

# Holy Cross Crossroad



Holy Cross  
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : *February 2018*



## Pastor's Corner

### Mark Your Calendar

2.13 (Tue)

Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm

2.10 (Sat)

Heaps Memorial @ 11:00 am

2.6, 2.20 (Wed)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

2.21 (Wed)

Senior Lunch Pot Luck @ Noon

2.14, 2.28 (Wed)

Women's Bible/Book Study @ 3:00 pm

2.7, 2.14, 2.21, 2.28 (Wed)

Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

2.1, 2.15 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

2.14 (Wed)

Ash Wednesday Soup @ 6:00 pm

Service @ 6:30 pm



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is February 14 this year. (Yes, that's Valentine's Day!) 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 the foreheads of worshipers. At our baptism, we are all marked with the cross using water or sometimes oil. We are identified as the beloved children of God as the pastor calls us by name and announces, "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

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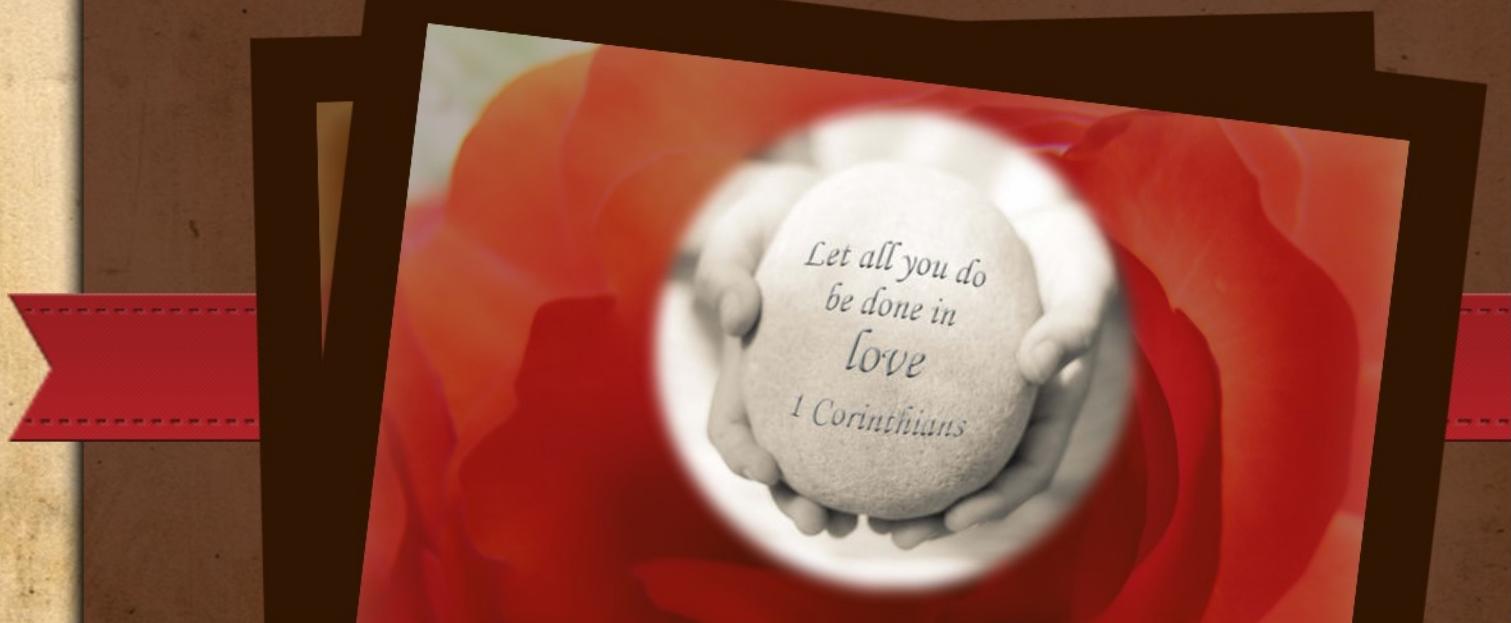


On Ash Wednesday, we are marked with the cross using ashes and the words, "remember you are dust." Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are not perfect disciples, but, by grace, God loves and forgives us.

