

Holy Cross Crossroads

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Pastor's Corner



"What's a 'Synod?'"

- A synod is a church body within a given geographic area. Holy Cross is a part of the Sierra Pacific Synod (SPS) of the ELCA
- The Sierra Pacific Synod is geographically very large, encompassing 13 counties in Northern Nevada and nearly 50 counties in Northern California all the way to the Oregon border.
- It includes about 40,000 members in 182 Congregations, clustered in 9 Conferences (informal geographic regions)
- Average church membership in the synod is 220 and average worship attendance is 81. (For comparison, HCLC membership is also about 220 and worship attendance for 2017 averaged 92.) (Synod stats from the Sierra Pacific Data Kit as of 12/31/2016)

Warren and Cathy Klein and I were among the voting members (about 60% of whom are lay people & 40% pastors) and visitors gathered June 1-3 in Sacramento for the Synod Assembly, the annual meeting of the synod.

Mark Your Calendar

7.9 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

7.5, 7.19 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 1:00 pm

7.3, 7.17 (Tues)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

7.11, 7.18, 7.25 (Wed)

Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

7.11, 7.25 (Wed)

Women's Book Club @ 3:00 pm

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

The theme of “We Are Church Together: This is Our Neighborhood,” based on Jesus’ description of the most important commandments and parables like the Good Samaritan, was developed through worship and Bible study, and by the keynote speaker. Other primary assembly activities included hearing reports from leaders and entities; electing people to the synod council, the Churchwide Assembly, and other leadership roles; honoring pastors and church congregations celebrating anniversaries, meeting exhibitors from different ministry groups, and attending workshops on a variety of subjects. I led two sessions of the “Preparing for the End of Life” workshop I have also offered at Holy Cross.

One highlight for me was listening to first-person faith stories by a variety of people, such as women who have alternately experienced grace and opportunity within the church and also encountered mistreatment and sexism. See Cathy and Warren’s reflection for more about first-person faith stories and their experience of the assembly.

For more info on the synod assembly, you can access the recap report at http://spselca.org/assts/uploads/2018/06/Assembly-2018-Recap_final.pdf or check out pictures at the synod’s Facebook page, “Sierra Pacific Synod – ELCA” and then click on the photo album for 2018 Synod Assembly.



It was exciting to see the bigger picture that HCLC is a part of. There were about 550 attendees, 440 of whom are voting members. A majority of our time was spent there hearing reports, discussing resolutions and budget issues, being uplifted with Bible Study and worship, and motivated by a keynote speaker. We were inspired by the Lutheran youth sharing their stories about life changing internships at various Lutheran Organization throughout Sacramento. I think what we enjoyed the most were the smaller group workshops. There were many topics to choose from; Warren and I chose “Stewardship of Mission with Neighbors” and “Hospitality: Beyond Strategic Friendliness.” They were informative and a time to share church concerns and thoughts with others for new and helpful ideas. *If you have not attended a church event like this, you should!* We would happily go again.

**Thank you HCLC for the opportunity
Warren & Cathy Kline.**



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Scott to attend Pastors' Conference at Cal Lutheran:

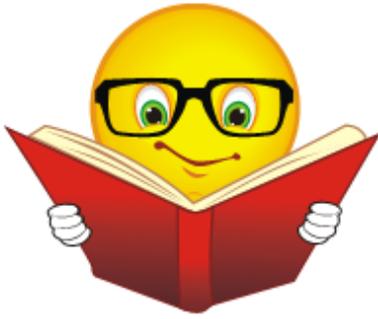
Continuing Education is important for the professional development of pastors and provisions for study leave are a standard part of the contract between pastors and congregations. Pastor Scott will be attending "Executive Skills for Pastors & Church Leaders" at California Lutheran University led by professors in the school's School of Management MBA program. "Explore how concepts from a MBA program can be applied to the arena of congregational life." Conference content will include Finance, Leadership, Marketing, Information Systems & Emerging Technology- Ministry in a Digital Age, Strategic Questions, and Entrepreneurship. While Pastor Scott is on study leave, HCLC member Kim Lintz will be the worship leader on July 22.



