

# Holy Cross Crossroad



**Holy Cross**  
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : *March 2018*

## Mark your Calendar

## Pastor's Corner

**3.12 (Mon)**  
Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

**3.6, 3.20 (Wed)**  
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

**3.21 (Wed)**  
Senior Lunch Pot Luck @  
Noon

**3.14, 3.28 (Wed)**  
Women's Bible/Book Study @  
3:00 pm

**3.7, 3.14, 3.21 (Wed)**  
Soup & Song & Sacrament  
@6:00 pm

**3.7, 3.14, 3.21 (Wed)**  
Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

**3.1, 3.15 (Thurs)**  
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

**3.13 (Tues)**  
Marge Moore Memorial

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

**3.29 (Thurs)**  
Seder Dinner @ 5:00 pm



### ***The Role of an Interim Pastor***

Recently a church member asked me some specific questions about my role as Interim Pastor here at Holy Cross and how that relates to the long-term, installed or called pastor (You may have also seen Lutherans use the term settled pastor—that term makes me chuckle—as though there are unsettled pastors.). Since he indicated that he's talked with others who have similar

questions, I thought I'd take the opportunity to respond through the church newsletter.

Here are some of his questions:

- Why can't you become the permanent pastor of HCLC?
- Is it because you are Presbyterian?
- Is it you like being an interim pastor?
- Is it something you'd even consider?

I'd like to respond generally and then more specifically: My role as the Interim Pastor is to help the congregation prepare for a new long-term, installed pastor. This pastoral search process is unpredictable, though typically takes anywhere from 12 – 24 months.



# Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

I'd like to respond generally and then more specifically: My role as the Interim Pastor is to help the congregation prepare for a new long-term, installed pastor. This pastoral search process is unpredictable, though typically takes anywhere from 12 – 24 months. As an example, the call process at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 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. Shortly after beginning at Holy Cross in January 2017, I posted a visual timeline on the wall in the narthex/welcome space at the church to indicate our steps in the interim period/pastoral call process. Milestones in this process have included the election of a Pastoral Call Committee in late January 2017 and their completion of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a standard ELCA document (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the denomination of which Holy Cross is a part) by which a congregation through the Call Committee describes itself, its community, its sense of mission, and the pastoral leadership needs it determines it needs for its next stage. The Bishop's office (or Synod office; we are a part of the Sierra Pacific Synod) will use the MSP and the Rostered Leader Profile (RLP) of pastor candidates who are open to a new pastoral call to create a slate of candidates who they think may be a potential match for Holy Cross. When that slate of candidates is developed, the Bishop's office forwards it to the HCLC Call Committee, which will determine the best way to interview and get to know those candidates. At some point in this process, a call committee may identify a particular candidate and take additional steps with that candidate, such as an in-person visit and formal, face-to-face interview. Those steps, along with the concurrence of the candidate him or herself, may lead to the call committee's recommendation to the church council that this person be the final candidate (and that other pastor candidates be released from consideration and so notified.) Those steps could also lead to the conclusion that this candidate is not the one the Holy Spirit is leading the congregation to call, and the chair of the call committee will appropriately notify all parties. As this point, the Bishop's office would develop a list of additional candidates to the call committee.

If you wish for more general information about the pastoral call process, visit the "Congregations in Transition" link on the home page of the synod's website : <http://spselca.org/index.php/congregations-in-transitions/>

## Responding more specifically:

*Why can't you become the permanent pastor of HCLC?*

In short, because, by design, that's not allowed within the Lutheran Church. The extended answer: The interim pastor role is a complicated one for which I have specialized training. At a time of a pastoral transition, there may be entrenched habits or patterns in congregational life that need to be addressed. There may be unresolved conflict or unhealthy communication patterns or differences between formal and informal leaders. There may be a loss of a sense of mission or an inward focus and disconnection from the congregation's surrounding community. An effective interim pastor has training and experience as well as a distinctive perspective as a newcomer to the congregation and can point out these patterns which can cause the congregation to become "stuck" or less effective in its mission to reach out with the love of God for the world.

