

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Faithbuilders for all 3 year olds through Confirmation class.

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 12. Details on page 3.

ADULT EDUCATION

10:30 a.m., Sundays, Conference Room.

Beginning September 19—bring your coffee and come join us for an interesting time of discussion! Details on page 4.



KEVIN & HEIDI CHENG COMMUNITY OUTDOOR CONCERT HOLY CROSS PARKING LOT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:00 P.M.

Invite your friends and neighbors to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music of Heidi and Kevin Cheng on Saturday evening, September 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Gifted, engaging, and energetic are just a few of the descriptors that have been used in connection with this classically trained piano-violin duo! The dynamic couple play a range of styles, including popular, country, classical, ragtime, romantic, western, bluegrass, patriotic, and contemporary and traditional sacred music. Kevin is a native of Taiwan who has organized large-scale orchestral concerts to bring classical music to rural Nebraska. He has performed as guest pianist with Lincoln, Kearney, Sandhills and Cherokee symphonies. Heidi has served as second principal violinist in the Kearney Symphony Orchestra.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Worship

Following worship: God's Work-Our Hands projects (see page 4 for more details)



ADOPT-A-STREET LITTER PICK UP

Saturday, September 18

We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. All help is much appreciated—the more hands we have, the faster it goes!

CROSSROADS+

The Holy Cross Church Council continues to draft a working vision and mission statement as they talk with the people of God at 1918 Garfield, Beatrice, Nebraska, USA! Their good work will be brought to the congregation for discussion at the January 2022 annual meeting.

The first step was to discover the core values of Holy Cross: this provides a concrete way for the congregation to understand the meaning and purpose of God's ministry right here at Holy Cross. After conversations with others, the four core values were chosen. What began with 48 core values was narrowed down to 9 (and this required quite a bit of praying and pondering), and then finally to these four core values:

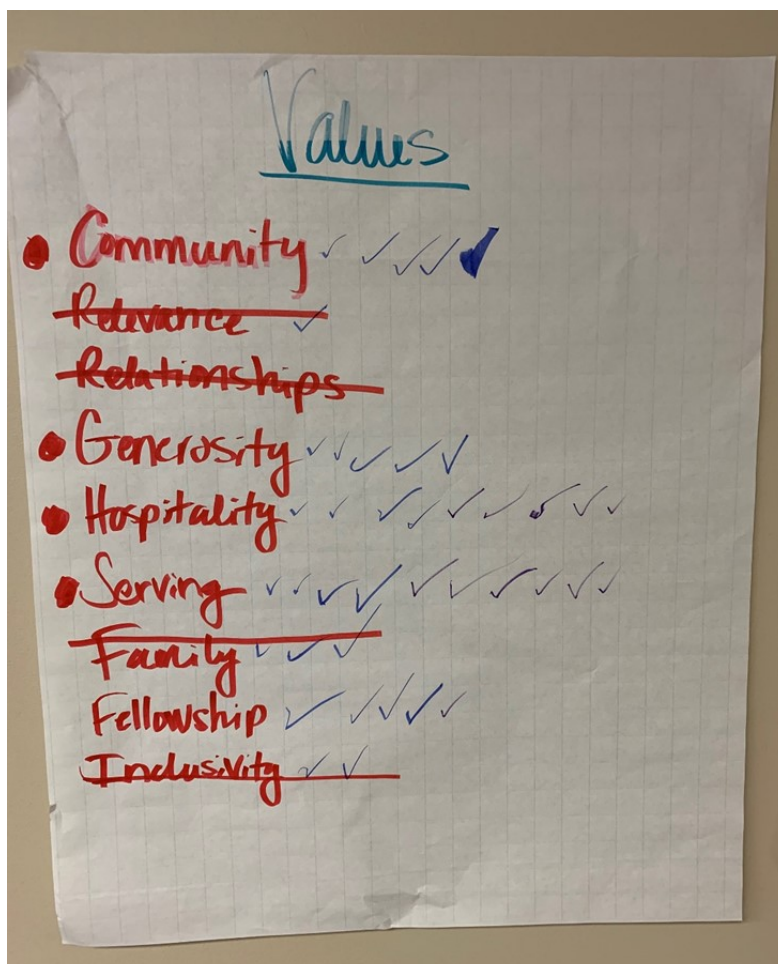
- **Community:** Living together with mutual support, interdependence and fellowship.
- **Generosity:** Giving freely in a spirit of abundance.
- **Hospitality:** Being intentionally welcoming, especially of guests and strangers, with genuine care and concern for their needs.
- **Serving:** Helping others and caring for those in need.

