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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary
Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

(check Holy Week/Easter service schedule for added services)

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.

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

Our last two Wednesday evening Lent services this year will be March 30 & April 6. We hope you have enjoyed listening to various pastors of the Homestead Cluster in the past weeks. Join us these final two 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 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 (freewill donation) 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! The March 30 supper will be soup and casseroles with proceeds going to relief for Ukraine. The April 6 supper will be a pancake supper with proceeds going to the Matt 25 Project Scholarship.



Maundy Thursday—Thursday,

April 14, 7:00 p.m. *On this night, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal.*

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

During this Tenebrae service, the extinguishing of seven candles is placed within the reading of the Passion according to John, the ancient gospel narrative for the day. We offer honor and reverence to the one who, lifted up from the earth, draws all people to himself.

Resurrection of Our Lord

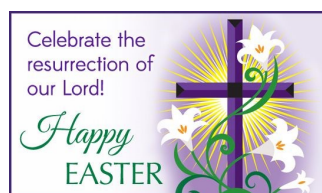
Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 16, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise—Sunday, April 17, 7:00 a.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt following our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to share an Easter lily this year, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Easter lilies can be purchased for \$18.00 (Blossom Khardt will deliver to church) or you may buy your own and bring it to church. Please note if you want this to be in honor or memory of someone. You can pick them up to take home after the 9:00 Easter worship on April 17. Thank you!



A colleague has been sharing stories about Ukraine on his Facebook page – he has a close and personal connection. His sister Diane and her husband Yuri live in a village south of Kyiv. A video from Diane holding a feisty little lamb told their story of plans put on hold, family uprooted, and her work as a teacher continuing online as best as she can with students scattered around the world. In the midst of this upheaval, she thanked the people of the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster response for their prayers and support.

My colleague Lanny posts a lot about Ukraine on his Facebook page, including signs of hope amid the destruction of the Russian Army: A wedding, opera singers pouring their hearts into the Ukrainian national anthem, the people standing together.

The people of Ukraine see Easter hope in the midst of Lent. Please keep them in your prayers and if you feel called to support them, put a contribution in a pew envelope marked “Ukraine” and we will gather our gifts and send them off through Lutheran Disaster Response.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26

Calling a Bishop for the Nebraska Synod ELCA
*From **Let Your Light Shine: Your Nebraska Synod in Mission***

As we continue to celebrate 150 years of the Nebraska Synod, we are grateful for where we have been, where we are, and where God is calling us next.

These last two years have brought the church into a new time and space. We’ve always been a church of discussion, finding our way together centered on the Lutheran expression of the gospel of God’s grace. Now more than at any time in our lifetimes, it feels as if the church is divided. Churches are in conflict over concerns for health and safety. Members are not returning to in-person worship as quickly as they left, and some congregations are not even worshipping in person.

AND YET...ministry is still happening. In our communities, the hungry are being fed. The children are being taught the stories of God’s people, and the despairing are given hope. Ministry is happening as we are called out into a lost and confusing world. The Gospel is being preached, and the Sacraments are being blessed. They may not be happening in the way we wish, but the hopes and the promises brought in them are ringing more true than ever before.

We’re in the midst of a time of change and transition—both in the world and in our synod. The Holy Spirit is doing the Spirit’s thing, preparing us all to call a new bishop to guide and lead the synod. It is with great hope and anticipation that we look forward for what the years ahead may look like, and what the next 150 years of the Nebraska Synod will hold.

I am grateful and thank God for the leaders and the congregation of Holy Cross for making tough decisions and continuing to do ministry in our community and the world, teaching our children and supporting the good work of the Nebraska Synod ELCA and the greater church through generous gifts to Mission Share. Part of the Nebraska Synod for over 55 years now! Please pray for our Synod as the process of calling a Bishop continues. The election will be at the Nebraska Synod Assembly June 3-4. Rose-Ann Parde and Jody Helton are the Holy Cross delegates. All are welcome to attend as visitors. You can register online at <https://nebraskasynod.org/news-events/synod-assembly-2022/>

In Christ’s mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



THE MATT 25 PROJECT

LENTEN PANCAKE SUPPER, Wednesday, April 6, 6:00-6:45 p.m. Freewill donation with all proceeds going to the Matt 25 Project, with seed money from a Thrivent Action Team grant.

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.

