Monthly Newsletter : October 2017





10.3, 10.17 (Tue) Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

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10.11 (Wed) Council Meeting 5:30 pm

10.18 (Wed) Senior Lunch @ Noon

10.11, 10.25 (Wed) Women's Bible/Book Study @ 3:00 pm

10.4, 10.11, 10.18, 10.25 (Wed) Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

> 10.5, 10.19 (Thurs) Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

10.21 (Thurs) Men's/Women Breakfast @10:00 am

10.17 (Wed) Service Meeting @ 1:00

## **Pastor's Corner**

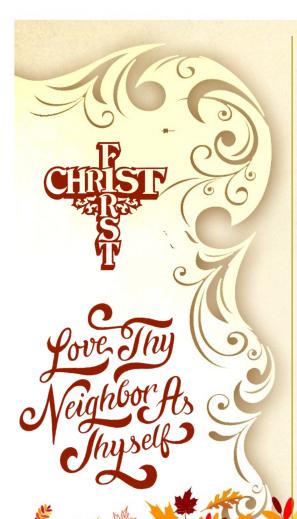


# Continuing "On a Journey..."

I have been at Holy Cross as its Interim Pastor since January 1, 2017. I thought I would use this month's column to summarize the role of an Interim Pastor and

update where we are on this journey toward a long-term pastor.

As Interim Pastor, my role is to lead the ongoing, regular ministry of the church in conjunction with the council and staff while also helping the congregation prepare for a new long-term, installed pastor. This process typically takes anywhere from 12 – 24 months. As an example, the call process at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Reno took 28 months from the retirement of Pastor Carl Wilfrid in May of 2014 to the arrival of Pastors Erik and Amy Allen in September 2016.



## **Pastor's Corner (cont'd)**

There are various partners in this transition and pastor search process, each with their particular role and tasks and tools associated with that role:

- **Call Committee:** Chair Geordan Goebel and members Torry Tegio, Kim Lintz, Linda Schlosser, Tom Martin, and Betty Tate were elected by the congregation at the January 29 congregation meeting. Their role is to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ in discerning a candidate for the congregation to call as its long-term pastor.
  - The Call Committee engages in research, information gathering, and self-reflection on behalf of the congregation to create a Mission Site Profile (MSP). An MSP is a standardized document within the Lutheran Church (ELCA) to describe the congregation, its surrounding community, its sense of mission, and the characteristics and priorities it seeks in a longterm pastor. It's crucial that the MSP be an accurate reflection of the congregation, which is the best way to assure a good "fit" or match with the pastor.

Office of the Bishop: The Bishop's office undergirds the transition process through its prayers, defines the general design of the process through resources like the Call Process Manual, provides guidance for the Call Committee through people like liaison Pastor Tom Miller, and ultimately will provide appropriate and gualified pastor candidates

appropriate and qualified pastor candidates to the call committee.

 Slate of Pastor Candidates: The Bishop's office approves the MSP forwarded by the Call Committee and uses this to provide a slate of suitable candidates for the committee to interview.

**Pastor Candidates and Future Pastor:** A pastor candidate creates a Rostered Leader Profile (RLP) to describe him or herself much in the same way an MSP functions for a congregation. In addition to basic personal information and work history like what you'd find on a resumé, there is also space to describe one's theological values, sense of call, and reflections on one's ministry.

Please keep the members of the Call Committee and their work of discernment in your prayers.

## **Council News**

#### Cub Scout Pack 1517- Scoutreach Program

In October 2016's Crossroads, I shared with you the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Scoutreach program. The Scoutreach is "BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background. ... Scouting, by emphasizing ethics and moral values, addresses many of the social concerns of parents and youth in our country." In my article, I explained the three phases of the Scoutreach program: 1) sponsor either a cub scout pack or boy scout troop at a local school, 2) provide resources that will work with the youth, and 3) sponsor a cub scout or boy scout organization at HCLC and provide resources in supporting the group.

Upon hearing of the benefits of this program, the church council agreed to support the 'Scoutreach' program by sponsoring a Cub Scout Pack at Dobson Elementary School which the first phase of this program. The focus is to attract young people at risk to join the Cub Scout Pack.

I recently heard from Mr. Eddie Rodriguez, Scoutreach Director for the Nevada Area Council of the BSA and Dahlgren Kendler, Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 1517, that Cub Scout Pack 1517 begun the new school year with great success. Currently, there are 19 registered Scouts and 30 total active youth. The boys have all just completed their first badge, the Bobcat rank. And this year all of the youth will earn their Wolf rank. What is so amazing is the big increase from last year, which had 5 active youth members!