What do you think? Are these values at the core of our congregation's identity? If yes, why do you think so? If no, why do you think so? Your input is very important. I would love to talk with you about it. Or, contact one of the members of the Holy Cross church council: Tom Karlin, Dallen Johnsen, Joyce Haecker, Ryan Vogel or Kodi Higgins.

I have seen many different expressions of each of these core values in my six years serving Holy Cross. Have you? How have you been a part of these experiences of community, generosity, hospitality and serving?

And in all things, we remember why we do what we do at Holy Cross as we are called in Jesus' name to go and tell and love one another. (Matthew 28:16-20 and John 15:12).

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





2021/2022 CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS will be Tuesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. Looking forward to another great year of learning, servant opportunities, serving in worship, and having fun!

*Thank
you*

Holy Cross Church Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all of the support, prayers and love you have provided me with as I became a Certified PMA. The Celebration and gifts from the congregation are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. I will miss being a part of the life of the Holy Cross congregation as I have accepted a call to serve as the part-time minister for Zion United Church of Christ in Talmage. May God continue to bless the work and ministry of Holy Cross!

Peace+
PMA Jody Bures-Helton



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be Sunday, September 12.

Faithbuilder classes will be helping to put together Lutheran World Relief School Kits following worship. Regular classes will begin September 19, 10:15-11:00 a.m.



INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ CONFIRMATION STAFF will be Sunday, September 19. Our sincere appreciation to these people who shine their light into the lives of our children!



HYMN-WRITING CONTEST

Feeling inspired? You are invited to write your own hymn on the occasion of our Synod's 150th Anniversary. It could be either:

- New words set to a new tune of your own composition

- New words set to an old hymn tune

Be creative in the hymn's theme and scope!

Winning entries will be distributed to congregations to sing for their annual meeting Sunday as well as the 2022 Synod Assembly.

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the winners!!!

Submit your entries to Pr. Kristen Van Stee, Assistant to the Bishop, by December 1st, 2021 to kristen@nebraskasynod.org.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. Sunday, September 12 – Ways to Serve

Come in your work clothes and get ready for action:

Assemble Lutheran World Relief School Kits in the conference room (*Items still needed are 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, black or blue ballpoint pens [no gel ink], and 2 1/2" erasers*) Thanks to Glennys Lienemann for a Thrivent Action team to cover backpacks and school supplies and to everyone who has so generously donated school supplies.

Head to a jobsite with Tom Karlin to work on a project.

Let's see if we can fill the shopping cart with non-perishables for the

Community Food Pantry!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: We welcomed into our membership LeRoy & Darlene Folkerts, LaNette Klostermeier, Glennys Lienemann, Rhonda Minzel and Frieda Wolken on August 7 and 8. Please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them to Holy Cross the next time you see any of them!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Henry Christopher Dunker, son of Christopher & Tara Dunker, was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at our August 8 worship service. Henry was born July 18, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska and his sponsors are Matthew Dunker and Anna Moore. God's blessings to you and your family, Henry!

ADULT EDUCATION begins Sunday, September 19, following worship from 10:30 – 11:15. We look closely at the first description of God's character and the most quoted passage in the Bible found in Exodus 34:6-7. What are these attributes of God? Compassion, Grace, Slow to Anger, Loyal, Love and Faithfulness. During each of the 6 sessions, we will watch a video from bibleproject.com followed by discussion. "God's anger and judgment is an important theme in the Bible, but it's not the whole story. God's core character is one of generous love that created the world and longs for its restoration from human evil. Exodus 34:6-7 invites us into a lifetime of pondering the depths and mysteries of the character of God." Won't you be part of the discovery and conversation?

