



**Holy Cross**  
Lutheran Church

# *Holy Cross* **Crossroads**

Monthly Newsletter : *June 2018*

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**6.2 (Sat)**

Quilt Tying @ 9:00 am

**6.11 (Mon)**

Council Meeting @ 5:30

**6.19 (Tues)**

Hooks & Needles @9:00

**6.13, 6.20, 6.27 (Wed)**

Adult Bible Study @ 1:30

**6.7, 6.15 (Thurs)**

Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00

**6.13, 6.27 (Wed)**

Women's Book/Bible Study  
@ 3:00

**6.5, 6.12, 6.19, 6.26 (Tues)**

Lectionary Bible Study @  
5:30 pm

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



town? ”

“Do you remember where you bought your back-to-school clothing and household goods and supplies when you were a kid? Was there a downtown department store in your

Those were the opening questions during the sermon on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. We recalled once successful, even beloved businesses which have since struggled or formally closed: Montgomery Wards, Mervyn's, Border's Books, Blockbuster Video, Toys R Us, and Sears. They struggled to adapt to changing conditions in the marketplace.

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We talked about our resistance to change—because change is stressful—and yet acknowledged that while there is risk involved in determining a new or different way, there is perhaps greater risk in doing things the same way while the world around us changes. These now closed or closing companies represent the consequences of failing to sufficiently adapt.

I told the story of a pastor who repeatedly hears, “I want our church to grow. I just don’t want it to change.” His first response to leaders who encounter that kind of resistance is to Tell the Truth. Like a coach or trainer who points the way to physical health by pointing out how regular patterns and daily choices affect overall health, leaders can point out how habits create a church’s current level of effectiveness. If you don’t want your current level of effectiveness, change those habits.

In that truth-telling vein, I’ll identify one healthy habit I see and one caution: Keep on demonstrating welcoming practices: wear a nametag; introduce yourself to someone you have not met; speak to someone who is a first-time worshiper, invite them to have coffee after the service, and sit with them there. . . One cautionary observation: When we have differences of views, do we make the effort to ask questions, listen, and seek to understand? Does the other person express themselves well and do we together create an atmosphere in which trust can be developed?

Cartoonist Dennis Fletcher, himself a former lay pastor, now describes cartooning as his calling: “It’s fun to do and I love to do it, but it’s really quite a ministry,” he said. “We all need to laugh at ourselves once in a while. Sometimes as pastors we do take ourselves way too seriously, and we need to see the humor in that.” Here’s one cartoon which may help us to chuckle and see ourselves more clearly. (see below)



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**“Basically, we’re looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same.”**

*We are church  
together: This is our  
neighborhood*



Synod Assembly to meet: Pastor Scott and members Warren and Cathy Kline are voting delegates for the Assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod to be held in Sacramento June 1-3. Delegates, both pastors (active and retired) and members, will gather from all churches in the synod, which includes Northern Nevada and Northern California. The theme is "We Are Church Together: this in our Neighborhood." The assembly will gather to worship, pray, study, be inspired, be inspiring, and offer stories about how Jesus is making a difference in our lives and in our ministries. Pastor Scott will lead two sessions of a workshop he has led here at Holy Cross, "Planning for the End of Life" during the assembly.



The guest preacher on Sunday, June 3 while Pastor Scott is away at the Synod Assembly is the Rev. Susan Taylor. Sue is ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian

Church and also a Washoe County School District teacher at Spanish Springs Elementary School. She's served churches in Reno, Kansas, Colorado and Texas. She is the parent of three grown children.

*I will  
WALK BY FAITH  
even when  
I can not see*



***Still looking for sponsors  
for our garden boxes.  
Please let Dawn or Pat  
Schlosser know if  
you are interested.  
Boxes are \$20.00***





## REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY CROSS PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE AND ANNUAL PICNIC

**Holy Cross was Being Holy Cross today:**

The sun was shining this morning. The kitchen bustled with activity preparing for the picnic following Worship. Great Grandpa brought two year old great granddaughter to Worship and the annual picnic. Squeals of delight were heard from members welcoming the little one back to our family circle. Members, family and friends came to be a part of the memorial landscape dedication to the “saints gone before us”. Greetings and hugs were exchanged. We worshiped with contemporary music, the choir, traditional music, God's word in the readings, liturgy and prayer, sermon, along with sharing the peace and communion. A visitor said she had found “home”. We were strengthened hearing God's word and being together in worship.

Then all were invited to share in the annual Church Picnic. “Come join us, there is enough for all”. Good conversation and sharing were everywhere. “How are you doing after your surgery?” “Oh what good news! ”I'm sorry to hear you have had a difficult time”. “We are so glad to see you”. A father directing his children to “come and sit where all the other kids are”. How wonderful to be with everyone. Friends catching up with one another, kids activity table, making worship bags, kitchen helpers making sure the tables were filled with delicious abundant food. We were strengthened being together in work, caring and fellowship.

