

Holy Cross [†] Crossroad



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : *March 2017*

Mark your Calendar

3.13 (Mon)
Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

3.7, 3.21 (Wed)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

3.15 (Wed)
Senior Lunch Pot Luck @
Noon

3.22 (Wed)
Women's Bible/Book Study @
3:00 pm

3.1, 3.8, 3.15, 3.22, 3.29 (Wed)
Soup & Song & Sacrament
@6:00 pm

3.1, 3.8, 3.15, 3.22, 3.29 (Wed)
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

3.2, 3.16 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

3.23 (Thurs)
Men's/Women Breakfast
@7:30 am

3.30 (Thurs)
Kid's Camp @8:00 am

3.3, (Fri)
Journaling @ 10:00 am

Pastor's Corner



Do you remember your first impression of Holy Cross? For some of us, that was a long time ago! Did people greet you warmly? Did someone speak with you after the service or invite you to have a coffee or refreshments after the service? Most everyone in churches says that their church is friendly, but a more accurate assessment of a church's welcome is that which is offered by newcomers to the church rather long-time members—Long-time members

already have a network of friends, understand the church's rhythms and schedule, and are connected through informal communication patterns and their impressions usually differ. On Sunday, February 26, we welcomed 20 new members at Holy Cross! That's an astounding number!

What factors account for this positive response? Many, I'm sure. We asked new members themselves "What factors caused you to keep coming back?"

The 3 biggest reasons (based on 15 responses):

- 14 said "I was warmly welcomed."
- 13 said "Worship was enriching." (Some highlighted particular aspects)
- 8 said "I was invited to an event or activity."

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

Welcoming first-time worshipers and inviting and integrating people is everyone's responsibility. This feedback indicates that for these people we have done this well. (Keep it up!)

Thank you to our planning and leadership team of Diane Torry, Ollie Baker, Cleo Streit, Kathy Doyle and me. We also had support from long-time members Katie Torry and Natalie Tegio. Our Administrative Assistant Dawn Braudo helped with a variety of prep tasks & is handling the membership paperwork. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see pictures and profiles of our new members. Check that out, look for them in worship, and be sure to introduce yourself and invite them to a church special event.

The next New Member Orientation is tentatively scheduled for Sunday after church on June 4 and 11 with welcome in worship on June 18.



Young Adults at Holy Cross had a great evening of Good Food and Good Pizza at Smiling with Hope Pizza on Friday, February 24. There were 9 gathered around the table, with a couple who really were "Honorary Young Adults" who have passed the chronological designation. The group is planning a bowling outing soon. For more information or to refer someone, contact new member Lauren DeValk at ldevalk16@gmail.com. In the photo from the left around the table are Lauren, Taylor, Brittney, Angelo, Stephany, Nancy, Pr. Scott, Caroline, and Chelsey.



Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated March 1, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have soup supper at 6 p.m. and then gather at 6:30 for worship. The central act on Ash Wednesday is the "Imposition of Ashes" on one's forehead. At our baptism, we are all first marked with the cross using water or sometimes oil. At that time to be marked with the cross is a wonderful thing. We are identified as the beloved children of God. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with the cross using ashes and the words, "remember you are dust." The ashes and words remind us that we are not so wonderful. In fact, we are all sinners. Fortunately the sign is not an X, marking us as hopeless rejects, but a cross reminding us that God loves and forgives us, sinners though we be.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are not perfect disciples and are fortunate that God loves and forgives us anyway. We then commit to doing better—we can adopt disciplines that will help us be better pray-ers, better Bible readers, and better at serving others.

We will continue on Wednesday evenings through April 5 in Lent for Soup, Song, and Sacrament with a simple soup supper at 6 p.m. and brief service with a scripture reading, reflection, song, and celebrating of communion. Music Director Brittney May will teach us songs in the Taize tradition. Pastor Scott will lead services on March 15, 22, and April 5 and member Kim Lintz will lead on March 8 and 22.

Prayers

Prayers are offered for Roly Grumm, his daughter Nancy and son-in-law Brian upon the death of Roly's wife Carolyn on February 24. Carolyn had declined in health recently, particularly following a broken hip in the fall. She and Roly were married 59 years at the time of her death. We will have a memorial service at Holy Cross giving thanks to God for Carolyn's life and celebrating God's never-ending love. Please offer your support to Roly and his family. **Carolyn's memorial service will be held on Saturday March 11th at Holy Cross at 12:00 with reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.**

Brittney May is a Star



Brittney May Recognized Again! Brittney, Holy Cross' Music Director, has been nominated by the president of Nevada's ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) to sing in the national ACDA Collegiate Honors Chorus at an upcoming conference this month.

Congratulations, Brittney! At Holy Cross, Brittney directs our choir at the 8 a.m. service and leads praise chorus singing at 10:30.