Thinking about joining Holy Cross Church? Anyone may be active at Holy Cross without formally joining the church. We invite people to consider membership as a means of expressing their faith and their intent to join with us in worshipping regularly, seeking to live a Christian life, and being stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. We offer a two-session orientation which 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. Participants may attend the classes without initially deciding if they'd like to join. Attending the orientation should provide helpful information whatever one decides. Though dates are not yet finalized, we're considering consecutive Wednesday nights in September. To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Scott or email him at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com.



Fun Facts



- 1) How many people signed the Holy Cross Charter in 1980?
- 2) What liturgical artist created the Cross above the altar in the Sanctuary?
- 3) What is the 2018 date of “Gods Work our Hands” Sunday?
- 4) Who is the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA?
- 5) Where does Holy Cross hold Easter Sunrise Services?

Look for the answers later in the newsletter.



Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

July Shared Harvest ~ July
Shared Harvest due 7/22. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at Lord of Mercy, Reno. Items needed are 55 Mac and Cheese, 41 Soup, Disposable razors and Zip Lock bags (gallon size).

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Just a quick update from the Call Committee to let you know we are still waiting for candidates from the Synod.

We have been in contact with Pastor Tom Miller, Synod Minister for the Sierra Pacific Synod—who hopes to provide us with a list of candidates when we meet with him later this month. As difficult as the wait is, we continue to have faith that the right candidate is out there and God will bring us together.

In the meantime, the Call Committee will be updating our Ministry Site Profile—the form that prospective candidates review—to ensure that our information is up to date and will continue to move forward with the call process as outlined in the Sierra Pacific Synod Call Process Manual.

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Call Committee with questions. The members are: Geordan Goebel, Kim Lintz, Tom Martin, Betty Tate, Torry Tegio, and Linda Schlosser.

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

Council News

Your Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

At our installation at Worship in February were charged with these particular responsibilities:

“you have been elected to serve on the council as the congregation’s governing board... You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in the worship, learning, witness, service and support so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation in the wider church, in this community and in the whole world. “

We are working together to faithfully discharge these responsibilities. To that end, our monthly agenda reflects this work—reflecting the variety of ways your Council works to serve the needs of and provide leadership for Holy Cross—in achieving our Mission, --to Worship God and follow Christ’s call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need world wide—and our Vision-- Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All

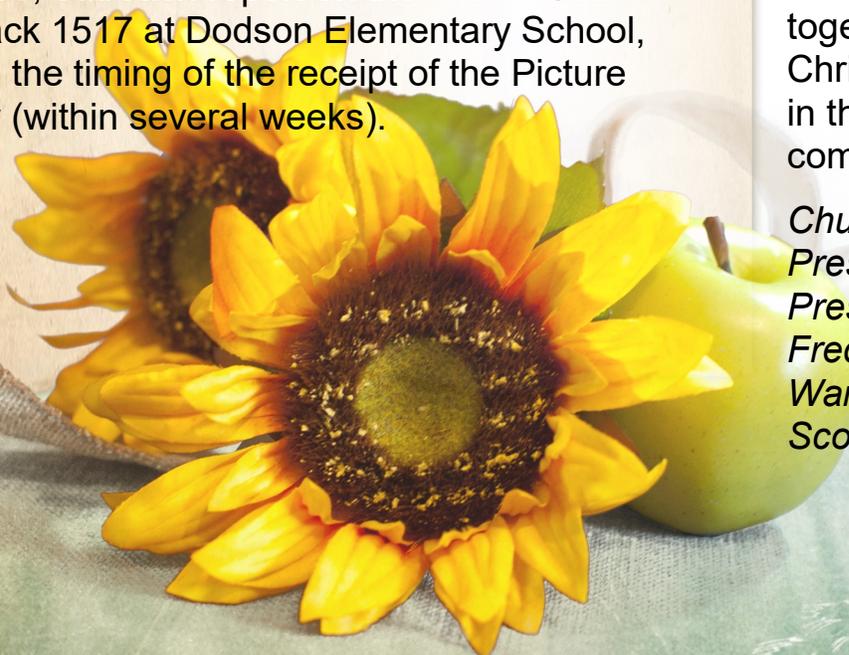
At our June meeting, we received reports from Pastor and these committees and groups: Finance, Service/ Fellowship, Maintenance and Call Committee, outreach report on the visit to Cub Scout Pack 1517 at Dodson Elementary School, report on the timing of the receipt of the Picture Directory (within several weeks).