THANK YOU to Willy and Dorothy Hofeling for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross this past month. It is much appreciated!

THANK YOU to Genell Copas for making the new children's bags for the enjoyment of children attending worship services at Holy Cross!

HOLY CROSS CHOIR RESUMES THIS FALL: Come one! Come all! Young and young at heart! It's been a while so bring yourself and your joy of singing - no prior music experience is needed. Choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated. Any questions please contact Eric Forrest at 402-230-3250.

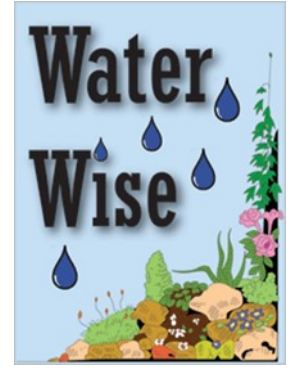
OFFICE HOURS are Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-3:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30-2:30 p.m. Our answering machine is checked every morning and afternoon if you wish to leave a message on other days.

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!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS: Please let Pastor Kathee or Sandy know if you are a Thrivent member. All Thrivent members are eligible to use a \$250.00 debit card from Thrivent two times a year for

CONSERVING WATER

The past several weeks have been quite dry. This reminds us of the need to be good stewards of the water in our landscape.



What you can do to help:

Limit the use of water in the landscape

- Mow high to help retain moisture, shade and cool the soil and reduce weed germination
- Water infrequently and efficiently for ideal plant health and resiliency (over-watering leads to less hardy, shallow-rooted plants)
- Water early in the day to avoid loss from wind and evaporation and limit fungal problems
- Water efficiently—don't water over pavement, use a rain sensor on automatic irrigation, and make sure there are no leaks. *Sometimes you do what you must do! We have been watering the Prayer Garden with a sprinkler, but we will be installing drip irrigation this fall. If you have any questions, about drip irrigation, talk to Denny Russell. We have had to use sprinklers by the south entrance to help get the Sand Cherries established, but by next year they won't need supplemental water.*
- Group plants by their water needs
- Use native or other well adapted species
- Mulch planting beds with organic mulch. Another option is green mulch - use plants known as garden weavers to fill in areas between plants.

Implement practices to slow, capture and absorb water

- Direct downspouts to planted areas instead of pavement to reduce stormwater runoff. *We are having some challenges with this. We need to manage the water being dumped into two garden beds. We also need to extend a downspout to ensure water runs away from the building. Does anyone have any suggestions or experience with this?*
- Create a rain garden or bioswale to capture and filter rainwater
- Collect water in rain barrels to use later
- Become a member of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum
- Information courtesy of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

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SAVE THE DATE!!!



Blessing of the Animals with St. John Lutheran October 3 at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Kathee will join Pastor Renae on this Sunday afternoon closest to St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day for a service of blessing at St. John's green space by the playground.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

September's Hope Circle will be held on Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us! WELCA Board Meeting will be held September 20 at 7:00 p.m. You are also invited to join in Blanket Sewing on September 8, 9 am-3 pm. Come for however long it works for you.



THANK YOU to everyone who has donated sheets for our blanket sewing ladies. They are very much appreciated. There is an ongoing need for new & used sheets so anytime you have extra during the year, please consider donating them to Holy Cross.

CAMP CAROL JOY HOLLING QUILT AUCTION: Our thanks to the women who sewed and donated two quilts to Camp Carol Joy Holling. The quilts sold for \$275 and \$170 bringing a total donation of \$445 for the camp.

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FREE LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP (LBW) HYMNALS: Since we are no longer using the green LBW, we are returning those that were given in honor or in memory of someone to their families where possible and offering the remainder to our members and visitors. Please feel free to take one or two from the table in the narthex.

