

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 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 Education will meet Sundays during Advent
(except Dec 12 when we have Lutheran Living with
Sarah Callaghan) . The Advent series "Wait Upon
the Lord" will follow the worship series. 10:30-
11:15 - grab some coffee and join us.



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLES FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

DINNER: Come and help assemble
green bean casseroles on

Wednesday, December 22, at 4:30 p.m. There is
a sign up sheet in the Narthex to for those willing to
help. These are for the Community Christmas
Dinner at First Baptist Church. Ingredients for the
green bean casserole and celebration meal are
sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team.



ADVENT SOUP AND SANDWICH

MEAL: Wednesday, December 22,
5:30 p.m.

We will have an Advent soup and
sandwich meal on Wednesday, December 22, at
5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited!



ADVENT WEDNESDAYS WITH HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER:

"Watch, Wait and Wonder"

December 1, 8, 15

6:30-7:15 p.m.

In the spirit of "keeping vigil,"
the first week centers upon

watching for Christ's coming again. The second
week calls us to prayerful waiting in preparation
for the coming of Jesus. Drawing upon the idea
that "wisdom begins in wonder," the third week
invites us to embrace imaginative wonderment
at the things of God.

Amid the hustle and bustle of activity that often
leads up to Christmas, we hope you will take this
time to still your minds and hearts as we enter
this time of watching, waiting and wonder.

BLUE CHRISTMAS EVENING PRAYER ADVENT WEDNESDAY:

December 22, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas
a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or
like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression,
loneliness, unemployment and loss are
magnified. Even those who are not struggling
with losses may feel the stress around Christmas
Time. We come together on this evening seeking
healing and room to share grief, sadness,
loneliness, or confusion when these emotions
often feel out of place during the
holidays." (*Sundays and Seasons*)

**(See inside for complete Advent/Christmas
worship and event schedule.)**

CROSSROADS+

...through all our life be near us

As we come to the end of the year, and look toward 2022, these words remain with me. They are the theme of the Thanksgiving Eve service, from the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God.” It is true that it is a prayer for us as individuals, but also a prayer for us as a people of God, doing the work of God at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In the past months, I have had the joy of being among our people who look to the future of the congregation. Yes, there is concern about the church in general and about our congregation in particular. Yet, there is great hope and looking forward to new things, new possibilities, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Cross WELCA (the Women of the ELCA) met at their general meeting in October to think of new ways to raise funds to serve ministries.

The Holy Cross Church Council has worked on vision and mission.

The Mission Endowment Team is looking toward using the endowment interest to support ministries this year and in the future. (Learn more about this on December 12th following worship as Sara Callaghan with Lutheran Giving visits Holy Cross.)

The Vision and Mission team is looking at new ways to connect: to connect within our congregation and in our community. They have had a lot of fun dreaming and you will hear much more on this in the next months.

As Church Council leadership began the visioning, with the leadership of Matthew Ames-Woolsey, who continues to guide and lead the Vision and Mission team from his new home in Washington State, with our sincere thanks, we looked at the golden circles of **What** we do, **how** we do it and **WHY** we are here. Why we exist in the first place, since the ground work for Holy Cross began three years before the article published September 17, 1965 (see the article on the next page). The WHY is at the very center, the heart of Holy Cross. Our center is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:10)

From that center we looked at the values our congregation holds and narrowed it down to 4:

- 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.

Then the brainstorming team began to have fun imagining new possibilities based on these values! Look for more in January as they continue to envision possibilities and where you can plug in as ground work is laid for 2022 and beyond. Through all our life be near us Lord!

In Christ's Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee

September 17, 1965

Beatrice Daily Sun

Begin ground work for new church here

The Rev. Paul C. Wenske, 50, who is to be pastor of the yet-to-be-organized Holy Cross American Lutheran Church, 20th and Hoyt, has arrived in Beatrice and has started the ground work for forming a new congregation.

He and his family are living at 1721 Summit St. in the house the Board of Home Missions of the ALC has purchased as a parsonage.

ALC Sponsored

The ALC is sponsoring a new congregation here because of the growing Lutheran population in Beatrice, and particularly in the northeast part of town which the new church will serve primarily, Rev. Wenske said.

