kids' clothes sizes 0-8, baby items, formula cans, baby food, gift cards to restaurants, movies, haircuts, etc, monetary donations

DeWitt Food Pantry: paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, macaroni & cheese.

Recycle opportunity: We will be collecting used cell phones for Hope Crisis Center—a resource for victims of domestic violence. The phones are given to clients who need them so they can call 911 if necessary.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

We need your help! Tom Karlin is again leading a team to do repairs for "God's work. Our hands" Sunday in early September. Know of anyone who might need some help around the house? Please give your recommendations for work projects around the home of members, the family of members or even the friends of members (with their permission) by calling the church office or emailing holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com.

Projects could include something as small as replacing a dripping faucet, deck or porch repair, or painting of a home or room. The projects will be reviewed for the skills and ability of members to complete as "God's Work. Our Hands." projects.

CURBSIDE PLANTING

Curbside plantings also known as hell-strips are among the most challenging places to maintain, but with this challenge comes a great opportunity. We will be planting native perennials and annuals around the mailboxes on our property along Hoyt Street. Currently this area is bare ground. This area will be a challenge because herbicide has been used around the mailboxes for several years to prevent weed growth. But what an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors across the street! Also, a great opportunity to show our community and visitors to our community what can be done with a curbside planting of native plants as they travel to Hannibal Park.



This area will also be a challenge because it is hot and dry. By selecting plants that will thrive in hot dry locations, we can improve our chances of success. We plan to use some grasses including little bluestem, prairie dropseed and blue grama. We also plan to use some native perennials including goldenrod, prairie clover, coreopsis, coneflower, milkweed, gayfeather and others. We plan to add compost with each plant rather than add compost and work it into the soil.

We need volunteers for this project to adopt each mailbox site. This would include:

Contact the individual or family who owns the mailbox and explain the project. Ask them to water the plants 1-2 times weekly for the first growing season.

Help us plant the area.

Water the area if the mailbox owner does not want to.

If you are willing to volunteer for this project you may indicate which neighbor on Hoyt Street you want to contact. Please contact Denny or Gail Russell to volunteer.



INTERESTED IN A BLUEBIRD BOX?

The boxes and poles are available through Bluebirds across Nebraska <https://bbne.org>. Price is about \$13-17/box depending on what style you select. The order form is available online and there are a few copies on the table in the narthex. To save shipping, you can make arrangements to pick them up from Steve Eno in Raymond or Denny Russell will pick up a group order for anyone from Holy Cross. **Contact Denny with your order by June 1** and they should be available by June 5/6.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

(If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know. Thank you.)

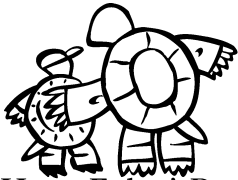
June 1 Josh Houseman
Donna Johnson
June 2 Gloria Paben
June 4 Kylie Belt
June 5 Rose-Ann Parde
June 6 Darlene Folkerts
June 8 Mackenzie Higgins
June 10 Sandy Mahler
Bethel Riens*
June 15 Brookelynn Bahnsen
June 17 Nichole White
June 19 Gerin Zimmerman
June 20 Kierra Higgins
Misty Higgins
Ruth Siems
June 21 Gary Harrington
June 22 Makenna Higgins
June 23 Robert Ames-Woolsey
Ruth Legacie
June 24 Sharon Vrtiska
June 25 Darrel Freitag*
June 26 Olivia White
June 28 Jackie Rinne
June 29 Dianne Cole
June 30 Merle Ideus
Matthew Jobman
Journey Keck

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

GREETINGS to:

Bethel Riens, who will be 89 on June 10 and to Darrel Freitag who will be 86 on June 25.

God's blessings to you—may you have a happy and healthy year!



Happy Father's Day

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

-- Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist



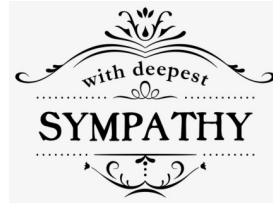
JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 2, 2001 Sherman & Linda Skala
June 5, 1955 Clarence & Joyce Parde*
June 20, 1969 Tom & Carol Karlin
June 23, 1979 LeRoy & Darlene Folkerts
June 23, 2001 Russell & Michele Jobman
June 27, 1992 Eric & Pastor Kathee Forrest
June 29, 1996 Greg & Jody Helton
June 29, 1968 Donald & Norma Huls*

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- Clarence & Joyce Parde who will celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary on June 5.
- Greg & Jody Helton who will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 29.