The season of Lent is a season of self-reflection and renewal. Many people "give up" something during the season of Lent. Hopefully, they do it thoughtfully as a way to prompt their awareness of God's presence in their lives. It may also be helpful to "take on" something during Lent—to try out a new practice for the season to grow in faithfulness.

Our Wednesday evening worship services during Lent will provide a way for worshipers to explore different spiritual practices or disciplines. Exploring Spiritual Practices: We will gather for Soup Supper (6 p.m.) and worship (about 6:30) on Wednesday nights during Lent. In worship, we'll explore different spiritual practices with a different leader offering 1) a summary of that practice based on a reading from an author/guide, 2) some personal reflection, and then 3) suggesting a way for worshipers to implement that practice in their own life, either in the context of that evening's brief worship service or in a practice they could do on their own in the coming week. This presentation on Spiritual Practices will be integrated within the brief worship service including Taize song (Director of Music Brittney May introduced Holy Cross to Taize last year in Lent), prayer, and Communion.

Another Option for Lent: Prayer Practicum: Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola to be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral led by Father Julius Rogina on Wednesdays, February 28 – May 16, 2018, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Ask Pastor Scott if you'd like more information.





Wearing a Name Badge at Holy Cross is a way that we extend the hospitality of God by seeking to create a welcome atmosphere among Holy Cross "veterans" and newcomers alike. Holy Cross member David Anderson created the name badge storage cabinet, which is as beautiful as it is functional. A likeness of the sanctuary cross adorns the top of the cabinet. The cabinet holds five drawers with name tags arranged alphabetically. The wood for the cabinet is mahogany, which David reclaimed from the former sanctuary at Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd when it was being remodeled. Thank you, David, for your creativity and fine craftsmanship that enhances our fellowship and the hospitality we seek to offer at Holy Cross. Worshipers who don't have a printed name badge may request one be prepared by writing one's name on the pad by the cabinet.



## Brittney May recognized for her Singing Talent

Brittney May, our Director of Music, is fabulous! With her direction, our vocal choir has increased in number and sound quality and is singing more challenging pieces. In January, Brittney competed in the NATS solo competition (National Association of Teachers of Singing) in the Classical Division. She placed second overall in her age group. She sang "Voce di Donna" from Ponchielli's opera "La Gioconda." She'll submit a video as the next step of this national singing competition. We're so proud of you, Brittney.



## Thanks be to God for the Lives of . . .



Mary Walsh, whose memorial service was held Saturday, January 27. Mary was a regular worshiper at the 10:30 service. She lived at Sierra Sage Manor and went each weekday to the Washoe County Senior Center in addition to being a part of our community at Holy Cross.



Bobbie Heaps, longtime member of Holy Cross, who recently moved in the summer of 2017 to Washington State to live with her daughter Kirsten and family, died January 25. We will gather for her memorial service at Holy Cross on Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m. with reception to follow. Bobbie was predeceased by her husband Bob in 2016.

A decorative graphic featuring a large red rose in the background. A white ribbon banner is visible on the left. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a black double-line border. Inside the box, the text reads:

When  
someone you love  
*becomes a memory,*  
the memory  
becomes a treasure.



