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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary
Worship
Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship



SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m. Faithbuilders will meet in person each Sunday morning.

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. See page 3 for details.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.
Lenten Supper from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays, March 9—April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Lenten offerings will be divided between the Matt 25 Project and Holy Cross.

There will be a Lenten Supper each week from 6:00-6:45 p.m. with a freewill offering taken.

ROUND ROBIN MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP: CONTINUING IN THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM

We haven't done this in a while, but this Lent will be a round-robin with pastors from 5 congregations in the Homestead Cluster traveling to lead mid-week Lenten worship based on the covenant made at our baptism. Join us Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m. as we pause in the middle of our week to reflect on life shared as people of God. And come early to have a meal at 6:00.

March 9: To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed—Pastor Mark Liscom, St. Paul, Diller
March 16: To serve all people, following the example of Jesus—Pastor Myron Meyer, St Paul at Soap Creek, rural DeWitt

March 23: To strive for justice and peace in all the earth – Pastor Travis Panning, First Lutheran, Wilber/Trinity Lutheran, DeWitt

March 30: To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper – Pastor Renae Koehler, St. John, Beatrice

April 6: To live among God's faithful people – Pastor Kathee

LENTEN SUPPERS: You are invited for good food and fellowship at our Lenten suppers which are held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-6:45 before our midweek Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to everyone for your time and efforts in providing this ministry! If you would like to raise money for your group or organization, or if your group would like to take this opportunity to raise money for a cause that you would like to support, please sign the name of your group and what you will be serving on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Hearing the words: “you are dust and to dust you shall return” are harsh reminders of our mortality, especially difficult for those who are grieving. Yet, we know that we are on this earth for a number of days and that number is not known to us. How then do we live knowing we will die?

There’s an app for that! WeCroak is an app inspired by an old Bhutanese saying: “To be a happy person, one must contemplate death five times daily.” The app sends alerts five times a day with a reflective quote. How might this alter our perspective on life? I just downloaded the app so I will let you know.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a 40-day journey toward Easter. We mark our foreheads with dust and pray to return to God. Often Lent is doing without things – chocolate, coffee, social media. But instead of giving something up this Lent, you are invited to reflect on our expansive life with God, which is full to the brim.



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Full to the Brim {*An expansive Lent*} is written by the group *A Sanctified Art*, and we are reminded that the readings this year are full of “parables and promises of God’s abundant and expansive grace. Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, stones shouting out with praise—the sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace.”

Join us in worship this Lent and be filled with God’s grace. You can sign up for a set of Daily Devotional Cards that accompany the series. A sample set is by a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office.

In Christ’s Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee

Thank you – In difficult times there is a balm knowing that others are lifting you in prayer and bringing tidings of comfort and joy. Thank you to all who have lifted up my family in thought and prayer following the sudden death of my mother, Marilyn Lange. Pastor Kathee and Eric



take
care of the
sick
CLOTHE
the naked
Welcome
THE STRANGER, VISIT THE PRISONER
WHATEVER YOU DID TO ONE OF THESE LEAST
brothers and sisters of mine
you did for
me
FEED THE HUNGRY
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**LENTEN PANCAKE
SUPPER**, Wednesday,
April 6, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Freewill donation with
all proceeds going to the
Matt 25 Project.

Donations for this
scholarship project are
welcome at any time.
Our goal is to raise at
least \$500.00 for this
scholarship. Thank you
for your continued
support.

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 traveling. 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 student with financial need.

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.

- Angie Vogel

Faithbuilders classes each Sunday morning at Holy Cross from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

"Surprised by Hope" - We began this series by N.T.Wright 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.

Spam & Spoof Emails

A brief reminder for everyone to beware of spam and spoof emails, particularly those saying they are from Pastor Kathee. A quick way to spot a spam or spoof is to look at the actual email address that has sent the email. If the email says it is from Pastor Kathee, but is not from kathee.forrest@gmail.com, it is NOT legit. Opening any links or files can damage your computer.

When in doubt, you can certainly call Pastor Kathee or the church office to inquire about an email you received.



Prepare for A Season of Hope: Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in Lent

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1-3

This season of Lent, Holy Cross will once again walk with people around the world afflicted by the pandemic, war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits. Each week, please bring the featured item to worship. Thank you for participating in this ministry!