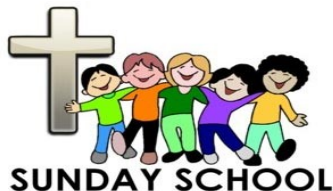
In 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering, our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone's future. In Matthew 25, there is a story about a man who gives money to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

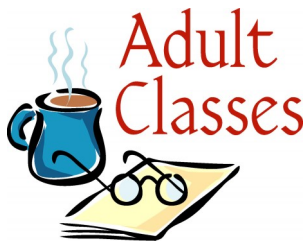
- Angie Vogel

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 1, will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday, Graduate Recognition Sunday, and the Matt 25 Scholarship presentation.



We are planning on having an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School time following 9 a.m. worship. There will be no regular Faithbuilders class that morning. Faithbuilders classes will be held all other Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m. through May 1.

GOOD FRIDAY DAYCAMP: Students, grades K-5 are invited to a day of fun day camp activities and reflection on the Easter Story on Friday, April 15, 9:00-4:00 at Centenary United Methodist Church. Please register by Friday, April 1, to reserve your spot. You can pick up a registration form at Holy Cross or contact Julie at beatriceUMCyouth@gmail.com or 402-223-3424 if you have questions.



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. No Adult Ed on Palm Sunday or Easter.



EARTH DAY is April 22. We will be having a special "Living Greener" panel during Adult Education time on Sunday, April 24. More details to come!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



We want to say "thank you" again to all who helped in any way with the Bake Sale that was held at the Craft Show in Indian Creek Mall. Our profits were: \$1,485.10. Please join us for Bible Study, fellowship, and refreshments on Monday April 11 at 10:00 am and every second Monday in the Fellowship Hall. HAPPY SPRING!

Sheryl Harrington, WELCA President

Calendar: April 9, 2022- Spring Fling Luncheon and Style Show at Am. Lutheran, Filley-11:00-1:00
April 11, 2022 – Hope Circle- 10:00 am
April 13, 2022 – Blanket Sewing – 9:00-3:00
April 18, 2022 – WELCA Board – 7:00 pm
May 21, 2022 – Spring Gathering, Lutheran Center, University of Nebraska Campus, Lincoln

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to our newest members, Eugene & Donna Rosenthal, who were received on Sunday, March 27.

JODY BURES-HELTON will be installed at Zion United Church of Christ in Talmage, NE on Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m. It will include a reenactment by the Creative Ministry Team. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPRING FLING LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW at American Lutheran Church, Filley, Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **RSVP by March 27, 2022.** Email: alcfilley@hotmail.com or call Pat Jobman 402-239-2476 or Carol Frerichs 402-223-7919. Hosted by the Women of American Lutheran Church. Come and fill your heart with fellowship and laughter.

THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES: Lied Center, April 16, 2:00, 7:30 p.m. in person or live webcast. The Church Basement Ladies celebrate their return to the Lied Center with the hit show that started it all. From preparations for a record-breaking Christmas dinner to the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding, the ladies stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course in this hilarious production. For tickets, go to <https://www.liedcenter.org/event/church-basement-ladies>

THANK YOU to Tara Dunker, Extension Educator in Gage County, mother of CeCe and Henry, wife of Chris and daughter-in-law of Beth and Neil Dunker, who graciously agreed to four life-long learning classes at Holy Cross. Tara demonstrated multi-cookers (often known as Instant Pot®) to a group of about 30 interested students on Thursday, March 17, in the Fellowship Hall. She cooked two delicious recipes and had a tasty tasting for all who gathered. As Tara said, "Multi-cooker never disappoints." Many thanks to Tom Karlin, HCLC Vision Team, who arranged for this class. Look for upcoming information on the summer class!

ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE BLUE RIVER WOMEN'S CENTER is excited to announce we've changed our name and rebranded. We are now SHEEPGATE, a division of Adult & Teen Challenge of the Midlands. Visit our new website at www.mysheepgate.org. This change has come in an effort to avoid confusion and make a stronger connection to our Christ-centered roots. This change does not change our affiliation with Adult & Teen Challenge and we will continue to provide the same Biblically rooted ministry. In John 5:2, the Sheep Gate was the location where Jesus miraculously healed a paralyzed man at the Pool of Bethesda. We believe Jesus still offers that hope and healing.