We wrote and sent our monthly thank you notes. We noted that TMCC will be using the kitchen and fellowship hall for a class on June 16; that the carpets are scheduled for cleaning; and the commissioning of Bible Campers and drivers at Worship Sunday July 22. New Business—we approved a Task Force chaired by Fred Ford to develop an Emergency Operations Plan for Holy Cross; approved the annual Audit from the Audit committee—chaired by Joe Krehlik, and approved the “traditional” Ace’s Baseball fellowship event in August.

All Council Meetings are opened with Devotions and Prayer and concluded with prayer—we ask that all members of the congregation keep the Council in your prayers as we work together to achieve the mission and vision of Holy Cross.

Please talk with any member of the Council if you have questions about or input for the Council. We want to hear from everyone as we all work together so that the mission of Christ is carried out at Holy Cross, in the wider church in this community and in the whole world.

Church Council: Diane Torry, President; Deborah Goebel, Vice President; Kathy Doyle, Secretary; Fred Ford; Katie Featherstone; Warren Kline; Fran Moses; Pastor Scott





"Ben" Anderson is an 8 year old boy who has been diagnosed with a (genetic) degenerative brain disease which will ultimately claim his life.

He is the son of a colleague of Sue Gonyou. His mom is his primary care giver as the

father continues to work. Their financial situation is becoming a hardship as they have mounting medical bills and are struggling to live on one salary. Prayers and monetary donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Chris Martin

Below is a link for Post Hope you can copy into your browser and leave a special message for Ben and the family and/or donate to help with their growing expenses.

<https://posthope.org/benanderson/posts>

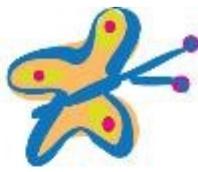


In June, July, and August the Service Committee is conducting an Outreach program.

We are collecting hygiene items for different organizations, such as Awaken and Veterans Outreach.

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.



Pastoral Care Team



Emergency Pastoral Care:

Pastor Scott regularly meets with pastors from other Lutheran (ELCA) churches in our region. He has arranged for reciprocal emergency pastoral care with the pastors from the three closest churches and their respective pastors:

- Pastors Erik and Amy Allen of Good Shepherd (Downtown Reno)
- Pastor Sarah Johnson of Lord of Mercy (Sparks/Spanish Springs)
- Pastor Tom Beck of Faith Lutheran (7th Street in northwest Reno)

If you have a personal or family crisis with which you'd like support, please call the church office at 827-4822. If you'd like to request particular prayer, you may contact Prayer Partner leaders Sandi Christman at sj_christman@yahoo.com or Chris Martin at Chrishsm@sbcglobal.net.

If your need occurs while Pastor Scott is away and is greater or more urgent or beyond the comfort level of friends within the church, we can call the pastor of a neighboring congregation who can collegially provide emergency care to church members.

HCLC Administrative Assistant Dawn Sawyer and Council President Diane Torry have contact information for pastors of our neighboring churches and would be able to assist you should an emergency arise. Though these circumstances may seem highly unlikely, they could happen. Since we have this relationship with neighboring pastors and a plan in place, we will be better able to respond should the unlikely occur.

SCRIPTURE

Reflections

"Next Sunday's Scriptures," the Bible study class Pastor Scott leads on Tuesday evenings is taking a summer recess for the 5 Tuesdays in July. Class will resume Tuesday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall using the designated Lectionary bible readings for the following Sunday. For more info, email Pastor Scott at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com or speak with him at church.



Camp Zephyr:

In worship on Sunday, July 22, we will commission

kids from Holy Cross who will be attending Camp Zephyr at Zephyr Point at Lake Tahoe July 23-26 and pray for them and the adult drives and chaperones who will transport them: Campers include Alexis Bonnet, Liam Bonnet, Lilia Fletcher, Leslie Jailett, Nathan Jailett, Kayla Kunze, Logan Kunze, Ashton Meseberg, Kendra Ramirez, Marianna Ramirez, and Zack Weldon.

