



**Holy Cross**  
Lutheran Church

# Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter | May 2017

## Mark Your Calendar

**5.2, 5.16 (Tues)**

Hooks & Needles @9:00

**5.4 (Thurs)**

National Day of Prayer

**5.6 (Sat)**

Church Clean Up Day @ 8:00 am

**5.7 (Sun)**

End of Life Workshop @4:00 pm

**5.10, 5.17, 5.24, 5.31(Wed)**

Adult Bible Study @ 1:30

**5.4, 5.18 (Thurs)**

Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

**5.17(Wed)**

Senior Lunch (Pot Luck)

**5.19 (Fri)**

Movie Night @ 6:30 pm

**5.24 (Wed)**

Women's Book/Bible Study @ 3:00

**5.21 (Sun)**

One service @ 10:30 & All Church  
Picnic following

**5.28 (Sun)**

Summer worship schedule starts  
with one service @ 9:00 am

## Pastor's Corner



**Know Your History!** Knowing our church's history and celebrating that history (both our history as the congregation of Holy Cross and our shared history within the Lutheran body or Christian Church history) helps us understand our unique identity, appreciate those saints who have preceded us, and encourages us to continue in mission in our

own time. Over the course of this year, we at Holy Cross will be joining with other Lutheran Churches in our region and Lutheran and Reformed church bodies throughout the world in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses about the medieval church, which sparked the Reformation. Holy Cross will host other churches this month on Friday, May 19 for a Movie Night and Ice Cream Social with the viewing of Rick Steves' *Luther and the Reformation*. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.)

In this month's newsletter and then later posted to our Holy Cross website at [holycrossreno.org](http://holycrossreno.org), I'd like to highlight the "Crosses of Holy Cross," their contribution to our congregation's worship and witness, and the people who helped create or establish them. In the June newsletter, I'll feature other items in our sanctuary like the Altar or Communion Table and then in July I'll describe the paraments and other fabric art which enrich our worship. If you have information you know about these items and their creators that you'd like to see included, please be in touch with me. –Pastor Scott



# Council News

**Church Beautification Project:** Whenever one drives past our church on McCarran, the first thing they notice is our beautiful sign indicating our hours of worship. While our sign is quite impressive and has brought new members to our congregation, the area around the sign is bare and unsightly. In fact, one might assume that we started a project of improving our external image but never followed through with it. I, myself, feel we are making a statement that we really don't care about our place.

To create a more inviting appearance, Chris Martin, who has volunteered to chair the church's beautification project, is looking for volunteers as well as ideas on how we can beautify the area around the sign. Depending on the costs involved, we might have to take a phase approach to complete the project. Again, please think on how you can contribute—time and ideas. If you are interested, please contact Chris or Steve Tate.

**Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Services:** As I reflect on the "events leading up to and including the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ", we, as a congregation, had a spiritual uplift due to those of you who contributed in some way or another. Whether it be Pastor Scott; Brittney, our Music Director; Natalie and Paula for Seder Dinner; Kim in leading some of Wednesday services or those others whom I have not mentioned, you all had a significant impact on the lives of our members. I can't thank you enough for your hard work and dedication during this period.

**A Few Interesting Facts About Martin Luther:** "Luther saw that according to the Bible, all Christians are priests as well as kings. Those who were called priests in the Catholic Church he now called ministers, and felt that they should not serve by papal appointment but by agreement of the people. If the people did not agree with them being there, they should leave. Also, there should be nothing forbidding them to marry."

"Luther was the first person to translate and publish the Bible in the commonly-spoken dialect of the German people. He used the recent 1516 critical Greek edition of Erasmus, a text which was later called textus receptus. The Luther German New Testament translation was first published in September of 1522. The translation of the Old Testament followed, yielding an entire German language Bible in 1534."

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End of Life Planning  
Resources and Guidance

## Planning for the End-of-Life Workshop Class

*Sunday, May 7 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m..*

"If I ever got really sick and couldn't tell you about my wishes about the decisions you'd face at the end of my life, I would be afraid you wouldn't know what I'd like. Could we talk about that now? I'd feel better if we did."