The American Lutheran Church, which has been working on this project for about

three years, has purchased three acres at the corner of 20th and Hoyt, and expects to complete the first unit of a new church there early next year. Work on plans has not yet begun because, said Rev. Wenske, "we want to wait until the nucleus of a congregation has been organized so the people can be on the planning."

This fall construction will begin on a structure which, at the outset, will serve all church purposes. Later, as the congregation grows, a sanctuary will be added. Then the first unit will become the fellowship hall.

Rev. Wenske announced that first services will begin on Oct. 10 in the multipurpose room of Lincoln School, continuing there each Sunday until the new building is completed. The list of charter members will begin at the Oct. 10 service. This list will remain open until some time after the first building unit was completed, he said.

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CARING AND SHARING TREE 2021

This year you will find some wonderful opportunities for caring and sharing with CASA families, as well as giving to the ELCA World Hunger Good Gift Program.

The Holy Cross caring and sharing tree will have ornaments for members to select for CASA families here in Gage County. Options to purchase gift cards from Rolla-Rena Skate Center, Orange Bowl, Beatrice Movies or McDonalds in any amount from \$10-25 will provide opportunities for CASA families to spend time together, build relationships, and make memories. *The mission of CASA of Gage County is to advocate through the court system for the best interest of children identified as abused and neglected through the recruitment and training of committed volunteers. We strive to ensure a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for each child and that each child has a voice as their future and care is determined. We are committed to the quality service of the CASA program to teach advocacy and the importance of providing all children a voice.*

The Caring and Sharing tree will also have ornaments to support the many projects worldwide through ELCA Good Gifts. Take an ornament and a card and put the amount in the offering plate designated as "ELCA GOOD GIFTS." Take the ornament home for your tree or pass it on.



MATT 25 SCHOLARSHIP

Angie Vogel and our Holy Cross youth will once again be raising money for the Matt 25 Scholarship for a 2021 Beatrice High School grad. Watch for more information coming in January.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

NOISY OFFERINGS

Noisy offerings on the last Sunday of the month will go to:

November—Community Food Pantry

December—CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Gage County

CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES WANTED! 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!



Our last day of Sunday school for 2021 is December 19th with a Christmas party. We will resume on January 9th.

Christmas program practice will be Saturday December 11th at 10:00 and during Sunday School on December 12th.



FAITHBUILDERS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The 2021 Children's Christmas Program will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 12. Come and see a terrific program and support the youth of our church!

INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are involved with anything that needs to be in a bulletin or newsletter in the next few months, please get it to Sandy as far ahead as possible. The months ahead will be busy and full, so the sooner we have your information, the better!

- **Bulletin items are always due by Tuesday noon,**
- **January newsletter items are due Friday morning, Dec. 10,**
- **Annual Report items are due Tuesday morning, Jan. 4.**

You can leave your items at the church office or e-mail them to smahleris@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your timely reports!

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS
2021 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON

*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



Wednesday, December 1

6:30-7:15 p.m.— Midweek Advent Service. “Watch, Wait and Wonder”

Wednesday, December 8

6:30-7:15 p.m.— Midweek Advent Service. “Watch, Wait and Wonder”

Sunday, December 12

5:30 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 15

6:30-7:15 p.m.— Midweek Advent Service. “Watch, Wait and Wonder”

Wednesday, December 22

4:30 p.m.—Prepare Green Bean Casseroles for Community Christmas Dinner (please sign sheet in narthex if you would like to help)

5:30 p.m.—Advent Soup and Sandwich Meal—everyone invited!

6:30-7:15 p.m.— Midweek Advent Service. “Blue Christmas Evening Prayer”

Friday, December 24

7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25

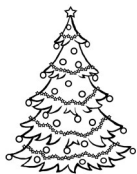
10:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion

(no 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service)

Sunday, December 26

9:00 a.m.—A service of scripture and carols





POINSETTIAS: Poinsettias for this year are being ordered. If you wish to order one in memory or honor of someone, please sign the sheet in the narthex, or call the church office at 402-228-3172 or email Sandy at smahleris@gmail.com. by Wednesday, December 1. Blossom Khardt will deliver them at a cost of \$16.00.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Thankoffering Services and for your generous offerings. CASA(Court Appointed Special Advocate) provides very necessary emotional and legal support for children in Gage County who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Thank you

Stacie and Amber for your sharings. Thankoffering to date is \$636.00. This money will be sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Bibles and catechisms were presented to Braxton Gartner, Sam Jobman, Sydney Sejkora, and Adalyn Smith.