A LIST OF LBW HYMNALS that were given in memory or in honor of someone can be found on the middle bulletin board in the east hallway. If you find the name of someone in your family or a family that you know and can bring the hymnal(s) to, these hymnals are located in the Requirements room. If you need help locating them, you can ask Dallen or Nancy Johnsen or contact Sandy during office hours.

CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES NEEDED! The bulletin boards in the east hallway are being updated. Thank you to Glennys Lienemann for helping with this. Thanks, also, to Gail Russell and Terri Huls for taking pictures of new members, baptisms, etc. and to Gail for keeping those pictures posted on a bulletin board. We are asking you to help us with the east bulletin board – this one will be used to post pictures and clippings of our members. If you have any pictures or newspaper clippings you would like to share, please go ahead and post it on that bulletin board or give to Sandy. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING: Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers food and monetary donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. All items are very much appreciated. NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE! If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the narthex or your monetary donation in an envelope in the offering plate. 20 items were donated during the month of July. **Our goal for God's Work-Our Hands Sunday, September 12, is to fill the grocery cart in our 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 just reached this goal for the ninth time!!** 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 once again!

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.



Drink From the Well is a ministry of Seeking the Spirit Within: The Nebraska Synod Institute for Spiritual Direction Formation. It is a unique opportunity to learn from spiritual directors from around the Nebraska Synod ELCA and grow in your experience of the Divine.

Consider these benefits when you participate in Drink From the Well:

- Discover how you are wired to connect with God
- Experiment with a variety of classic prayer practices to discover which ones work best for you
- Meet with certified spiritual director every month in a small spiritual direction group
- Get to know like-minded people in your vicinity who are on a similar spiritual journey
- Develop habits for deepening your inner spiritual life
- Honor the yearning in your soul for “something more”!

Here is the schedule for this program:

- ♦ You will get an invitation to an introductory webinar in September. From October through May, on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm, a synod- wide webinar will introduce a 90-minute lesson on a spiritual life and prayer practice with additional time for Q&A.
- ♦ In the middle of the month, you will meet with a small group led by a certified spiritual director for two hours somewhere in the general vicinity of your community. The location, date and time will be determined by each small group. Where a small group cannot be accommodated in your general vicinity or when a small group decides not to meet in person due to the coronavirus pandemic, online opportunities will be made available.

Your commitment is to:

- Watch the webinar each month. The webinars will be recorded so you can watch them as often as you would like, on your own time. Have your computer, smart phone or tablet connected so you can access the webinars.
- Try new prayer practices throughout each month and discover what the Holy Spirit is inviting you to.
- Attend the spiritual direction group in your area or online.

For more information about this ministry and to get the instructions to register, go to seekingthespiritwithin.org and click on Drink from the Well. Scholarships to cover partial tuition are available. Please talk to Pastor Kathee.

Registrations are being accepted through September 14, 2021.

Consider inviting a friend or family member to journey with you...they can participate from anywhere in the world!

For more information, contact Spiritual Directors Patrick Gregory, Emily Wageman, dftwnesynod@gmail.com



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, September 4

Ushers/Greeters: Renee Griffeth-Splitter, Susie Brown

Reader: Susie Brown

Communion Server: Renee Griffeth-Splitter

Sunday, September 5

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Reader: Natalie Coffin

Communion: Natalie Coffin

Saturday, September 11

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Berlita Grell

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion Server: Berlita Grell

Sunday, September 12

Greeters: Gary & Sheryl Harrington

Ushers: Terri Huls, Gloria Paben

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Communion: Gloria Paben

Saturday, September 18

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion Server: Norma Huls

Sunday, September 19

Greeters: Roger & Helen Huls

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Morgan & Madelyn Nielsen

Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Communion: Stacie Bruns

Saturday, September 25

Ushers/Greeters: Adonna Otto, Jeanette Vitosh

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion Server: Adonna Otto

Sunday, September 26

Greeters: LaVerne & Shirley Wolken

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Ryan Vogel

Saturday, October 2

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Sally Diekman

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion Server: Beth Dunker

Sunday, October 3

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family

Reader: Bill Behrends

Communion: Rebecca Behrends

Saturday, October 9

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Jane Ideus

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion Server: Tom Karlin

Sunday, October 10

Greeters: Lanny Ropers, Marvin Wolken

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Chris & Bonnie Baete

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Toni Janzen

Saturday, October 16

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion Server: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, October 17