With this kind of input from the interim pastor, a receptive congregation can respond well to these challenges and work with the interim pastor to refocus and re-energize its worship, fellowship, and mission. In 2017, we at Holy Cross had 28 new members join us (25 adults in 2 different new membership groups and 3 high school youth confirmation students). We have had 9 new members in 2018. Our worship guests and new members identify engaging worship and a warm welcome as the factors that drew them in. Good things are happening at Holy Cross. The traditional view of interim pastor ministry, one I know that Bishop Mark Holmerud shares, is that the distinctive perspective that an interim pastor can provide is diminished were he or she to be considered as a candidate for the long-term, installed pastoral position. For instance, if a conflict or entrenched unhealthy behavior exists and needs to be addressed, and if the interim pastor views him or herself as a candidate for the future long-term, called position, then he or she may be unwilling to address that conflict or behavior for fear of irritating powerful people in the church who could have a say in his or her becoming the long-term pastor. If the pastor avoids the conversation that needs to occur, it is to the detriment of the church's long-term healthy functioning.

Though some church denominations or church leaders allow for an interim to become a candidate for the long-term position in particular circumstances, others conclude that the risks are not worth it. That's the view within the Lutheran church.



# Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

*Is it because you are Presbyterian?*

No. The "Full Communion" partnership and "Formula of Agreement" that exist between the ELCA and the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) allow for service as an interim or installed pastor across denominational lines.

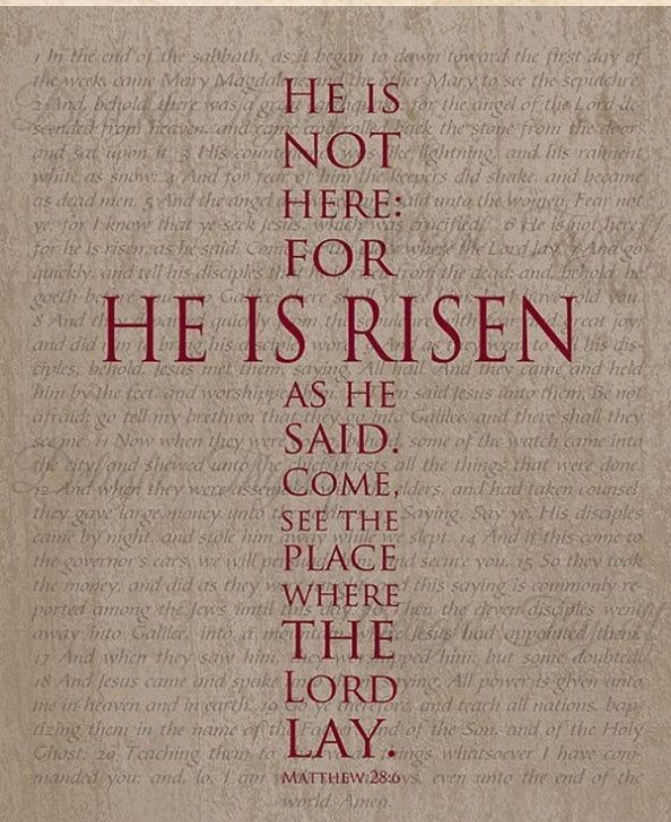
*Is it you like being an interim pastor?*

I have liked being an interim and also an installed pastor—that's not the primary factor here. The roles are different, but I have found both to be satisfying. I am glad to be at Holy Cross and aim to do this role well. I recently sent a note to a long-time friend in which I described being at Holy Cross, "I'm enjoying it and happy to be in a place where my gifts, experience, and effort are appreciated."

*Is it something you'd even consider?*

Frankly, I have not and cannot weigh this question because the option is not available.

In conclusion, I'm happy to be serving at Holy Cross and am pleased with our ministry together. I remain committed to the interim process and to helping Holy Cross (council, call committee, and the congregation as a whole) to prepare for the church's next long-term pastor. I realize this is an extensive reply and may be far more detail than a person may care to know. My comprehensive response is likely enough to explain, but should you have a question, you may be in touch with me.