Spring Landscape Update

Black Rubber Mulch is available! It just isn't working for us to have rubber mulch and wood mulch next to each other. We have decided to switch to wood mulch in the play area. If any member of Holy Cross is interested in the mulch, please contact Gail Russell (402) 239-4052 or Denny Russell (402) 239-2386 by April 6. You need to remove and transport the mulch.

Welcome Master Gardener Jenae Bauer!

Jenae has agreed to help with our pollinator landscape at Holy Cross. Glad to have you on board.

Spring Landscape Cleanup - April 2 - 9am-Noon

Bring your gloves and garden tools. We will be cleaning up leaves, cutting back perennials, mulching landscape beds, spot seeding grass, removing vegetation under evergreen trees, and more. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule. Please check the Holy Cross website or Facebook page for rescheduling information. If you would prefer a call or text – please contact Gail Russell at 402-239-4052.

Pollinator Landscape Update

As is often the case, we didn't get everything done last year we had planned. We would welcome help with any of these projects! Just let us know what you are interested in doing. Here are some of the priority plans for this year:

1. Label the plants in the landscape beds with the scientific and the common name
2. Plant around the mailboxes on Hoyt St using native plants that don't require much supplemental water
3. Install flagstone edging and drip irrigation to the Prayer Garden



ADOPT-A-STREET LITTER PICK UP: Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.

All help is much appreciated! We will pick up our mile on the north side of Beatrice. Meet at church at 9:00 a.m.—the more hands we have, the faster it goes! Thank you in advance for your participation.



Dear Friends in Ministry,

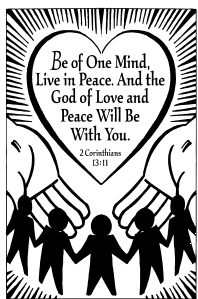
First, I would like to thank you for all the support you have shown to the Oaks Indian Mission. Rev. Don's passing has been a transition for all of us here, both children and staff. Rev. Don was great about preparing employees for distinct roles and understood the Mission must move forward. He taught through Christ and led by his faith. He will be greatly missed; he walked the steps of saints before him and has shown us how to do the same.

I want to update you about our plans and how we will help continue growth at the Oaks, where children call it home. We have hired a new Childcare Director with a master's degree in social work and many years of experience with the Chickasaw Nation. Sonni Turtle will be a great asset to the children and this Ministry. We have and will continue to bring children in that need our help. We are working very closely with Eben Ezer Lutheran Church here in Oaks to help give the children every opportunity to learn about God and how to be a good Christian. We are working closely with Cherokee Nation to improve the community of Oaks to increase our children's well-being. The Oaks school has improved and collaborates well with our children, giving them a more stable environment in the school setting.

The employees have dedicated years of service to the Mission, so the stability has continued and will continue in a positive direction, as Rev. Don had laid out. I was blessed to have worked with Rev. Don for the past five years and with prayer and your continued support, we will continue moving the Mission forward. With God's grace and your help, our children's future is bright, and this Ministry can continue helping improve children's lives.

Blessings,

Dan Cooper, Interim Executive Director



JOYFUL STEPS UPDATE

Everyone is invited to come join us in the church basement at 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays for our weekly hour of fellowship and exercise. No equipment needed. Bring a friend or neighbor. You may wish to bring a bottle of water. See you all then!

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2021 is 3/31/2021. 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.

UKRAINE AID - Called to pray for peace and act together, we will pray for and gather gifts for the people of Ukraine through Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief. As you are called to contribute in this way, please use a pew envelope mark it "Ukraine" and include in the offering plate.

Aid Update: Holy Cross members donated \$855.00 to Ukraine Aid through March 15. Lutheran Disaster Response sent out an email on the 15th that said, thanks to a generous donor, every gift given on that day up to \$50,000.00 would be matched. We sent in your contributions that day which made them worth \$1710.00. THANK YOU!! From March 16 to April 25, all donations that we send to Lutheran World Relief, up to \$422,000, will be matched. So that is where we will send your donations that we receive through that date. Lutheran World Relief also let us know that they are airlifting blankets and personal care kits that they had in their distribution center to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

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.** \$24,883.02 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.

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 \$112,946.00.

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 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!