First Week of Lent – March 5/6: One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x 40" &

52" x 27"), dark color recommended.

Second Week of Lent – March 12/13: Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (3-5 ounces each) 8-9 oz. total, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars.

Third Week of Lent – March 19/20: One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used. Do not provide toothpaste; it will be provided by LWR.

Fourth Week of Lent – March 26/27: One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging.

Fifth Week of Lent – April 2/3: One metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packing

Palm Sunday – April 9/10: Any items that we are short of (we'll let you know through bulletins and email!)



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Thanks to all who helped and all who attended, the Soup Luncheon was a great success. Our profit was \$768.66, which will enable us to donate to more charitable organizations. WELCA will be serving a Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Spring Gathering date and place have been changed to May 21, 2022 at the Lutheran Center on the University of Nebraska Campus in Lincoln. Details will follow after mid-March.

Sheryl Harrington, WELCA President

Calendar: March 2, 2022- WELCA Soup Supper-6:00 pm.

March 5 & 6, 2022 – Bake Sale at Craft Show in Indian Creek Mall

March 9, 2022 – Blanket Sewing – 9:00-3:00

March 14, 2022 – Hope Circle – 10:00 am

March 21, 2022 – WELCA Board – 7:00pm

May 21, 2022 – Spring Gathering – Lutheran Center, University of Nebraska Campus, Lincoln

NEEDED: Our women who sew blankets every month for Lutheran World Relief have an ongoing need for sheets – any kind, any size, any color. Bring them along to church any weekend or drop off at the office any Tuesday or Friday



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. 40 items were donated to the Food Pantry in January.

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 \$76,886.00..

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.

SOUND AND STREAMING SYSTEM UPGRADES FUND

SOUND AND STREAMING SYSTEM UPGRADE UPDATE

The contracts have been signed with Yandas Pro Audio and Video of Kearney. The down payment has been made. A second camera was added to the project since it was more budget friendly to add the camera now and avoid price increases and additional labor costs. **Installation is expected to begin in late February or March but is dependent upon equipment availability.**

\$24,526.02 of the \$40,000 goal has been raised from donations, memorial gifts, Sunmart funds and Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thank you to everyone who has donated toward this project. The balance will be due upon completion of the project, so additional donations are needed. Envelopes are available in the narthex for those who would like to donate toward the project.



HAPPY 337TH BIRTHDAY, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH!

On Sunday, March 20th, we will have an all church event celebrating the life of Johann Sebastian Bach, a magnificent baroque-era composer, revered through the ages for his work's musical complexities and stylistic innovations – and a Lutheran. If you look in our hymnal (ELW) you will find several songs with tunes by Bach. He believed that music brought glory to God, as the initials SDG (Soli Deo Gloria, "To God alone be glory") at the end of most of his scores witnessed.

So come and enjoy some birthday cake, learn about Bach's life, listen to his music....and join in or listen to an all-generational pickup handbell choir in his honor.

SILVER SNEAKERS UPDATE

On Tuesday March 1, 2022, at 10:00am come join us in the church basement for our weekly hour of fellowship and exercise with Silver Sneakers. No equipment needed. You may wish to bring a bottle of water. See you all then!

A REMINDER that the Bibles in the pews are available to take home or give away to someone who needs the Word of God. They were given to us by Luther Seminary and will be replaced as needed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, March 14. On Saturday, March 13, be sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed!

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 is 3/31/2020. If you are an eligible Thrivent member please consider directing some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. You can do it online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. If you have any questions you may contact Thrivent or the church office.



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Marilyn Lange, Pastor Kathee's (Eric) mother, who passed away Friday, January 28. Marilyn's memorial service was held Wednesday, February 2, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Harper, TX. We commend Marilyn to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Willard Waltke, Jackie (Darrell) Rinne's father, who passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9. Willard's funeral was Monday, Feb. 14, at Zion Lutheran. We commend Willard to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



Holy Cross Lutheran
Church Women

BAKE SALE

SAT, MAR 5TH, 10-5
SUN, MAR 6TH, 11-4

INDIAN CREEK MALL

BEATRICE SPRING MARKET AND CRAFT SHOW



Cookies
Cakes
Pies

Brownies
Breads
And More

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve

Using Your Instant Pot



Healthy Food Fast

Join us for a lifelong learning class that takes the pressure out of pressure cooking with your Instant Pot!