Greeters: Emma Evers, RoJane Wolken

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Courtney Ideus

Reader: Dianne Cole

Communion: Larry Cole

Saturday, October 23

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Susie Brown

Reader: Susie Brown

Communion Server: Tom Karlin

Sunday, October 24

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Elsie Otto

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

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

Reader: Burley Copas

Communion: Burley Copas

Saturday, October 30

Ushers/Greeters: Adonna Otto, Renee Griffeth-Splitter

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion Server: Adonna Otto

Sunday, October 31

Greeters: Rosetta Swarthout, Rondi Mettscher

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Madelyn & Morgan Nielsen

Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Communion: Gloria Paben



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1 Matthew Dunker
Dylan George
Gerald Stevens
Sept. 2 Ziel Tut
Sept. 3 Clarence Parde*
Sept. 4 J.T. Karlin
Sept. 5 Susan Kreft
Sept. 8 Beth Dunker
Sept. 9 Ashley Ford
Diane Waltke (Mitch)
Sept. 10 Linda Walz
Sept. 12 Inez Trauernicht
Sept. 13 Bonnie Baete
Xander Otto
Sept. 15 Robert Haecker
Sept. 16 Richard Schnaidt
Frieda Wolken
Sept. 17 Peggy Johnsen
Sept. 18 Nancy Franken
Sept. 20 Gail Russell
Sept. 21 Rita Schuster
Barbara Scott
Sept. 22 Theresa Litterick
Sept. 23 Justin Karlin
Sept. 24 Mallory Helton
Breanna Janzen
Sept. 26 Carol Fielder

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Clarence Parde who turns 90 on September 3...
and to Frieda Wolken who turns 88 on
September 16. God's blessings to you both. We
wish you many more happy and healthy years!!!

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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!

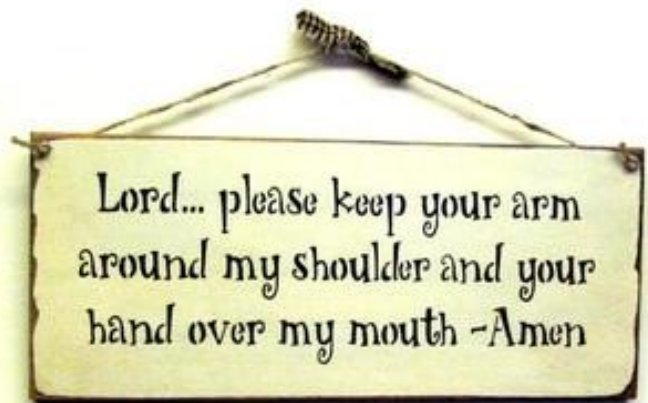


SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 14, 1991 Darrell & Jackie Rinne
September 22, 1995 Clayton & Deb Wells
September 23, 2017 Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey
September 29, 1979 Ken & Deb Sillman



Gage County's third annual giving day is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. Organized by the Gage County Foundation and the Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation, Big Give Gage is a 24-hour online event encouraging donations to support the local nonprofits and causes people care about. The majority of giving will be done online, along with an in-person collection site during the day in downtown Beatrice. Through the combined participation of all people who love and care about the area we call home, we hope to significantly impact the future of our beloved community. Our website is live now, if you would like to see the nonprofits that are participating, and support their hard work: www.biggivegage.org. For more information, you may contact Gina Heckey by email, gmheckey@bchhc.org or call 402-223-7260.



