# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 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.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Ed is held each Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we explore God's character from Exodus 34:6-7.

#### ALL CHURCH EVENT—"If Only You Were Here"

On All Saints Sunday, November 7, we will have an All Church Event following worship with the Faithbuilders. We will share the story of John 11:1-44 and create a reflective artwork with sticks and strips of cloth created by all, with prayer, music, and snacks! All ages are invited to this all-church event in the Fellowship Hall on Nov. 7.



#### **ALL SAINTS DAY**

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Saturday & Sunday, November 6/7.

We remember those whose lives have touched this congregation and have entered into eternal life this past year:
Charles "Chuck" Brown—November 19, 2020
Mark Jobman—January 3, 2021
Kathy Volle—March 7, 2021
Keith Meeske—March 15, 2021
Elmer Waltke—April 25, 2021
Dick Holdren—July 21, 2021
LeRoy Folkerts—September 5, 2021

On this weekend, we also celebrate our newest saints who have been baptized during the last year:
Jones Grabouski—February 6, 2021
Henry Dunker—August 8, 2021



#### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PIE BENEFIT**

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name... to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night." —Psalm 92:1

We invite you to join us for Thanksgiving worship as we give thanks to God for all of his gifts—especially the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.

A Confirmation Camp Benefit Pie and Coffee Fellowship will follow the Thanksgiving Eve Service - served by the confirmation class. Freewill donations for confirmation camp will be accepted. If you would like to donate but are unable to attend, you may use a pew envelope and mark it "Confirmation Camp". Thank you for helping our confirmation students!

## **CROSSROADS**

### We have been Challenged!

At the October meeting of the Beatrice Ministerial Group, Mary Beth Tuttle, the pastor of the Holmesville Church of the Brethren, issued a friendly but serious challenge to each of the churches: "Raise more money for the CROP Hunger Walk than us! And our goal is \$1,000!"

Will we accept this challenge, Holy Cross? What do you think? We haven't participated in a CROP Hunger Walk since 2018. Let's make 2021 the year for us all to work toward ending hunger and food insecurity.

If you do accept the challenge, there are several ways you can join or support the CROP Hunger Walk this year:

- Take a donation envelope from the display in the Narthex and collect money from friends and family. Turn in your envelope to the church office or Pastor Kathee by November 30. You can choose your own route or join November 7 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran and walk with Pastor Kathee and others.
- 2. Donate in the bucket on the display in the Narthex toward our goal of \$1000.



**Accepting the Challenge from Pastor Mary Beth Tuttle** 

- 3. Sign up online and join the Holy Cross Team and fundraise via social media <a href="https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/holy-cross-lutheran-church-beatrice?participant=kathee-forrest">https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/holy-cross-lutheran-church-beatrice?participant=kathee-forrest</a> Thank you, Stacie Bruns, for joining the team!
- 4. Donate online to the Holy Cross team and invite others to do the same. Thank you!

Will you accept this friendly...but serious challenge? It is serious because people are hungry and we can:

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

As people of God, we are called to help others and this challenge is one way we can help together.

And, if we really try, raise more money than our challengers!

James 2:15-16 (NIV): <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

In Christ's mission that we share,

Pastor Kathee



#### **CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION**

God's blessings to Chloe Brauer, Sam Jobman, Kayleigh Vogel and Morgan Nielsen who completed their First Communion instruction and received First Communion on October 17.

#### RECEIVING BIBLES AND CATECHISMS ON

**NOVEMBER 14** from the Women of the ELCA will be Braxton Gartner, Sam Jobman, Journey Keck, Sydney Sejkora, Adalyn Smith, Andrea Viveros and Bentley Wolken.

Daylight Savings ends Sunday morning, November 7. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour!

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OFFERING





November—Community Food Pantry December—CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Gage County





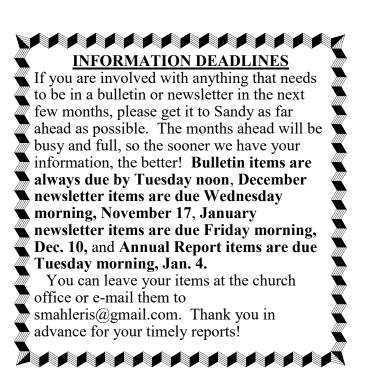
#### **FAITHBUILDERS**

There **will not be** Sunday School on the Sunday following Thanksgiving this year, November 28th.