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, 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

Readers: 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; Readers: Sheryl Harrington, Gloria Paben

Communion: Gloria Paben

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

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

Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole

Reader: Dianne Cole

Communion:

Acolytes/Assisting Ministers: Rylie Kreft, Sydnee

Olson, Liberty Sejkora

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

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

Ushers/Greeters: Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

Reader: Burley Copas; Crucifer: Austin Hein

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, April 16

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Norma Huls

Acolyte: Liberty Sejkora

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

Worship Leaders: Denny/Gail Russell

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Norma Huls

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, April 24

Worship Leader:

Greeters: Alex & Cortney Ideus

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Rinne family

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

Paben; Reader: Richard Schnaidt

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

Saturday, May 7

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Gail Russell

Sunday, May 8

Greeters: Elsie Otto, Lanny Ropers

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns, Kylie Belt

Reader: Bill Behrends; Communion: Rebecca Behrends

Facebook Videographer: Terri Huls

Saturday, May 14

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, May 15

Greeters: LaVerne & Shirley Wolken

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Natalie Coffin & Chloe

Reader: Natalie Coffin

Facebook Videographer: Jackie Rinne

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 Kim Bahnsen
Karen Stevens
Alyssa Wolken
April 5 Norma Huls
April 6 Marli Powell
Mavrick Powell
April 8 RoJane Wolken
April 10 Carol Karlin
April 11 Larry Kendall
April 14 LaNette Klostermeier
April 17 Jane Ideus
Eugene Wolken
April 24 Glennys Lienemann
Rochelle Smith
April 27 Michelle George
Karen Jobman
April 29 Karen Gartner
April 30 Kenneth Fritch
Michelle Manes



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 5, 1986 Bill & Becky Behrends
April 6, 2019 Larry & Keri Kendall
April 10, 1981 Dennis & Janet Byars
April 11, 2014 Larry & Dianne Cole
April 12, 2003 Coby & Kristen Buhr
April 29, 1972 Tom & June Seitz

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom & June Seitz who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 29! God's richest blessings be with you—may you have many more happy years together.

(Worship helpers, continued)

Saturday, May 21

Ushers/Greeters: Glennys Lienemann, Norma Huls

Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, May 22

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

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

Reader: Burley Copas

Facebook Videographer: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, May 28

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Denny Russell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, May 29

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Barb Scott

Ushers: Terri Huls, Karen Jobman

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

Reader: Sheryl Harrington; Communion: Terri Huls

Facebook Videographer: Larry Cole



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Charles Matulka, Darlene Folkerts' son, who passed away Sunday, February 27. Charles' funeral was at Holy Cross on Thursday, March 3. We commend Charles to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Carolee Coffin, grandmother of Zachary (Natalie) Coffin, who passed away March 22. Carolee's funeral will be at St. Paul Lutheran in Osceola, NE on March 28. We commend Carolee to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

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.

Our goal this year is 75 kits. Our greatest needs are towels and soap. There is a tub in the narthex for your items. **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. **(need 56)**

Second Week of Lent – March 12/13: Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (3-5 ounces each) 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars. **(need 98)**

Third Week of Lent – March 19/20: One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used. Do not provide toothpaste. **(need 0)**

Fourth Week of Lent – March 26/27: One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging. **(need 0)**

Fifth Week of Lent – April 2/3: One metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packing **(need 0)**

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

Personal care kits will be assembled on Palm Sunday.

FEBRUARY 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2022	February	Year to Date
Income	\$14,067.52	\$24,318.75
Expenses	\$14,232.50	\$27,214.30
Balance	-\$164.98	-\$2,895.55

2022 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$10,251.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,981.80	-\$2,730.57	-\$2,730.57
FEBRUARY	-\$2,730.57	\$14,067.42			\$14,232.50	-\$164.98	-\$2,895.55

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship	Attendance	Regular Offerings	Faithbuilders Attendance	Offerings
Feb. 26/27	18-42	\$1512.69	6	\$10.00
Mar. 2	45	\$381.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 5/6	15-50	\$2447.59	9	\$10.00
Mar. 9	35	\$295.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 12/13	23-36	\$4771.19	7	\$10.00
Mar. 16	38	\$320.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 19/20	14-47	\$2107.40	8	\$20.00
Mar. 23		\$330.00—Midweek Lenten Service		

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$85.00, Holy Cross only-\$475.00, U.S. Tornadoes-\$130.00, Ukraine-\$855.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$200.00, Food Pantry-\$15.00, February Noisy Offering (Food Pantry)-\$122.00, Sound & Streaming System—\$820.00, Vision Team Lenten Meal (Sound & Streaming)-\$157.00, Council Lenten Meal (Sound & Streaming)-\$170.00, Memorials & Gifts Team Lenten Meal (Sound & Streaming)-\$165.00, Matt 25 Scholarship Project-\$30.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Memorials: Charles Matulka Memorial-\$25.00

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THRIVENT MEMBERS are now eligible to use the Thrivent online giving platform, under the Thrivent Choice link, to make your regular donations to Holy Cross. Thrivent pays the donation processing fees—that means 100% of your donation goes directly to Holy Cross.



