

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

1918 Garfield Street, Beatrice, NE 68310

Phone: 402-228-3172

E-mail: holycrosselcbeatrice@gmail.com

Website: holycrossbeatrice.com

Pastor: Kathee Forrest (kathee.forrest@gmail.com)

Administrative Secretary: Sandy Mahler (smahleris@gmail.com)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., T, TH; 8:30-2:30 F.

Organists: Nadine Hibbert, Denise Lenners

"Inspiring People to Serve Christ"

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

(Outdoor Worship the 3rd Sunday of each month)

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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to Jody Bures-Helton who has completed her studies and was officially received at the June 5 Nebraska Synod Assembly as a Certified Parish Ministry Associate!! (See celebration details on page 2)



SUMMER GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited!

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

This is for all members and any friends you'd like to bring along. Play Uno, Scrabble, or bring one of your favorite card or board games. Everyone is invited to have a night of fun and fellowship. Bonus: Pastor is serving hot fudge sundaes!! Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (July 14 and August 11)



CROSSROADS+

In Memoriam - As I am writing this, Eric and I are preparing to travel to a memorial for his mother, Luella, who died on Christmas Eve, as we were in quarantine from Covid-19, but also in isolation from one another. It was just a strange time, and I am fully aware, especially now, of how so many who mourned loved ones that died during Covid had to choose from options that we would not have imagined. For Eric's mom, we watched her funeral on Facebook, and the pastor read great scripture and preached a sermon of resurrection hope, yet, it was not the same as gathering to mourn with others. So we will be at the graveside with his sister and brother on a hot southeast Florida day – in fact it will be the day Luella was born 96 years ago, and we will pray, read scripture and hear once again the resurrection promise – oh, and sing Amazing Grace *a cappella*.



July Celebration - July is the month of my ordination anniversary, and I remember that day 6 years ago! What a day – the end of my studies and the beginning of my call to Holy Cross. Never would I have expected this journey before May 2009! Me? A Pastor? Yet I am always aware that we all have different calls in this world – all valued and important as the body of Christ for the sake of the world. One friend felt a call to uplift fair trade and started a shop in her garage. And for Jody Helton, she felt the strong call to become a Parish Ministry Associate. Now, two years from the beginning of that call, with lots of hours of study and many papers written, Jody is a Parish Ministry Associate. It will be a good day on July 25th as we celebrate her Certification as a PMA! Please mark that date on your calendar and join together for worship and stay for brunch to celebrate.

God calls each of us by name into a life of ministry and service.

God gives each of us gifts and talents to be developed and used.

God sends each of us out with the good news, God's message of love and forgiveness. (from the celebration worship liturgy for worship on July 25th!)

In Christ's Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee Forrest



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!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Celebrating Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost Day, May 23, were Kylie Belt, Austin Hein, Cole Karlin and Logan Kreft. Your family in Christ wishes you the very best as you start the next step in your journey of faith!



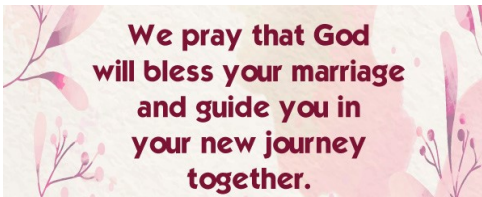
WOMEN OF THE ELCA



July's Hope Circle will be held on Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us! You are also invited to join in Blanket Sewing on July 14, 9 am-3 pm. Come for however long it works for you. The Quilt Auction at Carol Joy Holling Camp will be held Saturday, July 31, with the live auction beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will also be silent auction online bidding and a delicious luncheon served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction for more details.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the WELCA Spring Gathering ingathering for Mother to Mother Ministry, DeWitt Food Pantry & Hope Crisis Center.

Jody Bures-Helton, WELCA President



CONGRATULATIONS to Natalie Brauer and Zachary Coffin who were married at Holy Cross on Saturday, June 12. May God bless the two of you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness.



THANK YOU all for the card and speaker for my graduation.
Nolan Bahnsen

Dear Friends,

We're springing into summer here at the Oaks Indian Mission and, slowly but surely, recovering some semblance of normal campus life, after well over a year of threats from Covid-19. We trust that you are experiencing a similar sense of liberation.

As with the start of any "normal" summer, our kids are gearing up for some experiences in the great outdoors. In addition to summer school and Boys and Girls Club field trips, the older kids will be attending camp at Sky Ranch in Colorado and the younger group staying closer to home, enjoying all the amenities at New Life Ranch here in northeast Oklahoma. Both are being generously underwritten by donors, the Vogel family of Denver and Beaubien family of Tulsa.

These are opportunities that support of the Oaks provides kids—special, memory-making moments in their young lives that shape their futures in such positive, faith-filled ways. So it is we give thanks for your gift of \$130.00, which makes all this, and so much more, possible.

What a joy your support is for us here at the Oaks, friends! What opportunities it opens for our kids... providing not only help with the necessities, but some extras as well!

Blessed be our life together in Christ!

Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director



SYNOD AMBASSADORS: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER!

Did you miss the Synod Ambassador training on March 4? If you would like to serve as someone who helps connect your congregation with the larger church or helps invite people to consider if God is calling them to ministry, you can still sign up to be a Synod Ambassador! Please contact the church office if this is something you would be interested in or if you have questions.

PARKING LOT WORSHIP is still available on Sunday mornings, but please let us know you will be in the parking lot by leaving a message on the church phone 402-228-3172 so our ushers find you with bulletins and communion.

OFFICE HOURS are Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-3:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30-2:30 p.m. Our answering machine is checked every morning and afternoon if you wish to leave a message on other days.

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. **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 - Aluminum Cans - Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Please put cans outside in the barrels in the enclosure east of the kitchen. Lids open easier if grabbed with both hands on front dimples.

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!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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 Norma Huls at 402-223-3184, 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, July 3

Ushers: Robert Ames-Woolsey

Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, July 4

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

Reader: Burley Copas

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

Saturday, August 7

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Susie Brown

Reader: Susie Brown

Communion: Susie Brown

Sunday, August 8

Greeters: Chris & Bonnie Baete

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie & Kylie Belt

Reader: Bill Behrends

Communion: Rebecca Behrends

Saturday, August 14

Ushers: Neil & Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, August 15 (Outdoor Worship)

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

Reader: Burley Copas

Communion: Burley Copas

Saturday, August 21

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, August 22

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Rondi Mettscher

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family

Reader: Angie Vogel

Communion: Rondi Mettscher

Saturday, August 28

Ushers: Tom & June Seitz

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Tom Seitz

Sunday, August 29

Greeters: Lanny Ropers, Marvin Wolken

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Jeanette Vitosh

Reader: Dianne Cole

Communion: Jeanette Vitosh





JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Logan Kreft
July 5	Joyce Jurgens
July 8	Melanie Laflin
July 9	Natalie Brauer
July 10	Jolene Pike
July 12	Matt Brommer
July 13	Steve Garton
	Cole Karlin
July 15	Ron Martin
July 17	Kendall Hein
	Bailey Ideus
July 19	Norah Bruguera
July 19	Franklin Belt
	Bryce Karlin
July 20	Pastor Doug Allen*
July 24	Helen Huls
July 25	Becky Smith
July 26	Sally Diekman
	Tony George
July 28	Jeanette Vitosh
	Ron Volle
July 30	Klarissa Hein
	Jane Martin
	Ron Paben
July 31	Neil Dunker



JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

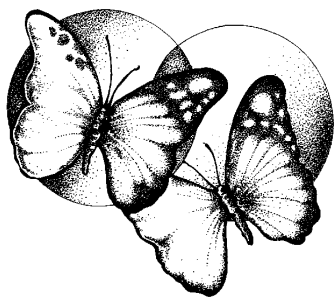
7-4-91	Steve & Suzanne Bayless
7-4-03	Danny & Lorella Matulka
7-7-90	Steve & Becky Smith
7-15-72	Ron & Gloria Paben
7-15-73	Gary & Sheryl Harrington
7-28-73	Neil & Beth Dunker

God's work.
Our hands.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are trying to find houses in need of repair. Check with your family, friends, and neighbors to see if there is a need.

Tom Karlin is leading a team to do home repairs for "God's work. Our hands" Sunday in early September. Please give your recommendations for work projects (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.



ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS are eligible to receive Thrivent Action Team money at no cost to them to help with church projects, community needs, etc. They can be a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Benefit members are eligible for two \$250.00 impact cards per calendar year. Associate members are eligible for one \$250.00 card. Contact the church office for more information!

May 2021 Treasurer's Report Robert Ames-Woolsey

2021	MAY	Year to Date
Income	\$12,222.35	\$69,765.18
Expenses	\$16,277.13	\$68,965.74
Balance	-\$4,054.78	\$799.44

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
MAY	\$4,854.22	\$12,222.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,277.13	-\$4,054.78	\$799.44
TOTAL		\$69,765.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,965.74		



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.

+++++

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
May 29/30	15-49	\$1448.00
June 5/6	18-46	\$3384.00
June 12/13	16-41	\$1159.00
June 19/20	13-42	\$2001.00

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$170.00, Holy Cross only-\$824.00, Food Pantry-\$90.00, Oaks Indian Mission -\$330.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$10.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Youth Fund (Recycled cans)-\$41.65, May Noisy Offering (Mother to Mother Ministry)-\$178.74, Facilities Use-\$200.00, US Treasury Refund-\$59.67

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021

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

Council meeting called to order 7:00 pm by Tom Karlin.

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee on prayer based on John 17:6-9

C. Agenda:

1. Motion by Matthew W. with a second by Dallen J. to approve the agenda and motion carried.
2. Motion made by Dallen J. and a second by Matthew W. to approve the secretary minutes. Motion was approved.

D. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. After finalizing her certification essay and interview, Jody Helton will be certified at the online synod assembly on June 5th. Bethany Walker's ordination will be June 26th. A motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Dallen J. to spend up to \$100.00 for a gift for Jody and \$68.90 for a stole for Bethany with money from the Thrivent Choice Account. Motion was approved. Robert A. presented the financial report. Dallen J. made motion to approve the financial report with a second by Joyce H. Motion was approved. Pastor will be on vacation from June 16 – July 6. Rev. Suzanne How will be available for funerals while Pastor is on vacation. Jody Helton will lead worship June 19/20 and June 26/27. July 3rd/4th will be led by congregational members. Treasurer's report was presented by Robert A. Motion to approve by Dallen with a second by Ryan V. Motion was approved.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial – explained by Robert A. Memorials & Gifts – will be meeting in June. Will ask about replacing the play set from memorials & gifts fund. Stewardship – Bill B. is planning for highway clean-up first part of June. Discussed having pot-luck first part of Sept. Evangelism/Social Ministry – Attendance staying pretty consistent on-line as well as in person. Continuing to have glitches with Facebook live. Dallen contacted a gentleman to help with sound system. Parish Ed. – would like to purchase a new DVD player. Vacation Bible School with First Christian church & Centenary Methodist church. Confirmation will be May 23rd. Worship – trouble with getting ushers for Sat. night services. Property – More plants have been planted. Thank you Gail & Denny Russell.

Nominating, Youth, Mutual Ministry – no report.

F. Old Business:

1. Van has been sold for \$1,200.00
2. Will encourage social distancing at worship.
3. Will have council training on our core mission and vision.

G. New Business:

1. God's Work our Hands, suggestions if anyone may need assistance with minor home repairs.
2. Noisy Offering decided for May – Mother-to-Mother ministry; June – Oaks Indian Mission; July – Camp Carol Joy Holling; August – Checking for a veteran's program.
3. Discussion about applying for an "Open Doors Grant" offered by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

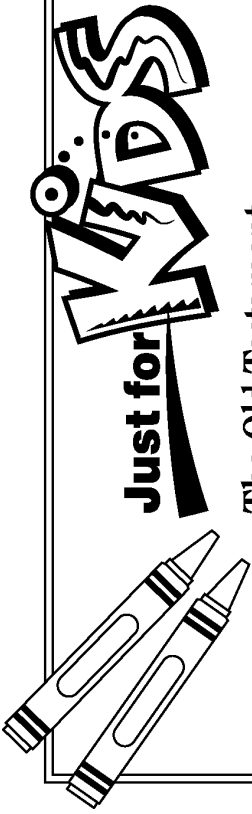
Mathew W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Joyce H. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

July 2021

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1918 Garfield St., Beatrice; 402-228-3172;
 Website: www.holycrossbeatrice.com; E-mail: holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com
 Office Hours: 8:30 am-3:00 p.m., T,Th; 8:30-2:30 F.
 Pastor Kathee Forrest-Kathee.forrest@gmail.com; Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	2 8:00 p.m. N.A. <div>Pastor Kathee on vacation July 2-3</div>	3 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
4 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	5 <div>Pastor Kathee on vacation July 5-9</div>	6 <div>Pastor Kathee on vacation July 5-9</div>	7 <div>Pastor Kathee on vacation July 5-9</div>	8 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	9 8:00 p.m. N.A.	10 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
11 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	12 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	13 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	14 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 7:00 p.m. All Church Game Night	15 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 6:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	16 8:00 p.m. N.A.	17 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
18 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	19 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 7:00 p.m. All Church Game Night	22 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	23 8:00 p.m. N.A.	24 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
25 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering Celebration of PMA Jody Bures-Helton—worship & brunch following worship	26 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	27 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	28 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 7:00 p.m. All Church Game Night	29 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	30 8:00 p.m. N.A.	31 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship



The Old Testament

The Old Testament of the Bible contains the story of creation, history, words of prophets, God's law, songs, poems, stories of adventure and stories of love.

Find the books of the Old Testament hidden below. Use your Bible or the list below for the names. There are 39. You will find 3 books are listed 2 times each.

Find them → ← → ↑ ↓ ↗ ↘

G E N E S I S A A U H S O J B C
D X J U D G E S S J O B N D S H
E O S A M U E L E A M O S F E R
U D R G H B H A C I M J O E L O
T U U H O S E A I O E U L C C N
E S T H E R L R L D Z L E C I I
R P H J A E Z O S A R A I E N C
O S M A O I S L K N A A I E O L
N A U J G F M U M I H I T S R E
O L H N O G K E R E A M I I H S
M A G O K A A R L N E C A C E
Y S N P A Q H I R E O H U S I Z
S O T B U C V W X Y J E S T S E
S L A M E N T A T I O N S E A K
Z H A Z E P H A N I A H B S I I
K I N G S B R E V O R P C D A E
E K I N G S N O O B A D I A H L
F J L H M A L A C H I K P M G

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, (1) Samuel, (2) Samuel, (1) Kings, (2) Kings, (1) Chronicles, (2) Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1918 Garfield Street
Beatrice NE 68310

JULY 2021