Like us on Facebook

"Like us on Facebook?" What does that mean? Facebook is a social media communication tool that individuals, groups, churches, causes, and businesses use to keep in touch with each other, share information, ask for input, and display pictures. It's great for reuniting with old friends, showing support for things you care about, and sharing pictures with viewers you select. Facebook users from Holy Cross may have noticed Pastor Scott has been posting previews of upcoming sermons and worship services and other news about the church.

If you're on Facebook, you can "Like" us when you find the Holy Cross page at "Holy Cross Lutheran Reno."

If you're not on Facebook, high schooler Michael Tegio and Pastor Scott will present a hand-on orientation session on Sunday, March 5 at 9:15 a.m. between services in the sanctuary. We'll show you how Facebook can be used to connect with friends, alert you to some safety concerns, and show you how to "Like" the Holy Cross Facebook page and other groups. On Sunday, March 12, we'll provide one-on-one tutorials for those who want a bit more help on setting up their profile. We'll show you how to find Holy Cross' website at holycrossreno.org.

We also welcome those who regularly use Facebook to come and reassure and assist others! Bring your laptop and be ready to help.



Church Emergency Contact:

Richard Wampole, a member of Holy Cross since 2015, is a resident of the Silver Sage apartments behind the church. You may know Richard as the regular slide projectionist at the 8 a.m. worship service. If you need assistance at the church after hours, you may contact Richard at (775) 737-3732. Thank you, Richard, for being available in this way.

Reflection on the Fellowship Hall and remodeled Sanctuary at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

by: Diane Torry

During February new member orientation meetings were held in the Fellowship Hall. The space was outstanding. We had a sign in table, buffet table for the light supper, tables for 25 plus people to dine and visit with one another and open space to participate in "getting to know you" activities. During the program, the dishes were being done in the kitchen (behind the closed window, and the Praise Band was practicing in the sanctuary—the church was alive with energy, enthusiasm and joy—with space for all.

I could not help but reflect on how this type of event would have been impossible for us to hold in the "old" configuration of the Church—of course we held events— creatively using every square inch of space possible. The difference in messaging to our potential new members was startling--our remodeled Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall so clearly says "There is room for you at Holy Cross"—we are so glad you are here, please join us.

I have been grateful for the Fellowship Hall and enhanced Sanctuary for so many reasons— seamless expansion of worship space for Christmas Eve and other large worship services, expanded coffee hour, room for quilting, wonderful Live Nativity, Maundy Thursday Seder Meal—easy place for meetings, Bible study and gatherings.--However, participating in the New Member Orientation in the Fellowship Hall made it crystal clear that expanding our space was central to the mission and growth of Holy Cross. Our "new space" sends a clear message to all—we are living our Mission to worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide. —visitors, friends, new members, old members---"There is room for you at Holy Cross—we are so glad you are here. "

Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All

Council News

Welcoming our new members to HCLC

At worship services this past Sunday, we welcomed twenty new members. A warm and blessed welcome to our newest members and we look forward to working together with them as they share their unique gifts and talents with the congregation and community.

As Pastor Scott indicated recently to the church council:

- New members represent about 10% of our total present membership and 20% of our Sunday worship attendance.
- Primary reasons for the new members deciding to join HCLC was how they were welcomed into our church and the worship services were enriching.

This is blessed news for our congregation—a growth of 10% in our membership. But more importantly, is our openness and warmth to anyone visiting our church. And now under Pastor Scott's spiritual leadership we are finding our worship services more fulfilling and rewarding. But isn't this what our church is about? We must not forget our core values as we continue to welcome visitors to HCLC.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all those people who planned, coordinated, and worked so effectively in making the new members orientation sessions a huge success. A special thanks to the following individuals for their hard work and dedication: Pastor Scott, Cleo Streit, Diane Torry, Ollie Baker, Kathy Doyle, Katie Torry, Natalie Tegio, as well as our administrative assistant, Dawn Braudo, who helped with the membership paperwork.

Church Council supporting the Call Committee process:

As the call committee focuses on meeting with the synod representative, completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), and laying the ground work for searching and ultimately recommending a candidate to be our next minister, we, the church council, will have certain critical responsibilities supporting the Call Committee.

The following summarizes some of the critical ones:

- Review and if necessary update/modify our current constitution. This will be an opportune time to address any open issues regarding our constitution.
- Study the congregation and the surrounding community. In the last few years, we have discussed how we need to integrate the surrounding area in our congregation. Our strategic objective, "Expand our community of faith", focuses on providing our congregation members with resources/training to better equip them to invite non-members to share in our ministry. However, we have not walked the talk. As we review this task, we should focus on how to strengthen as well as implement this objective.
- Review and/or affirm our core values. We will determine if our current core values are in line with us fulfilling our overall goals of growing our church.
- Review and affirm our mission and vision statement. Our mission statement should describe our purpose and answer the question what business/purpose are we in? And our vision statement should provide strategic direction and describe what we want to achieve in the future. As a result, we should revisit both our mission and vision statement to see if they are aligned where we are heading in the future. Needless to say, this process will involve members of the congregation.
- Review policies and procedures. This has been an on-going process for your church council. Our fourth strategic objective, "Strengthen operational effectiveness and governance" focuses on ensuring our policies and procedures are current. Under Bobbie Heaps' direction and leadership, we are near completion of updating our policies and procedures.
- Assess the overall financial stability of our congregation and the congregation's stewardship of our church's resources. This will continue to be a major challenge for your council. Although, we begin in 2017 with a budget deficit, we feel very strongly that with prayer and commitment we will end up with a balance budget by the end of 2017.

