

#### Mark Your Calendar

4.9 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

4.4, 4.18, 4.25 (Wed)

Adult Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

4.17 (Tues)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

4.17, 5.24, (Tues)

Lectionary Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

4.5, 4.19 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 4:00 pm

4.18 (Wed)

Senior Lunch @ Noon

4.11, 4.25 (Wed)

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

4.21 (Sat)

Albert Puckett Memorial @ 2:00 pm



#### **Pastor's Corner**



#### Easter Sunday, April 1:

Sunrise Service at Windy Hill at 6:30 a.m. Come continue a family tradition or start something new by joining us for the Sunrise service at Windy Hill at the overlook above Bartley Ranch. To

reach the overlook, take McCarran Blvd. to Lakeside Drive, go south (away from downtown Reno) about 1 mile and look for the overlook on your left. Joey Ginnetti will lead music on his accordion Pastor Scott will preach and preside over Communion. It's a beautiful setting as we read about the women who came "very early on the first day of the week" to the tomb, watch the sun rise in the East, and celebrate that Christ is risen.

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

## Full choir and brass ensemble and 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services at Holy Cross.

We'll gather for worship in a darkened sanctuary at the usual 8 and 10:30 a.m. times at Holy Cross and proclaim, "Christ is Risen; He is Risen Indeed!" as the Christ candle is lit. Brittney May will director our Holy Cross choir, with additional university choristers, and a brass ensemble. Children's bulletins with quiet worship activities will also be provided for our youngest worshipers. Please invite a friend to join us for worship and fellowship at Holy Cross as we celebrate Easter Sunday.

#### Guest Preacher Christy Ramsey



Christy Ramsey, a Presbyterian colleague of Pastor Scott's who has preached at Holy Cross a number of times during 2016 and 2017, will be

our guest preacher for April 8. Pastor Scott will be away from the office April 2 and following and will return to the office April 9 and preach and lead worship April 15.



#### New Bible Study to Begin!

"Next Sunday's Scriptures" meets Tuesday evenings.

Pastor Scott will lead a new Bible Study called "Next Sunday's Scriptures," which will meet Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 beginning April 17 in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Anybody is invited to this group which will read and discuss the scriptures designated by the Revised Common Lectionary for the following Sunday's worship service. Participants may access these readings through an online source such as from Vanderbilt Divinity Library:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=B&season=Easter

Dinner will be provided on April 17 and thereafter the group will decide if they wish to continue having a potluck dinner together or if individuals wish to bring their own. Holy Cross' current topical Bible Study led by Becky Bradley meets Wednesdays 1:30p.m., so this new study offers a different time & format to create an additional opportunity for group study. Next Sunday's Scriptures will meet every Tuesday evening April 17-May 22, at which point the group will determine if it wishes to take a summer break or otherwise alter its format. Those who are interested may email Pastor Scott at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet in the church's narthex/welcome area.



# It's time for Holy Cross Fun Facts.

Each month we will have 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.

- 1. What is Shared Harvest?
- 2. How many quilts have Holy Cross Quilters made and given away to people in need locally and around the world?
- 3. How many Lutheran Seminaries does the ELCA support?
- 4. What is a Synod of the ELCA?
- 5. Where did Holy Cross first hold Worship services?



# April Shared Harvest Shopping List

40 chili
10 cereal
20 fruit
toothbrushes
toothpaste
gallon zip lock bags



We will have Bible study all four Wednesdays of April as usual. We continue our study of the minor

prophets with Amos and then Obadiah. 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.



#### Service & Fellowship

Service: A HUGE thank you to all those who contributed to our "chicks" 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. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein rich meals, as well as, selling their eggs for income. I know those who receive our chicks will be blessed and grateful for your generosity. We purchased 607 Chicks for those in need!

#### Way to go Holy Cross!

On May 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.

#### Holy Cross Quilters

Thanks to all our "Blue Basket" quilters, we have added more quilt top kits as the kits disappeared and returned very quickly!---We are so grateful for everyone's work supporting the Holy Cross Quilt Ministry.