As he expressed gratitude for our support, Eddie indicated there continues to be a great need for Scouting in Dodson Elementary. "The school is very supportive of our program, just as is Holy Cross Lutheran Church." I asked him what other support (if any) HCLC could provide? He stated that they are currently looking to purchase T-shirts for the Scouthreach youth. A member of HCLC has already committed to assist in the purchasing of the T-shirts. However, if anyone else would like to donate to this program, please send your checks to Mr. Eddie Rodriguez, Scoutreach Director-Team Leader, Boy Scouts of America, Nevada Area Council, 500 Double Eagle Court, Reno, NV 89521

#### Stewardship:



As you read the article (in the other part of Crossroads) concerning the upcoming Stewardship Drive, I ask that you start thinking about making a commitment whether it is time, talent, or financial. But before making your commitment/pledge (sharing part of your possessions), pray before you decide what to give. Talk with God about your life; that is how blessed you are to be where you are in your life. Remember by pledging, you are telling God, here is my commitment. I am responding to the blessings I have been given throughout my life.



## Council News (cont'd)...

#### **Church Council Membership:**

In last month's newsletter, I asked that you consider being a member of the church council. The form allows you to nominate a member of the congregation (or yourself) who would be an asset on the church council. As you review the form, prayerfully consider who within the congregation can lead us to the next level whether it be growing in membership, increasing support in "outreach" programs, or building on our infrastructure. Below is the Nomination Form for Church Council Member.

#### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

#### NOMINATION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER

I suggest the name of

for nomination to serve on the Church Council.

**Role of the Church Council:** As described in detail in the Holy Cross Constitution the Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, its mission, the engagement of its members, its general administration and financial stewardship, its relationship with its pastor and staff, and its partnership as a part of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). Council members, along with the pastor and the council's officers, shall work cooperatively to carry out these responsibilities. Council members serve two year terms.

To help present council leaders consider this person's suitability, please comment on the candidate in such areas as the following, to the extent that you know it. (Use another sheet of paper, if necessary):

#### **Church Involvement**

- ◆ Attendance at public worship
- ◆ Participation in church activities
- ◆ Past or present leadership within the church

#### **Christian Living in Daily Life**

- ♦ Within the family
- ♦ At work
- ♦ In the community

#### **Personal Characteristics and Skills**

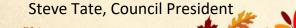
- ♦ Cooperativeness
- ♦ Willingness to learn
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- ♦ Openness to new ideas
- Maturity of judgment

**Notification**: Please indicate if you have spoken with this person about nominating him or her: Yes No Return this in a sealed envelope marked "Attention: Council Nominations" to the church by Sunday, October 29, 2017



Your signature:

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



## ooks & Needles...

Hooks and Needles will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in October, the 3rd and 17th at 9 a.m. We welcome all knitters and crocheters and/or those who want to learn how to knit or crochet. We are a small group and make afghans/lap robes, scarves, hats and shawls for local causes here in the Reno/Sparks area along with for our family and friends. Come join us for a fun time

Oktoberfest will be on October 29th Right after our ONE service at 10:30 am. We will also be celebrating REFORMATION 500. Brats, music, and beer will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for attendance, side dishes and desserts.

A fun time will be had by all, so mark your calendars and join us for some family fun.



Senior Lunch will be Wednesday October 18th at Noon. Bring sack lunch.

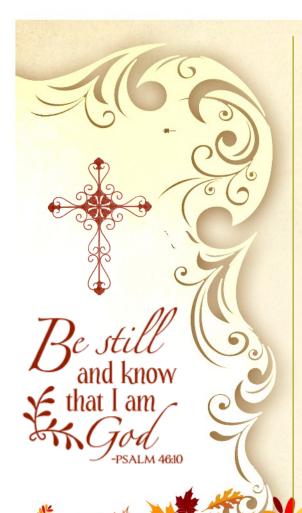


#### Silver Sage Thanksgiving

A HUGE thank you to Madeline Gaustad who has volunteered to take the lead on this community event for our neighbors next door at Silver Sage. Thank you to Cleo for helping Madeline get going on this wonderful event. Thank you to all those who have signed up to help. There is a sign up sheet is in the Narthex with ways to help.