**The Children's Christmas Program** will be at 5:30 pm. on Sunday, December 12. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for additional information regarding practicing outside of the Sunday School hour.

#### TEAMMATES MENTORING OF BEATRICE

Teammates Mentoring of Beatrice is looking for Mentors! Training in November. If you have 20 -30 minutes each week during school, to be present with a young person, talk about what is going on in their lives, affirm their gifts, play games...contact Christina Lyons at 402-223-1746 or clyons@bpsnebr.org. Mentoring is not tutoring or counseling. It is a gift of presence, hope and positivity.



**THANK YOU** to those who donated, prepared and served food at Warren's Table on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

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

THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY will be having an "Ingathering" this year, but like last year, they cannot do it by delivering sacks to every home in town and then having a Saturday pick up day. So instead, they ask that you fill a brown or plastic bag with food and bring it to the pantry between November 1st and the end of the year. You may also bring your items to the shopping cart in the Holy Cross narthex and we will deliver them for you. This will be this year's Community Food Pantry "INGATHERING" AS THEY RELY ON THIS FOOD TO GET THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS AND INTO SPRING. Monetary gifts are welcome and appreciated. Monetary gifts are used to purchase Potatoes, Eggs, Bread, Margarine and other staples. 51 items were donated to the Food Pantry in September. 14 items were donated to the Food Pantry in October. Thank you for your support!

#### BRIDGES TO HOPE THANKSGIVING KITCHEN BAGS

During this month when we think of gathering around the table in Thanksgiving to God for God's abundant blessings, consider packing a Thanksgiving Kitchen bag for those served by Bridges to Hope. The mission of Bridges to Hope is: "To act as a bridge to serve and encourage men and women transitioning back into the community after incarceration, as they become successful contributors to society."

Part of their work is to help with items to set up a home by providing basics. And kitchen items are one of those basics. Roxine Weichel, a supporter of Bridges to Hope in our congregation, has filled kitchen bags and has provided 10 empty bags, available in the narthex, if you would like to take one with you to fill with the basic kitchen items listed below. Please return the bags to the Narthex any time in November and they will be delivered to Bridges to Hope in Lincoln.

1 bottle of Liquid Dish Soap 2 Pot Holders 2 Kitchen Towels

1 Spatula 1 Large Mixing Spoon 1 Set of Wooden Spoons

1 Set of Measuring Spoons 1 Set of Steak Knives (4) 1 Measuring Cup

1 Can Opener 1 Potato Peeler 1 Calendar

1 Set of Rubbermaid-style Plastic Storage Containers 3 Scrub/Scouring Pads

1 Notepad with Pen Other items may be added as available

**FROM OAKS INDIAN MISSION:** Oct. 4, 2021—Thank you for your gift of \$210.00, making it possible for this Mission to equip our kids with every means possible to live faithful, fulfilling lives, now and in the future. We know that it is because of your generosity and God's grace that we have this blessed opportunity to make a difference in the life of each and every child we serve.

Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director

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#### **RECOGNITION OF MEMORIALS AND GIFTS**

Recognition of the following memorials and gifts will take place on Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7. We thank these families for remembering their loved ones in this way and for remembering the church in their gifts.

#### **MEMORIALS AND GIFTS DEDICATED NOVEMBER 6 AND 7:**

2 Small Handled Bowls (used for Ash Wednesday) - Wilfred Ideus Memorial

10 Sand Cherry Shrubs (on south side of church) - Kathy Volle Memorial

Thank you to Joyce Haecker, Robert Haecker, Tom Karlin and Denny Russell for planting. Choir Music—Shirley Bruns Memorial, Marvin Paben Memorial, Memorial Fund Interest Flagstone for additional path in Prayer Garden - Hilda Dieckhoff Memorial

Installation to be done by Denny Russell

Holy Trinity Banner—Stuart Weber Memorial

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals were dedicated this past summer—our thanks to a special 60th Wedding Anniversary gift from Burley & Genell Copas.

#### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

Sixteen members attended the Fall General Meeting of WELCA on October 10. Coffee, rolls, and donuts were served. Thanks to all who helped arrange the room and set up the refreshments. New officers are: President-Sheryl Harrington, Vice-President-open, Secretary-Rebecca Behrends, and Treasurer-Nancy Johnsen. Karen Jobman volunteered to be the Member at Large. The ladies approved a donation of \$325.00 to the Day One Program. WELCA ladies served at the reception for the First Communion Class. WELCA ladies served the Warren's Table meal at the Episcopal Church on October 19. 73 meals were distributed, which is a record for this year. Thanks to all who contributed to "noisy offering" which helped pay for the food. Thankoffering Services will be Nov. 13 & 14—Amber Lovitt and Stacie Bruns from CASA of Gage County will bring us the message for these worship services.

Calendar: November 8, 2021------Hope Circle 10:00 am

November 13 & 14------Thankoffering Services November 15, 2021------WELCA Board 7:00 pm

Sheryl Harrington, Vice President

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**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. We could also use any kind of fabric if you have extra at home or see some at a garage sale or thrift shop. Thank you!!



**America Recycles Day** is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone at Holy Cross that helps with recycling. Thank you to Sheryl Harrington and Denny & Gail Russell for dropping off the recycling weekly. Thanks to Sheryl for recycling old cell phones at the Hope Crisis Center. Thank you to Duane and Wayne Schuster for recycling the aluminum cans. The proceeds from the aluminum can recycling go to the Youth Fund. Thank you to Rose-Ann Parde for recycling the plastic shopping bags so they can be made into sleeping mats. Thanks to Gail Russell

for recycling of ink cartridges. The proceeds from the ink cartridge recycling goes toward the Matt 25 Scholarship. We want to thank the members that recycle their cans, ink cartridges, and plastic shopping bags at Holy Cross. What great examples of Stewardship of the Earth.

**Black Rubber Mulch is available!** It just isn't working for us to have rubber mulch and wood mulch next to each other. We have decided to switch to wood mulch in the play area. If any member of Holy Cross is interested in the mulch, please contact Gail Russell (402) 239-4052 or Denny Russell (402) 239-2386 by November 5. You need to remove and transport the mulch. We would like to get the mulch removed this fall.



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** is Sunday, November 28. Details on "Hanging the Greens" will be in coming bulletins.

MID WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES will be held on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m.

**BE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION** on the Caring and Sharing Tree this year.

#### SOUND AND STREAMING SYSTEM UPGRADES APPROVED - FUNDING IS NEEDED

At the special congregational meeting on October 24, the congregation approved a sound system and streaming upgrade. We will be working with Yandas Pro Audio and Video of Kearney on these projects.

The sound system upgrade will improve the sound in the sanctuary, narthex, fellowship hall, and conference room. The sound and the picture will be improved when showing videos using our current projector. Sound can be adjusted in the sanctuary during worship.

The streaming would be done with one fixed camera in the sanctuary, which would be controlled remotely. The upgrade will improve the sound and picture in the broadcasts of our worship services. Sound from videos, choir, and congregation singing would now be included in the broadcast. Worship services will continue to be live streamed. A recording of worship will be available electronically and via a DVD by request. A second camera could be added to the system in the future.

We need your input!! Members are encouraged to take a look at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney (Holy Cross (holycrosskearney.org)). There is a link to their most recent recording of worship on their homepage. Also look at the recorded worship services on any other church you choose. Please provide input about what works for you and what doesn't work for you when watching a video stream of worship. Are you comfortable with Facebook? Would you prefer YouTube? Zoom? Are we reaching members when traveling or in extended stays in other locations? Are we reaching our homebound members and members in Long Term Care Facilities with streaming? Do we still need to provide DVDs? Please share you input with Dallen Johnsen, Tom Karlin, or Gail Russell.

**Please consider a donation toward this project as soon as you are able.** Prices and delivery of electronic equipment is changing very rapidly, so our current quote is probably only valid until the end of 2021. If we commit now, installation could probably take place in February.

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**CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES NEEDED!** One of the bulletin boards in the east entrance hallways is open for everyone's contributions. If you have any pictures or newspaper clippings you would like to share in this way, please go ahead and post it on that bulletin board or give to Sandy. Thank you!

**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 nine times!!** 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.

**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 nonprofit use. This is an awesome way to support your church or community at no cost to you!