## Holy Week at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 25 is Palm Passion Sunday with identical worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.:** We gather in the narthex with palm branches as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The service shifts as we participate in a dramatic reading from Mark's gospel of the events of the last week of Jesus' life. The movement and drama of the story are engaging for children and adults alike. It is particularly powerful to hear a fairly continuous reading of this narrative rather than in short snippets.

**Thursday, March 29: Seder Dinner.** At this ticketed event beginning with a social time at 5:00 p.m. and dinner with worship at 6:00, we recall the roots of the Passover meal that Jesus shared.

**Friday, March 30: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae at 6:00 p.m.** Tenebrae, which means "darkness" or "shadows" in Latin, has been observed since medieval times. In a candle-lit sanctuary Christ's suffering is commemorated through Scripture and song. Candles are extinguished one by one as the congregation listens to the account of Christ's suffering and death. Finally, only the Christ Candle remains lit, which is then removed at the close of the service. The Tenebrae service always has a somber tone, reflected in the darkness, in the accounts of Christ's suffering, in the music, and in the silence of the people as they leave the sanctuary. But underlying the somber feeling is the anticipation of the resurrection, mirrored in the Christ candle, which is returned to the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

## Easter Sunday, April 1:

Sunrise Service at Windy Hill at 6:30 a.m.

8:00 and 10:30 identical services at Holy Cross with choir and brass ensemble.

The Easter service will be engaging for worshipers of all ages with the importance of the biblical narrative as well as special worship elements like enhanced choir, brass quartet, and congregational singing blended with the additional musicians.

Please invite a friend to join us for worship and fellowship at Holy Cross during Holy Week. We will have invitation cards you can mail or give to a friend or neighbor.



# Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

## *Lenten Midweek Services*

The season of Lent is a season of self-reflection and renewal as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Easter is April 1 this year. 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. As we continue in Lent, our Wednesday evening worship services 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. (Sign-up sheets for bringing soup or bread are in the church narthex/welcome space.) 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 Taizé song (Director of Music Brittney May introduced Holy Cross to Taizé last year in Lent), prayer, and Communion.

Date	Theme	Leader
3/7	The Discipline of Service	Susan Volinkaty
3/14	Self-Examination as One of God's People	Pr. Roly Grumm
3/21	Attitude & Gratitude	Kathy Doyle



## *Quilt Group News!*

**The Blue Basket Returns!** The Blue Basket (a blue basket filled with "quilt top kits" you can take home and complete on your personal schedule) first appeared several years ago during Lent. Continuing that tradition-- during this Lenten Season the Blue Basket is once again available. Find the basket in the Fellowship Hall, take a quilt top kit with material and instructions. Then return on your schedule. These quilt tops make a significant contribution to work of the Quilt Group. Making quilts with love and faith that bring hope and emotional warmth to people in need in our community and around the world.

Quilt Group "fun fact" ~ Since the Quilt Group began in 2011 we have completed and given away 1389 quilts! Wow!

The Quilt Group will partner with the Seder committee on Young People's Seder Prep Day March 28 and have a "quilt tying" table so our young people can learn how to make quilts and also learn about this ministry of Holy Cross.

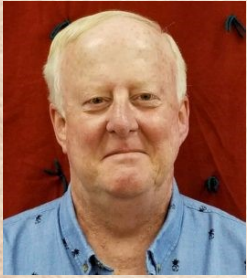
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month, March 1st and 15th at 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

***Creative work, fun and fellowship.***



# Holy Cross Council

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held January 28, the congregation elected six new council members: John Farrell, Fred Ford (1 year term), Deborah Goebel, Warren Kline, Fran Moses, and Diane Torry. They join existing council members Kathy Doyle and Katie Featherstone. Kathy, Katie, and Fred Ford have terms which expire January of 2019. The others have terms which expire in two years in January of 2020. At the council's first meeting in February, the council elected John to service as President, Deborah as Vice President, and Kathy as Secretary.