So strengthened through Worship and Fellowship, we proceeded to spread God's Word and Love. Welcoming our Sisters and Brothers in the Tongan Free Church to their Worship Service and working together to fill the Shared Harvest food bags and distributing food to 82 families in need in our community.

Sunday May 20, 2018: Holy Cross was being Holy Cross, strengthened to go out into the world as Christ's Disciples.

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.

And our Vision: *Believe in One , Affect Many, Welcome All*

**“We Are Church Together”**

Submitted by: Diane Torry



READY...SET...  
**QUILT!**



## Holy Cross Quilters

Hope you can join us tomorrow, June 2nd for our Quilt Tying Party!

9am to 12 noon. All are welcome, no experience required. We have approximately

20 quilt tops ready to be “sandwiched” and “tied”! We will have tables for sitting and standing. If tying isn't of interest, help us “design” the Blue Basket quilt top kits, putting together the blocks that will make a quilt top. Come one, come all!

Donations of fabric and gently used sheets continue to “show-up” in the quilt closet. Thank you to everyone who has donated these useful items, helping us to make and give away quilts to our brothers and sisters in need in our local community and around the world. (We would love to say thank you personally, if you include your name and address in your donation.)

We will be meeting at our regularly scheduled times over the summer: the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. and 1:00 pm.



## Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

**June Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ due 6/25;**  
bag assembly 6/25 at 1:00 pm, at Holy Cross.

Items needed: 55 Mac & Cheese,  
41 Crackers (Saltines),  
Zip Lock bags (gallon size).

# Fun Facts



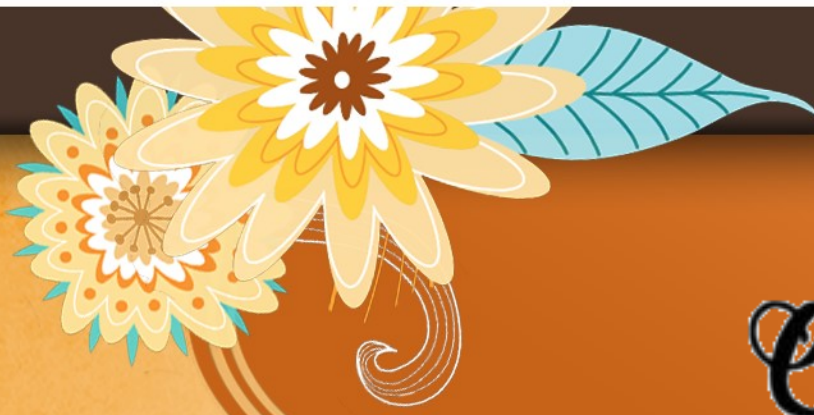
1. When did Holy Cross first hold our Christmas gift to the community: The Live Nativity?
2. How do I find Holy Cross on the World Wide Web?
3. What architectural glass artist created the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary and Narthex?
4. Where can I learn more about the ELCA?



**Bible study resumes 6/13 with our study of Jonah and moving through the minor prophets. I anticipate we will be going straight through until the holidays without any further breaks. 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).**

## May Giving

Building fund Donations	\$ 1,025.00
General Fund Donations	\$ 14,651.00
Easter Flowers	\$125.00
In Kind Donations	\$128.54
Facility Usage Donations	\$1,220.00
Sunday School Donations	\$16.00
Coffee	\$10.00
Garden	\$140.00
Mortgage	\$410.00
Shared Harvest	\$200.00
Synod	\$100.00
Service/Kitchen/Picnic	\$571.00
Flower Donations	\$40.00
Voluntary Pension Fund	\$75.00
Youth Group	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,211.54</b>



  
*Class of*  
**2018**

# **Congrats Graduates!**

We would like to recognize college and high school graduates as the school year comes to a close.

We will be celebrating with graduating high school seniors and their families during our worship service and reception on Sunday, June 10. Families with a graduating senior are asked to be in contact with Pastor Scott at [pastorhclcreno@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhclcreno@gmail.com)

YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT  
**PLACES!**  
TODAY IS YOUR DAY!  
YOUR MOUNTAIN  
**IS WAITING.**  
SO.... GET ON YOUR WAY!

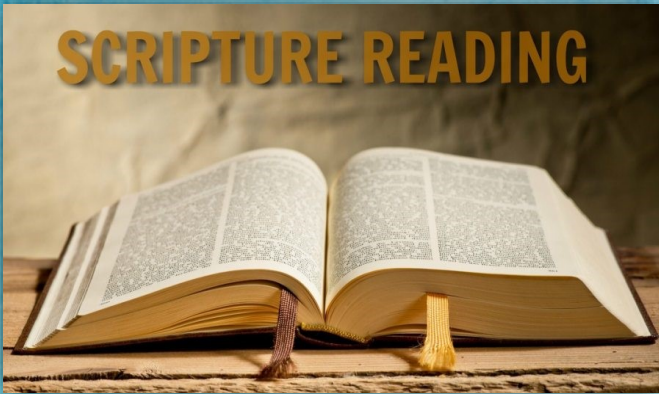
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SO.... GET ON YOUR WAY!