May God bless you with many more happy years together!



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Elmer Waltke who passed away Sunday, April 25. We commend Elmer to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



FACEBOOK: There is a link on the Holy Cross Website (www.holycrossbeatrice.com) that will take you to the Holy Cross Facebook page. It is constantly being updated with new pictures and items of interest. You do not have to join the Holy Cross Group on Facebook to view the pictures or announcements. If you do join our group you will receive a notification whenever new announcements or photos are posted. Invite your Facebook friends to join!

Find us on 



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, June 5

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey
Reader: Susie Brown

Sunday, June 6

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Rebecca Behrends

Saturday, June 12

Ushers: Neil & Beth Dunker
Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, June 13

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Dianne Cole

Saturday, June 19

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann
Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, June 20

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Reader: Burley Copas

Saturday, June 26

Ushers: Duane & Inez Trauernicht
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, June 27

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Reader: Gloria Paben

Saturday, July 3

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

Sunday, July 4

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Reader: Joyce Haecker

Saturday, July 10

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Adonna Otto
Reader: Susie Brown

Sunday, July 11

Ushers: Roger & Helen Huls
Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Saturday, July 17

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann
Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, July 18

Ushers: Gloria Paben, Rondi Mettscher
Reader: Gloria Paben

Saturday, July 24

Ushers: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Gail Russell

Sunday, July 25

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen
Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Saturday, July 31

Ushers: Duane & Inez Trauernicht
Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, August 1

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen family
Reader: Jackie Nielsen



APRIL 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Ames-Woolsey, Treasurer

	2021	APRIL	Year to Date
Income		\$15,579.74	\$57,542.83
Expenses		\$11,833.89	\$52,688.61
Balance		\$3,745.85	\$4,854.22

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	\$12,573.25	\$2,433.77	\$2,433.77
FEBRUARY	\$2,433.77	\$16,263.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,330.50	\$1,932.70	\$4,366.47
MARCH	\$4,366.47	\$10,692.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,950.97	-\$3,258.10	\$1,108.37
APRIL	\$1,108.37	\$15,579.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,833.89	\$3,745.85	\$4,854.22
TOTAL		\$57,542.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,688.61		

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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.



With deep gratitude we thank all who support Christ's mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Our ministry continues to make a difference in the world by supporting so many ministries locally, nationally and around the world.

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Faithbuilders</u>	
			<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
April 24/25	- 62	\$1735.00	7	\$10.00
May 1/2	15-46	\$3923.00	13	\$10.00
May 8/9	19-38	\$1818.90		
May 15/16	13-35	\$2399.00		
May 22/23	10-50	\$1367.00		

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$160.00, Holy Cross only-\$502.00, Church Van-\$1200.00, Food Pantry-\$185.00, NA Facility Use-\$10.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$100.00, Mother to Mother Ministry-\$20.00, Copies-\$3.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00

Memorials: Keith Meeske-\$105.00, Kathy Volle-\$10.00



THANK YOU to everyone who "Made a Mother's Day" during May in support of Mother-to-Mother Ministry! Other ways to help are:

- Like Mother-to-Mother/Burwood Book Facebook Page to keep up with the latest news.
- Volunteer a couple of hours a week at Burwood Books. Proceeds from Burwood Books sales benefit Mother-to-Mother Ministry!
- Donate a gently used purse, wallet, phone case, men's satchels for the fall "Purses and More

Online Auction."

- Refer families to Mother-to-Mother, for tangible needs, family activities, as well as support through a caring network of people.