#### **OVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

If we missed your anniversary or birthday this month, please give the church office a call at 402-228-3172. Thanks!)

| November 1  | Bill Behrends   |
|-------------|-----------------|
| November 2  | Darrell Rinne   |
| November 3  | Brenda Johnson  |
|             | Nolan White     |
| November 5  | Emma Evers      |
|             | Rylie Kreft     |
| November 6  | Coby Buhr       |
|             | Donald Forke    |
| November 8  | Jayden Baete    |
| November 9  | Eric Forrest    |
|             | Brady Helton    |
| November 10 | Dallen Johnsen  |
|             | Lynn Pomajzl    |
| November 12 | Roger Eitzmann  |
|             | Tasha Scott     |
| November 13 | Suzanne Bayless |
|             | Steve Janzen    |
|             | Missy Jobman    |
| November 14 | Berlita Grell   |
| November 16 | Roger Huls      |
|             | Zachary White   |
| November 19 | Larry Vetrovsky |
|             | Shirley Wiens   |
| November 22 | Ainsley Karlin  |
| November 23 | RaeLynn Scott   |
| November 25 | Deb Wells       |
| November 28 | Caleb Jobman    |
| November 29 | Genell Copas    |
|             | Adonna Otto     |



Trevor Schmale

#### **Special Birthday Greetings:**

to Emma Evers who will turn 89 on November 5...

to Roger Huls who will turn 85 on November 16...

and to Shirley Wiens who will turn 85 on November 19.

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

#### **NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

| November 4, 1972  | Tony & Betty George            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| November 11, 2006 | Shawn & Klarissa Hein          |
| November 11, 2017 | Mike & Renee Griffeth-Splitter |
| November 13, 1976 | Nick & Sharon Vrtiska          |
| November 17, 1973 | Rick & Chris Paben             |
| November 22, 1985 | Wayne & Rita Schuster          |
| November 24, 2012 | Richard & Berlita Grell        |
| November 30, 1968 | Pastor Don & Ruth Legacie      |



**A BIRTHDAY PARTY** is planned for Roger Huls' 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021 from 1-4 p.m. at the Vintage Venue, 620 Court St, Beatrice. Please RSVP by November 1 to Julie Lovell (daughter) at 830-581-8703.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Trevor Dunn and Falisatey Novotny who were married at Holy Cross on September 25, 2021. God's blessings for a long and joyous marriage!



#### A WARM WELCOME

to Geneva Cramer who was received into membership at our October 23 worship service. Geneva comes to us from Christ Lutheran Church, Pickrell.

to Dennis & Janet Byars who will be

received into membership at our October 31 worship service. Dennis & Janet come to us from St. John Lutheran, Beatrice.

Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them all to our Holy Cross family the next time you see them!



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Dan Jones, Renee (Mike) Griffeth-Splitter's brother, who passed away earlier this month. Dan's Celebration of Life service was held in Orlando. FL on Oct. 17. We commend Dan to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



#### **WORSHIP HELPERS INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP**

**HELPERS:** Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that

you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office 402-228-3172 aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights - please call Tom or Carol Karlin at 402-223-3992, for Sunday mornings, please call Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 and they will find someone to replace you. Worship helpers - please be at church 30 minutes before worship begins.

Instructions will be in the back window of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 or ask the Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Saturday, November 6

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Beth Dunker

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion Server: Beth Dunker

Sunday, November 7

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Dorothy Hofeling

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton Reader: Stacie Bruns; Communion: Natalie Coffin

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Saturday, November 13

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Adonna Otto

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, November 14

Greeters: Jackie Rinne, Angie Vogel Ushers: Terri Huls, Rondi Mettscher

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Shirley Wiens, Toni Janzen Reader: Angie Vogel; Communion: Jackie Rinne

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, November 20

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Berlita Grell

Reader: Denny Russell; Communion Server: Norma Huls

Sunday, November 21

Greeters: Gary & Sheryl Harrington Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

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

Reader/Communion: Sheryl Harrington Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls Wednesday, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Eve

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Saturday, November 27

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Norma Huls Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Gail Russell

Sunday, November 28

Greeters: LaVerne & Shirley Wolken Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Reader: Bill Behrends

Communion: Rebecca Behrends Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Ushers: Denny & Gail Russell; Reader: Gail Russell

Saturday, December 4

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion Server: Tom Karlin

Sunday, December 5

Greeters: Alex & Courtney Ideus family

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

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

family

Reader: Dianne Cole Communion: Larry Cole

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Reader: Joyce Haecker Saturday, December 11

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, December 12

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Rondi Mettscher

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

family

Reader: Burley Copas Communion: Burley Copas

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Ushers: Terri Huls, Rondi Mettscher