Drivers and Chaperones include Jolene Jailett, Karen and Fred Ford, Katie and Eric Weldon, Jody Morrison, Katie Torry, and Natalie Tegio. Thank you, Holy Cross friends, for your support of the Seder Dinner which allows us to support these campers through scholarships and van rental for their travel. Thank you, also to Natalie Tegio, who has been the Camp Coordinator who has encouraged kids to attend, responded to the questions of parents and grandparents, and handled myriad details like renting the van, assuring checks and registrations were complete, and coordinating drivers and chaperones for the safety of all.



For with God nothing shall be impossible.

-Luke 1:37



Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study continues through July, with the exception that we will not meet July 4th. Otherwise, business as usual in the Fellowship Hall, making our way through the minor prophets. It's never too late to join. Contact Becky Bradley at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have questions.

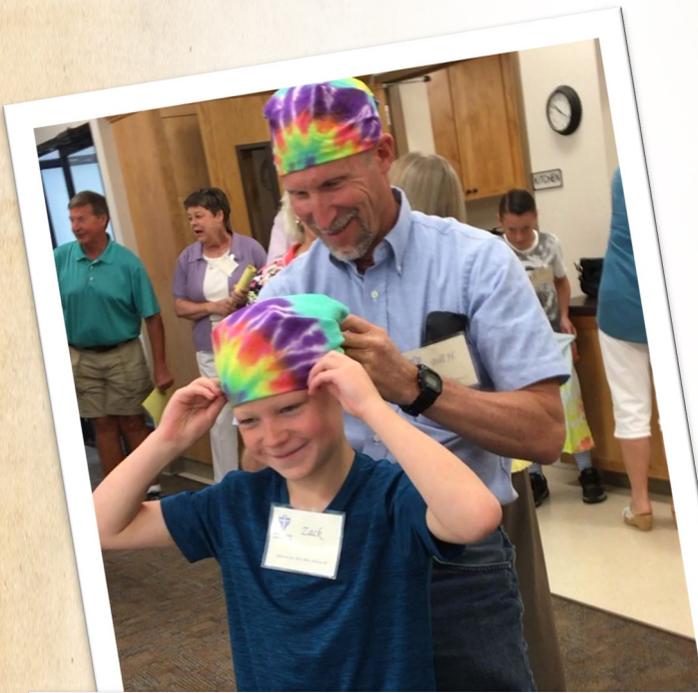


Stories are important as connection points between people and generations. Do you have memories of summer camp and getting ready? The excitement, anticipation, maybe even nervousness? Do you remember your family helping you to get ready to go?

On Sunday, June 17th, this year's camp story began with the family of Holy Cross helping our kids get ready for their summer day camp at Camp Zephyr at the Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe from July 23 - 27, 2018. We had a great time tie-dyeing our camp t-shirts for everyone, campers and chaperones alike! Please take a moment to enjoy the memories of the tie-dye day, the Sunday after where we revealed and shared our crafts with church family, and the looks of happiness in the faces of our church family.

Pr. Scott & Natalie Tegio, Camp Coordinators









Holy Cross Quilters donate quilts to Lutheran World Relief every year. We work together with thousands of Lutheran Congregation Quilt Groups across the country, donating nearly 500,000 quilts each year. These quilts are given to our brothers and sisters in need around the world. A recent report from Lutheran World Relief provides moving information about the “good work” of this Lutheran Church world wide ministry .

“Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts give families around the world some of life’s essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone”. “First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilt to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back.”

From Niger—“The quilts provide comfort, particularly to women, while restoring the respect and dignity of the most vulnerable people in the world. Quilts are a welcomed comfort, as most could only afford to eat one meal a day. For many, the quilts serve as their bedding. Those who cannot afford to eat enough cannot afford to buy blankets. They gave us blankets to keep us warm when it is cold. Truly this is a blessing, for this year we will not be cold.”

From the Andes Mountains of Peru—The community struggles in the grip of chronic poverty, felt most acutely in the cold winter months.. Sabina Carranza—was so grateful to receive her quilt which keeps her warm during the terribly cold nights.