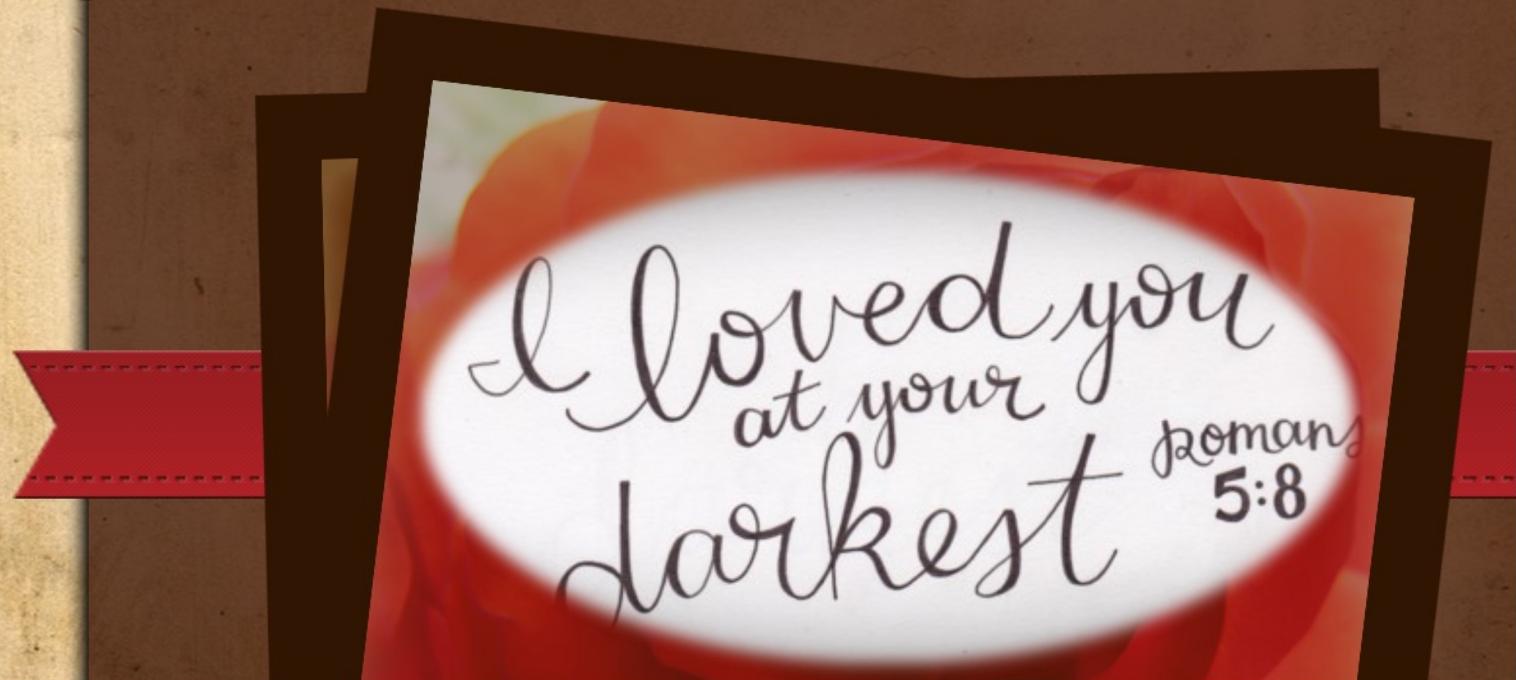
Holy Cross Quilters completed and gave away 132 quilts during our “quilt year”, an additional 56 small Christmas quilts were completed for the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Renown Hospital. The quilts were given to Lutheran World Relief, Veterans in Transition, Children in Transition in the Washoe County School District, Ronald McDonald House, Leah's Home, The Children's Cabinet and friends and members of Holy Cross. We have helped people in disaster areas around the world, local homeless families and children, preemie hospitalized babies,

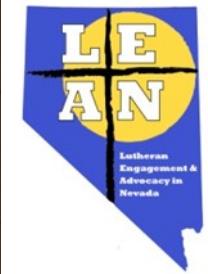
Veterans reestablishing themselves, children in need and congregation members and neighbors in need of support and comfort. People in our community and around the world have received a gift of love from Holy Cross, sending a quilt that will provide shelter and warmth and a message that someone is thinking of them and cares for them---God's work our hands.

During the spring School vacation we successfully hosted a “Kids Camp”—a wonderful day of quilting and other game and craft activities. A terrific “inter-generational” day –called “the best day ever” by one of the campers!

With the exception of batting, all the quilt materials are donated by Holy Cross members and friends—we are overwhelmed and grateful for people's generosity in sharing beautiful and useful fabrics that result in quilts—in “quilting terms”—the fabric speaks to us —making lovely, warm quilts used around the world.