JULY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT
Robert Ames-Woolsey

2021	JULY	Year to Date
Income	\$9,586.01	\$92,669.24
Expenses	\$10,970.84	\$92,695.53
Balance	-\$1,384.83	-\$26.29

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
JUNE	\$799.44	\$9,362.66	\$3,955.39	\$0.00	\$12,758.95	\$559.10	\$1,358.54
JULY	\$1,358.54	\$9,586.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,970.84	-\$1,384.83	-\$26.29
TOTAL		\$88,713.85	\$3,955.39	\$0.00	\$92,695.53		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
July 24/25	20-89	\$1572.00
July 31/Aug 1	13-46	\$4959.00
Aug. 7/8	18-69	\$2108.90
Aug. 14/15	12-40	\$1912.00
Aug. 21/22	18-51	\$7194.00

Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$225.00, Holy Cross only-\$890.00, Food Pantry-\$125.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$125.00, School Supplies-\$10.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$25.00, Facility Use-\$100.00, Initial Envelope Offering-\$5.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Youth Fund (Aluminum cans)-\$46.90, Jody Helton PMA Fund-\$1000.00, July Noisy Offering-\$123.63.

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

~Philippians 4:13

150 Years as the Nebraska Synod: Built of Living Stones

A (very) Short History

The very first Lutherans in the Territory of Nebraska were among the waves of homesteaders of the 1840s and 50s who the U.S. government settled here on indigenous land. But these lay Lutherans preceded the church; no Lutheran churches or pastors were here in Nebraska until the missionary Pastor Henry Kuhns arrived in the late 1850s to organize the Lutheran settlers he found already living here. Preaching points slowly became congregations and the church members eventually constructed their own church buildings. The Nebraska Synod as a governing body was first established in 1871 as a conference of the larger General Synod, the Lutheran denomination on the east coast dating back to the colonial period. However, throughout the 19th and 20th century, there were many different and evolving denominations of Lutherans in America (many represented within the Nebraska state border), divided along lines of national origin and language. In addition, these Lutherans held different convictions on doctrine, worship practices, and spirituality which resulted in yet more denominational splits. The congregations of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA today are descended from many of these antecedent Lutheran bodies. Beginning in the late 19th century, the various ethnic Lutheran denominations established academic and social welfare institutions here in Nebraska. The (English and German speaking) General Synod founded Midland College and Western Theological Seminary which eventually located to Fremont. The (German speaking) Midwest Synod (formerly German Nebraska Conference) founded Martin Luther Seminary in Lincoln. The Swedish Augustana Synod founded Luther College in Wahoo and the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha as well as Bethphage Mission in Axtell. The "Inner Mission" Danes founded Trinity Seminary/Dana College as well as a Danish language printing press in Blair Nebraska. This is by no means an exhaustive list of Lutheran institutions; but these historic examples of Lutheran energy for education and social services are still in evidence today in our ongoing support for the Nebraska Synod serving arms and the larger work of the ELCA.

The early 20th century for Lutherans in Nebraska proved to be a deeply painful and challenging time. When the United States entered WWI, the government launched an anti-German propaganda campaign. As a result, German-speaking people, and indeed, many other non-English speaking people, were persecuted by the government as well as harassed by their neighbors. This pressured Lutheran congregations in Nebraska to quickly move towards English-only worship services and religious education. In addition, as younger generations of Lutherans became "Americanized" the previous divisions between Lutheran bodies seemed less formidable by degrees. As a result, Lutheran denominations started merging.

By the 1970s the three Lutheran bodies that would eventually join together to form the ELCA were the Lutheran Church in America, The American Lutheran Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (having separated earlier from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod). The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was born in 1988. At that time, there were about 276 congregations in the new Nebraska Synod, ELCA. Its first bishop was Dennis Anderson.

-written by Rev. Kristen Van Stee

Footnote:

- The term "Synod" was used (very confusingly) by different Lutheran bodies in different ways at different times: a synod might refer to a separate denomination and sometimes to refer to a subsidiary body within a denomination. This remains true today as the ELCA calls the subsidiary bodies within it "synods" while the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is its own separate denomination.