Again, the church council's objective will be supporting the Call Committee as well as ensuring members of the congregation are in the process.

Council News (cont'd)

Effective Communication Throughout our Change Process

As we go through this transition year, we must remember that our success moving forward in seeking new pastoral leadership and spiritual growth will depend on how open and honest we are with each throughout this period of change. Recently, I read an interesting article that stressed the importance of effective communication throughout the life of a church. The following quote best exemplifies how we should move forward: "Effective communication is being willing to convey our honest thoughts, attitudes, feelings, and actions to others in a kind and active listening that reflects and glorifies Christ. This is the foundation of a successful marriage as well as a healthy church and an affirmative friendship. Without communication, a marriage or any relationship in the church, the workplace, or anywhere can never effectively work."

The above is "food for thought" as we tackle the various challenges in the coming months.

Update on hot water conversion

Throughout the last few months Pat Schlosser has been researching how best to solve the problem of insufficient hot water to wash the dishes, as well as the pots and pans. The following summarizes Pat's assessment and his recommendation to resolve this issue.

At the end of 2016, it was brought to my attention that the water heater would run out of hot water during large events. With the help from Terry Melby, the architect on the fellowship hall addition, we engaged the services of Ainsworth Mechanical Engineers and PK Electric-both of whom were involved in the expansion and who agreed to their services for no cost. The solution from Ainsworth was to change out the water heater to a dual element 5500 watt unit. The contractor- NDI Plumbing, quoted a dual element 5000 watt unit because according to him a 5500 watt unit would require 3phase power which is not at HCLC. Two days prior to doing the install, I met with the plumber that was going to do the work at the site and was informed that the present unit was a dual element 4500 watt unit. In my opinion changing from a dual 4500 to a dual 5000 unit was not worth the extra money. As a result, the installation was called off and a search for another alternative was started. The following summarizes the available options:

- The manufacturer of the dishwasher has what is called a booster heater. It attaches in the hot water line next to the dishwasher and increases the water temperature 30 degrees. The water in the dishwasher can not be over 145 degrees so the water heater would need to set at 115 degrees for everyday use. Normal house hot water temperatures are set between 125-135 degrees. That is problem #1. Secondly when the float system inside the water heater refills, the temperature of water in the dishwasher would still only be 110 degrees. (Note: This is due to the influx of cold water into the hot water system.)
- Checked into a gas water heater. A gas heater is more efficient. The dual element 4500 watt unit heats 18 gallons of water 100 degrees in an hour. A gas unit will heat 60 gallons of water in an hour. The problem is that the present unit is 32" tall and thusly can sit on the shelf in the janitor closet. And, there is no such thing as 'a low boy' gas unit. Its height minimum is 60" tall and would have to sit on the floor. Being 22" in diameter it would make the janitor closet unusable. The vacuums and other stuff stored on the floor would have to be relocated and there would be a space of about 18" back to the mop sink. Secondly cutting holes in the roof after final construction is complete is a recipe for a leak. Plus running a gas line would added to the original \$4300 estimated cost.

As a result, the above options are not viable. I believe the real problem is the operations of a water heater. A water heater has a float system that controls the water inside. A 40 gal unit may have the float system set to allow cold water in when the existing water level drops to 20 gal left. For example, if there are 21 gallons (of hot water) in the tank when an event starts there would be only 1 gallon available prior to refill. Once the refill begins the tank would be filling with cold water and you might need to wait for an hour before you would have sufficient hot water to perform your tasks. But the shortage of hot water only occurs when you have large events such as the Seder Dinner.

Council News (cont'd)

I believe we can solve this problem by establishing procedures on the rinsing and cleaning of dishes, and the pots and pans so that there is sufficient hot water to complete these tasks. Essentially, we shouldn't waste the hot water by rinsing the pots/pans and dishes with nothing but hot water. In the coming weeks, the kitchen committee will be developing procedures on how best to ensure there is sufficient hot water in our system for large events.

As a result of Pat's findings, the fund raising drive for the upgrade is cancelled. For those of you who donated generously to this project, you can either request your donation be returned to you or request your donation be allocated to a different church requirement. (e.g. call committee requirements, budget deficit, etc.) Please inform Dawn of your desires.

Looking forward to a prosperous 2017 as we provide and increase opportunities to enrich the spiritual growth of our members of all ages.