The Seder Team asked the Quilt Group to provide quilt tying and craft opportunities for the young people in the congregation on Seder Prep Day March 28! We were thrilled to be asked and of course said Yes! Three quilts (they will be given to children in need in our community through the Children's Cabinet) were tied by Holy Cross young people--with training and assistance from experienced quilters. quilts will soon be displayed in the Fellowship Hall, check them out.

A fun, active intergenerational day at Holy Cross working together.

"God's Work our Hands"



"Celebrate Generosity", the annual fall Stewardship program gave us time to consider our stewardship of all that we have received from God—our time, talents and resources.

The results reflect the continued outpouring of generosity of the members of Holy Cross.

Stewardship of our Resources:

The stewardship program resulted increased giving in the number of pledges made and total dollars pledged—and the approved 2018 budget reflected that generosity.

2018—Projected Income--\$244,660

2018 - Projected Expense -- \$239,124

2018—Projected Surplus--\$ 5,536

Stewardship of our Time and Talents:

The Time and Talent Form Response reports that 83 members are volunteering in some capacity at Holy Cross—that is 89% of our average worshiping attendance (93), and 38% of our total membership (217) 17% of volunteers are new members.

On average each member volunteers for 6 distinct opportunities—resulting in 498 "Volunteer touch Points"--in Worship, Fellowship, Outreach, Education and Business oversight.

Stewardship Committee— Diane Torry, Pastor Scott, Fran Moses, Stephany Robison—prayer leadership from Corrie Volinkaty, Fred and Karen Ford and Mike Ross

Thank you to all at Holy Cross for "Celebrating Generosity". We all look forward to continuing to worship and work together living our Mission:

"To worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide."



## Update from the Landscape Team

We are grateful for the spring snow and rain on the bushes and trees planted last fall and looking forward to spring color in the new trees and bushes.

Our team continues to meet; planning, coordinating and doing the work on the front landscape beautification project. Much has been accomplished over the past months; new trees, bushes, fence,

removal of old debris, replacing old curbing with concrete curbing, repair and updating the sprinkler system, fall pruning and cleanup, addition of outdoor electrical outlets for the Hill Cross and Live Nativity have all been completed. "Many hands make light work". Thanks to all for your work and support of this project.

But Wait—there's More!! Tasks yet to be accomplished!

Rock and DG will be delivered and a "rock and dirt" shoveling day is scheduled for May 12, all are invited!.

A safety barrier for our easements on the west side of the church will be added.

We continue to work with The Nevada NDOT to install a sidewalk along McCarran. The plan is to have the sidewalk connect from Jamaica Park past Holy Cross, Public Storage to Airway Drive. We anticipate this will be completed with public funds.

Memorial markers for several trees and bushes are being created and will be placed.

We plan a dedication of the project and memorial plantings at the May 20 worship service – giving thanks for brothers and sisters who have gone before us and celebrating this work to make Holy Cross more attractive and welcoming-living our Vision "Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All"

Landscape Team: Chris Martin, Paula Featherstone, Geordan Goebel, Diane Torry, Steve Tate, Pat Schlosser.



#### New Members.....

It occurred to me that I missed getting these past new members into our newsletter when they joined. It's never too late to get to know our members, so enjoy reading about our members who joined in July. Thank you:)



**Dottie Hynes:** I was born in New Markel, New Jersey, the 7th of 8 children. My parents were immigrants from Denmark. I graduated of Newark Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Newark, NJ. I married my husband, Bud, in 1954 while he was in the U.S. Navy. We came to California, to get to his ship in Long Beach, CA. We have 3 children. My son, David, died in 1999 from a glia blastoma (brain cancer). I was a member of La Habra Hills Presbyterian church for 57 years. I was a Sunday School teacher and an Elder. I desired to join Holy Cross Lutheran Church because I was raised Lutheran and am going back to my roots.



**Chelsey Mattingly:** I grew up in Perryville, MO with my family. I completed my undergraduate degree in Capre Girardeau, MO and Master's degree at Saint Louis University in Occupational Therapy. My schooling took me to live in Cincinnati, OH and Dallas, TX for awhile. My first job brought me to Reno in September 2016, along with my love for Lake Tahoe. In my free time I enjoy participating in yoga, hiking, reading, gathering with others and volunteering. I am excited to join Holy Cross to grow my faith with all of you.