Sources for Further Reading:

"Story of the Midwest Synod: U.L.C.A 1890-1950"

"Partners in Mission: The Lutheran Church in American in Nebraska 1962-1987"

"Nebraska Conference History (1931)"

"The Lutherans: Student Edition" by L. DeAne Lagerquist

"Lutherans in America: A New History" Mark Granquist

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021**

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

Meeting began with continuation of discussing the mission, value, and vision of Holy Cross.

Council meeting called to order 7:45 pm by Tom Karlin.

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: A Focus on Mission from Paul's perspective based on Philippians 3.

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. Motion was made by Tom K. with a second by Dallen J. for Frieda Wolken to join Holy Cross. Motion was approved. Applied for the Open Door Grant which wasn't received; however, will still request for Heidi and Kevin Cheng to come play a concert for Holy Cross and invite the community as a God's Work Our Hands project. Pastor will take a vacation day on Saturday, July 31st. Jody H. will lead worship. Sandy's new office hrs. will be Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 and Friday 8:30-2:30 and will work from home Wednesday 8:30-3:00.

2. Treasurer's report presented by Robert A. Motion made by Matthew W. to approve the Treasurer's report with a second from Dallen J. Motion carried.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial report – A motion was made by Dallen J. to tithe \$2,600 from the PP money in the prior year operating long & short fund to the Mission Endowment Fund. Tom K. seconded the motion and motion was approved. Memorials & Gifts – waiting for approval to purchase music. Stewardship – will be planning a pot luck this fall. Evangelism & Social Ministry – Motion made by Dallen J. to look into the sound and video & sound system proposals and make a recommendation with a 2nd from Pastor Kathee. Motion was approved. Worship – Will now have indoor worship. Beginning in August, will no longer have the FM station for outdoor services unless requested. Property – Light bulbs replaced on stairway and light fixture cleaned. Filters were changed on the air conditioners. Mutual ministry will meet in the fall. Nomination, Parish Education & Youth - no report.

F. Unfinished business:

God's Work our Hands: Have a couple of projects that could be done.

G. New Business:

1. Will be needing a new treasurer. Will ask congregation for any suggestions or if anyone is willing to be treasurer.

2. Replacing playset: Playsets have doubled in price. Will wait to see if prices will eventually drop or look at a build-your-own project.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Matthew A. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

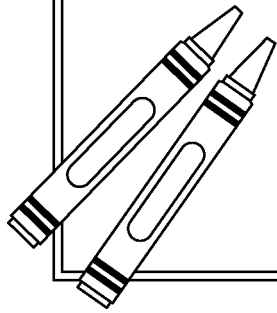
July 19th: A request by E-mail by Pastor Kathee for council to approve the transfer for Rhonda Minzel from St. Paul Lutheran to Holy Cross since Holy Cross will be receiving new members on Aug. 7/8th which will be before the next council meeting. Request was approved.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	3 8:00 p.m. N.A	4 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
5 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	6	7	8 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 7:00 p.m. Choir	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	10 8:00 p.m. N.A	11 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship 7:00 p.m. Kevin & Heidi Cheng Outdoor Community Concert
12 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Rally Sunday-Sunday School/GWOH projects/Fellowship	13 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	14	15 7:00 p.m. Choir	16 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	17 8:00 p.m. N.A	18 9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick Up 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
19 9:00 a.m. Worship/ S.S. Teacher Installation 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting	21	22 7:00 p.m. Choir	23 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	24 8:00 p.m. N.A	26 2:30 Novotny/ Dunn Wedding 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
26 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	27	28	29 7:00 p.m. Choir	30		



Just for KIDS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

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

Printed and bound sheets of paper

They form the alphabet

One who is learning

A small test

A group of relatives

To offer something

Glad

Group who works together

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SEPTEMBER 2021
Assembled with a prayer.