Steve Tate
Council President



A little note about Family Worship from Godly Play

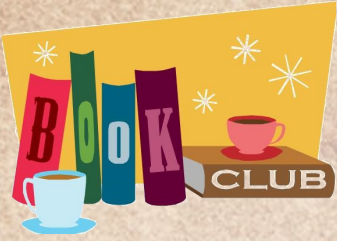
As the children enter into the Godly Play room they are individually greeted and welcomed. The room is designed especially for them. The shelves that hold the Godly Play stories were built so that the stories are at their level. The stories are there for them to work with and engage in. This room is for the children. It is a space that they feel comfortable and safe in. A space that allows them the ability to wonder about their relationship with God and others. It is their church community/family/home.

I think it is important that the children of our congregation know that they are home not just in Godly Play but also in worship. My kids call it "Big Church". I feel it is important for them to witness and experience the liturgy, readings, sermon, prayer, communion, and song.

To the parents, it can be challenging to have your kids sitting with you (trust me, I know). They may be a little wiggly, don't want to stand, and have a difficult time sitting still during the sermon but it is so important that they see they are part of the Holy Cross family. The more that the kids are exposed to the whole church community, the more they will feel like they belong and know that all of Holy Cross is there for them, not just Godly Play.

For those of you who don't have young children, I ask you to greet our kids and welcome them to worship with you on the first Sunday of the month. Let them feel the open arms of our Holy Cross community, so they may feel at home. Thank you.

Jolene Jaillet, Godly Play Administrator



Women's Book and Bible Study

Our group will conclude "Bad Girls of The Bible and What We Can Learn from Them" in March.

We will be starting a new book in April: "Golden Fruit: A Women's Small Group Bible Study," by Julie Maschoff (Concordia Publishing-paperback). The book consists of nine stand-alone chapters, each one focusing on the fruit of the Spirit and how the lives and stories of nine biblical women convey that characteristic. Just as we studied the "bad girls" this past season, in this book we will focus on the "good girls" - Ruth, Elizabeth, Mary Mother of Jesus, Abigail, wife of David, and Mary Sister of Martha, to name a few. All books we choose are designed so that one does not need to attend every session or read every chapter to get the most out of them.

Another change is that we will experiment with meeting twice a month instead of once a month as in the past. In this way, if one misses one session, members don't have to wait an entire month and feel that they are out of step with the others in their readings. Our meetings will continue to be Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall; we are considering either the first and third Wednesday or the second and fourth Wednesday. Those who are interested can email me at kathydoyle@mac.com and I will add you to the email list for further details as we get closer to April. I will order the books, which run from \$5.50-\$9.99 on Amazon.

All are welcome to join our friendly informal gathering of lively and inspirational discussion.

Kathy Doyle

Reformation 500

BOOKSTORE



Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Take a look in the Narthex on March 5th for a preview of the books being offered and then we will be taking orders on March 12th and 19th. Most of these books are at 50% off regular retail pricing. It's a great opportunity to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like Luther the Reformer as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Holy Cross Quilters

As you may recall, the quilt group was asked to make Christmas special at the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Renown by making and donating 24 inch holiday themed quilts for the babies that were in Renown NICU over Christmas. A total of 41 quilts were delivered! We received a delightful thank you note from Renown NICU signed by the dedicated staff. Their comments warmed our hearts--"The babies love their quilts" "The families love love love your quilts",

"The babies are happier with your beautiful quilts" "God Bless you all" "You're the Best" . We have also been blessed to give three quilts to children refugees from Syria who recently have arrived in our community with their parents (two elementary age children and a baby). Faith groups are the lead in settling this family. One of our quilt group members saw how the children are struggling to adjust to their new life in a strange land with new language, customs and

school and asked the quilt group for quilts for the children, an expression of welcome and caring-. The parents and children expressed overwhelming gratitude for these gifts.

Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them, each quilt is made with love and faith. God's work our Hands.

We are grateful for all the donations of fabric, batting, quilt backs that we have received, many boxes and bags over the past few months. Thank you to all who quilt, donate, and keep those who serve and are being served in your prayers.

Please join us for our quilt gatherings-1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. 9:30 to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. No experience required as there is work, fun and fellowship for all.

Kid's Camp

The Quilt Group is hosting a "Kids Camp" on Thursday March 30 at Holy Cross.

There will be activities planned all day 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids (of any age 6 to 86) can learn to design quilt tops and tie the quilts together. Cookie baking, spring crafts and games, music, outside play time in the park and a movie are also being planned. Lunch and snacks will be served. Come for the entire day or part of the day.

More information will follow during March. Let the church office know if you would like to register your children or if you would like to help with all the fun activities at the March 30--"Kids Camp"

500th Reformation

As you are aware we will be having the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the church door on October 31st. This deserves a Big Celebration so if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to celebrate please let Cleo Streit know at cleostreit@sbcglobal.net or call 775) 626-4950. Thanks



The Wednesday Bible Study (1:30pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall) will be going through a short course by Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, entitled "What Would Luther Do Today?" She discusses ways in which Luther's legacy has influenced the way we think about contemporary issues such as poverty, climate change, and the global intersection of religious beliefs. After that, we will start investigating how angels are depicted in the Bible. Please contact Becky Bradley at beckyb485@gmail.com or [775-360-0553](tel:775-360-0553) for more information.