DEAR HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH - Matt 25 Scholarship

I am so thankful for your support in my education. I feel very blessed to have people in my community that believe in me. I plan to study Social Sciences Education at Wayne State College and start teaching after that. Without your support, college would have been a huge financial burden. Thank you so much for your support and hope in me. I cannot thank you enough for your help in my future—thanks for your generosity and may God bless you! - Haley Price

DEAR HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH—Matt 25 Scholarship

Thank you so much for the \$500 scholarship! It helps so so much! I apologize for being unable to attend service last Sunday. I was working at Good Sam. I am beyond thankful to even be able to have these opportunities to apply for your scholarship. I will forever be grateful for receiving the Matt 25 Scholarship from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. This scholarship helps me get one more step closer to becoming an athletic trainer! Thank you! BHS Graduate Averil Kolb

THANK YOU for your \$250.00 gift to support Mission Field Nebraska! (congregation's gift for Nebraska Synod Assembly offering). The number of lives touched by your gifts is hard to calculate—but it's a larger number than you'd imagine. People you will never meet know that there are other people who care. More importantly, they know that there's a God who cares, who cares for them, especially in their time of need; a God who acts through you to help meet their needs.

On behalf of all those touched by your gifts, and on behalf of all of us who get to be your partners in that great work, please hear my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, your faithfulness and your support. May God bless you and yours richly throughout 2021 and beyond! Sincerely yours in Christ, Brian D. Maas, Bishop

THANK YOU for your generous gift of \$133.48 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts and Kits get into the hands of a person who needs it. With your help, we have delivered Quilts and Kits to families in Mozambique whose communities were utterly ravaged by Cyclone Idai. For refugee families, your gift means so much. A School Kit can make the difference between getting an education or missing out. A Personal Care Kit helps families provide for basic hygiene needs, freeing up precious resources. Quilts help families through cold winter nights. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept my heartfelt thanks once more for your gift and all that it will do. Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO

DEAR FRIENDS—Thank you so much for your gift of \$864.37 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!

DEAR FRIENDS—Thank you for your gift of \$220.00 which helps create the opportunities for Easter to be shared, again and again, among the children we serve. Can't thank you enough for your ever faithful support, helping see us through a pandemic, etc... How blessed we are for having the partnership of a loving congregation like Holy Cross! What a blessing your gift of in-kind items are! Such gifts are crucial in saving this Mission valuable operating funds, as well as just adding another touch to the ministry here, enriching the lives of kids. What a nice & asty gift—thanks for thinking of our sweet tooth here, friends! The kids are enjoying the goodies... Blessed be the Lord of all! Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director, Oaks Indian Mission



“for any group of people to achieve anything of greatness, there must be those within it willing to lead; to help a group discern why it’s to move, where it’s to go, how it’s to get there; and to motivate it to make the journey.” Deacon Sunni Richardson, Director for Leadership Development LEADERSHIP in the church:

A few years ago, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, south of Hay Springs in the Panhandle, faced a difficult decision: whether to remain open or to close. At a congregational meeting, the decision was made to remain open-by a vote of 8 to 7. With no means of calling a pastor, the congregation turned to neighbor Pam Anderson, a Parish Ministry Associate (PMA). The PMA program was pioneered by Nebraska and Central States Synods nearly 30 years ago. It prepares individuals for roles of service and leadership in the church through a certificate program of theological studies. PMAs serve as active members of congregations, volunteer or paid church staff, pulpit supply preachers, and on occasion as interim or long-term ministry leaders for congregations. On a visit just before the pandemic, there were over 50 people in worship at St. Peter’s and the spirit was lively. By raising up leadership in the church through PMAs, the Nebraska Synod makes mission possible.

For more of the story of St. Peter’s and PMA Pam, go to the Nebraska Synod website.

And if you’d like to explore how you might become part of the PMA program, visit the Nebraska Synod website, go to News and Resources, and select For Those in Discernment.

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 non-perishable items are deeply 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. 16 items were donated to the Food Pantry in April. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

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.

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.

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!

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021**

Council began for the first hour at 6:30 with Leadership training presented by Matthew Ames-Woolsey.

Council: present -- Tom Karlin, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Matthew Ames-Woolsey, Ryan Vogel, Robert Ames-Woolsey, Pastor Kathee Forrest, and Joyce Haecker.

Council meeting called to order 7:40 pm by Tom Karlin.