**John Farrell,  
Council President**

I was born in Poughkeepsie NY, where I lived in the small town of Wappingers Falls, NY. My parents had both been raised in New York city and decided that their darling

little boy was not going to be raised in the city. When I was nine, we moved to Florida after my father drove home from work in a blinding snow storm. A couple of years later my father began to miss the Army. He had spent three and a half years fighting his way up the Italian boot. When the USS WASP arrived in New York harbor he got off the ship and traded in his infantry uniform for civilian clothes. He did three summer tours as Army Reserve at Ft. Benning before rejoining the regular Army. Our next post (and this was a hardship) was Honolulu Hawaii. I graduated from Largo High and the University of South Florida, before joining the USAF. While in the USAF I had the privilege of flying a number of aircraft spending most of my time in the F-4. While I flew all models of the F-4 and all of its many missions, my proudest accomplishment was to fly the Wild Weasel (WW). The Wild Weasel mission is officially known as Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD).

After retiring from the USAF, I entered Arizona State University, graduating 2 years later with a Masters in Accounting and Information Systems. I worked for a number of firms managing IT infrastructure & Cyber Security. I spent 23 years as a civilian in different roles. After 23 years in the Air Force and 23 as a civilian I decided that 46 years of creating chaos was enough. Phyllis and I retired to Reno in June of 2016.

I was confirmed by the Rev. Arthur Libby Albers at the Garden of Peace Lutheran church in St. Petersburg, who was the most influential religious figure in my life.



**Deborah Goebel  
Council Vice-President**

I was born in Malaysia and grew up in Singapore. My family moved to the USA in the mid 80's. I moved to Reno from Camarillo, CA in 2014 with my husband Geordan, and our children Karl and Audrie.

I was very involved with our church in Camarillo, Mount Cross Lutheran for many years. I served on the

Learning, Nativity, Youth Committees, as well as serving on council. I was a Confirmation leader for 4 years as well as the VBS Director for 3 years. Since joining Holy Cross in 2014, I am a member of the service committee and now am Vice-President of the church council.

I am excited to be serving on council where I can share my talents. I look forward to working with the other council members in continuing Holy Cross's impact on the community as well as in finding new ways we can grow; the congregation, our presence in the community and expanding our faith to future generations.



**Kathy Doyle  
Council Secretary**

I have been attending Holy Cross since 2013 when I moved to Reno from Marin County, CA, with my husband Charles.

I was immediately drawn to Holy Cross because of its size and friendliness of the congregation members. In addition to being on the Council, a few years ago I started a Women's Book and Bible discussion group based on books with biblical themes. I am also a member of Hooks & Needles, a church knitting and crocheting group that makes shawls, caps, scarves, blankets, etc. for various charitable groups around Reno. I also serve on the New Members Committee, which organizes orientation sessions for new church members. I really enjoy being on this committee, as it gives me a chance to get to know prospective new members.

I lived for most of my career in the Washington, DC area, where I worked for circa 30 years for the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Service. Upon retirement, I moved to San Francisco to work in the private sector, where I met my husband Charles. I am so happy to be in Reno and to be a part of the Holy Cross family.





**Diane Torry,  
Council Member**

I was born and raised in rural Northern Minnesota, where I was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Twin Valley. I hold a Bachelor's and Master's

Degrees in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Minnesota. with post graduate work in finance and accounting at the University of Nevada, Reno. I retired as a senior US Bank executive, having served in progressively expanding leadership and management roles through corporate lending and executive positions including President and CEO of US Bank Nevada. Following my retirement I taught leadership and management as an adjunct Professor in the School of Business at UNR. I worked with my husband Mike at MLT and Associates, a national re-manufacturer of point of sale terminals.

My forty years of community service includes United Way of Northern Nevada, Board Chair; Nevada Bankers Association, Chair; Advisory Boards at the University of Nevada; Habitat for Humanity; Board of Directors, Boys Scouts Nevada Area Council Board of Directors; Economic Development Authority; Chamber of Commerce; Financial Women International; and Prospectors Club.

Today in addition to work with Holy Cross, I serve as President of the Board of Trustees of Silver Sage Manor, Inc., and Vice Chair of the Children's Cabinet Foundation.

Mike and I have 2 daughters, Katharine and Natalie. We joined HCLC in 1981. I have served on church council, and numerous committees including finance; stewardship; new member; building; landscape; quilt group. We enjoy time with family, friends, and home.