## **September Giving**

Building fund Donations \$825.00 General Fund Donations \$ 14,345.02 Baseball Game \$88.00 Sunday School Donations \$14.00 Coffee Fund \$22.00 Synod Donations \$100.00 In Kind \$21.54 Voluntary Pension Fund Donations \$75.00 Craft Fair \$25.00 CM Fund \$1,000.00 Facility Usage \$820.00 **TOTAL \$ 17,335.56** 



## Here's What Happened at The God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service ...

On Sunday afternoon, September 10, about 80 members and friends of varying ages from Faith, Good Shepherd, Holy Cross, and Lord of Mercy Lutheran Churches in the Reno-Sparks area met for a potluck picnic and "God's Work. Our Hands" Day of Service in Idlewild Park along the Truckee River in Reno. After lunch, we tackled a number of service projects, including beautifying the park and writing letters of thanks and advocacy. Here's what we accomplished:

- Wrote 20 letters expressing thanks to military service people to be distributed to Operation Gratitude, which includes them in care packages to troops sent around the world
- Purchased care package supplies for troops for Operation Gratitude: 24 packs of military energy gum, 3 packs of full body wipes, 20 mind game books, and 24 packs of turkey jerky, and 24 bottle of mouth wash
  - Wrote 7 letters to Nevada congress people advocating support for programs addressing hunger, to be distributed by Bread for the World
  - Cleaned up trash throughout Idlewild Park, a city of Reno facility
  - Weeded and trimmed rose garden
    beds

Spread mulch throughout the rose garden to conserve water and protect the rose bushes

God's Work, Our Hands is a national day of service celebrated each September throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This is a great way to share fellowship across Lutheran churches in our area and be active in service in our community as an expression of our faith. Thank you to all who took part and to Soren Lancaster of Thrivent for providing **Hinancial support for this community** endeavor. See the Holy Cross Facebook page for photos at "Holy Cross Lutheran Reno" for more photos of the event.

# Living out the Promises of Baptism through Confirmation....

"Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? Do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Do you promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ?"

These are the questions asked of parents, sponsors, and the congregation when an infant or child is baptized. Confirmation is the process through which a young adult makes their faith their own by affirming or confirming these promises made on their behalf. **Emma Lintz, Ethan Jaeck,** and **Michael Tegio** are meeting with Pastor Scott and various members of the congregation on Sunday mornings through November 12 on their Confirmation journey. Those who wish to confirm the promises made at their baptism will do so in worship on November 19.

The primary question they'll be asked on November 19 is "Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism to live among God's faithful people....

- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

irmation

During our class time together and through spiritual practices designed to help them live out these actions, they'll be reflecting on their faith and preparing to respond to this question. Please pray for Emma, Micheal, and Ethan on this journey. Emma is the daughter of Michael and Kim and a freshman at Reed High School. Michael is a sophomore at Damonte Ranch High School and the son of Russell and

> Natalie. He's best known around the church as a guitar player and drummer during the 10:30 worship service. Ethan is the son of Morgan and Lynn and a sophomore at Reno High, where he plays football and baseball.



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# Godly Play....

We are so blessed to have this children's ministry at Holy Cross. It is amazing to watch and see the children of our congregation explore and wonder about stories of the bible.

October 1, 2017 Family Worship Day

October 8, 2017 Lesson 5: The Exodus

October 15, 2017 Lesson 6: The Ten Best Ways

October 22, 2017 Enrichment Lesson: The Prophets

October 29, 2017 Enrichment Lesson 10: The Story of the Prophet Elijah



Due 10/22; bag assembly 10/22 at 1:00 pm at Our Savior, Sparks. Items needed: 3 peanut butter, toothpaste, 1 box gallon zip lock (minimum 40 bags) The Service and Fellowship Committee will meet on Tuesday October 17th @ 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us. Always looking for new ideas and input.

## Support for Lutheran Disaster Response following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria ....

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Find out how Lutheran Disaster Response is working with its affiliates to make a difference. When you designate your gift for "Hurricane Response—United States" 100% of your gift is dedicated to helping with this disaster. Visit their website to make a secure online donation.

http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/

**500th Anniversary Joint Service** ~ A Joint Lutheran -Roman Catholic Service "From Conflict to Communion" will be held at St Therese the Little Flower Church (875 E. Plumb Ln, Reno) on October 9th @ 6:00 pm. This joint service is a celebration of the Commemoration of the Reformation Report of the Lutheran - Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. This ecumenical service is open to everyone. A joint choir of the Catholic and Lutheran Churches will lead music. Offerings will be divided between the Catholic Charities and the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry. The service will be followed by coffee, desserts and snacks.

#### Upcoming Service Events:

November - purchase WINCO cards for Pine Middle School and Smithridge Elementary to purchase perishable items for Thanksgiving or to help students in need.

