

Holy Cross **Crossroads**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ~ DECEMBER 2016

Mark your Calendar

12.13(Tue)

Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

12.14 (Wed)

**Senior Lunch Pot Luck
@ 11:30am**

12.1, (Thurs)

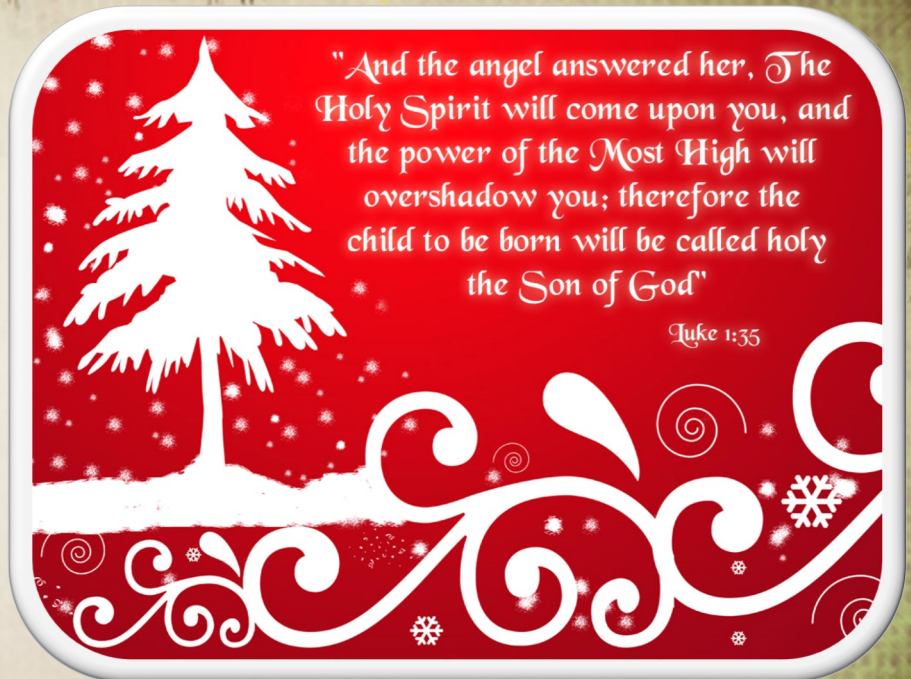
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

12.16, 12.17 (Fri, Sat)

Live Nativity 6:00pm—8:00 pm

12.24 (Thurs)

**Christmas Eve Services
5:00pm & 7:30pm**



Council News

Pastor Scott Trevithick, Our New Interim Pastor

Great news on the horizon—Holy Cross will have an Interim Pastor effective January 1, 2017. Your church council as well as the Sierra Pacific Synod has agreed to hire Pastor Scott Trevithick as our Interim Pastor.

Pastor Scott, an Ordained Presbyterian Minister, has a wealth of experience/knowledge and as a result, we felt he would be the type of pastor we need as we go through this transformation phase. (Note: We are able to hire Pastor Scott under the terms of “A Formula of Agreement (1997) between the ELCA and PC (USA) and the Principles, Policies, and Procedures described in “the Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament.” The bottom line is that this agreement allows Ordained Lutheran and Presbyterian Ministers to be Interim Pastors in either Lutheran or Presbyterian churches.)

Pastor Scott who recently was the Transitional Pastor at Good Shepard has over twenty years experience as an Ordained Minister. He received his B.S. in Business from University of California (Riverside) in 1987 and his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1995. Since graduating from Princeton, he has had a myriad Christian related jobs. In addition to being the Transitional Pastor at Good Shepard, he has been a:

Pastor, St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV

President and member of governing board for Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center

Parish Associate Pastor, Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Truckee, CA

Hospital Chaplain (Volunteer), Tahoe Forest Hospital, Truckee, CA and St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, Reno, NV

Lead Pastor, Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Truckee, CA



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Council News (cont'd)

Also, Pastor Scott has been actively involved in the local communities:

- Substitute Teacher & Coach, La Canada Unified School District, La Canada, CA
- Volunteer, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS), Standards Review Team
- Community Executive, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS)
- Executive Director, Special Advocates for Elders (SAFE), Reno, NV

Based on the above as well as his organizational leadership skills, his oral and written skills, and his financial management skills, your church council felt Pastor Scott would fill our void and provide the spiritual growth we need in the coming year.

As we move forward in 2017, we look to Pastor Scott to be our strong spiritual leader and have a deep commitment to our religious beliefs. He will "walk the talk" and inspire us to grow our congregation spiritually. In doing so, he will be responsive to the needs of our church. That is, he will learn/understand our culture and be able to suggest ideas to revitalize our church but at the same time ask our members and engage them in putting ideas into operation. Bottom line: he will be an active listener, ask probing questions, and recommend viable solutions. Needless to say, 2017 will be a challenging year for all of us. We will be forming a Call Committee who will lead the search for a new pastor. And there will be other important responsibilities/requirements we will be facing. For example, we will be revisiting (and if necessary modifying) our vision to ensure it is aligned with our mission; identify any current issues facing HCLC, & develop ways to deal with them, and ensure our constitution and bylaws are aligned with the ELCA and Sierra Pacific Synod.

While the above is critical for HCLC, we and Pastor Scott will also be focusing on two specific areas of concern:

- Opportunities for Christian Formation
- Mission and Outreach, including outreach to youth and families

You will hear more about the above in the coming months.

Please welcome Pastor Scott, as our Interim Pastor, on January 1, 2017 at our only service, 10:30 AM.