B. Opening Prayer by Pastor Kathee

C. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. with a second by Ryan V. to approve the agenda and motion carried.
2. Motion made by Matthew W. and a second by Pastor Kathee to approve the council meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

D. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. Will have graduation recognition on April 25th. April 24/25 is a special day of recognizing PMA's in worship. Will plan a special recognition celebration for Jody H. when she is certified; however, she is booked for pulpit supply through June.

Robert A. presented the financial report. Dallen J. made motion to approve the financial report with a second by Joyce H. Motion was approved.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial – Expenses this last month were higher than income. Memorials & Gifts—Team had a meeting and asked council for suggestions. Tom K. is able to purchase a good speaker system with amplifier for \$800.00 which can be used for outdoor services as well as indoors. Had a \$600.00 donation that could be applied for this. Tom K. made a motion to approve this purchase with a second by Dallen J. Discussion on whether to add Pastor's name to the outdoor sign. Other changes need to be made and the frame needs painting. Pastor's name could then be added if there is space. The play set needs to be replaced and possibly money from Memorials & Gifts could be used.

Stewardship – plan on having a meeting soon. Evangelism/Social Ministry – Dallen J. now has a team for Facebook Live and is providing training. Since Mother's day is in May, suggested having ingathering of diapers, wipes, or monetary donations for Mother-to-Mother ministry through May. God's work, Our hands day is September 12th.

Some discussion of possibly having a cook-out that day. Youth/Parish Education – Had Easter Egg Hunt for the Faithbuilders. May want to advertise the Easter Egg hunt more next year and invite young folks from the community. Worship – for outdoor services just use the wafer and maybe have wine with the wafer the first Sunday. Special cups with wine & wafer could be ordered. Property – had flooding in the basement. Gutters were plugged. Will need screen covers on the gutters. A suggestion that funds could be requested from Memorials & Gifts. Also, the rope on the flag pole needs to be replaced. Mutual Ministry – Karen J. and Jackie R. have agreed to be on the team. Nominating – no report

F. Old Business:

1. Will meet again to discuss worship methods
2. Dallen J. will check on selling the van.
3. Council books were updated.

G. New Business:

1. Synod Assembly will meet by Zoom. An offering of \$250.00 will be sent to the NE Assembly Convention.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Matthew W. seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship @ Country Cookin’ 8:00 p.m. N.A.	4 8:00 p.m. N.A.	5 9:00 a.m. Adopt-a-Street Litter Pick Up 9:00-3:00 p.m. Nebraska Synod Assembly 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	7	8	9 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 7:00 p.m. All Church Game Night	10 9:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship @ Country Cookin’ 7:00 p.m. Council 8:00 p.m. N.A.	11 8:00 p.m. N.A.	12 4:00 p.m. Natalie Brauer/Zachary Coffin Wedding 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	14 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	15	16 <div>- Pastor Kathee on vacation June 16—July 7 -</div>	17 9:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship @ Country Cookin’ 8:00 p.m. N.A.	18 Newsletter Articles Due 8:00 p.m. N.A.	19 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship <div></div>	21	22	23	24 9:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship @ Country Cookin’ 8:00 p.m. N.A.	25 8:00 p.m. N.A.	26 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship /Noisy Offering
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27 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 3-7 p.m. WELCA Spring Gathering @ Trinity Lutheran, DeWitt	28	29	30	<div>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</div>		
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Recipe for fatherhood

A man who wishes to be a great Christian father should consider the following:

- A. Let your children see that you treat your own parents with love and respect. Honor them.
- B. Let your children see that you love your heavenly Father.
- C. Show in various ways that you love their mother. A loving home is a secure, stable, supportive home where each person is treated with tender loving care.
- D. Listen to your children. Put down the paper, turn off the television, leave the computer and frequently ask what is going on in their lives.
- E. Plan and execute trips and recreational activities together.
- F. Take part in school, scouting, musical and drama activities with them. Praise sincerely whatever contribution the child has made to the event.
- G. Make your home cheerful. Tell funny stories and laugh. Laughter at the table creates a happy environment.
- H. When your children ask for it, give your best advice, but don't complain when they don't follow it. The school of hard knocks is still relevant.
- I. Take them to worship regularly. The church helps provide guidance, stability and unity for families. And God can seal together the family that honors Him.