Can you imagine having a conversation like that with your family? No matter what our age, planning for the end-of-life can be difficult. It may be hard to face the idea of our own death or that of those we love. We may find it hard to initiate a conversation with our family members or with our aging parents. As difficult as these barriers may be, taking time to consider one's own wishes and communicating those wishes to family members can be a great gift to them by easing the difficulty of decision-making when they are affected by grief and time pressure at the time of death. Specifying your own wishes helps assure your values are respected, minimizes financial costs, and eases the pressure of family decision-making at a time of stress.

This class will be offered Sunday, May 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Fellowship Hall with Pastor Scott Trevithick and attorney Barbara Gruenewald, a member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

The class will address talking with our family and loved ones, planning a memorial service, deciding about the disposition of one's body, and understanding legal tools that help specify one's end-of-life wishes. Through presentation, discussion, and personal reflection participants will be able to consider their own end-of-life wishes, understand their options and resources, and formulate a plan to specify their wishes to family members and other trusted friends.

Though sign-ups are not required, letting us know you plan to attend will help assure we have enough materials. Please sign up by calling the Holy Cross church office at 827-4822 or emailing Dawn at [office@hclcreno.org](mailto:office@hclcreno.org). This invitation is being extended to members and friends of Lutheran Churches in our area: Holy Cross, Good Shepherd, Faith Lutheran, and Lord of Mercy. You're welcome to invite a friend.



# Council News (cont'd)

**My 25 April 2017 Letter To The Congregation:** Hopefully, by the time you read “Holy Cross Crossroads,” you had received my letter and read it. If you haven’t, please take time to read it. Without dwelling on what I communicated, I would like to share a few key thoughts:

- Only through much prayer and thought, many gave sacrificially your time and resources to make the addition of Fellowship Hall a reality. As a result, we are blessed to have Fellowship Hall to share the love of Christ.
- Your church leaders are thankful for those of you for making those concerted efforts of increasing/stretching your commitments to support the expansion of our church. While we are close to achieving our Capital Campaign commitments, we have a significant challenge facing us in 2017—the operational budget.
- We will have a congregational meeting on July 16th to review our budget and to discuss opportunities to reduce the deficit.
- Due to this financial challenge facing us, I asked that you prayerfully and carefully consider the following:
  - Review the possibility of continuing supporting the Capital Campaign even though our campaign technically ends in June.



*Delight* YOURSELF IN THE LORD  
and He will give you the  
desires of your *heart*.  
PSALM 37:4

- If you have completed your Capital Campaign commitment, combine that commitment with your current operational commitment.
- Revisit both commitments to determine the feasibility of increasing them.
- For those new members, who haven’t had the opportunity to contribute please consider making a pledge to the Capital Campaign now. If you would like to make a pledge, please advise Dawn, our Financial Secretary. No donation is too big or too small.
- Throughout the history of HCLC, our congregation has faced many challenges and has always been successfully in our endeavors.
- Going forward, we will continue to rely on your commitments (time and resources) to support our spiritual growth.

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



# Seder....



Dear Holy Cross Family,

Lent and Holy Week....  
2017... Wow, THAT was a  
journey to remember! As I  
sit here reflecting on all the  
events at Holy Cross  
Lutheran Church, I am

humbled by the willing service and  
generosity of our congregation, and friends  
of our congregation. Seder dinner on  
Maundy Thursday is one part of a much  
longer story, and Paula Featherstone and I  
thank everyone for their participation. Our  
congregation's journey this year was  
memorable.

Our "trip" this year as a family of Christ  
followers began with Ash Wednesday. We  
enjoyed the weekly Lenten services for  
fellowship and reflection on where our Lord  
was heading, and leading us, during Holy  
Week. Wednesday worship was a wonderful  
experience to gather, reflect, and consider  
our paths. So many talented cooks and  
wonderful food coupled with thought-  
provoking worship and a chance to engage  
in the practice of pausing, reflecting, and  
perhaps making space for changes to our  
routines. As we prepared for Holy Week  
and Easter during this time, I was struck  
about how big the mystery and blessing of  
Easter is and how we need time to prepare  
ourselves.

On Palm Sunday, our journey quickened, and  
we had the joy of celebrating Jesus'  
triumphant entry into Jerusalem immediately  
coupled with the sadness of his betrayal and  
crucifixion.

