

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary

Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:00-10:45 a.m. Faithbuilders will meet in person beginning again on Sunday, January 9.

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. We will not meet January 2. See page 3 for details.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery

will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. If you would like to donate towards this disaster response, put your donation in an envelope and mark it "U.S. Tornadoes".



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23. 2022—10:15 A.M.

Please come and be a part of the decision making for 2022! We will meet in the sanctuary—all members are welcome to attend the meeting—all CCC members (contributing, communing, confirmed) are eligible to be on the ballot and to vote! **Deadline for reports** is Tuesday, January 4. Please leave at the office or e-mail to Sandy at smahleris@gmail.com. Thank you!



THREE TYPES OF GIFTS

Just as the three wise men visiting the manager of baby Jesus left three kinds of gifts to honor Him, we too can leave three kinds of gifts. The three kings left gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, in thanks to God for all His blessings to us in our lifetime, may choose to leave gifts of our tithes, our offerings, and our legacy. Tithes are those gifts we give regularly to sustain the work of our church in God's kingdom. Offerings are those special gifts to support the ministries for which we have a passion. Legacy gifts are those gifts we leave behind to our loved ones and to our church out of joyful thanks for all that He has provided. Legacy gifts often require wise planning. To plan your legacy gift, contact Sarah Callahan at scallahan@lutherangiving.org or (402)342-5728.

CROSSROADS

As I write this reflection in mid-December, looking to the new year, I am reading the Christmas message of Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. We have just had our second pandemic Christmas. Last year Eric and I were both in quarantine and could not worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas. There are people in our congregation who have struggled this past year, some who have had Covid or other illnesses, some who have had deep sorrow and grief.

So as we go into the new year, might we be wondering, as Bishop Eaton noted: “Why have hope? Just give up.”

But her message continues: “But we have a hope that's stronger than any of this, stronger even than death. The hope of God comes in the form of a tiny baby, a helpless child; nevertheless, who grew to a man and in his fragile strength was willing to die on the cross and was raised again. I don't know what next Christmas will bring. I don't know what New Year's will bring. But I do know we have hope. St. Paul put it this way: ‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may ABOUND IN HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.’”

May these hopeful words from St. Paul in his letter to the church in Rome (Romans 15:13) be words to carry with us throughout 2022.

May the GOD of HOPE
fill you
with
great **JOY**
& PEACE
as you TRUST in Him.
Roman 15:13

In Christ's Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



There will be no Faithbuilders on December 26 or January 2. Classes will resume January 9.

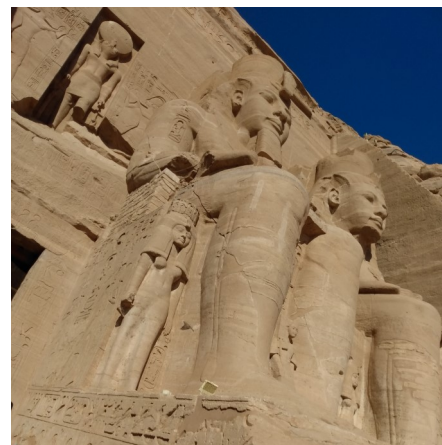
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A new year of Adult Education each Sunday!

There will be no adult education classes 12/26 or 1/2.

January 9 - Anne Wilson - 1/9/2021 after Service Sunday in the Sanctuary: Sharing some Pictures, History and Sounds and even Smells from Egypt from a recent trip, 11-19-21. Anne is excited to share her adventure, including Saint Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, also known as the Hanging Church, one of the oldest churches in Egypt; Mount Nebo, Jordan mentioned in the Bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land before his death. She will also be sharing smells: Myrrh and Frankincense from Egypt. Fortunately, Anne did not bring back the camel smell. Hope to see you there.

Beginning January 16: Surprised by Hope - A series by N.T.Wright, will begin in January. N.T. Wright is one of the world's top biblical scholars and he asks the question: "What are we waiting for? And what are we going to be doing about it in the meantime?" Each session has a video presentation followed by a discussion. Join us Sundays at 10:30-11:15 in the conference room.



THE MATT 25 PROJECT

In 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering, our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone's future. In Matthew 25,

there is a story about a man who gives money to his 3 servants and goes travelling. When he returns, two of his servants have used their talents and wisdom to grow the money. God provides us with opportunities to help others and by doing so we are serving Him. He wants us to use our talents and passions to make the world a better, more loving place in His honor. With this story in mind, we were inspired to create a college scholarship for a financially needy student.