Thursday, March 17th
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1918 Garfield Street, Beatrice
6:30pm - 7:30pm

TASTING PROVIDED!

Cost is \$5 at the door.
Open to the public.

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EXTENSION

Please pre-register by
emailing (preferred) or calling:

tara.dunker@unl.edu
402-223-1384



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, March 2

Ushers: Terri Huls, Rondi Mettscher
Reader: Janet Byars; Communion: Natalie Coffin
Facebook: Larry Cole

Saturday, March 5

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, March 6

Greeters: Alex & Cortney Ideus family
Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Steve Rippe
Reader: Richard Schnaidt
Communion: Toni Janzen
Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Wednesday, March 9

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen
Reader: Dianne Cole
Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, March 12

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, March 13

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Madelyn & Morgan Nielsen
Reader: Sheryl Harrington
Communion: Jackie Nielsen
Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Wednesday, March 16

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Reader: Burley Copas
Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Saturday, March 19

Ushers/Greeters: Jane Ideus, Berlita Grell
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde
Communion: Jane Ideus

Sunday, March 20

Greeters: Elsie Otto, Lanny Ropers
Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kayleigh & Lucas Vogel
Reader: Angie Vogel
Communion: Angie Vogel
Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Wednesday, March 23

Ushers/Greeters: Gene & Austin Wolken
Reader: Beth Dunker
Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, March 26

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Denny Russell
Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, March 27

Greeters: LaVerne & Shirley Wolken
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Gloria Paben
Reader: Rebecca Behrends
Communion: Bill Behrends
Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Wednesday, March 30

Ushers/Greeters: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Reader: Joyce Haecker
Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, April 2

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht
Reader: Gail Russell
Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, April 3

Greeters: Stacie Bruns, Barb Scott
Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Steve Rippe
Reader: Stacie Bruns
Communion: Kendall Hein
Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Wednesday, April 6

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Rebecca Behrends
Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

Saturday, April 9

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Adonna Otto
Reader: Beth Dunker, Gail Russell
Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Shirley Wiens
Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Gene Wolken
Reader: Janet Byars
Communion: Gloria Paben
Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Mar 1 Lorraine Hoyle
 Mar 2 Whitney Grabouski
 Mar 3 Janet Cooper
 Shawnee Ford
 Sherman Skala
 Mar 4 Tiffani Bayless
 Mar 5 Sydney Sejkora
 Mar. 6 Adalyn Smith
 Mar 10 Sara Buss
 Jon Zimmerman
 Mar 12 Charlotte Belt
 Mar 15 Brian Brauer
 Mar 16 Dwayne Garrison
 Ferdie Kimminau
 Mar. 17 Renee Griffeth-Splitter
 Jay Kreft
 Mar. 18 Anne Frye
 Mar 22 Carson Bagwell
 Sheryl Harrington
 Mar 25 Chris Paben
 Sommer Sejkora
 Mitch Waltke
 Mar 26 Dawson Zimmerman
 Mar. 31 Cole Miller

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Dwayne Garrison who will turn 86 on March 16....

Ferdie Kimminau who will turn 87 on March 16...

Our best wishes to you for a year of happiness, health and blessings!



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

March 6, 1981 Richard & Lynn Pomajzl
 March 6, 2004 Josh & Crystal Houseman
 March 23, 2001 Kyle & Kimberly Bahnsen

Worship helpers...continued from previous page

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole

Reader: Dianne Cole

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Ushers/Greeters: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Reader: Burley Copas

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, April 16

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, April 17, Sunrise-7:00 a.m.

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Reader: Burley Copas

Communion: Nancy Johnsen

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. Worship

Greeters: Terri Huls, Rondi Mettscher

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

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

Reader: Natalie Coffin

Communion: Natalie Coffin

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, April 23

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Norma Huls

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, April 24

Greeters: Alex & Cortney Ideus

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Rinne family

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Karen Jobman, Gloria Paben

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Gloria Paben

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, April 30

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Norma Huls

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, May 1

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Gene & Austin Wolken

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Communion: Angie Vogel

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022**

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

Council began with a slide presentation shown by Mary Schuster-Graff which will also be shown at the annual meeting concerning the vision team meetings about what Holy Cross wants to be known for. A new tag line was suggested which will be voted on at the annual meeting: *Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve*.