Our congregation read the story aloud and  
created the palpable experience of the final  
days of Jesus, his disciples, and followers.  
The choir provided moving music that  
embodied the emotions, conflicts, and hopes  
of the Passion story.

On Maundy Thursday, we were invited to our  
Lord's final Passover meal with our families.  
At our Seder dinner, we shared the story of  
God's deliverance of his people out of Egypt.  
Paula Featherstone and I thank everyone  
who gave of their time and talents for  
purchasing, food preparation, setup, meal  
service, take down, and attendance. We  
appreciate the dedication. We welcomed  
more than 115 members and guests to share  
our experience, and the significance and joy  
of fellowship was evident. This was all made  
possible by Chelsea, Lauren, Deborah,  
Joulette, Sue, Katie, Paula, Karl, Audrie, Zack,  
Emma, Torry, Michael, Kloe, Scott, Veralyn,  
Charles, Kathy, Dawn, Diane, Cleo, Charlie,  
Marla, Ken, Jan, and Laura.

On Good Friday our journey turned to the  
increasing darkness surrounding Jesus' death  
and the uncertainty we felt as the light of His  
ministry on earth seemed to vanish. And  
then! The pure joy of Easter Sunday! He is  
Risen! We worshipped at sunrise on a hill  
and at the church down below. ***Thank you to  
everyone at Holy Cross!***

Blessings, Natalie Tegio



## May Worship Highlights...

**Thursday, May 4: National Day of Prayer:** The Holy Cross sanctuary will be open for prayer from 8-5. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

**Sunday, May 14: Mothers' Day!** We give thanks for mothers and others who have nurtured us in love and faith.

**Sunday, May 21:** Please note, one service only at 10:30 a.m. so the whole church may enjoy the picnic following the service. "Live in Love" is today's worship theme. Worship will be led by Holy Cross youth who have been leaders at Mt. Cross Ministries, the Lutheran camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains which children and youth attend every summer. Leaders include Torry Tegio, Katie Featherstone, and Karl Goebel, with music by Michael Tegio. Their leadership will help us experience what worship is like in the outdoor camp setting as they adapt what they've learned from serving as camp "Leaders in Training" to our congregational Sunday morning worship.

**Sunday, May 28:** Beginning of Summer Worship Schedule—one service at 9 a.m. only from today until September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day.

We will also commemorate Memorial Day by honoring our Fallen military with a special ceremony. Please see details in full newsletter article on the following page.



Clean up day (outside) at Holy Cross is scheduled for Saturday May 6th. beginning at 8 am.

We have a pile of dirt to remove from the area by the garden boxes, 2 trees to remove and cut up so

that we can take them to the dump. If anyone has a trailer we can use that would be very helpful, otherwise we'll load the back of a pick up truck.

Anyone willing to help, please let Chris Martin know. We'll need shovels, and a chain saw or two (preferably gas) to remove the trees. If you have an electric saw, please bring a long extension cord.

With enough help we should be able to complete the tasks in a couple of hours. This will be the first of several work days as we begin to update our curb appeal.

Call or text me at my cell no. 775-527-1036.

Thanks, Chris Martin



My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts for our son Dan. He has made good progress recovering from a stroke and two brain surgeries just two days apart. His surgeon has called him **The Miracle Man**. Please remember him in your prayers as he continues down the road to recovery.

**Susan Borton**



### Congratulations College Graduates!

Holy Cross Music Director Brittney May will be among those being awarded a degree as she completes requirements for her Masters in Music Education from the University of Nevada, Reno. Family members will travel to Reno to celebrate with Brittney. Congratulations, Brittney, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts in singing, playing, and directing the choir at Holy Cross.

Also a **BIG** congratulations to Kaylee Jo Caldwell as she graduates from UNR with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Science



# Holy Cross Quilters


## Faith in Action!

Please join us! The quilt group meets May 4th and 18th- at 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are busy making quilts for people in need in our community and around the world! At our April meeting we learned a new quilt tying technique from Sharon Voss, "The Minnesota Roll", making quilt tying easier from a seated position. Thanks Sharon!