God has guided our youth group to see this scholarship project through and this is a project we are very passionate about. We hope to be able to provide this scholarship every year.

Fundraiser plans will be shared in the coming weeks!



WHAT IS THE VISION TEAM?

The Vision team has been brainstorming since their kick-off meeting October 2nd on next steps following the Holy Cross Church Council's productive work in our congregations Values, Vision and Mission. You will hear more about this at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 23rd and it is very exciting!

The Vision Team is planning ways to connect our congregation with one another and with our community. This is based on the values our congregation holds dear: **Community, Generosity, Hospitality and Serving.**

Meet the Vision Team: Matthew Ames-Woolsey continues to share his gifts of leadership with the Vision team virtually, while Zooming in from Washington State. Stacie Bruns, Dianne Cole, Toni Janzen, Dallen Johnsen, Tom Karlin, and Mary Schuster-Graff along with Pastor Kathee.

And you are part of it as well. The whole congregation is part of the team! As plans are rolled out, the congregation will be invited and involved in making this Vision happen! Here is the first project that you are invited to join!

A WARM WELCOME - WHAT WILL YOU PUT IN THE BASKET?

One creative idea that will be implemented in the next few months is a welcome basket for our guests. Stacie Bruns is taking the lead and asks - what will you put in the baskets? What items embrace the unique personality of our congregation. What could you provide? A jar of homemade jelly, a hand-crafted cross or candle, a printed card or magnet or bookmark? The ideas are endless, but we are asking that they be provided by you, our congregation. What might you put in the basket?

Stacie will begin by hand-crocheting baskets in which to put the items for our guests. Anyone interested in making more baskets or who have items for the baskets, please contact Stacie. Together we will provide a warm welcome to our guests.

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ERIC AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL for the many Christmas blessings you have shared with us! With 12 days of Christmas, we look to Epiphany on January 6th - which by the way is a wonderful time for a house blessing. I am always available for a house blessing with prayer and scripture in each room or here is a Chalk Blessing:

Inscription: Using chalk, write on the outside of your house's door or frame (or on a path or driveway, or above or next to an entrance):

+ 20 C M B 22 +

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar,

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

22 and sixteen years ago.

+ Christ, bless this house,

+ and remain with us throughout the new year.

The inscription stands for the first half of the current year written out, Christe mansionem benedica (Christ bless this house), then the other half of the current year written out, beginning and ending with a cross. Each marking or word could be written by a member of the household, if desired. The leader can share a prayer of their own or simply ask God to bless your home as the markings are made.

When finished, all can join in a **Prayer of Blessing:** O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



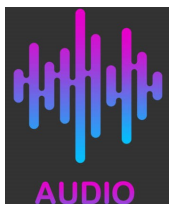
Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas! Total Thankoffering was \$656.00. This money will be sent to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

On December 13, during Hope Circle, the ladies put together 10 Christmas boxes to be delivered to our shut-ins. Thanks to all who provided treats for the shut-ins. Thanks to all who helped put the boxes together, Thanks to the Faithbuilders and teachers for the beautiful stained glass window and "Babe in a manger" ornaments you made for the shut-ins. Thanks to Joyce Haecker and her daughter, Theresa, for the cute snowman and Christmas stocking candy holders you provided for the shut-ins.

Blessed New Year to all! Sheryl Harrington, WELCA President

Calendar: January 10, 2022 – Hope Circle – 10:00 am
January 12, 2022 – Blanket Sewing – 9:00-3:00
January 17, 2022 – WELCA Board – 7:00 pm
January 22, 2022 – NSWOW Winter Retreat (virtual)
February 13, 2022 – Soup Luncheon
March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday Supper – WELCA Serves
March 5, 2022 – Spring Gathering – Zion Lutheran, Pickrell
March 4 & 5, 2022 – Bake Sale at the Craft Fair in Indian Creek Mall

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.



JUST ABOUT HALFWAY THERE!

Congratulations on a Fundraising Milestone, Holy Cross! We are almost halfway to our fundraising goal of \$38,000 for the Sound and Streaming System Upgrades approved at the special congregational meeting on October 24th! We will continue to raise funds throughout 2022 until the goal of \$38,000 is met and to fully fund the project and then we will celebrate!

With sincere gratitude to all who have donated to get us halfway there and with your continued support of this project we look for work to begin in the first quarter of 2022.