New Members.....



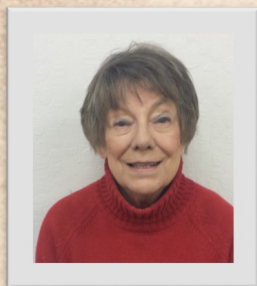
Lauren DeValk: I am from Wisconsin and have recently moved to Reno to take a job with Washoe County School District as an occupational therapist. I came to Holy Cross because I had a great experience with ELCA campus ministry during my college years.



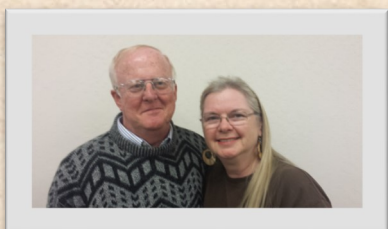
Richard Eggers: I am originally from San Jose, CA but moved to Incline Village while in elementary school. I'm a WCS D teacher, teaching 5th grade. Family roots are from Nebraska. I am an Eagle Boy Scout and enjoy camping, hiking, biking and movies.



Jim & Cindy Thompson: Jim is an old retired Pastor, having served churches in Maryland, Washington and the most fun and interesting of all, on the Navajo Reservation in Northern Arizona. The last 10 years we lived in Flagstaff, AZ where Cindy worked in the Dean's Office of the College of Business at Northern AZ University (NAU). We moved to Reno 5 Months ago to be closer to our only child, Bonnie, who was married in Truckee last summer, and recently became pregnant. We are looking forward to supporting her, her husband and a grandchild due in September. We love cooking!! And Cindy loves skiing and tennis. We love the good lord Jesus and are happy to find a wonderful, healthy and fun Christian family at Holy Cross



Gail Nemy: Born and raised in Hamilton, Montana. Worked for LCA Church Liberia, West Africa. From there I moved to the Bay area, CA. I have three daughters, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. I am now retired and coming to Holy Cross is like "Coming Home".



John & Phyllis Farrell: I have been lucky enough to live around the world. My Father was in the army and I spent 23 years in the Air Force. That meant constant

travel. I have been married to Phyllis for 38 years, all of them happy. The friendliness of the people in the church attracted me. (John Farrell). I retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs in April. My last position was chief of support services and finance Officer for the Oakland and Reno VA Regional offices. We have an adult son and daughter-in-law (Jason & Elaine). We moved to Reno after living in Livermore, CA for 19 1/2 years. We enjoy reading, travel & walking. I was attracted to Holy Cross because the congregation is so friendly and welcoming. (Phyllis Farrell)



Katie and I would like to express our gratitude for all the sympathy and support you have shown us. Your cards, prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to those who braved the weather to attend Kevin's memorial service and to Pastor Scott, Dawn, Joey, Linda, Sandi and Chris for making it happen.

Love Paula

New Members.....



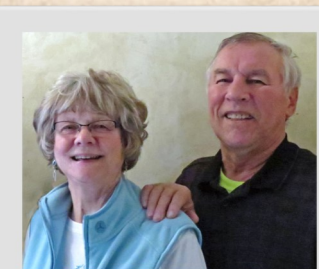
Warren & Cathy Kline: I was born in Allentown, PA. I joined the Air Force and spent 21 years in San Antonio and 3 1/2 years in Okinawa, where I met my wife Cathy. I retired in 1992 and went to Denver, CO for 4 years. Then traveled to Albany, GA from 1996 to 2015 when we moved here to Reno. I like all sports. I was attracted to Holy Cross by the friendliness of everyone. (Warren Kline). I was born in Chicago, IL but my Dad was a Marine, so I grew up moving up and down the East Coast. After high school I joined the Air

Force and traveled a little more. I like to say my AF claim to fame was a remote year tour in Thule AB, Greenland. After 20 years I retired to Albany, GA, but moved to Reno to be close to my son and granddaughter. Church attendance and involvement is very important to me and I found Holy Cross a welcoming and involved church, something I want to be a part of. (Cathy Kline)



Merle & Jeanette (Jan) Moebus: I was born in Kansas City, MO. My parents moved nine times in nine years, so I never attended the same school more than a year until we moved to Emporia, KS. Following High School graduation, I attended Midland University (a Lutheran School) in Fremont, NB. It was there, as a Senior, I met the love of my life (Jeanette) an incoming freshman. We were married in 1955 at her home church, Salem Lutheran Church, in Dakota City, NB.