Council meeting called to order 7:50 pm by Tom Karlin

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: "Epiphany Vespers"

B. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. with a second by Joyce H. to approve the agenda and motion was approved. A motion made by Dallen J. and a second by Pastor Kathee to approve the December 9th council mtg. minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. Bishop Maas is ending his term early. The synod assembly delegates and Pastor will attend a Bishop Nominating meeting at St. John on Feb. 5. The noisy offerings in January will be for Oaks in memory of Pastor Don, February to the Food Pantry and March to Mother to Mother ministry.

2. Treasurer's report presented by Kodi H. Ended the year with a positive balance. Joyce H. made motion with a second from Dallen J. to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports:

Financial report – Flockbase (Accounting software) needs to be updated. Cost will be \$60.00, funds will be taken from the office budget. Nominating – three positions on nominating still open, rest of positions on ballot have been filled.

Social Ministry – Looking forward to getting the new sound/video system installed. Property – Bell Tower is leaking again. The city cut down the ash tree south side of church. Deb Sillman would like to purchase the play set. They can have it, just be responsible for removing it. Stewardship, Evangelism & Social Ministry, Worship, Mutual Ministry – no report.

E. Unfinished Business:

1. Worship methods – With a rise in covid cases in the community, congregation will be given individual communion cups, no fellowship after church and masks will be highly recommended. Council will review again in February.

2. Installation of the sound/video system will begin latter part of February or beginning in March. Yondas is currently waiting for parts.

F. New Business:

1. Budget Discussion: Motion was made by Dallen J. for wages to the organists be raised from \$40.00 per Sunday to \$50.00 and choir practices from \$30 to \$35.00. Also, custodian wages be increased to \$12.50 an hour. Kodi seconded the motion and motion carried.

2. Approved the agenda to be presented at the annual meeting.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Kodi H. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

**January 19, 2022
Request by E-mail**

Dallen J. checked with Yondas about installing a second camera. He was informed that prices for the camera would be going up in March, plus if ordered now, installation would be included. If waited until later to get the camera, besides the price increase, would also would need to pay for labor, time & travel which would be an extra \$2,000. The cost of the additional camera at \$2,145 would still be under the \$40,000 approved at the special congregational meeting. Council approved ordering the extra camera.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2022**

1. Declaration of a Quorum by Tom Karlin - (Confirmed, Communing, Contributing -- $138 \times 15\% = 21$ members present to declare a quorum) -- 36 members present - quorum declared. Meeting called to order at 10:10AM.
2. Opening with a Litany and prayer by Pastor Kathee.
3. Tom Karlin presented the agenda for the meeting. Denny Byars made a motion with a second by Bill Behrends to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
4. Pastor's Report - Pastor Kathee referred to her written report. Dallen Johnsen stated appreciation of Pastor's leadership through the pandemic with applause from congregation.
5. Secretary's report - Joyce Haecker read the Secretary's Report from the January 24, 2021 annual meeting. Dianne Cole made motion to approve the secretary's report with a second by Denny Byars, motion was approved.
6. Treasurer's report – The Treasurer's report was presented by Kodi Higgins. Appreciated that we were able to cover all expenses and stayed within the budget. Thanked Robert Ames-Woolsey & Kathy Volle, previous treasurers. Also, Sandy Mahler, our new treasurer, and Solveig Bishoff with helping with training. Asked for any questions from the floor and there were none. Motion was made by Bill Behrends to approve the Treasurer's report with a second from Larry Cole. Motion carried.
7. Audit Committee Report - Larry Cole from the Audit Committee stated that the audit committee found the treasurer's records for 2021 for Holy Cross and WELCA to be correct.
8. Mission Endowment report – Ferdie Kimminau referred to the annual report, asked for any questions. There were none.
9. Nominating – Bill Behrends said most all positions were filled on the ballot except for 3 vacancies on the ballot for the nominating committee. Larry & Dianne Cole had consented to be synod assembly alternates.
9. Other committee reports – Refer to the annual report.
10. Presidents report – Tom Karlin referred to the president's report.