We will be putting together 10 Christmas gift boxes for our shut-ins at Hope Circle on Monday, December 13, at 10:00 am.

At the November Board Meeting, it was decided that we will have our Soup Luncheon on February 13, 2022 and our Bake Sale at the Spring Craft Fair in the Mall.

Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas to all!

Calendar: December 13, 2021-----Hope Circle 10:00 am Assemble Christmas Gift Boxes

January 22, 2022-----Winter Retreat at St. Paul's Lutheran, Grand Island

February 13, 2022-----Soup Luncheon

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.

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THE LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS!

Join in singing our favorite Christmas Carols! A one hour rehearsal concluding with a celebratory concert.

Sunday, December 12: 2:00 Rehearsal, 3:30 Sing along Concert.

Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington, Lincoln, NE.

Email lincolnlutheranchoir@gmail.com to receive your packet of carols and to register!





HOLY CROSS LEGACY WORKSHOP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Our upcoming Legacy Giving Seminar, will be held on December 12th. At the workshop, Sarah Callahan, from Lutheran Giving, will be providing information about how Holy Cross members can accomplish their estate goals for their loved ones and include a gift for ministry, as they choose.

Sarah Callahan is the Executive Director of Lutheran Giving, NE. She holds a bachelor of arts in music and a master's in business administration from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana and is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®). With Sarah's background in financial services and passion for ministry, she comes qualified to provide helpful and confidential gift planning education and consultation for our members, as part of our ministry together. There is no obligation for those who attend and Sarah has nothing to sell. This is purely educational.

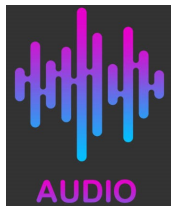
Analytic Reasons to Contemplate Planned Giving

Are your estate plans reflective of the generosity and intentions you voiced in action and words while living? We expect if we have an estate plan, all is taken care of, but derailers can occur, leaving a different result for the reality of our estate. Some thoughts to consider as you implement charitable giving into your estate plan might be:

1. ***Charitable intentions***- Will your wishes be followed at death to reflect the generosity you have felt during your lifetime and the support your desires share?
2. ***Implementing*** your desires efficiently can save your heirs anxiety and distribute assets effectively in a timely fashion.
3. ***Tax Efficiency*** should be considered when discerning which assets to leave to whom.
4. ***Having a deliberate plan*** that is easily implemented and followed by your heirs will decrease heart-ache, frustration and confusion after you are gone, giving your loved ones a time to rest and recover from the loss of you.
5. ***You may want to avoid probate and have a will.***
6. ***Family issues should be reflected accurately in your plans.*** Marriage, divorce, a child with special needs, or blended family needs can change.
7. ***Assets can change*** with sales and purchases, fluctuations in the market, or catastrophic events leading to a change in net worth.
8. ***Loved ones may have lifestyle issues***, such as a loved one with substance abuse problems or poor financial decisions.
9. ***A change in tax law*** could affect your plans.
10. ***Unexpected death or incapacity*** can derail the best of intentions, even though we thought we would "get to it soon".

Many of these topics and more will be covered in our upcoming Legacy Presentation on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 10:00am.

Our intent is to offer education and ideas, and motivate you to action that represents your charitable intent toward the organizations and communities you love. If you so choose, Sarah Callahan Executive Director of Lutheran Giving, is a free resource to review your existing, or create new, legacy planning that fulfills your desires and intent for all the ministries that brings joy to your heart. Sarah will be here as a resource to you with a pure heart and mind for our church and passions. Please call her at (402) 342-5728 or email at scallahan@lutherangiving.org to schedule an appointment should you be unable to attend our workshop.