We have lived in Fremont, NB, Glasco, NB, Salina, KS, Parbille, MO and Minneapolis, MO (for 40 years) and now Reno. We have four daughters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. In my working years I have worked for a contact lens/Intraocular lens company and a manufacturer of ECG electrodes, both as a national sales manager. I retired in 1998. Since then I have sailed a 22' sailboat (9 years) and developed woodworking skills (since 2000). We really enjoy the fellowship at Holy Cross. Been a Lutheran all our lives. (Merle Moebus). I was born in Nebraska on a farm. I went away to high school at the age of 14 and lived in a rented room. So I was pretty much on my own through high school. I went to Midland Lutheran College and got my teaching certification. I met Merle the first week of college and we were married after my 2nd year of college. We have 4 daughters (all married). We have 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandkids. We have live in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and now Reno. We have been married for 61 years. I have always been a Lutheran. (Jan Moebus)



Bill & Sharon Voss: Moved to Reno from Minnesota in August. Was in law enforcement for 30 years retiring in 1997 as a lieutenant. We have a son and daughter that live in California. I suffered a stroke in 2014 and have limited mobility. My Christian faith helped me greatly in recovering from the stroke. My wife, Sharon, and I love Reno and fell in love with Holy Cross and its members. (Bill Voss). We came from Minneapolis but had a vacation condo in Reno for several years. We were at an age to size down. Our children had moved to California so we decided to move permanently to Reno and are now on vacation

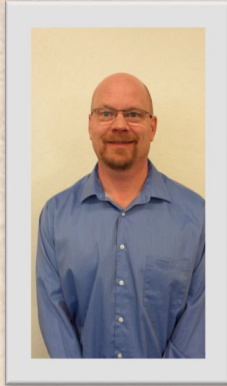
permanently. I worked at a vocational college with teenagers for 25 years, coming from the local area high schools for vocational training. I enjoy photography and traveling. (Sharon Voss)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
**His praise shall continually
be in my mouth.**

Psalm 34:1



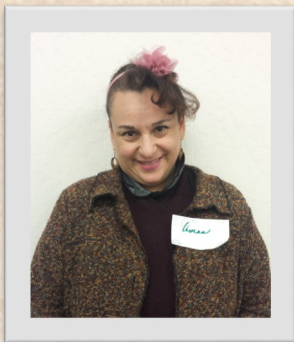
William (Bill) & Carol Hudak: I am married to Carol Ann. We have two daughters, one in Missouri and one in Spain. I work in the mining industry and have moved many times. My favorite work locations include New Zealand, Guam, Alaska, Oregon and Nevada. I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, camping, and fly fishing. Work does take up most of my time. I enjoy a medium sized church with a good music program and friendly down to earth congregation and Holy Cross seems to be a good fit. (Bill Hudak) I also work in the mining industry. I have been involved in the environmental aspects all my career. I also enjoy the outdoors and learning to do winter sports again. I am starting downhill skiing and have the falling down part mastered. I wish our daughters were closer, but admire their adventurous spirit. (Carol Hudak)



Brian & Kerrie Rees: I am originally from Alaska. I work for the Washoe County School District as a computer teacher. I was raised Lutheran at St. Johns in Palmer, Alaska. My friend Katie Torry invited me here, so I think I'll stay 😊. (Kerrie Rees). I am a manager of a CVS store in Sun Valley and grew up in Alaska. I also attended St John's Lutheran church in Palmer, Alaska. I look forward to getting to know the congregation here at Holy Cross.



David Anderson: I was married for 20 years and have 3 daughters. I have lived in San Diego, CA, Hudson, WI, Berman, AR, Reno & Fernley, NV. My list of jobs is quite extensive: I retired from the San Diego Police Department, the Bergman Fire Department as a fireman, first responder, search & rescuer (6 years as a volunteer), a general contractor in California, and 2 years with the Lion County Sheriffs Dept (as a volunteer). I graduated from San Diego State University in 1972 with a Criminal Justice Degree. Now I enjoy working on crafts and look forward to meeting others who like to do the same.



Anna Tipton: "It is an honor to become a citizen of Reno. I do enjoy being among like minded people. I promised my dear Dad that I would attend service in the last days. Because, right now as we know as the awesome events take place many peers are recognizing the coming of Christ. And that itself is reason to have joy and hope for brethren alike. Little Miracles are taking place and we sometimes have a hard time seeing that.

The joy of the
Lord is my strength.
Nehemiah 8:10



Richard Wampole: I raised my family in California. After I retired after 35 years in California, I moved to Reno to live near my son, who moved here for his work. I have two adult daughters, one who lives in Gilroy, CA and the other is a student in a Masters of Fine Art program in Bergen, Norway. I grew up as a Catholic and attended Marquette, a Catholic University. I have also previously been a member of a Lutheran church in California, which referred me to Holy Cross when I moved here. At Holy Cross, I most often attend the 8:00 a.m. service, for which I am usually the projectionist. I live in the Silver Sage apartments behind the church and I am the on-call “gatekeeper” for Holy Cross. I can help you out if you need to access the church after hours.