Long term members of the quilt group keep us organized and “on track”, and we have been blessed with new members adding new ideas to our “quilt process” -- design and organization. We have even found a way to recycle the end “scraps”. Ask us about our “to the dogs donation bag”.





## FINANCIAL LITERACY- COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU

There has been a lot about money in the news lately. There was a brief shutdown of the federal government in January, because Congress could not agree on a budget. By the time you read this, we may be in crisis mode again for the same reason. Then there are big changes coming from the new tax laws. Most of us have trouble understanding more than the basic concepts involved in the economic issues of our day.

We don't do much better in dealing with our personal financial lives. In a study released in March, 2017, Nevada ranked in the bottom fifth of every measure of financial literacy. This boils down to way too much debt, no savings, and high-interest borrowing. This is a great way to ensure Nevadans remain poor.

In 1999, the ELCA adopted a Social Statement titled, "Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All." It talks about the tension between our capitalist society and our Christian faith. The statement recognizes that capitalism is the engine of our prosperity, and that we all need income and assets to survive. But the statement calls us to restrain our consumerism, and to ensure our actions as a society make provision for the poor, for those displaced by economic and environmental change, and to break down systems that keep people in poverty.

In the past two legislative sessions, LEAN has advocated for bills that reform payday lending, and those bills have generally been successful. One might say LEAN takes its cue from this line in the Social Statement: "We call for addressing the barriers individuals face in preparing for and sustaining a livelihood . . ." In the 2017 session, the Legislature did something even better than rein in payday lenders: It mandated that financial literacy be taught in public schools. Senate Bill 249 was passed with little controversy because legislators recognized that all of us, not just the poor, lack adequate skills to navigate today's complex financial world.

The bill calls for age-appropriate teaching to begin immediately in grades three through twelve. Among the skills to be taught are tools to evaluate different types of loans and make other financial decisions, how to manage debt, and the impact of compound interest. Students will learn about identity theft, credit reports, and various types of investments. They will learn about insurance and taxes, and how to plan for college, including about scholarships and student aid. High school students will also be required to take a semester of basic economics.

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## L.E.A.N. (cont'd)

This is no vague plan for the future, either. As part of the bill, the Legislature provided money to school districts to develop appropriate curricula and train teachers. It mandated that the State Board of Education adopt standards of content for all this instruction by February 1, 2018.

Teaching financial literacy should help many Nevadans climb out of financial hardship, but it is just one remedy for the larger problem of poverty. LEAN will be present at the 2019 Legislature to work on such issues as affordable housing, the high cost of health care, and improved education. Loving and serving our neighbor is our Christian vocation, and that takes many forms.

For more information please contact Veralyn Combs.



The end of January we began a series of stories on Parables. The children learn that parables are gifts that were given to them before they were even born, that they are just as valuable as gold. They also gain an understanding that sometimes it is difficult to fully understand a parable and that you have to keep trying.

- February 4, 2018, Family Worship Day
- February 11, 2018, Lesson 9: Parable of the Great Pearl
- February 18, 2018, Lesson 10: Parable of the Sower
- February 25, 2018, Enrichment Lesson: Parable of Parables

Thank you for continuing to bring your children to Godly Play and supporting this ministry. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Jolene Jaillet—775-224-1683