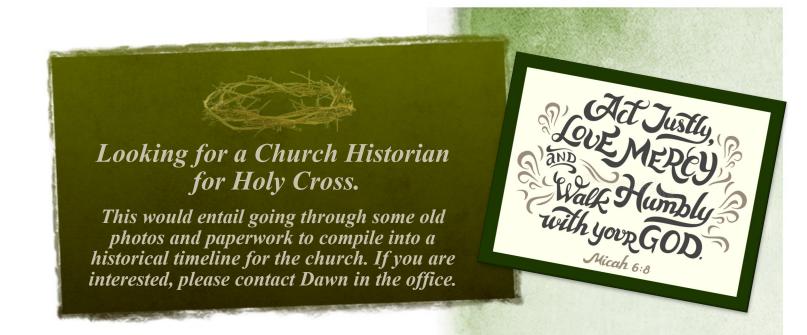
**Becky Bradley:** I joined HCLC in 2015 by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian in Georgetown, TX, but had not attended a New Member Orientation until now. I'm a preacher's kid and started piano lessons in kindergarten, getting drafted into church service musician in 3rd grade, grade school chorus in 5th grade and on into high schoo. I play other instruments, but piano and organ are my favorite. Since I don't like to practice, I kept music as my hobby. I've served different denominational churches as organist and pianist. I met my husband, Mark, in college. We moved to Texas in 1975 and then have had tow tour in Germany (a total of 15 years) until being assigned to Reno. We love Reno so much we sold our house in Texas and have bought a house in Golden Valley. I taught high school learning disability and emotionally disturbed kids during my teaching career and now do medical billing and multi-level marketing from my home. My husband is a social worker fro the Army and now the V.A., soon to retire in July. Lots of changes coming our way. I came to Holy Cross my second week in Reno, looking for a church home after having lived in a small town in Germany for nine years. I never left.



Stephany Robison: My name is Stephany and I am moved here from New Haven, CT. My background is in biology and chemistry. I moved to Reno for family and orginially chose to try out Holy Cross because it was the first Lutheran Church I drove by. I enjoy reading and hiking as my main hobbies.



Laura Grady: I moved here to Reno in 2003 from MN. I was active in my church in Minnesota, but struggled to find a church home here in When my parents Reno. moved here last June, we began attending church here at Holy Cross. I am excited to have finally found my faith family and to continue to walk with God and a community of believers. The friendliness of the congregation unmatched!.





*Madeline Murray:* Born & raised in New York City, NY. I worked for AT&T in New York and when AT&T moved to New Jersey, I moved also. The company made me an offer I couldn't refuse and I retired. I worked with an animal rescue group until I moved to Reno in 1994. Since moving to Reno I've volunteered at Channel5, Animal Ark and the Pioneer Center. I currently volunteer with the Friends of the Washoe County Library and the Nevada Humane Society. I enjoy reading and attending concerts at the Pioneer Center.



*Wilma Hooker:* I came to Nevada from San Jose, CA in 1991 for a new job in Sparks. Originally I am from Stockton, CA but sepent most of my adult years in San Jose. I became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Carson City. After my husband passed away in 2004, I moved to Reno and transferred to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. I decided to visit Holy Cross on Easter Sunday in 2016 and was touched by the friendliness. I decided to once again transfer my membership. Hopefully for the last time as I love it here.



**Madeline Gaustad:** I was raised Catholic as an only child. I lived in Saudi Arabia for 3 years when I was 12. When I was 19, I worked for the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce as "Miss Berkeley" for 1962 for 18 months. I went to Dominican Convent High School and then off to college. I have lived in Reno for over 40+ years at the same address. I was the Pastry Chef for 25 years at John Ascuaga's Nugget and 8 years at the Matterhorn Swiss Bakery. The members at Holy Cross are wonderful as well as the Pastor.



# Easter Sudoku

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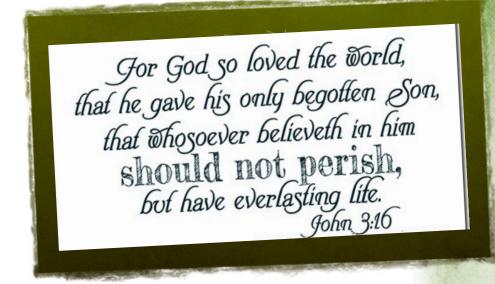
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#### Fun Facts Fun Facts Answers.