**Fred Ford,  
Council Member**

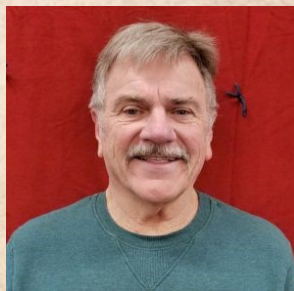
I and my, Karen, have been members of Holy Cross since April of 2006. I have served as an usher, a counter and helped at the Silver Sage Thanksgiving dinners.

I grew up in Montana, went to college for a couple of years, then joined the Army, serving in Germany for two years. I came back to Montana, finished college, then went on to

grad school in Minnesota. I ended up staying almost twenty years in Minnesota, working in Education and business. In 1986 I took a position in CA and worked there until I retired. I have over forty years experience in human resources, with thirty plus years serving on different Executive committees.

Karen and I have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

I hope my education and business experience will help me be a positive contributor to the church council.



**Warren Kline,  
Council Member**

I was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania and raised Lutheran. I served in the United States Air Force from May 1968 to May 1992. My wife Kathy and I became members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. While a member I was elected Vice President, then President. I also served as the Building

Custodian. Kathy and I moved to Denver Colorado and joined Faith Lutheran Church. When we moved to Albany, Georgia, I served as President of the men of the Prison Methodist Church. We moved to Reno in September of 2015. We fell in love with Holy Cross the moment we attended service, and were greeted by the warm and welcoming congregation.



**Fran Moses,  
Council Member**



**Katie Featherstone,  
Council Member**

Use your  
**GOD-GIVEN GIFTS**  
to serve others.



## Fun Facts



Each month we will have a new column with fun facts about Holy Cross and the ELCA. The questions will be presented somewhere in the beginning of the newsletter and the answers will be somewhere toward the end of the newsletter. We hope you like this new column and I would like to thank Diane Torry for the great idea and coming up with these "Fun Facts". Enjoy learning more about our wonderful church home and the support we have to help learn and share God's word.

1. What is Godly Play
2. When does Adult Bible Study Meet?
3. How many ELCA churches are there in the Sierra Pacific Synod?
4. When was the first service held in the Church building?
5. What is the Vision State of Holy Cross?

Look for the answers later in the newsletter.

We will have Bible study 3/7, 3/14, and 3/21 as usual. However, we will NOT have Bible study on 3/28 during Holy Week. We start our study of Joel in March. It's never too late to join the class which meets at 1:30pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. If you're interested, contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com).



## Service & Fellowship



Now through Easter Sunday (4/1) 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. 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 8th, we will be serving dinner to families staying at Ronald McDonald house. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to if you would like to help with future dinners.

**COMING SOON** -Spring Clean-Up Day - Watch the bulletin for date and time.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - for Sunday, March 20th. for the annual church picnic.



CHRISTIAN  
PASSOVER

# SEDER MEAL

JOIN US & SEE HOW IT POINTS TO CHRIST



**Mark your calendar and make your reservations! Seder Dinner is March 29th at HCLC!**

On March 29th, 2018, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be celebrating Passover during Holy Week by hosting a Seder meal. It is based on the traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, but adapted into a uniquely Christian celebration. This reminds us that God did not begin his revelation of himself in the world with Christians, but to Hebrews, to Israelites, to Jewish people first. It also reminds us that Jesus was not a Christian, but a Jew. It is only in recognizing the connection we have, to four thousand years of God at work creating a people, that we can truly appreciate who we are as people of God.

While this is a traditional Jewish celebration, it is also a Christian festival. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us that it was at a Passover meal that Jesus inaugurated what became known to Christians as the Lord's Supper, Communion, or Eucharist. It is also a time to retell the experience of the people of God and their deliverance out of slavery into the promised land, and to pass that history to our children.

This service is a sacred time of worship, and though it follows a specific order, it is not formal. In Judaism, Passover is celebrated as a family meal. The father and mother, or grandparents, lead the service, and it is much more of a celebration than anything solemn. So, relax and have fun with the worship and meal as part of your extended family at Holy Cross Lutheran!