You can find complete details of these upgrades in the December newsletter: the sound system upgrade will improve the sound in the sanctuary, narthex, fellowship hall and conference room. The streaming upgrade will improve the sound and picture in the broadcasts of our worship services.

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\$18,328.36 has been donated so far. Thank you!



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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES are out for the new year. If we missed your name or if you haven't used envelopes in the past but would like to at this point, please let the church office know.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Country Cookin'. For more information or for a ride contact Ferdie Kimminau at 331-276-7380.

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.

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 so far! Our thanks to Terri Huls and Gloria Paben who add the receipts up and submit them to Spartan Nash Co. and to all of you who keep your receipts and put them in the collection box in the narthex! We have started over again and are at \$59,860.00.

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 holycrosselcbeatrice@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!

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON by liking our Holy Cross Group Facebook Page, which can be accessed from the website www.holycrossbeatrice.com.

NOVEMBER 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2021	November	Year to Date
Income	\$14,504.99	\$151,811.10
Expenses	\$13,617.59	\$148,359.34
Balance	\$887.40	\$3,451.76

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	\$14,066.10	\$2,076.92	\$4,510.69
MARCH	\$4,510.69	\$10,630.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,838.30	-\$3,208.10	\$1,302.59
APRIL	\$1,302.59	\$15,535.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,833.89	\$3,701.85	\$5,004.44
MAY	\$5,004.44	\$12,222.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,008.77	-\$3,786.42	\$1,218.02
JUNE	\$1,218.02	\$8,131.66	\$3,955.39	\$0.00	\$12,977.52	-\$890.47	\$327.55
JULY	\$327.55	\$9,571.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,970.84	-\$1,399.83	-\$1,072.28
AUGUST	-\$1,072.28	\$18,410.64	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$16,150.50	\$4,010.14	\$2,937.86
SEPTEMBER	\$2,937.86	\$11,535.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,696.28	-\$1,160.50	\$1,777.36
OCTOBER	\$1,777.36	\$14,413.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,626.30	\$787.00	\$2,564.36
NOVEMBER	\$2,564.36	\$14,504.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,617.59	\$887.40	\$3,451.76
TOTAL		\$146,105.71	\$5,705.39	\$0.00	\$148,359.34		\$3,451.76

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship Attendance Offerings Faithbuilders Attendance/Offering

Nov. 24	37	\$259.00	
Nov. 27/28	16-50	\$2872.00	
Dec. 1	26	\$ 90.00	Midweek Advent Service
Dec. 4/5	16-44	\$2416.00	9 \$10.00
Dec. 8	21	\$ 170.00	Midweek Advent Service
Dec. 11/12	16-51	\$2072.90	

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$140.00, Holy Cross only-\$690.00, Thanksgiving-\$60.00, Food Pantry-\$60.00, Poinsettias-\$144.00, CASA-\$80.00, Sound & Streaming System Upgrades-\$3588.01, Confirmation Camp-\$276.00, Nov. Noisy Offering-Food Pantry-\$94.37, Oaks-\$615.00, ELCA Good Gifts-\$110.00, Christmas-\$25.00, Reimbursements/Refund-\$52.03. Memorials: Mark Jobman Memorial-\$1500.00.

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.

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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, 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

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

(February worship helpers will come out in January.)

Thank You

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated to the Caring and Sharing Tree projects this year—Toys and gift cards for CASA residents and donations to ELCA World Hunger—Good Gifts. Your generosity to the ministries we support bring blessings to many people!

DEAR FRIENDS– Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$83.09 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in an earthquake can maintain their hygiene and dignity with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. I am so grateful that you are loving these neighbors by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

Daniel V. Speckhard, President/CEO

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Jan. 1	June Seitz
Jan. 2	Roxine Weichel
Jan. 3	Tena Behrens*
	Stacie Bruns
Jan. 3	Tom Seitz
Jan. 4	Robert Jurgens
Jan. 5	Gale Buss
	Steve Rippe
Jan. 6	Liberty Sejkora
	Shirley Wolken
Jan. 7	Anna Pike
	Carole Weber
Jan. 8	Diane Waltke (Elmer)
Jan. 9	Judson Kreft
Jan. 10	Kasha Gartner
	Taylor Garton
	Keri Kendall
	Lonnie Litterick
Jan. 11	Glen Baete
Jan. 12	Susie Brown
	Zachary Schmale
Jan. 14	Pastor Kathee
Jan. 15	Vi Kimminau
Jan. 18	Joyce Parde*
	Clayton Wells
Jan. 19	Sydney Brauer
Jan. 20	Lorella Matulka
Jan. 21	Richard Pomajzl
Jan. 22	Eli Miller
Jan. 27	Cohen Buhr
Jan. 31	Kathy Baete