December - Senior Santa and Holy Child Learning center

#### Upcoming Fellowship Events:

October 29th- OKTOBERFEST - One service at 10:30. Sign up to let us know if you will be attending and what dish you will be bringing. Brats, beer, soda and lemonade will be provided. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

December 3 - Advent Tea 2:00-4:00. Women of the church and their guests are invited to attend the Third Annual Advent Tea on December 3 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Sign up sheets for those attending and for those wanting to host a table will soon be in the narthex. If you hosted a table last year and would like to do so again, please let Linda Schlosser, Jodi Morrison or Gladys Krehlik know.

Appetizers, Wine, and Desserts - We are looking for two hosts (south-side this year) to open their home for our annual appetizer, dessert and wine Christmas party. We usually hold this the first or second weekend in December. Please let Linda Schlosser or Sandi Christman know if you would be interested in doing this.





Church members and friends who approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills.

Rather, leaders in such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

The Holy Cross church council has selected the "Celebrate Generosity" Stewardship Campaign as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. A key component of "Celebrate Generosity" is prayer. We invite you to join daily in asking that God guide us in our decisions during the coming weeks. During the first three weeks in October, stewardship information will be provided in temple talks, bulletin inserts and letters.

Celebrate Generosity is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. "Celebrating Generosity" encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on "Celebrate Generosity Sunday," October 22, we will ask worshipers to make their financial commitments to our church's worship, mission, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every member and attendee who completes an Estimate of Giving Card on Celebration Sunday does so voluntarily. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship on Celebration Sunday, members will make their commitments as a confidential act of worship following Pastor Scott's sermon.

Our "Celebrate Generosity" stewardship team, prayer team, and church council encourage your participation. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in "Celebrate Generosity" events.

Blessings on our shared ministry through Holy Cross.

From the Stewardship Team and Prayer Team—Pastor Scott, Stephanie Robison, Fran Moses, Diane Torry, Mike Ross, Corrie Volinkaty, Fred and Karen Ford







#### "Celebrate Generosity" "Stewards of God's Gifts—Where Do They Go?"

God entrusts us to be *stewards* who wisely care for the resources God gives us. Financial gifts enable Holy Cross Lutheran Church to do what God calls us to do:

To live 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."

#### Stewards of God's Gifts—Where do they go?

- The Holy Cross sanctuary provides space for over 200 worship services a year among the Holy Cross, Tongan, and Casa del Alfarero congregations—up to 10,000 "individual touch points"
- Christian Education-Godly Play for children, Adult bible study, confirmation, first communion, and summer camp
- Prayer Partners—keeping members and friends close in prayer in times of trial and joy
- Baptism, Weddings, and Funerals
- Joyful music—choir, praise band, special music

Fellowship opportunities: Sunday coffee hour, Oktoberfest, summer picnic, Christmas progressive dinner, Advent Tea, Senior Luncheon, book clubs, mystery dinner

#### Service:

- Meals to Ronald McDonald House
- Giving Tree—socks and undies for all, back packs for school children, support for our troops overseas, Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts to young and old in need
- Quilts and afghans bringing warmth and comfort to those in need in our congregation, our local community and worldwide
- Clothes for our neighbors through the Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet
- Shared Harvest providing 9000 meals annually for our most needy neighbors
- Thanksgiving meal for our Senior neighbors from Silver Sage
- Community Garden- "home grown" food shared

Live Nativity--Bringing the Christmas Message to the community for over 35 years

Easter Celebration: Ash Wednesday, Lent Services, Good Friday Service Seder Meal, Easter Sunrise Service, and Easter Worship Services.

Through our giving to the ELCA we support God's work at home and around the world.

Growth and new opportunities abound!--We are blessed to be able to give!

#### "Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All"





## Holy Cross Quilters...

The Sanctuary was a rainbow of color at Worship on October 1st.---The annual quilt blessing of the quilt groups work. Thanks to everyone who sews, designs, ties, irons, organizes, communicates, donates fabric, packs and delivers the quilts, appreciates the quilts, and prays for those that make the quilts and those that receive them. We are truly blessed to be doing "God's work with our hands".

We will be delivering quilts the first two weeks in October-they will go across the globe through Lutheran World Relief and locally to The Children's Cabinet, Ronald McDonald House, Veterans, Leah's House, WCSD Children in Transition. The "unaudited" count of quilts this year is 155.