#### What is Shared Harvest?

An outreach ministry of Holy Cross- working with four other Lutheran Congregations in the Reno Sparks area to provide food each month to 83 families in need.

Check with Veralyn Combs for more information.

How many quilts have Holy Cross Quilters made and given away to people in need locally and around the world? 1389

**How many Lutheran Seminaries does the ELCA support?** Seven

#### What is a Synod of the ELCA?

ELCA churches are grouped into 65 synods across the U.S. They vary in size from 30 congregations to 300 Congregations. Synods unite the work of congregations in their areas, providing regional support and guide pastoral and other staff candidates.

March Giving

Building fund Donations \$ 1,035.00 General Fund Donations \$ 14,995.00 Facility Usage Donations \$840.00 Godly Play Donations \$135.00 Coffee Fund \$19.05 Flower Donations \$40.00 Synod Donations \$100.00 Easter Flowers \$140.00 Seder \$1,132.00 Chicks \$387.00 Memorial Fund \$525.00 Funeral Fund \$400.00 Pension Fund \$75.00 CM Fund \$1,000.00 Mortgage Reduction \$740.00 TOTAL \$21,563.05

#### Where did Holy Cross first hold Worship services?

Holiday Inn on South Virginia Street



#### **Helping Worship Happen**

#### **Coffee Hour**

4/1: Chris Martin & Service Committee 4/8: Sue Volinkaty & Suzanne McDonald 4/15: Chris Martin & Charles Vinopal 4/22: Christy Moses & Madeline Gaustad 4/29: Betty Tate & Cindy Thompson

#### Lectors

4/1: Chris Martin & Roland Grumm 4/8: Becky Bradley & Linda Puckett 4/15: Ray Streit & Diane Torry 4/22: Laurel Lindstrom & Anna Tipton 4/29: Susan McMurray & Logan Kunze

#### **Ushers**

4/1: Krehliks (1st) & Russ Tegio & Richard Eggers (2nd)

4/8: Schlossers (1st) & Shirley Fletcher & Stephany Robison (2nd)

4/15: Tom Martin & Mike Ross (1st), Fords (2nd) 4/22: Namestkas (1st) & Jody Morrison (2nd)

4/29: Tates (1st) & Vinopals (2nd)

#### **Altar Guild**

April - Karen Ford & Jody Morrison

#### **Offering Counter**

April - Russ Tegio

#### Communion

4/1: Tom Martin, Linda Schlosser & Better Tate (1st), Veralyn Combs, Sandi Christman, Kim LIntz (2nd)

4/8: Charles Kiene, Kathy Doyle (1st), Jody Morrison, Karen Ford (2nd) 4/15: Cheryl & Ed Brown (1st), Katie Weldon & Sand Christman (2nd)

4/22: Ray & Nina Cross (1st), Karen Ford & Veralyn Combs (2nd)

4/29: Linda Schlosser, Sue Volinkaty (1st), Kim Lintz, Sandi Christman (2nd)

#### **Birthdays:**

4/2 Emma Lintz

4/3 Vario Birdie

4/5 Charles Kiene

4/7 John Farrell

4/8 Susan Volinkaty

4/9 Laloni Moell

4/10 Phillip Karam

4/10 Marilyn Sevilla

4/12 Richard Moses

4/20 Sandi Ross

4/23 Wilma Hooker

4/24 Trent Blair

4/26 Joey Ginnetti

4/26 Torry Tegio

4/27 Bob Blair

4/27 Karen Ford



#### Anniversaries:

4/5 Jean & Bruce Bye 4/10 Morgan & Lynn Jaeck 4/11 William & Susan Borton 4/12 Wib & Nellie Namestka 4/17 Mark & Christine Calise 4/28 Kyle & Kelly Meseberg

## Weekly Scripture

#### **April 1st**

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

**April 8th** 

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31

#### April15th

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

April 22nd

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

#### April 29th

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