New Business:

Nominations – Nominations were opened from floor. Church Council (1 year term) -- Bill Behrends; (2 year term) – Dallen Johnsen, Inez Trauernicht, Ryan Vogel were on the ballot. Mission Endowment Fund Committee – (3-year term) vote for 2 – Roger Huls, Jeanette Vitosh were on the ballot. Nebraska Synod Assembly Voting Members – (1 year term) – Jody Helton and Rose-Ann Parde were on the ballot. Synod Assembly Alternates – (1-year term) – Larry and Dianne Cole. Nominating Committee – Barb Scott and Pam Garton. Council Member – Joyce Haecker were on the ballot. Need 3 more – Nancy Johnsen, Toni Janzen, and Larry Cole volunteered. Motion by Dallen Johnsen and a second from Dianne Cole to approve all the nominees on the ballot. Motion carried.

B. Proposed budget for 2022– Kodi Higgins presented the proposed 2022 budget. Kodi explained budget items that showed an increase or decrease. Also, discontinued line items for the church van and PMA support. Asked for questions/discussion. Motion by Nancy Johnsen with a second from Ferdie Kimminau to approve the 2022 budget. The motion carried.

C. Vision Team: Mary Schuster-Graff showed a slide presentation of the proposed goals by the vision team. Suggested the tag line be changed to represent Holy Cross to: *"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"*. Dianne Cole made a motion to approve the new tag line with a second from Steve Janzen. The new tag line will be put on the church sign. Motion carried.

D. Dallen Johnsen and Gail Russell gave an update on the sound/video system. Installation should begin either the latter part of February or beginning of March. Currently waiting on parts. Also, will order a second camera. This addition will still be within the budget that had been approved by the congregation. Current amount raised for the sound/video system is \$21,108.00. Hope to have a celebration once this project is completed.

11. Adjournment: Motion made by Dallen Johnsen and seconded by Dianne Cole to adjourn. Motion carried.
12. Meeting closed with reciting the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:02.

Submitted by Joyce Haecker, Council Secretary

(Minutes to be approved at January 2023 Annual Meeting)

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Following Annual Meeting
January 23, 2022**

A meeting of the 2022 Church Council was held immediately following the annual meeting.

Present: Tom Karlin, Dallen Johnsen, Ryan Vogel, Bill Behrends and Pastor Kathee Forrest

Present via phone: Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Kodi Higgins

The 2022 Church Council officers were selected:

Tom Karlin, President

Dallen Johnsen, Vice President

Inez Trauernicht, Secretary

Kodi Higgins, Finance Leader

Ryan Vogel and Bill Behrends – Council members at large

The church council will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

JANUARY 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2022	January	Year to Date
Income	\$10,251.23	\$10,251.23
Expenses	\$12,981.80	\$12,981.80
Balance	-\$2,730.57	-\$2,730.57

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Jan. 29/30	16-34	\$698.00		3	
Feb. 5/6	16-31	\$1714.90		9	\$20.00
Feb. 12/13	18-61	\$3519.00		8	\$10.00
Feb. 19/20	14-43	\$6277.78		6	\$10.00

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$170.00, Holy Cross only-\$520.00, Initial-\$28.00, Food Pantry-\$16.00, Confirmation Camp-\$50.00, Sound & Streaming System-\$805.00, Stump Removal Cost Reimbursement-\$200.00, Swing Set-\$100.00, SouperBowl (Community Food Pantry)-\$203.41, The Matt 25 Project-\$270.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, January Noisy Offering (Oaks Indian Mission)-\$67.98
Memorials: Tena Behrens Memorial-\$659.50



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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 Pastor Kathee Forrest-Kathee.forrest@gmail.com;
 Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 a.m. Silver Sneakers	2 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	3 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	4	5 WELCA Bake Sale @ Craft Fair/Indian Creek Mall 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed WELCA Bake Sale @ Craft Fair/Indian Creek Mall	7	8 10:00 a.m. Silver Sneakers 6:00-7:00 p.m. Confirmation	9 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:40 p.m. Quintet	10 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 6:30 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	11 8:00 p.m. N.A.	12 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Quintet 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	14 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	15 10:00 a.m. Silver Sneakers	16 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:40 p.m. Quintet	17 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	18 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	19 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Quintet 10:15 a.m. All Church Event	21 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	22 10:00 a.m. Silver Sneakers	23 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:40 p.m. Quintet	24 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	25 8:00 p.m. N.A.	26 6:00 p.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
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Full to the Brim {*With all that you are*}

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.