Then we start all over again! We have been asked again by the Renown Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to provide 40 small 24-inch square Christmas Quilts for the Holiday Season--of course we said yes! We have received donations of Christmas/Holiday fabric and batting--so we are all set to begin work on this project as soon as we complete our deliveries. Please join us--we will be meeting at our regular times --the first and third Thursdays--October 5th and 19th-- 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## **Breakfast Group News**

There is renewed interest among some to try and set up a time when we can get together to share a meal and conversation. To assist in this way we have chosen Saturday, Oct. 21st. to meet. We will go to: Denny's at 205 Nugget Avenue, Sparks with a meeting time of 10am.

If you're interested in coming please RSVP via email to: chrishsm@sbcglobal.net or call 775-527-1036 where you can leave a message if necessary. We hope to see you there.

## Landscaping News.....

Work continues on updating and refreshing the front landscaping at Holy Cross. Thank you to all who participated in the work days on September 29 and 30. We trimmed trees, moved rock, cleaned the garden boxes, and painted fences. The front of the church was power washed and the stained glass window frames caulked and painted. WOW! The irrigation system has been repaired and updated.

The project marches forward!

You will continue to see work as concrete curbing is poured for the walkway to the Live Nativity area and a new split rail fence is added. We plan to begin digging holes for the new trees and shrubs and hosting a planting day.

We are planning/ hoping for beautiful fall weather during October.

Chris Martin



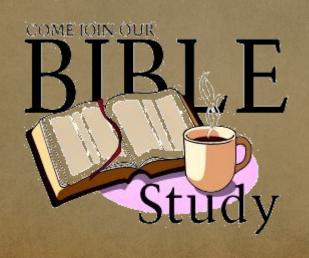
We continue to accept table registrations from those who wish to have an opportunity to sell their hand-made wares. I still need assistance from a couple of people to help organize and handle the "food service" for Friday & Saturday Nov.3rd and 4th.

Please send an email to chrishsm@sbcglobal.net or call me at 775-527-1036 if you would like to help.

The proceeds (after expenses) of the food sales will be donated to Holy Cross Shared Harvest Program. The proceeds of the table rentals will be donated to Holy Cross General Fund.

There is a flier promoting the Craft Fair that can be used as a handout or for you to post on your Facebook accounts as a way of advertising and promoting our sale.

Thanks everyone for your support in this endeavor. Chris Martin



Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are about to finish up our study on angels and then will have a couple of weeks on some lessons on Martin Luther.

Please contact Becky Bradley at beckyb485@gmail.com or 775-360-0553 for more information.

You are welcome to join the group at any time.



## Interested in Joining Holy Cross?

Anyone may be active at Holy Cross without formally joining the church. You may wish to consider membership as a means of expressing your faith and your 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.

- We will host a new membership class in either Fall 2017 or late January/early February 2018 depending on interest from recent worship guests to Holy Cross.
- The format will be 2 class sessions either midweek with a light supper or on Sunday mornings.
- New members would be welcomed in worship the Sunday following the class completion.
- Child care will be arranged as needed
- Class content includes opportunity to get to know others; learn about Lutheran values, beliefs, and history; and learn about ways to be involved and grow in faith at Holy Cross.

For more info, please speak with member Diane Torry or Pastor Scott or email him at pastor@hclcreno.org

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### **October Scripture Readings**

October 1st Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32 October 8th Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46 October 15th Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

#### October 22nd

Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22 <u>October 29th</u> Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

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# BIRTHDAY!

10/2 Nicole Guss 10/5 Jaime Souza 10/6 Bill Hudak 10/13 Nina Cross 10/13 Ray Streit 10/15 Lorraine Mericle 10/15 Jalen Dietz 10/20 Morgan Moseley 10/20 Susan McMurray 10/22 Tanya Battaglia 10/25 Dick Rottman 10/28 Susan Borton 10/30 George Holman 10/30 Derek Hamblet 10/30 Linda Schlosser 10/30 Merle Moebus

## Happy Anniversary

10/2 Frank & Orlyn Schenk 10/10 Jeffrey & Michele Sorge 10/11 John & Nancy Schultz 10/11 Corrie & Susan Volinkaty 10/16 Charlie & Carol Gevert 10/18 Bruno & Robin Peri 1/20 Cary & Laurel Lindstrom 10/24 Geordan & Deborah Goebel 10/30 Mike & Heather Drew

## Men's Retreat:

Good Shepherd Lutheran is inviting men from Holy Cross to a weekend retreat they're hosting Oct. 13-15 at the Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola, CA. The retreat includes small groups and time for reflection and conversation. It's for those who seek to grow closer to Jesus, others, and one's own self. Cost is \$215. See the flyers in the narthex or ask Pastor Scott.