Tickets are available for purchase Sundays between services, and reservations are required. Adults tickets are \$12 each (16 years old and up) and youth tickets are \$8 each (15 years old and younger). Kids 5 and younger are free. When making reservations, please let Natalie Tegio or Paula Featherstone know of any allergy information or special concerns. If cost is a concern, please see Pastor Scott and we will work with you. ***All are welcome!***

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The Fresh Quotes



❧ *Maundy Thursday Worship & Dinner* ❧

❧ *Holy Week Seder* ❧

*March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Reno NV*

*4895 S. McCarran Blvd.*

Social Hour with Light Drinks & Hors D'oeuvres

5:00 pm

Worship & Dinner

6:00 pm – 8:15 pm

### *MENU*

*Matzoh Ball Soup*

*Spring Salad*



*Tenderloin of Beef with Bearnaise Sauce*

*Classic Mashed Potatoes*

*French Green Beans*



*Chocolate Torte & Lemon Torte*

*Red & White Wines*

*Sparkling Cider & Non-Alcoholic Fruit Punch*

*Coffee, Tea, Water*

Adults 16+ \$12   Youth \$8






# Seder Prep Day!

It's time to help with our Seder meal. Natalie Tegio and a host of volunteers will be having a Kid's day on Wednesday March 28th from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

In addition to helping prepare our Seder meal for Thursday by cooking and baking, there will be activities planned all day.

Kids (of any age, 6 to 96) can join in the fun learning special recipes for our Seder dinner, learning from our wonderful quilters how to tie a quilt, listen to fun music, have some outside play time (weather permitting) as well as enjoy an afternoon movie. Lunch and snacks will be served. Come for the entire day or part of the day. It will be a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event.

More information or to volunteer, please contact Natalie Tegio at [nmtegio@charter.net](mailto:nmtegio@charter.net).



Senior  
Lunch

**Senior Lunch** will be on Wed. the 21st at Noon. Bring your sack lunch and join your fellow friends for fun and fellowship.



# Welcome New Members.....

During worship services on February 11, we welcomed 9 new members to Holy Cross: Diane Ludlow, Roxanne Olson, Beverly Olson, Laloni Moell, Maggie and Al Fisher, Carol and Larry Ritter, and Russell Tegio. These new members met for orientation on two consecutive Wednesday evenings led by orientation team members Diane Torry, Susan Volinkaty, Kathy Doyle, Katie Torry, Gail Nemy, Natalie Tegio, and Pastor Scott Trevithick. We spent time getting to know one another; learning about Holy Cross ministry opportunities at Holy Cross; and history, values and beliefs of the broader Lutheran Church (ELCA) of which Holy Cross is a part. Check out the terms and definitions posted on the wall of the fellowship hall to see some of what they learned. New membership classes are offered periodically at Holy Cross—speak with Pastor Scott or team member Diane Torry if you're interested.



**Al & Maggie Fisher:** I, Maggie, am doing this for both of us seeing as how we have been married 58 years. Maggie was born in Iowa and moved to Minnesota at age 13. Al was born in Minnesota. We were both born in large families of 8 & 10 kids. Al was in the Korean war and then went into mechanic work at a dealership and then into his own shop. Maggie worked in the hospital both in Minnesota and then in Oregon when we moved there. We have 4 children, 3 grandchildren, which are all adopted and 1 great grandchild. We spent a lot of time through the years remodeling houses or building new ones. When Al was building the business in Oregon, I had to stop nursing work and

went into office work. After having to leave mechanic work, we went to Arizona and Al thought that was too hot so North we went to Carson and then to Reno. We have been in Reno 25 years. During some of the recovery time, we started making furniture for the Oak store until they sold. Then on to kids toys which we sold on Etsy or at craft shows up until Al's health and hands said, no more. I still work at Sierra Appraisal part time as well as help my 93 year old neighbor with errands when needed (groceries, doctors). We also made over 200 crosses for Good Shepherd visitors. I seem to keep busy with helping Al and my own work. As you can see we worked



**Beverly Olson:** Moved to Reno to be with kids and new Great Granddaughter, almost one year ago. I like Holy Cross and I enjoy singing in the choir. I am a retired social worker and worked in a variety of settings. My favorite was to work with those who were developmentally disabled.