## January Giving

Building fund Donations \$ 1,080.00

General Fund Donations \$ 14,014.00

Facility Usage Donations \$660.00

Sunday School Donations \$15.00

Flower Donations \$140.00

Synod Donations \$100.00

Service Donations \$100.00

Voluntary Pension Fund Donations \$75.00

Godly Play Donations \$20.00

In Kind Donations \$18.45

Coffee Donations \$15.00

Refund \$296.02

Funeral Fund \$300.00

**TOTAL \$ 16,833.47**

Senior  
Lunch

**Senior Lunch on Wed. the 21st  
at 12:00 Noon. Bring sack lunch.**

## Birthdays:

- 2/1 Adeline Bergeson
- 2/1 Bill Kuehn
- 2/1 Madeline Murray
- 2/8 Joulette Marbina
- 2/11 Sharon Rovig
- 2/12 Alyssa Puckett
- 2/15 Dan Bouweraerts
- 2/17 Jim Morrison
- 2/18 Brita Gonyou
- 2/18 Paul Featherstone
- 2/20 Jean Pierre Raad
- 2/24 Janice Oakland
- 2/24 Nathan Candia
- 2/25 Corrie Volinkaty
- 2/26 Ethan Jaeck
- 2/28 Tara Martin
- 2/29 Steve Tate



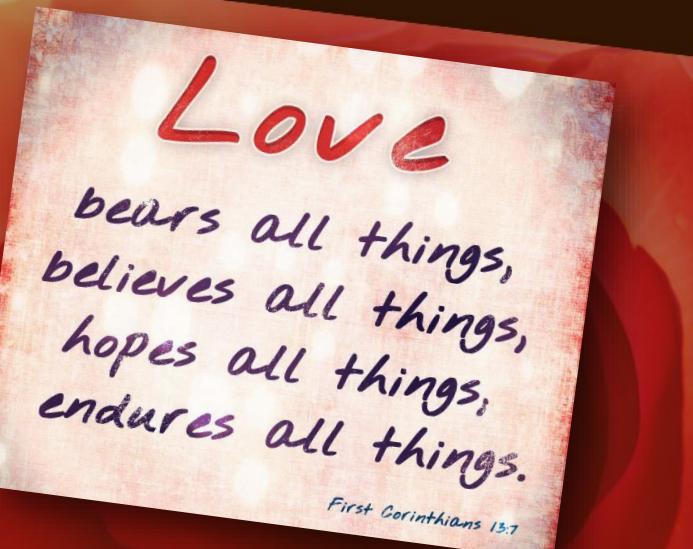
## Anniversaries:

- 2/8 Tim & Peggy Rhyme
- 2/10 John & Phyllis Farrell
- 2/13 Robert & Trish Riley
- 2/14 John & Donna Sarazen
- 2/14 Steve & Betty Tate



# BIBLE STUDY

My husband strummed a few minor chords (those sad chords, like in "What Child is This") and sang, "I will tell you want is going to happen..." and asked me to guess what song it was. Of course, I had no clue. It turned out he was trying to be a Minor Prophet to match our current study during the Wednesday Bible study group. We are currently in Hosea, the first book of the last twelve of the Old Testament. It's still not too late to join the class which meets at 1:30pm every Wednesday. If you're interested, contact Becky at 775-360 0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com.





## New Emails

Please note we have new emails for the church.

### Dawn's

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### Pastor's

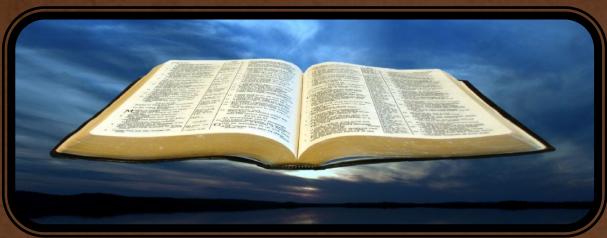
Pastorhclcreno@gmail.com

*Please make sure you add these to your address book and check your spam folder for any emails you may have missed.*

## Giving Statements

Giving Statements are done and are available at the church for pick up for the next two weeks. If they have not been picked up then they will be mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Dawn know.





### February 4th

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 18th

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### February 11th

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### February 25th

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38



**February Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ Due February 25th.**  
Bag assembly will be at 1:00 pm, at St. Luke's, Reno. Items needed are: 55 Mac and Cheese, 20 crackers, Deodorant, and motel soap and shampoos as they are put in small hygiene kits.

### *Service Committee*

Service/Fellowship Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing/making plans for the next several months. We are always looking for new members so please think about joining us!

March 8 - making dinner for Ronald McDonald House. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex soon for anyone that would like to help.