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.

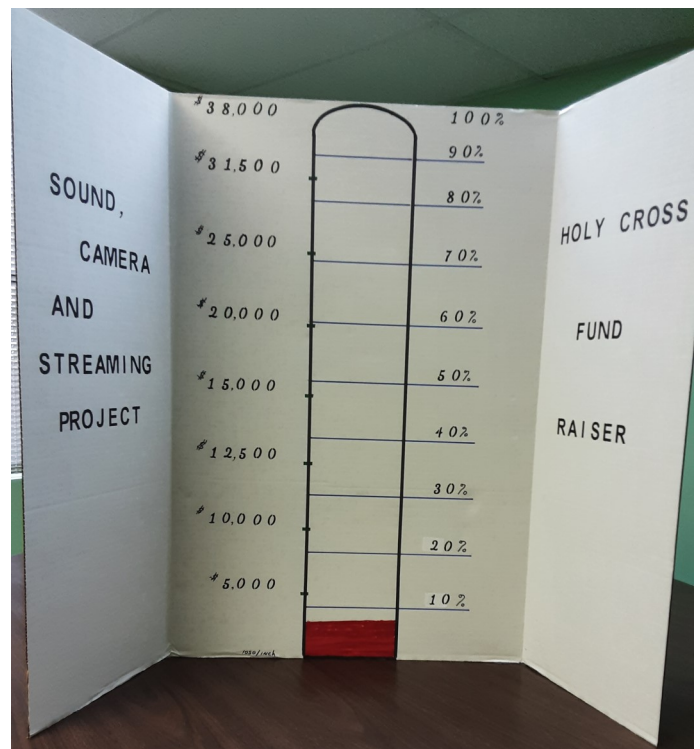
The streaming would be done with one fixed camera in the sanctuary, which would be controlled remotely. The upgrade will improve the sound and picture in the broadcasts of our worship services. Sound from videos, choir, and congregation singing would now be included in the broadcast. Worship services 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 \(holycrosskearney.org\)](http://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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\$4,815.00 has been donated so far.
Thank you!





THANK YOU! A big thank you to everyone that donated items for our LWR kits, sheets and fabric for our quilts this year. During the first week of November, we sent off 58 Personal Care kits, 84 School kits, and 183 quilts. Thanks to all who helped put the kits together and the ladies that came to stitch and tie the quilts each month. Thanks to Mary Schuster-Graff and Gloria Paben for helping pack everything up and to Robert & Joyce Haecker and Dallen Johnsen for hauling it all to Omaha. ALL is much appreciated.

THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY is having an "Ingathering" this year, but like last year, they cannot do it in the normal way. So, instead, they ask that you fill a bag with food and bring it to the pantry **by Dec. 26**. You may also bring your items to the shopping cart in the Holy Cross narthex and we will deliver them for you. 37 items were delivered to the Food Pantry from our shopping cart this past week. The Food Pantry relies on this "Ingathering" to get through the winter months and into spring. Monetary gifts are also welcome and appreciated and are used to buy staples. You may send your donation directly to Community Food Pantry or leave it in the offering plate and we will send it on with other donations. 37 items were donated so far in November Thank you for your support!

YAY!!! WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL AGAIN!!! 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 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!

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!





OCTOBER 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer



2021	October	Year to Date
Income	\$14,413.30	\$137,306.11
Expenses	\$13,785.96	\$134,722.08
Balance	\$627.34	\$2,584.03

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	\$16,143.02	\$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
OCTOBER	\$1,956.69	\$14,413.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,785.96	\$627.34	\$2,584.03
TOTAL		\$137,306.11	\$5,705.39	\$0.00	\$134,722.08		\$2,584.03

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS



<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Offering</u>
Oct. 30/31	18-51	\$2429.00		
Nov. 6/7	24-44	\$2705.90	4	\$20.00
Nov. 13/14	18-68	\$5010.00	14	\$10.00
Nov. 20/21	19-41	\$2540.00	10	\$10.00

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$180.00, Holy Cross only-\$708.00, Noisy Offering (LWR Shipping) - \$83.09, Food Pantry-\$40.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$220.00, CROP Walk-\$100.00, Copies-\$5.00, Youth Fund -\$10.00 and Aluminum Cans-\$40.95, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Mission Festival-\$20.00, Poinsettias-\$64.00, Sound System-\$3815.00, Confirmation Camp-\$100.00, Spartan Nash-\$1000.00

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.