Every  
Family  
has a  
Story  
to tell...  
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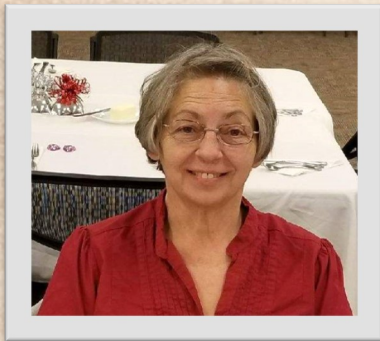
WELCOME  
to OURS~  
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# New Members.....



**Diane Ludlow:** Born in Sacramento, California and baptized a Lutheran as an infant. I attended Sunday school at a Lutheran Church in Sacramento, until I was 12 years of age. My parents divorces and my mother, younger brother, Gram and I moved to Denver, Colorado (Lakewood actually). We found another Lutheran Church which we all attended, along with our new stepdad. I attended College in Colorado, married and moved after graduation to New Haven, Connecticut, then Greensboro, North Carolina and finally to the San Francisco Bay area. I enjoyed my career as a technical editor in various companies. Then “midlife crisis” prompted me to divorce and go back to school (San Francisco University) where I studied gerontology (working in the department while I worked for my Masters degree). I valued the 10 years there but had to “retire” early to move to Reno to care for my Mother as she succumbed to Alzheimer's. Enough about me—Thank you all for being here!



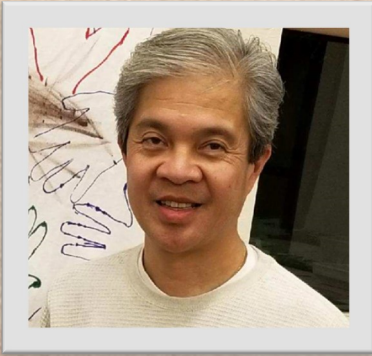
**Roxanne Olson:** I am a recent transplant to Nevada, coming from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where I spent most of my life. I have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren who all live in Wisconsin. After being out of school for 15 years and staying home with the children, I went back to school and got my Associate Degree in Administration assistant/information processing, and for the next 25 years worked as an administrative assistant and office manager. In July of 2017, I moved to Fernley to begin a new life with David Anderson. I enjoy reading, crocheting, walking and just getting to know the area and meet new friends. MY first experience with Holy Cross was very pleasant. I was greeted as a friend and made to feel like I belonged right away. Thank you!

**Laloni Rose Moell:** I am a native of Nevada, born and raised in Carson City, I competed on horseback for 10 years and a year after I graduated I joined the Army. I spent the next 20 years of my life serving my country. I traveled the world, met a lot of different people and have experiences and memories that money can't buy. One activity that I have started and really enjoy is racing (I've always had a love for speed). Once I finally got settled I decided that it was time to start going back to church. I looked for churches in the area that were close to my house and I saw Holy Cross. The first time I attended service, everyone was very warm and welcoming, and I looked forward to going back. I've been able to get involved in the choir which I have a lot of fun with and lecturing.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**His praise shall continually**  
be in my mouth.  
Psalm 34:1



# New Members.....



**Russell Tegio:** My history at HCLC began over 20 years ago. Natalie and I were married there on June 7, 1997. Pastor Roland Grumm came out of retirement and officiated.

I really didn't become active in HCLC until after Torry was born. Both Torry and Michael were baptized at HCLC. Within the next couple of years, I was approached by Ed Pranz (previous longtime member) to become an Offering Counter, Pat Schlosser to help build and take down the Live Nativity (though haven't done so in the last couple of years) and participating in

Live Nativity (especially when Gary brought the camels), participated in the Seder Dinner and even more so since Natalie took it over 10 years ago. I even convinced Natalie to have a Middle Eastern theme Seder Dinner after visiting Dubai.