Completed quilts are displayed in the Fellowship Hall on a rotating basis. We display quilts that will be given to Lutheran World Relief, Children's Cabinet,

Hosanna Home, Veterans, Renown NICU, and the Ronald McDonald House. Look for our work in the Fellowship Hall.

In May we will focus on tying quilts as we have about 20 tops completed, so we are "a bit" behind in tying the quilts and then completing them to give away. We will also focus on designing and sewing the small 24 inch neo natal quilts we give to the NICU at Renown Hospital, supporting premie babies. We are also "a bit" behind on creating these quilts. So, we need "all hands on deck". All are welcome, no experience required! Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship. Diane Torry 747-0976



*Charm is deceptive,  
and beauty is fleeting; but a  
woman who fears the Lord  
is to be praised.  
Proverbs 31:30*

## Memorial Day Presentation



On May 28th at the beginning of our worship service we will celebrate memorial weekend by presenting the Fallen Soldier's Table. The Fallen Soldier's Table is a short ceremony that honors and remembers those veterans that gave their lives or freedom in times of conflict.

It also remembers those individuals who lost their lives during the 911 attacks.

It consists of a symbolic table setting, presentation of our nation's colors, singing of our National Anthem, two short readings and ends with the playing of taps.

If anyone would like to bring in any military pictures or memorabilia to share with the congregation please do so. Tables will be set up in the Narthex for this purpose of displaying our loved ones items. If there is a deceased service member you would like to have remembered, please let Dawn know at [office@hclcreno.org](mailto:office@hclcreno.org).

Lastly, if anyone would like to actively participate or if you have questions, please see Paula or Katie Featherstone.



# The Crosses of Holy Cross



**Outside cross facing McCarran:** This cross was crafted with 4 inch by 4 inch beams by Wib Namestka around 2010. The picture is from Easter Sunday 2017. We draped a black cloth over the horizontal beam on Good Friday and then on Easter morning removed the black cloth and draped the cross with a white cloth.



**Cross on exterior south wall facing McCarran:** This cross was dedicated by Dan Sugden, Jr. and his wife Mildred "Joyce" Fuller Sugden, who both joined the church October 23, 1983. Dan was a Church Council member in the late 1980s and Joyce was the Financial Secretary during that era. They were members of Holy Cross until their deaths; Joyce died March 16, 1997 and Dan died August 28, 1999. The cross was also dedicated by Ethel Pearl Simpson.



**The cross on exterior east wall near Holy Cross entrance:** Wib and Nellie Namestka dedicated this cross to the church in October 2014 following the building addition. Wib designed the cross, crafted of heartwood redwood, to complement the cross on the south side of the sanctuary facing McCarran Blvd.



**The Processional Cross** was crafted by Wib Namestka during Lent of 2017 in time for our Good Friday worship service. Nellie Namestka and Pastor Scott Trevithick provided design help, which included the admonition to Wib not to sand,

or otherwise finely finish the cross as it's intended to look rough and rugged. High schooler Karl Goebel carried the cross into the sanctuary on Good Friday during the processional and then it was removed at the close of the service. The Easter Sunday service began in a darkened sanctuary with the cross leading the processional. The cross was then posted in the front of the sanctuary between the pulpit and baptismal font. As Pastor Scott lit the Christ candle and held it aloft, he proclaimed, "Christ is risen!" and the congregation responded, "He is risen"



**Sanctuary Cross:** Ernst Schwidder (1931-1998) is the artist of the cross in the sanctuary, along with the baptismal font and dove/Holy Spirit sculpture which accompany it. His father had been pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Seattle; in fact, there had been Lutheran pastors in his family since the days of the Reformation. Schwidder's works are in over 90 churches

in the state of Washington and over 300 churches across the United States. He earned a Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Washington. In 1959, he became the first head of the Art Department at Valparaiso University in Indiana. His career as a liturgical artist coincided with the great post-World War II church building boom. Taking a leave from Valparaiso, he went to work as a designer of chancels and chancel furnishings in the Charles Stade workshop. In 1963, he gave up his chairmanship to work fulltime with Stade. The Schwidder family moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1964 where he became the chair of the art faculty at Seattle Pacific University and also continued to consult, carve, and work for Stade from the West Coast. From 1967 to his 1992 retirement, professor Schwidder taught art and headed the art department at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. Following his retirement, he opened his own south Seattle studio and continued to produce art suitable for worship space in churches of a variety of denominations throughout the U.S. and western Canada.