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Tena Behrens who will celebrate her 98th birthday on January 3...
Diane Waltke who will celebrate her 85th birthday on January 8...
Joyce Parde who will celebrate her 87th birthday on January 18...
God's blessings to you all—may you have a happy and healthy year!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



January 2, 1999—Pastor David & Anne Frye
January 10, 1976—Dennis & Gail Russell
January 10, 2016—Jordan & Whitney Grabouski
January 23, 1982—Randy & Brenda Johnson
January 24, 1975—Dallen & Nancy Johnsen



THANK YOU for your donation of \$150.00 to CASA. Your generous support helps CASA to continue in its mission 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. CASA is committed to the quality service of the program to teach advocacy and the importance of providing all children a voice. Thank you for the wonderful invite to your giving Sunday service. Your kindness is much appreciated. Amber Lovitt, Southeast Nebraska CASA

DEAR FRIENDS: Thank you for your gift of \$220.00 which blesses this ministry with the means to make these holidays especially momentous for our kids here at the Oaks. What a partner in ministry you are! We here at the Oaks are so very grateful for it. Monique Sharp, Operations Assistant
(Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director, is in a Tulsa hospital at this time, suffering with severe pancreatitis. They ask for your prayers.)

DEAR FRIENDS: Thank you so much for your gifts of food, \$95.00 and \$300.71 received for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc. Your gift is sincerely appreciated and will directly benefit the ministry of helping others seeking assistance from the Pantry which is solely supported by donations of food, time, and monetary gifts. Thank you again for your generous support and making a difference in our community!

- The Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2021**

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

Council meeting called to order 7:12 pm by Tom Karlin

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: *Remembering, Celebrating, Turning* by Jordan Miller Stubbendick.

B. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. with a second by Ryan V. to approve the agenda and motion was approved. A motion made by Dallen J. and 2nd by Pastor Kathee to approve the regular council mtg. minutes and the special mtg. minutes to be approved at the annual meeting. Motion carried.

C. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. Motion made by Tom K. with a second from Kodi H. that Thanksgiving service offerings be divided 1/3 to World Hunger, 1/3 to Food Pantry & 1/3 to Holy Cross. Motion approved. Motion made by Tom K. and a second by Dallen J. that the Advent Services offerings would go to the discretionary fund. Motion was approved.

2. Treasurer's report presented by Kodi H. Joyce H. made motion with a second from Ryan V. to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports:

Financial report -- Property expenses went over budget because of needed Air Conditioner repairs. Motion was made to take \$300 from Van Operation Expenses plus another \$150 from the property upkeep slush fund by Kodi H. Tom K. seconded the motion and it was approved. Had \$1,000.00 donation to Holy Cross. Motion made by Dallas J. to apply this to the Sound & Video System fund with a second from Tom K. Motion carried. Nominating -- Contacted nominating leaders to start contacting folks for open positions. Youth -- Christmas program will be December 12th. Parish Education -- There are 2 youth in confirmation class. Property -- Flower stand needs repair and post light needs to be replaced. Stewardship, Evangelism & Social Ministry, Worship, Mutual Ministry -- no report.

E. Unfinished Business:

1. Worship methods -- no changes for now.
2. Stable blew over last winter and had too much damage. May check on purchasing a new display next year.
3. Will be meeting with Greg Sales, from Yondas to approve the contracts to begin the installation of the sound/video system.

F. New Business:

1. Motion by Tom K. to increase Sandy's hours from 25-1/2 to 26 hours a week beginning in January. Seconded by Kodi H. and motion was approved.
2. Discussed budget and salaries to be presented at the annual meeting.
3. Vision Team will have a meeting with Matthew Woolsey by Zoom.

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 8:30. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

January 2022

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px;"> <i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</i> </div>						1 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (no comm)
2 9:00 a.m. Worship (no comm) No Faithbuilders or Adult Ed	3	4 ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS DUE	5	6 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Vision Team 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7 8:00 p.m. N.A.	8 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	10 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	11 6:00-7:00 p.m. Confirmation	12 7:00 p.m. Quintet	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14 8:00 p.m. N.A.	15 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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