How Technology Helped Martin Luther Change Christianity

On November 20, 2016, National Public Radio discussed Martin Luther and how he spread his thoughts throughout Europe. There are some interesting points on how he changed Christianity through the use of the printing press. German printers set his 95 Theses into type, printed them, and reproduced them. His ideas spread throughout Europe via the printing press. However, there is also a dark side of Luther. To gain appreciation of Luther, his beliefs, and prejudices you should read the transcript of the program. The link below will enable you to download the transcript. http://www.npr.org/2016/11/20/502437123/how-technology-helped-martin-luther-change-christianity?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=2054

Looking forward to a prosperous 2016 as we provide and increase opportunities to enrich the spiritual growth of our members of all ages.

Steve Tate, Council President

Live Nativity Celebration

December 16th & 17th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Spread the word

Fun for ALL ages

*Two nights of
The Christmas story
with food in Fellowship
Hall afterward.*

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Senior Lunch

Senior Christmas Party on Wed. Dec. 14th at 11:30 am. It will be Pot Luck and a White Elephant exchange. Each person should bring one item you no longer want (these are not gag gifts) and gift wrapped. No names please.

Service & Fellowship

We would like to thank everyone who generously supported the "turkey tree." We were able to purchase twenty-five gift certificates from WINCO and distributed them to Pine Middle School and SmithRidge Elementary School. They were greatly appreciated.

December 10 - 6:00 pm - Appetizers/Wine/Dessert - begins at 5:00 at the home of Wib and Nellie Namestka. They will be providing the food - just BYOB. Dessert will be at the home of Bobbie Heaps. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex to bring dessert and drinks.

Through December 20 - The "Angel Tree" is up. This year we will be providing gifts to Reno Valley Assisted Living Center and to Holy Child Learning Center. All gifts need to be returned to church by the beginning of the second service on December 18. They should be wrapped and have the angel attached to the package. We will be delivering gifts on December 19.

THANK YOU ~ Thank you for your support during 2016. Your generosity helped to make things happen!

Children's Program



There will be a special children's program taking place during 2nd service (10:30am) on December 18th.

Advent Tea

Sunday, December 4th
Holy Cross Fellowship Hall
2:00-4:00 pm



Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner

The dinner was again a success with so many wonderful HCLC cooks and workers. We had guests from three different locations and it is a joy to see some who attend every year. When one lady commented on how good the food tasted I replied "Of course! We are Lutherans".

HCLC is blessed with such great volunteers who really care about our church members and those outside of the church.



Next 16 of the 95 Theses

25. That power which the pope has in general over purgatory corresponds to the power which any bishop or curate has in a particular way in his own diocese and parish.
26. The pope does very well when he grants remission to souls in purgatory, not by the power of the keys, which he does not have, but by way of intercession for them.
27. They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory.
28. It is certain that when money clinks in the money chest, greed and avarice can be increased; but when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone.
29. Who knows whether all souls in purgatory wish to be redeemed, since we have exceptions in St. Severinus and St. Paschal, as related in a legend.
30. No one is sure of the integrity of his own contrition, much less of having received plenary remission.
31. The man who actually buys indulgences is as rare as he who is really penitent; indeed, he is exceedingly rare.
32. Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.
33. Men must especially be on guard against those who say that the pope's pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to him.
34. For the graces of indulgences are concerned only with the penalties of sacramental satisfaction established by man.
35. They who teach that contrition is not necessary on the part of those who intend to buy souls out of purgatory or to buy confessional privileges preach unchristian doctrine.
36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.
37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.
38. Nevertheless, papal remission and blessing are by no means to be disregarded, for they are, as I have said (Thesis 6), the proclamation of the divine remission.
39. It is very difficult, even for the most learned theologians, at one and the same time to commend to the people the bounty of indulgences and the need of true contrition.
40. A Christian who is truly contrite seeks and loves to pay penalties for his sins; the bounty of indulgences, however, relaxes penalties and causes men to hate them -- at least it furnishes occasion for hating them.



12 Christmas... PRAYERS

- 1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10



Walk with the Prophets, the Holy Family, The Shepherds, The Wise Men:

On behalf of the children and Staff of Godly Play, we would like to invite the congregation to our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30 am worship service.

A King is coming, but he is not the kind of king that people thought was coming.... This King had no army, no great house, and no riches. This King was a baby born in a barn. The King who was coming is still coming. This is full of mystery. You know, a mystery is hard to enter sometimes. That is why this time of Advent is so important.

NOTE: There will be NO services on Christmas morning

December Scripture Readings

December 4th

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11th

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18th

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 25th

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20





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| 12/2 Ashton Meseberg | 12/17 Reana Bye |
| 12/5 Ed Brown | 12/19 Veralyn Combs |
| 12/8 Mike Lintz | 12/22 John Hopkins |
| 12/9 Heather Drew | 12/23 Frances Moses |
| 12/9 Linda Puckett | 12/25 Kathleen Mills |
| 12/13 Eldora Johnson | 12/28 Audrie Goebel |
| 12/15 Laurel Lindstrom | 12/28 Peggy Rhyme |
| 12/15 Mary Walsch | 12/29 Abigail English |
| 12/15 Natalie Tegio | 12/29 Philip Nguyen |
| 12/16 Duane Oakland | 12/30 Michele Sorge |
| 12/16 Orion Hopkins | |



- 12/12 Charles & Kathy Kiene
- 12/22 George & Sandi Holman
- 12/22 Michael & Kimberly Lintz
- 12/27 Gary & Sharon Rovig
- 12/27 Ray & Cleo Streit
- 12/29 Bill & Connie Souza

Christmas Eve Services

Services will be at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Please join us for a very special worship service.

December Hiatus

Hooks & Needles along with Journaling Club are taking December off. Both groups will meet again starting in January.