In most Lutheran and Protestant Churches, a featured cross would most often be an *empty* cross, without a figure of Jesus on it, symbolically emphasizing that Jesus is risen. A Schwidder crucifix often contains the corpus of a dead Jesus, head bent to the side, seemingly resting on his shoulder. This lifeless body which paradoxically brings new life seems to emerge from the wood in a dramatic hint toward resurrection. The artist makes a direct reference to Jesus' words in John 12:24: "unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Ernst Schwidder sculpts the theology of the cross.

*Much of the Information in this article is summarized from articles from the website [schwidderart.org](http://schwidderart.org), which serves as a repository of Ernst Schwidder's work. The aim of the curators is, in part, to assist parishioners to treasure visual art as an enhancement to worship.*



# GODLY PLAY

It has been an awesome year Wondering together as a community in Godly Play. If you make your way down the hall you will see how our tree has grown and filled with color and the names of all the children (and adults) that participated in Godly Play this year. Our last class for the year will be May 14. We will start back up again in after Labor Day in September 2017.

Below is the schedule for May.

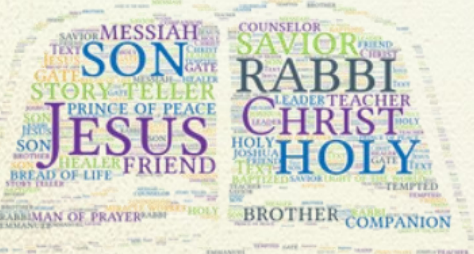
- ◆ May 7 – Family Worship
- ◆ May 14 – Lesson 14: The Church along with our closing party
- ◆ May 21— Be sure to attend the church picnic on the 21st.

Jolene Jaillet, Godly Play Administrator



## Senior Luncheon

The Senior Lunch will be Wednesday, May 17th. This will be a Pot Luck as this is the last one for the season until we resume in September. Note the time will be 11:30 a.m. so we will have enough time to finish before Bible Study.



**Synod Assembly to meet:** Pastor Scott and members Richard and Fran Moses are voting delegates for the Assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod to be held in Fresno May 3 – 6. Delegates, both pastors (active and retired) and members, will gather from all churches in the synod, which includes Northern Nevada and Northern California. The theme is “We Are Church Together: Telling our Stories” and the theme verse is “We know that this is truly the Savior of the World” (John 4:42b).

The assembly will gather to worship, pray, study, be inspired, be inspiring, and offer stories about how Jesus is making a difference in our lives and in our ministries. We will be hearing from ten congregations who were given a grant from the Valley Mission Coalition tell the story of how these grants have been used in their outreach to the communities they serve. Special speakers, preachers, and musicians include:

- The Rev. Dr. David Vasquez-Levy, President of Pacific School of Religion, Keynote Speaker.
- Pr. Wyvetta Bullock, Executive Assistant for Administration to the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, preacher.
- Dr. Ryan Cumming, Program Director for Hunger Education, with ELCA World Hunger as Bible Study Leader.
- Jonathan Rundman, Assembly Musician.



# Shared Harvest....

## **Shared Harvest Meets at Holy Cross May 21 and June 25 !!**

Every month Holy Cross joins other Lutheran Congregations and delivers food and basic supplies to 82 families in the Reno/Sparks Area  
"God's Work Our Hands"

During May we are gathering cold cereal and shampoo for the monthly Shared Harvest distribution. On May 21st at 1 p.m. we will meet at Holy Cross in the Fellowship Hall to assemble and distribute 82 bags of food and supplies. We meet again at Holy Cross for assembly and distribution June 25th at 1 p.m.. "Extra hands" are always needed and welcome on assembly and distribution Sundays! A reminder—check food expiration dates-only food with current dates can be used. Thank you for bringing only the requested items. Contact Veralyn Combs, 354-1957 or the church office for more information and to let the event organizers know you are planning to attend and help.