Katie Weldon: I grew up in San Francisco, California where I worked in the Children’s Zoo, taking care of the rabbits, baby goats, donkeys and other farm animals. I eventually went to veterinary school in Philadelphia and then ended up in Reno where I met my husband Eric. We, my husband, son (Zack) and I all enjoy skiing and traveling. We were attracted to Holy Cross because everyone is very outgoing and friendly.



March 5th

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 19th

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 26th

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



During the Wednesday Lenten services, we will be singing songs in the Taize tradition. This is from an area of France, but encourages people of all nationalities and languages to worship God in song together.

Taize songs are sung over and over to help produce a meditative spirit. As we sing, feel free to sing harmonies, hum, sing in another language, however the spirit moves you.



If you're interested in attending camp this summer at Mt. Cross, check out their website mtcross.org to check the schedule.

Service & Fellowship



Now through Easter Sunday (4/16) Service Committee will have the Giving Tree up for the "Buy a Chick" project for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) outreach program. As members of the ELCA, we are called to share in God's work in the world. In celebration of Reformation 500, lets set our goal for 500 chicks! The cost of each chick is \$1.00. Please consider buying a chick during the Lenten season, ten little chicks makes a big difference. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein rich meals, as well as, selling their eggs for income.



On March 24, we will be serving dinner to families staying at Ronald McDonald house. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help with the meal served on March 24 and/or to help with future meals.



We are also looking at additional community out reach projects that we can do in the coming year in celebration of Reformation 500.

Together with the Reformation 500 committee we will be hosting a Martin Luther themed movie night and ice cream social for HCLC and other Reno area churches. Please watch for more information regarding date and time.

February Giving

Building fund Donations \$ 1,720.00
General Fund Donations \$ 15,395.00
Facility Usage Donations \$900.00
Sunday School Donations \$34.00
Coffee Fund \$14.00
Flower Donations \$180.00
Synod Donations \$125.00
Shared Harvest \$300.00
Voluntary Pension Fund Donations \$275.00
Godly Play \$25.00
Water Heater \$780.00
TOTAL \$ 19,748.00



March Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ due 3/26; bag assembly 3/26 at 1:00 pm, at Good Shepherd, Reno. Items needed are: Mac/cheese, Powdered milk packets and Disposable Razors.

Pastor Call Committee.....



Geordan Goebel has been active at Holy Cross since 2014. He's an attorney in private practice who serves at Holy Cross on the Finance Committee and the Council. He wants to be on the Call Committee because he believes that "the right pastor is the most important consideration for the success of any church." He enjoys family time and activities with his kids, being outdoors, and gun collecting & shooting. With his wife Deborah he has two children: Karl, a junior at Bishop Manogue and Audrie, a 6th grader at Little Flower.



Tom Martin has been coming to Holy Cross since 1988. He serves as an usher and Communion assistant, provides special music in worship—usually on the saxophone, and has helped with the Live Nativity. He views Holy Cross as a loving family. In addition to being active at church, Tom spends time with his grand-kids, volunteers at the Senior Center, and with his wife Chris likes to travel and go RVing. Tom's also a golfer. Tom says he realizes the importance of the role of the Call Committee, was honored to have been asked, and accepted the invitation to serve on it after thought and prayer. He's looking forward to the joy and satisfaction of a new journey through the Call Committee.



Torry Tegio has been coming to Holy Cross since she was in her mother's womb! Members from four generations of Torry's family are active at the church. She's a worship leader as an acolyte and slide projectionist. She's a part of the Seder Meal prep team and has been a camper for many years and twice a Counselor in Training (CIT) at Mt. Cross Ministries, the Lutheran camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains. One of the things she likes best at Holy Cross is the Godly Play program, which has made the presence of God real in her life. Her service on the Call Committee is in part motivated by her desire to see youth be fully recognized within the church. Torry attends TMCC High School in the heavy-duty diesel mechanics program. She has a blackbelt and is an instructor at her martial arts studio. Her parents are Russell and Natalie Tegio.

**Don't be afraid to change.
You may lose something
good but you may gain
something even better.**

Pastor Call Committee.....



Kimberly Lintz has been coming to Holy Cross since 2009. She's served on the Church Council, including as its president. She's been a commissioner to the annual Synod Assembly (Holy Cross is a part of the Sierra Pacific Synod). She's been a Confirmation leader, has helped with the Live Nativity, and is a worship leader as a lector (reader), Communion server, and lay pastor/service leader. She appreciates the willingness (and sometimes forgiveness, she writes) of the congregation to accept her as a worship service leader. Besides being active at Holy Cross, she likes to read, camp, and spend time with her amazing daughter, Emma. She's interested in serving on this committee because when she was Council President she helped facilitate successful off-site meetings to revise the mission, vision, and values of the church. As a member of the Call Committee, Kim is excited to serve in this crucial role trusting that God is working through the committee. She writes "It is a privilege to discern what God is calling us to do by listening to a wide variety of views, opinions and diverse visions for a new pastor." Something else you might be interested to know about Kim: "I served in the active duty Air Force for 26 years. I am discerning my calling and am being led by Jesus on the direction he would have me serve the church."