WORSHIP HELPERS **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP**

HELPERS: Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

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: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Steve Rippe

Reader: Gloria Paben; Communion: Gloria Paben

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

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

Saturday, January 1

Lay Leaders/Readers: Beth Dunker, Denny Russell

Usher: Sally Diekman

Sunday, January 2

Lay Leader: Sheryl Harrington

Greeters: LaVerne & Shirley Wolken

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

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

Reader: Natalie Coffin

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, January 8

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, January 9

Greeters: Elsie Otto, Lanny Ropers

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Shirley Wiens

Reader: Bill Behrends

Communion: Rebecca Behrends

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Saturday, January 15

Ushers/Greeters: Glennys Lienemann, Norma Huls

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, January 16

Greeters: Stacie Bruns

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

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

Reader: Dianne Cole

Communion: Dianne Cole

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Saturday, January 22

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, January 23

Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

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

Reader: Burley Copas

Communion: Joyce Haecker

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

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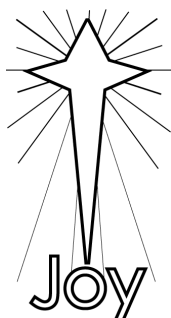
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- Dec. 3 Wilma Knudsen
- Rondi Mettscher
- Kayleigh Vogel
- Dec. 5 Jorja Grabouski
- Donald Huls
- Betty Siefkes*
- Duane Trauernicht
- Dec. 6 Linda Skala
- Dec. 9 Wayne Schuster
- Dec. 10 Bessie Smith
- Dec. 13 Tom Karlin
- Dec. 16 Scott Parde
- Dec. 17 Burley Copas
- Dec. 18 Austin Hein
- Dec. 20 Jason Kreft
- Dec. 21 Iziaha Johnson
- Dec. 22 Jones Grabouski
- Lanny Ropers
- Dec. 23 Michele Gartner
- Joyce Haecker
- Joey Staley
- Dec. 24 Jody Helton
- Dec. 26 Jacob Karlin
- Dec. 27 Howard Nelson, III
- Dec. 31 Pastor David Frye

***Special Birthday Greetings to:**

Special birthday greetings to Betty Siefkes who will be 92 on Dec. 5...**God's blessings to you —may you have a happy & healthy year!**



DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12-28-57

Dwayne & Roma Garrison

Congratulations to Dwayne & Roma Garrison who will be celebrating their 64th Wedding Anniversary on December 28! God's blessings to you—may you have many more happy years together!



Season's Greetings

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We have included in the newsletter sent to our members' email and snail mail the names and addresses of our homebound members for those of you who might like to send them a Christmas card or remember them in some other way this Christmas season. If you did not receive the newsletter with these names and addresses and would like them, please call the church office at 402-228-3172.



Worship helpers, continued

Saturday, January 29

Ushers/Greeters: Adonna Otto, Jane Ideus

Reader: Dennis Russell; Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, January 30

Greeters: Alex & Courtney Ideus

Ushers: Terri Huls, Rondi Mettscher

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Reader: Terri Huls, Communion: Toni Janzen

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021**

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

A. Council meeting called to order 7:05 pm by Tom Karlin

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*, Based on Isaiah 30:19-21

C. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. with a second by Ryan V. to approve the agenda and motion was approved.
2. Motion made by Kodi H. 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 Janet & Dennis Byars from St. John's Lutheran, Beatrice to Holy Cross with a second from Kodi H. Motion was approved. Amber Lovitt and Stacie Bruns will be speaking at Thankoffering service about CASA of Gage County (Court Appointed Special Advocates serving abused and neglected children in Gage County). Also, suggested to designate items for CASA for the caring and sharing tree.