Holy Cross has participated in Shared Harvest since it began in 1998. Shared Harvest is a joint ministry of Lutheran Churches in Reno/Sparks including Good Shepherd, Faith, Holy Cross, St. Luke's, Lord of Mercy and Our Savior. Food and hygiene products are distributed on the 4th Sunday of each month.--at 5 locations --Easy Inn, Santa Fe, TJ's, El Tavern and Moran Seniors. In addition, Good Shepherd Clothes Closet clothing vouchers are provided. Our mission is to serve families, seniors, disabled, veterans and singles. Those that receive Shared Harvest packages are so very thankful for the help. Our outreach has become a sustaining part of many lives.

On the 4th Sunday of each month at 1 p.m., we meet at one of the churches to assemble the food bags. Each church hosts two to three times a year on a rotating schedule. Grocery lists are rotated -- each church brings five different items every month. Each bag contains peanut butter, tuna, chicken noodle soup, chili, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, powdered milk, crackers and mac-n cheese. 82 bags are assembled every month. Also included are hygiene products toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, laundry soap and razors. Hygiene kits are provided at some locations, made with hotel soaps and shampoos. Church members are asked to save these when they travel.

At 2 p.m., following the bag assembly, the volunteers split up and deliver the bags to the locations in Reno and Sparks.

Ways to Support Shared Harvest:

- Contribute the requested items each month (leave in the Fellowship Hall)
- Make a monetary contribution --funds are used to purchase the requested items
- Participate in the monthly bag assembly
- Participate in the monthly distribution to local sites
- Serve on the Shared Harvest Committee

Contact Veralyn Combs 775-354-1957 with any questions.  
Keep those that serve and those being served in your prayers.

***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 world wide.***

***Believe in one, Affect Many, Welcome all***

## **Welcome to new clergy in our regional Lutheran Conference:**



Red is the liturgical color when a pastor is ordained or installed and on Pentecost Sunday. From left to right in the front row, Pastor Bob Kelley of Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church; Pastor Mary Lou Petitjean, retired from Lord of Mercy Lutheran in Sparks; Pastor Diana from Hope Lutheran; Pastor Charlane Lines of Faith Lutheran Church in Meadow Vista, CA; and Pastor Lynell Walker, from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Sacramento, where Pr. Diana previously served. In the back are Pastor Chip Larson of Christ the King in Tahoe City and Pastor Scott from

**Installation of Pastor Diana Turner:** Pastor Scott was among the clergy from our region participating in the Service of Installation for Pastor Diana Turner at Hope Lutheran Church in South Lake Tahoe on April 23. Pastor Diana is an Episcopalian Priest who was previously serving at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. (Lutherans and Episcopalians have a denominational agreement that allows clergy to serve in each other's churches just as Lutherans and Presbyterians have, which allows Pastor Scott, a Presbyterian, to serve at Holy Cross.)

Pastor Diana is the second newly-installed pastor in our area. **Pastor Chad Adamik** was installed Sunday, February 26 at St. Paul's Lutheran Family in Carson City. (Pastor Scott participated in that service as well.) Pastors serving Lutheran congregations as well as retired clergy meet monthly for lunch for mutual support, planning special events, and brief worship.






## New Member Orientation and Reception

Anyone may be active at Holy Cross without formally joining the church. At the same time, we invite people to consider membership as a means of expressing their faith and their intent to join with us in worshiping regularly, seeking to live a Christian life, and being stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

After worship on Sundays June 4 and 11, we'll gather for a light lunch and then host an orientation for those interested in formally joining Holy Cross Church as members. Those who wish to join will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, June 18. Class content will include opportunity to get to know other prospective members and current Holy Cross members and leaders; learn about Lutheran values, beliefs, and history; and learn about ways to be involved and grow in faith at Holy Cross.

Those who would like to consider becoming a Holy Cross member are encouraged to speak with Pastor Scott. We will be sending invitations to prospective members via email.



We will be canceling the "monthly breakfast group" on the 4th Thursday morning of the month due to sparse attendance.

## Touring High School Bell Choir Coming to Holy Cross!



Mark your calendar: Holy Cross will be welcoming and hosting the High School Bell Choir of First Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs on **Friday, June 9**. They'll be with us in Reno before heading further west to California.