From Nepal—more than 9200 quilts reached families affected by the devastating 2015 earthquakes.

Lutheran World relief has been in the “quilt business” since the 1945 —when Lutheran World Relief responded to the needs of families in post-World War II Europe. Holy Cross Quilters have been making and giving quilts to people in need around the world and in our community for over ten years. We meet the first and third Thursday of every month. Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship—“God’s Work our Hands”.



The Breakfast group will be meeting on Sat. July 20th at our usual location of Denny's on Nugget Avenue in Sparks (corner of McCarran). All are welcome to attend.

Questions and RSVP may be made to Becky Bradley via email or Phone: beckyb485@gmail.com, 775-360-0553



Hooks and Needles will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in July, 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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR



Food for the Poor: Pr. Rick Hartmann, a retired ELCA pastor, will be worship leader on Sunday, July 29 to talk about Food for the Poor, a ministry

providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He will share personal stories about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living of the gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Rick was ordained in 1983 and has studied at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He is a retired ELCA pastor with 30 years experience in parish ministry serving congregations in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Ohio, and Texas (where he now lives.) His primary social concern is for hungry people everywhere and so he relishes the opportunity to speak about Food for the Poor with the congregations he visits.



Mystery Dinner



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Save the date of Saturday, August 18th for our long-awaited Mystery Dinner.

We are working on finalizing plans and more details will be forth coming shortly.

Fun Facts



1. How many people signed the Holy Cross Charter in 1980? **145, check it out in the Narthex**
2. What liturgical artist created the Cross above the altar in the Sanctuary? **Ernst Schwidder**
3. What is the 2018 date of "God's Work our Hands" Sunday? **September 9, 2018 a day to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—one church freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors.**
4. Who is the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA? **Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton**
5. Where does Holy Cross hold Easter Sunrise Services? **At the Audrey Harris Park on Windy Hill /Lakeside Drive, Reno**



Weekly Scripture

July 8th

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15th

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22nd

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29th

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Helping Worship Happen



Coffee Hour

7/8: Charles Vinopal
7/15: Katie Torry
7/22: Maggie Fisher
7/29: Suzanne McDonald

Flowers

Ray Streit
Scruggs & Tates
Martins
Tates

Communion Helpers

Deborah Goebel & Steve Tate
Katie Weldon & Sandi Christman
Ray & Nina Cross
Karen Ford & Laurel Lindstrom

Lectors

7/8: Kim Lintz
7/15: Jody Morrison
7/22: Natalie Tegio
7/29: Anna Tipton

Ushers

Kathy & Travis Mills
Vinopals
Schlossers
Verilyn Combs

Altar Guild

July~ Jody Morrison & Sandi Christman

Offering Counter

July ~ Paula Featherstone



Join us for Reno Aces Faith Night on Friday, August 17th with a concert and testimonials starting at 4:30 pm. Plus, everyone who purchases a ticket will receive a free Reno Aces Hat. Game time starts at 7:05 p.m. Reno Aces vs. Salt Lake Bees with fireworks following the game. This is a wonderfully FUN night of friends & faith. Please join us for a GREAT evening.

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT
\$16/EACH in Infield Reserved**

Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Do It Anyway

THE PARADOXICAL COMMANDMENTS

BY KENT M. KEITH

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

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Birthdays:



7/1 Gail Nemy
7/7 Ciarra Ioli
7/9 Janet Schultz
7/9 Joel Vodilla
7/10 Fred Ford
7/14 Michael Torry
7/15 Ethan Ioli
7/15 Laila Dietz
7/15 Mark Calise
7/15 Tom Martin
7/16 Sue Gonyou
7/16 Carol Ritter
7/25 Raylyn Crawford



Anniversaries:

7/4 Lance & Veralyn Combs
7/19 Matthew & Sarah Karam

June Giving

Building fund Donations \$ 685.00
General Fund Donations \$ 11,574.12
Kitchen \$120.00
CM Fund \$1,000.00
Flowers \$50.00
Garden \$60.00
Mortgage Reduction \$210.00
Facility Usage \$240.00
Service Committee \$20.00
Synod \$100.00
Voluntary Pension Fund \$75.00
TOTAL \$ 14,134.12