Reader: Terri Huls Saturday, December 18

Ushers/Greeters: Adonna Otto, Jane Ideus

Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, December 19

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Gene & Austin Wolken Reader: Richard Schnaidt; Communion: Toni Janzen

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Ushers: Gloria Paben, Stacie Bruns

Reader: Gloria Paben

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. Greeters: Darrell & Jackie Rinne Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Johman, Steve

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Reader: Gloria Paben; Communion: Gloria Paben

Facebook Videographer:

Saturday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Ushers/Greeters: Robert & Joye Haecker

Reader: Joyce Haecker; Communion: Joyce Haecker

(No evening service) Sunday, December 26

Greeters: Ryan & Angie Vogel family Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

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

Reader: Rebecca Behrends Communion: Bill Behrends

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

#### **SEPTEMBER 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT** SANDY MAHLER, TREASURER

| 2021     | September   | Year to Date |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| Income   | \$11,535.78 | \$122,892.81 |
| Expenses | \$12,696.28 | \$120,936.12 |
| Balance  | -\$1,160.50 | \$1,956.69   |

| 2021 Gen-  |            |              |            |          |              |             |             |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| eral Oper- | Balance    |              | Transfer   | Transfer |              | Monthly     |             |
| ating      | Forward    | Income       | in         | out      | Expense      | 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 | \$16,143.02  | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$13,945.92  | \$2,197.10  | \$4,630.87  |
| MARCH      | \$4,630.87 | \$10,630.20  | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$13,867.70  | -\$3,237.50 | \$1,393.37  |
| APRIL      | \$1,393.37 | \$15,535.74  | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$11,833.89  | \$3,701.85  | \$5,095.22  |
| MAY        | \$5,095.22 | \$12,222.35  | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$16,008.77  | -\$3,786.42 | \$1,308.80  |
| JUNE       | \$1,308.80 | \$8,131.66   | \$3,955.39 | \$0.00   | \$12,935.87  | -\$848.82   | \$459.98    |
| JULY       | \$459.98   | \$9,571.01   | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$10,970.84  | -\$1,399.83 | -\$939.85   |
| AUGUST     | -\$939.85  | \$18,410.64  | \$1,750.00 | \$0.00   | \$16,103.60  | \$4,057.04  | \$3,117.19  |
| SEPTEMBER  | \$3,117.19 | \$11,535.78  | \$0.00     | \$0.00   | \$12,696.28  | -\$1,160.50 | \$1,956.69  |
| TOTAL      |            | \$117,187.42 | \$5,705.39 | \$0.00   | \$120,936.12 |             | \$1,956.69  |

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

| <b>Worship</b> | <b>Attendance</b> | <u>Offerings</u> | Faithbuilders Attendance/Offering |  |  |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Sept. 25/26    | 24-45             | \$1814.00        | 10 \$10.00                        |  |  |
| Oct. 2/3       | 16-62             | \$3113.90        | 7 \$10.00                         |  |  |
| Oct. 9/10      | 15-40             | \$2110.00        | 7 \$10.00                         |  |  |
| Oct. 16/17     | 20-73             | \$2713.00        | 3 \$10.00                         |  |  |
| Oct. 23/24     | 18-41             | \$2261.00        | 5 \$10.00                         |  |  |

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$225.00, Holy Coss-\$650.00, Food Pantry-\$115.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$200.00, Mission Sunday-\$35.00, Our Daily Bread devotionals-\$10.00, Expense Reimbursement-\$30.00, Noisy Offering (food for Warren's Table) - \$102.72, Hymnal-\$24.50, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Gift to Holy Cross for God's Work.Our Hands project-\$400.00, Memorials: LeRoy Folkerts Memorial-\$1270.00.



- Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

  You can bring your offering to worship.

  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.

#### Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Sept. 16, 2021

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

Meeting began first with continuation of discussion on the Values, Vision, & Mission of Holy Cross. Council meeting called to order 8:15 pm by Tom Karlin

- B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: "Who do you say that I am? Based on Mark 8:29.
- C. Agenda:
- 1. Motion by Dallen J. with a second by Joyce H. to approve the agenda and motion was approved.
- 2. Motion made by Dallen J. and a second by Pastor K. to approve the secretary minutes. Motion carried. D. Information:
- 1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. Motion by Tom K. to approve the transfer of Geneva Cramer from Christ Lutheran to Holy Cross. Motion was seconded by Kodi H. and motion was approved. Noisy offerings were designated through December as follows: September Food for Warren's Table meal, on October 19th, October Shipping costs for LWR blankets & kits, November Food Pantry,
- 2. Treasurer's report presented by Kodi H. A motion made by Dallen J. to approve the treasurer's report with a second from Tom K. Motion carried.