Linda Schlosser has been a member of Holy Cross (HCLC) for about 32 years. (Wow!) She first joined the church in 1981 and was a member for two years until she and her husband Pat and their two daughters moved from the area. Upon returning to Reno in 1987, they rejoined HCLC and have been attending ever since. Over the years, Linda has been active at HCLC in many ways: Service Committee, Altar Guild, quilting and knitting groups, choir, and serving on the Church Council. With Pat, Linda has two wonderful daughters and two adorable grandsons. She retired three years ago and loves having time to watch her grandsons, read, walk, and get together with family and friends. She and Pat hope to start traveling more. Linda says members of HCLC have become part of her extended family and that she sees how the church has been welcoming, warm, and generous. As co-chair of the service committee, she sees the support people provide for many outreach programs and how the congregation has come together in times of need and to celebrate successes. She's interested in serving on the Call Committee because she cares about our church, the church family, and our future. She hopes to be able to help select a pastor that will nourish our faith and help our congregation grow. She writes, "This will be a journey for all of us, but I feel confident that together we will find a pastor that will be a great match for our congregation."



Betty Tate has been attending Holy Cross on and off since 2009 when she retired and moved to Reno. Since her husband, Steve, was still working in the Bay Area at the time, she continued to be a member of St Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose until he retired from his second career in June 2013. They then joined Holy Cross—the warmth, kindness, and affection of the members were primary reasons. Betty has been an usher and Communion assistant in worship and helps with various activities like the Seder Dinner. Outside of church activities, her interests include staying fit by daily workouts, attending the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts, volunteering for various Saddle Ridge HOA activities, reading, being actively involved with their grandchildren, girls' night out—weekly games with friends, and traveling to various parts of the United States. She's interested in serving on this committee because she wants to have an impact on the future of our church. She describes how she and Steve became Lutherans in 1974 when living in New York. Because they moved regularly, over the next 42 years they attended seven different churches. This exposure gave her insight into the workings of these churches as well nurtured her spiritual growth with the help of different ministers. She looks forward to sharing this knowledge with the Call Committee through the call process. Betty grew up in the pan handle part of Florida. With her siblings (4 brothers and three sisters) she grew up Southern Baptist. She writes, "Steve and I come from diverse religious backgrounds—he was baptized as a Roman Catholic but grew up in the Protestant religion. We were married at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida by a friend of Steve's who happened to be a Lutheran Chaplain. However, we didn't join a Lutheran Church until some good friends encouraged us to start attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville, NY. Even though we have joked throughout the years that this was a good compromise between our religious backgrounds, we feel God had a reason for us to become Lutherans." Due to Steve's background, they had different assignments in the continental US as well as an assignment in Guam. While in Guam, the family visited Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. They later lived in the Washington D.C. area and then moved to California. After that assignment, Steve retired and began his second career in Silicon Valley. Betty began working for the federal government in the 1980's in Contract Administration and then worked in different agencies before retiring in 2009 when they bought their home in Reno.

Next 8 of the 95 Theses

66. The treasures of indulgences are nets with which one now fishes for the wealth of men.
67. The indulgences which the demagogues acclaim as the greatest graces are actually understood to be such only insofar as they promote gain.
68. They are nevertheless in truth the most insignificant graces when compared with the grace of God and the piety of the cross.
69. Bishops and curates are bound to admit the commissaries of papal indulgences with all reverence.
70. But they are much more bound to strain their eyes and ears lest these men preach their own dreams instead of what the pope has commissioned.
71. Let him who speaks against the truth concerning papal indulgences be anathema and accursed.
72. But let him who guards against the lust and license of the indulgence preachers be blessed.
73. Just as the pope justly thunders against those who by any means whatever contrive harm to the sale of indulgences.

Senior
Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on
Wed. the 15th at Noon.
Bring sack lunch.



- 3/1 Carol Gevert
- 3/2 Ellen Hopkins
- 3/3 Pastor Jonathan Yurk
- 3/9 Alexander Ross
- 3/10 Owen Jaeck
- 3/12 Frank Schenk
- 3/12 Marissa Christman
- 3/14 Scarlet Buckley-Zema
- 3/17 Dexter Drew
- 3/18 Aime Karam
- 3/19 Trent Schenk
- 3/19 Leslie Jaillet
- 3/19 Bill Voss
- 3/20 Camden Hamblet
- 3/20 Carol Hudak
- 3/21 Cary Lindstrom
- 3/24 Seth Michael Bernstein
- 3/25 Tanner Gonyou
- 3/25 Nancy Schultz
- 3/26 Sue McDonald
- 3/27 Gary Rovig
- 3/28 Jourdan Messman

Happy Anniversary!

- 3/6 Mr. & Mrs. Schultz
- 3/17 Mr. & Mrs. Cross
- 3/19 Mr. & Mrs. Torry