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.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022**

Council Present: Tom Karlin, Ryan Vogel, Kodi Higgins, Dallen Johnsen, Bill Behrends, Pastor Kathee Forrest, Inez Trauernicht

Council meeting called to order at 7:00 by Tom Karlin.

A Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee "God Pause"

B Agenda

A motion was made by Pastor Kathee and seconded by Bill B. to approve the agenda. Motion approved. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Pastor Kathee to approve the Jan. 18 council meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

C Information

Treasurer's report presented by Kodi H. Dallen J. made a motion to approve the report with a second by Bill B. Motion was approved.

D Committee Reports

Youth discussing moving Sunday School to Wednesday. More discussion later. Stewardship, Nominating, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Worship, Mutual Ministry-No report. Property-bell tower still leak

E Financial Report

Motion was made by Dallen J and seconded by Ryan V. to give Carlyne Wolken \$100 in appreciation of being the accompanist on Saturday night. Money will come from the Crusaders Fund. Motion was approved. Motion was made by Dallen J. and seconded by Inez T, to transfer funds from the East Entry Improvement Fund, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and Worship (PowerPoint) for a total of \$2307.67 to the Sound and Streaming System Upgrades Fund. Motion was approved.

F Unfinished Business

1. Worship methods- go back to coffee fellowship, regular communion, singing.
2. The Playset will be put up in the spring.
3. All parts and all equipment are ordered for the sound/video system. Will be installed when everything arrives.

G New Business

1. Rearranging tables for a more friendly atmosphere. Trying after 2/14.
2. Lenten meals will have a sign up sheet
3. Reviewed appointed positions and will verify if they will continue or need to find new people. Will report next month.
4. Council roster updated. Annual calendar being reviewed.
5. Lenten service offerings: ½ to Matt 25 Scholarship and ½ to Holy Cross. Motion made by Bill B. and seconded by Ryan V. Motion was approved.

H Adjournment and Closing with Lord's Prayer

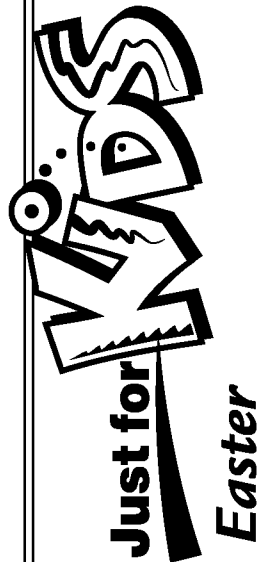
Tom K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dallen J. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council secretary

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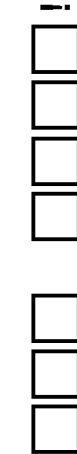
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px;"> <i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</i> </div>					1 8:00 p.m. N.A.	2 9 am—Noon Spring Landscape Cleanup 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
3 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed 1:30 p.m. Installation of Jody Bures-Helton at Zion United Church of Christ, Talmage, NE	4	5 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:00-7:30 p.m. Confirmation	6 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:40 p.m. Quintet	7 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	8 8:00 p.m. N.A.	9 9:00 a.m. Adopt-a-Street Litter Pickup 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship Assembly of Personal Care Kits	11 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	12 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 7:00 p.m. Council	13 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 6:00-7:15 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Quintet	14 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship 8:15 p.m. N.A.	15 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 8:00 p.m. N.A.	16 6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
17 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00-8:45 a.m. Donuts, Coffee & Orange Juice 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt	18 6:30 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	19 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	20	21 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	22 EARTH DAY 8:00 p.m. N.A.	23 Earth Day Worship 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/no communion
24 Earth Day Worship 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering/no communion 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Living Greener panel	25	26 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:00-7:00 p.m. Confirmation	27	28 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	29 8:00 p.m. N.A.	30 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship



Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

[illegible]

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

great happiness

a place where plants grow

opposite of evening

a shape that means love

it rises every morning

a close companion

Jesus was nailed to it

it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb



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