#### E. Committee Reports:

December - Caring & Sharing Tree.

Financial report – Motion made by Kodi H. that Tom K. would also be a signer on the bank checking account with a second by Dallen J. Motion carried. Kodi H. made a motion that we continue with the Silvers A plan with Portico & HRA plan for Sandy M. Tom K. seconded the motion and motion was approved. Stewardship – Pastor Kathee will be doing a stewardship service series through October. Worship – suggestion that more youth be asked to help with greeting, ushering, etc. Pastor Kathee has ordered a worship series for Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day: "Wait upon the Lord". Property – Air Conditioning work needed to be done. Memorials & Gifts, Nominating, Evangelism & Social Ministry, Youth, Parish Ed, Mutual Ministry – no report.

#### E. Unfinished Business

- 1. God's Work our Hands projects completed.
- 2. Council approved Sandy Mahler as treasurer replacing Robert Ames-Woolsey effective September 1, 2021.
- 1. Will have a special meeting with the congregation to explain need of updating the sound/video system and approval of the proposed quote from Yondas ProAudio & Video.
- 2. Follow-up on goals of vision & mission of Holy Cross.
- 3. October's council meeting will be on Oct. 21st, 7:00.
- H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a  $2^{nd}$  from Tom K. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Haecker, Council Secretary

## November 2021

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                           | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|   | 1   | 2                                 | 3  | 9:00 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Country Cookin'                      | 5  | 6  |
|   |   |                                   |  | 8:15 p.m. NA  | 8:00 p.m.<br>N.A.  | 6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship   |
| 7 ALL SAINTS/   | 8   | 9                                 | 10   | 11  | 12   | 13   |
| DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. All Church Event (Faithbuilders &                                      | 10:00 a.m.<br>Hope Circle                             | 6:00-7:00<br>p.m.                 | 7.00   | 9:00 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Country Cookin'<br>7:00 p.m. Council |  | THANK-OFFERING  6:00 p.m. Contemporary   |
| Adults), Fellowship<br>2:00 p.m. CROP Hunger<br>Walk—St. John, Beatrice   |   | Confirmation                      | 7:00 p.m.<br>Quintet                                   | 8:15 p.m. NA  | 8:00 p.m.<br>N.A.  | Worship  |
| 14 THANKOFFERING/ VETERANS RECOGNITION 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday  | 7:00 p.m.<br>Women of<br>the ELCA<br>Board<br>Meeting | 16                                | 17   | 9:00 a.m. Men's<br>Fellowship @<br>Country Cookin'                      | 19   | 6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary  |
| School, Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Ed  | 7:00 p.m.<br>Mission<br>Endowment<br>Committee        |                                   | 7:00 p.m.<br>Quintet                                   | 8:15 p.m. NA  | 8:00 p.m.<br>N.A.  | Worship  |
| 21 CHRIST THE KING  | 22  | 23                                | 24   | 25  | 26   | 27   |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:15 a.m. Sunday<br>School, Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Ed  |   | 6:00-7:00<br>p.m.<br>Confirmation | 7:00 p.m.<br>Thanksgiving<br>Eve Worship               | HAPPY<br>THANKSGIVING<br>8:15 p.m. NA                                   | 8:00 p.m.<br>N.A.  | 6:00 p.m.<br>Contemporary<br>Worship/Noisy<br>Offering/Food<br>Pantry<br>Ingathering |
| 28 FIRST SUNDAY IN<br>ADVENT  | 29  | 30                                | Dec. 1   | Dec. 2  |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy<br>Offering/Food Pantry<br>Ingathering<br>10:15 a.m. Sunday<br>School, Fellowship<br>10:30 Adult Ed |   |                                   | 6:30 p.m.<br>Advent<br>Worship<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Quintet | Country Cookin'   | Holy Cross Lutheran Church<br>celebrates Holy Communion<br>in worship each Saturday and<br>Sunday unless noted |  |

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#### How to observe Thanksgiving.

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears. Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself. ~~Author Unknown.~~

#### A VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

God of peace,

we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.