## SCRIPTURE READING



## Update on Next Sunday's Scriptures class

Since April, Pastor Scott has been leading a Bible Study called "Next Sunday's Scriptures," on Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 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. Speak with Scott or email him at [pastorhclcreno@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhclcreno@gmail.com) if you'd like more information. The study will continue to meet through June & may take a brief summer recess in July.



Hooks and Needles will meet the 3rd Tuesday only in June, the 19th 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 of Knitters and Crocheters who make Afghans for HCLC Baptisms, afghans/lap robes, scarves, hats and shawls for local causes here in the Reno/Sparks area, and for our family and friends. Come join us for a fun time.

*Summer Worship*

9:00 am



# Report from the Finance Committee.....

Financial performance and Budget information – through March 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Total Income</b>	\$60,620.00	\$61,165.00	-\$542.00
<b>General Fund</b>	\$56,591.00	\$61,165.00	-\$4,574.00
<b>Rent</b>	\$2,240.00	\$2,585.00	-\$348.00
<b>Misc income</b>	\$4,029.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$54,463.00	\$59,580.00	\$5,117.00
<b>Net income</b>	\$6,157.00	\$1,585.00	\$4,572.00

We are below budgeted levels in the General Fund income and Total income. However, we are also under budget in expenses, resulting in positive net income for the first quarter.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Finance Committee—Diane Torry, Linda Puckett, Steve Tate, Pat Schlosser, Jody Morrison

## *Women's Book & Bible Study*

### Women's Book & Bible Study

In May we completed the book, "Calm My Anxious Heart," by Linda Dillow. For our next book we have chosen "Grace for the Good Girl," by Emily P. Freeman (sub-titled "Letting Go of the Try-Hard Life").

We will begin our discussion of this new book on Wednesday, June 13th.

The group is open to all women of Holy Cross. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3pm after the 1:30 Adult Bible Study.

We've been meeting in the church Gathering Room down the hall, which provides a quiet, informal "living-room" type venue that appeals to the group.

If you would like to join us and order a book, please contact me at [kathydoyle@mac.com](mailto:kathydoyle@mac.com), call 415-823-1755, or see me after Sunday service. We look forward to seeing you, Kathy Doyle

# Service and Fellowship Committee...

The Service and Fellowship Committee was like to thank everyone for:

- May - The Giving Tree was up in the narthex for needed kitchen items. A thank you to all who generously supported this project.
- Ronald McDonald House – Thank you to all those who help prepare a meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. As always, the meal was greatly appreciated. We will be hosting a few more dinners this year. If you would like to help, please talk with someone on the service committee.
- Annual Church Picnic - As usual, the food was delicious and plentiful. Thanks again to everyone for attending and making delicious side dishes and desserts to share!

## Service:

Wednesday, June 6th at 9:00 am – Service Committee along with anyone who would like to volunteer will be cleaning the tables and chairs in the fellowship hall. Many hands make light work. Love to see you there!

In June, July, and August the Service Committee is conducting an Outreach program. We are collecting hygiene items for different organizations, such as Awaken and Shared Harvest. We are collecting travel-sized or small-sized items, such as: deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, soap, and sanitary pads. We will be packaging the items in quart-sized bags. These items will be for men, women, and children. The complete list will be on our Giving Tree in the Narthex. Thank you for your help with this Outreach Program.

## Fellowship:

SAVE THE DATE Mystery Dinner, Saturday, August 11

If you've never been to a mystery dinner, you're missing out. We meet at the church at a designated time and follow the hosts to a mystery restaurant. Please watch for more details.

## Fun Facts



1. 1982 with live camels before the church was built.
2. Meet us on Face book and on our website at [www.holycrossreno.org](http://www.holycrossreno.org)
3. Mark Eric Gulsrud
4. Web sites for the ELCA [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and the Sierra Pacific Synod [www.specla.org](http://www.specla.org)

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

# Happy Anniversary

## Birthdays:

6/3 Dawn Sawyer  
6/4 Cheryl Brown  
6/4 Elsa Smith  
6/4 Sandi Christman  
6/6 Colleen Marton  
6/8 Kendra Ramirez  
6/8 Marianna Ramirez  
6/9 Hailey Colosimo  
6/9 Beverly Olson  
6/12 Larry Ritter  
6/13 Maggie Puckett  
6/14 Ken Schultz  
6/15 Randy Rigler  
6/20 Richard Eggers  
6/21 Louise Holder  
6/22 Scott Trevithick  
6/25 Madison Carper  
6/26 Cameron Kincaid  
6/27 Breiana Hill  
6/29 Caiden Kincaid  
6/29 Charlie Vinopal  
6/30 Kayla Kunze

## Anniversaries:

6/6 John & Barbara Hill  
6/7 Russell & Natalie Tegio  
6/12 Laine & MaryAnn  
Christman  
6/17 Fred & Karen Ford  
6/18 Merle & Jan Moebus  
6/19 JL & Sandi Christman

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was raised from the  
dead by the glory  
of the Father,  
we too might walk in  
newness of life.

Romans 6:4