During this period, there were many of golf outings that included Pat Schlosser, Michael Ross, Ray and Cleo Streit, Bill Borton, Jim Morrison, Pastor Jon Yurk, Pastor Scott Minke, Tim Dean, and many more members of HCLC. During the past couple of years, I've been invited to become part of the Audit Team by Joe Krehlik and Steve Tate while still going the things mentioned above. One of newest thing I participated in was the Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner. I believe I carved up seven turkeys.

The reason I wanted to join HCLC is my kids, my wife, my mother in-law, my sister in-law, are so involved in HCLC in many ways and I also participate at HCLC and do feel that HCLC is my home church.

**Larry & Carol Ritter:** Carol was born in Inglewood, CA. Moved to Sacramento, then to Elk Grove, CA. Graduated from Augustana College (now Augustana University) in Sioux Falls, SD. Employed as a paralegal for 30+ Years. Four children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Hobbies: reading, sewing, crafting, fishing, golf, cooking, baking, hiking, camping. Looking forward to retirement and the next chapter!

Larry was born in St. Paul, MN. Graduated from Sioux Falls College (now Sioux Falls University- there's a pattern here!). Self-employed electrical sign contractor for 30+ years; retired in 2011. Four children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Hobbies: golf, reading, fishing, camping, eating wife's cooking and baking!

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



# News from the Finance Committee!

*Welcome* to Pat Schlosser, a new Finance Committee member. We look forward to working with all doing this important work for Holy Cross!

## **Capital Campaign Results:** "Growing in Spirit-Expanding our Mission and Outreach"

The Capital Campaign --to build the Fellowship Hall and update the Sanctuary officially ended June 30, 2017. However, our generous members continue to contribute to the "Building Fund". Results as of 12/31/17:

Capital Campaign goal	\$250,000
Capital Campaign pledges	\$245,000
Monies Received to 12/31/17	\$260,460

4% above our goal and 6.3% above the pledged amount. Monies are still being received for the "building fund" and applied to the mortgage. **Thank you**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage was re-amortized reducing annual payments by \$912 with no extension of the loan term or increase in principal balance.

Financial Statements are reviewed each month and a detailed budget to actual review conducted on a quarterly basis.

The Finance Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 3 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Finance Committee: Diane Torry, Chair; Jody Morrison, Linda Puckett, Joe Krehlik, Steve Tate, Geordan Goebel, Pat Schlosser

## February Giving

Building fund Donations	\$ 890.00
General Fund Donations	\$ 24,302.00
Facility Usage Donations	\$740.00
Sunday School Donations	\$7.00
Coffee Fund	\$11.00
Flower Donations	\$340.00
Synod Donations	\$100.00
Shared Harvest	\$100.00
Voluntary Pension Fund Donations	\$75.00
Funeral Fund	\$50.00
Memorial	\$175.00
In Kind Donation	\$13.00
Service (Chicks)	\$200.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$980.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,983.00</b>



**March Shared Harvest Shopping List** ~ March Shared Harvest due March 25th. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Reno. Items needed are: 10 cereal, 20 canned fruit, Bar soap & Gallon zip lock bags.



## Fun Facts



## Answers

### 1. What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is the Sunday School program at Holy Cross. Godly Play helps children to explore their faith through story, gaining religious language and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Talk with Jolene Jaillet for more information.

### 2. When does Adult Bible Study Meet?

Each Wednesday at 1:30 pm. in the Fellowship Hall—check with Becky Bradley for more information.

### 3. How many ELCA churches are there in the Sierra Pacific Synod?

200 in Northern Nevada, Central and Northern California

### 4. When was the first service held in the Church building?

Palm Sunday March 31, 1985

### 5. What is the Vision State of Holy Cross?

Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All



#### March 4th

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

#### March 11th

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

#### March 18th

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

#### March 25th

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1--15:47





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.

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



3/1 Carol Gevert  
3/2 Ellen Hopkins  
3/3 Pastor Jonathan Yurk  
3/9 Alexander Ross  
3/10 Owen Jaek  
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  
3/17 Paul & Laura Grady  
3/19 Mr. & Mrs. Torrey