- We'll host a fellowship dinner for the choir.
- The bell choir concert with five octaves of bells will be at 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Cross families will provide overnight housing for high schoolers in the choir. They have 14 students--10 girls and 4 guys.
- Host families provide overnight stay, serve them breakfast, and bring them back to the church the next morning for them to travel to Stockton, CA.

Would you be able to host 2-4 students at your house? Contact Dawn in the church office at [office@hclcreno.org](mailto:office@hclcreno.org) or 827-4822 if you can help. The concert is open to anyone in the community, so invite a friend and plan on a fun evening.





Thank you to our WONDERFUL choir for providing such inspirational hymns during our services. You are extraordinary and your talents are very much appreciated.

*Enjoy your summer off.*

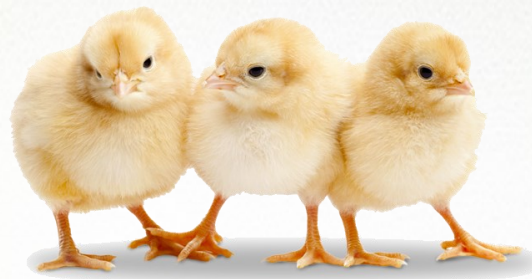


Please join us for a Reformation 500 celebration with other area Lutheran Churches .

HCLC will be hosting and showing Rick Steves' *Luther and the Reformation* documentary followed by an Ice Cream Social. This movie helps us understand our Lutheran roots as we discover how one person can change the world. Luther's act of nailing his 95 theses to the door of his hometown church kicked off "the most important religious event of the last millennium. . . the Protestant Reformation".

**Friday, May 19, 2017,  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Please RSVP no later than 5/15 to Dawn at:  
775-827-4822 or office@hclcreno.org



# **We did it!**

With the generous donations from our wonderful Holy Cross Family, we met and passed our goal of 500 chicks (to celebrate the 500th Reformation Anniversary) with a whopping 610 chicks purchased. Thank you for helping families abroad. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein-rich meals, as well as selling their eggs for income, giving them life and independence. We are such a loving and generous congregation. Thank you!



## **Family Picnic May 21st**

**Our Annual All Church Picnic is scheduled for May 21st right after our single service at 10:30 am.**

**Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.**

**We are asking for a donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family to help offset the cost of the chicken.**





**Birthdays:**

- 5/1 Kloe Sorge
- 5/2 Wib Namestka
- 5/3 Lynn Jaeck
- 5/4 John Sarazen
- 5/6 Cody Lindstrom
- 5/7 Kayla Marton
- 5/8 Michael Marton
- 5/9 Connie Souza
- 5/10 Katie Featherstone
- 5/10 Jim Thompson
- 5/11 Astraea Ponder
- 5/12 William Quick
- 5/13 Kendra Trevithick
- 5/14 Melody Mericle
- 5/15 Michael Ross
- 5/16 Bobbie Heaps
- 5/18 Riley Sorge
- 5/19 Bruno Peri
- 5/19 Jean Lanham
- 5/20 Robin Peri
- 5/22 Ashlyn Hamblett
- 5/24 Margaret Moore
- 5/30 Kailey Kincaid



**Anniversaries:**

- 5/15 Derek & Ashlyn Hamblett
- 5/19 Dan & Patricia Bouweraerts
- 5/24 Tom & Chris Martin
- 5/26 Albert & Linda Puckett
- 5/28 Mark & Jolene Jaillet
- 5/29 Richard & Mona Warwick

# Weekly Scripture

**May 7th**

Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23  
 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 John 10:1-10

**May 14th**

Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

**May 21st**

Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

**May 28th**

Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11



In case you haven't noticed, we have been using a new Chalice and Paten during service. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the special fund in order to purchase these new items.