2. Treasurer's report presented by Kodi H. A motion made by Tom K. to approve the treasurer's report with a second from Dallen J. Motion carried.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial report – So far this year expenses have been running under budget. Nominating – will begin making contact with folks to fill open positions. Evangelism & Social Ministry - Facebook has been running ok. The Mission Endowment Fund team will have a meeting November 15th. Youth – had 4 folks for first communion. Parish Ed. – a DVD player has been replaced for Faithbuilders. Worship – Christmas Eve services will begin at 7:00. Since Christmas Day is on Saturday, will have 10:00 service Saturday morning but will not have a Saturday night service. Property – Ryan V. has been working on getting the air conditioning units repaired. The time for Faithbuilders needs to be changed on the church sign. The Flag pole light fixture has been repaired. The city trimmed some of the trees and will also remove the Ash trees later this fall. Rubber mulch around the swing set is to be removed and if anyone wants it can have it. Whispering Winds received a new organ but no bench. Had a piano bench upstairs. A motion was made by Dallen J. to give the bench to Whispering Winds. Ryan V. seconded the motion and it was approved. Memorials & Gifts, Stewardship, Mutual Ministry – no report

F. Unfinished Business

1. Will start passing the offering plates during worship.
2. Wayfair has playsets on sale.
3. On October 24th will have a meeting with the congregation concerning the sound & video system.
4. After visiting with Sandy, she stated that she thinks she would only need approx. ½ hour more most weeks doing treasurer duties. Her hours are currently 25-1/2 hours per week and will be increased to 26 hours a week in January.

G. New Business

1. Had paper copies of giving statements since 2017. Files are filled. Will destroy all but 2 years of the paper copies since reports are also on the computer.
2. The vision team will be having a meeting.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd from Ryan V. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

**Special Congregational Meeting
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
October 24, 2021**

Declaration of a Quorum by Tom Karlin - (Confirmed, Communing, Contributing) 33 members present - quorum declared. Meeting called to order at 10:10AM.

Opening with a prayer by Pastor Kathee.

A meeting was held for improving and spending above budget for the proposal for the streaming and sound system from Yandas Pro Audio & Video for \$40,000, which includes installation, training and support. Gail Russell explained what was needed and the reason for updating the current system. There was a vote of 24 out of 33 to vote by a show of hands. Bill Behrends made a motion to approve the proposal from Yandas with a second from Eric Forrest. After discussion the proposal was approved with 32 out of 33 approving, motion carried.

A motion was made by Eric Forrest with a second from Larry Cole to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:39.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

(to be presented for approval at the January 2022 Annual Meeting)

December 2021

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 Office Hours: 8:30 am-3:00 p.m., T,Th; 8:30-12:00 F.
 Pastor Kathee Forrest-Kathee.forrest@gmail.com; Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sun- day unless noted.. </div>			1 6:30-7:15 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship 7:15 Quintet	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. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	6	7 6:00-7:00 p.m. Confirmation	8 6:30-7:15 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship 7:15 Quintet	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	10 January 2022 Newsletter articles due 8:00 p.m. N.A.	11 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
12 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Legacy Giving Seminar 10:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice, Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program	13 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	14	15 6:30-7:15 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship 7:15 Quintet	16 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	17 8:00 p.m. N.A.	18 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
19 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders Christmas Party, Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed	20 No WELCA Board Meeting	21	22 4:30 p.m. Assemble Casseroles 5:30 p.m. Advent Soup & Sandwich Meal 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Evening Prayer Advent Worship 7:15 Quintet	23 8:15 p.m. N.A.	24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service w/ communion 8:00 p.m. N.A.	25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
26 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:30 Adult Ed (No Faithbuilders)	27	28	29	30 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	31	



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FACING CHRISTMAS

I shall attend to my little errands of love early this year,
That the days before Christmas may be unhampered and clear of the fever of hurry.
The breathless rushing that I have known in the past shall not possess me.
I shall be calm in my soul, and ready at last for Christmas.
I shall kneel and call out His name.
I shall take time to watch the light of a candle's flame.
I shall have leisure. I shall go out from my roof and my door.
I shall not miss the silver silence of the stars as I have before.
And if I stand there very still and very long,
I shall hear what the clamor of living has kept from me: The Angel's Song!

Grace Noel Crowell