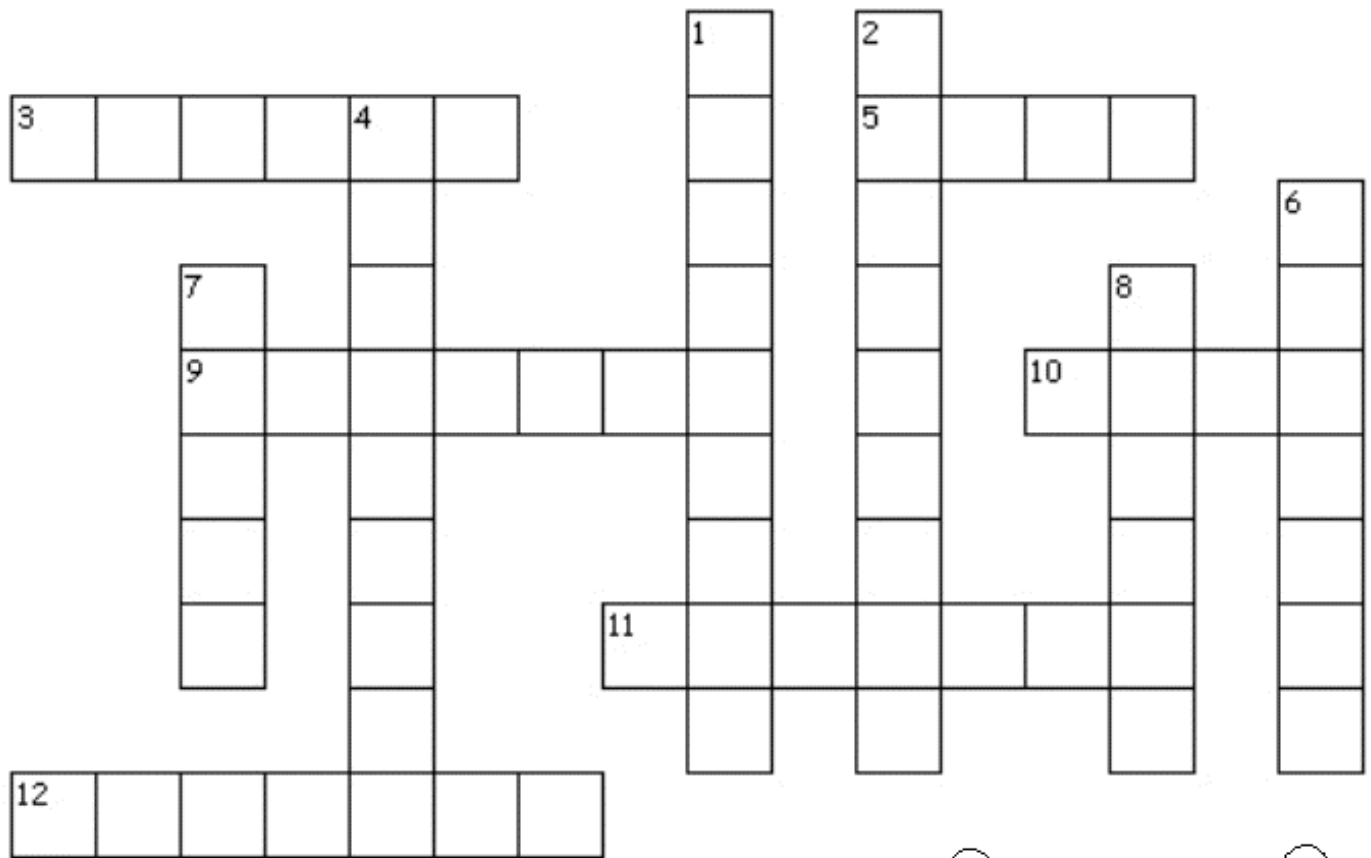
**Your generosity is GREATLY appreciated.**

***Hooks and Needles*** will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays in May at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all ladies who want to do crafts with a group of like minded ladies. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we have ladies who will teach you and if you have a craft that you would like to share we welcome you too. We make scarves, hats, lap robes for the Veterans and afghans for the needy in the Reno/Sparks area. We do afghans for baptisms as well as for our friends and family. Some of us go out for lunch at a nearby restaurant afterwards. If you need more information please contact Kathy Barcaskey at 857-1012.





# Mother's Day Crossword



## Across

3. Special meal between breakfast and lunch.
5. Tight squeeze.
9. Inspiring awe.
10. The feeling mom has for her children.
11. To help someone grow up.
12. A bouquet of these will make mom's day!

## Down

1. Amazing or astonishing.
2. Mom's favourite cocoa indulgence.
4. To engage in festivities.
6. A gift.
7. Sweet treats.
8. The woman who loves you no matter what!

