

Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter of :



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

| August 2018

Pastor's Corner

Mark Your Calendar

8.13 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

8.2, 8.16 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00

8.8, 8.22 (Wed)

Women's Book/Bible @ 3:00

8.1, 8.8, 8.15, 8.22, 8.29 (Wed)

Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

8.7, 8.21 (Tues)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

8.7, 8.14, 8.21, 8.28 (Tues)

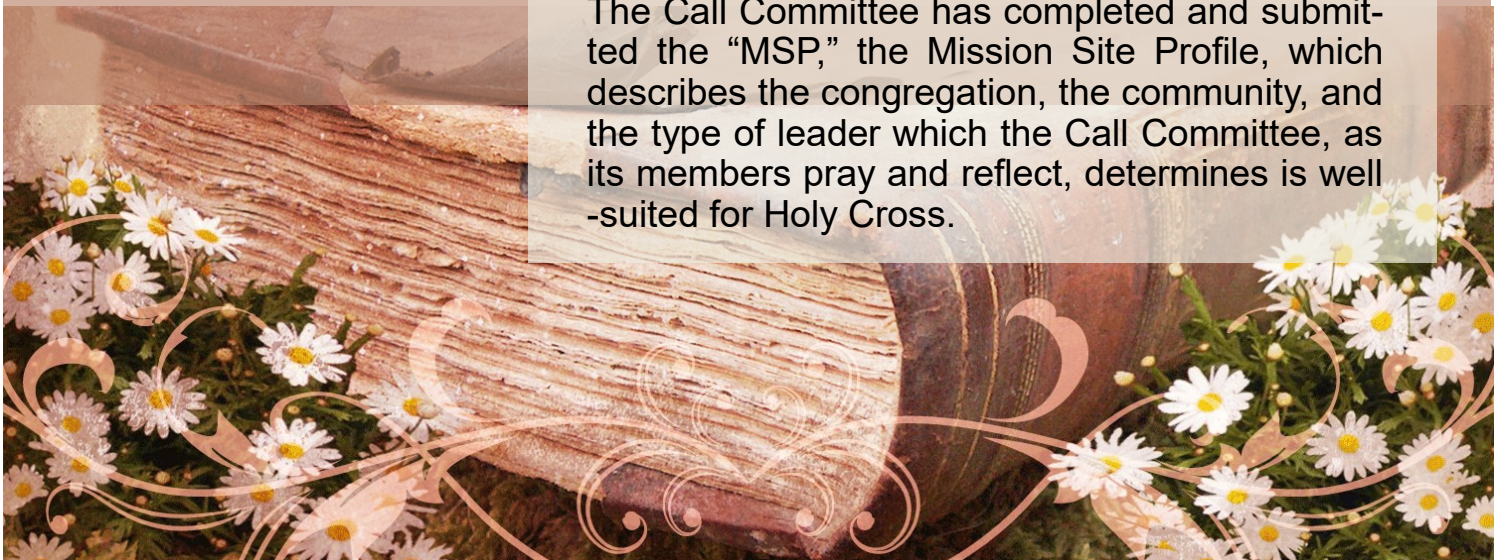
Scripture Bible Study
@ 5:30 pm



Pastors in the Lutheran Church (ELCA)

I have been at Holy Cross as its Interim Pastor since January 2017. Briefly put, my role is to provide "regular" pastoral leadership, such as preaching and leading worship, providing pastoral care, and developing opportunities for spiritual growth, while also guiding the congregation and the church council during this "in-between" time of pastoral transition by helping prepare for a long-term pastor.

The **Holy Cross Call Committee** was elected at the congregational meeting in January 2017. Its members include Chairperson **Geordan Goebel** and members **Torry Tegio, Kim Lintz, Tom Martin, Linda Schlosser, and Betty Tate**. The Call Committee has completed and submitted the "MSP," the Mission Site Profile, which describes the congregation, the community, and the type of leader which the Call Committee, as its members pray and reflect, determines is well-suited for Holy Cross.



Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

That profile helps match HCLC with pastors considering a new call. The committee has been preparing to interview candidates recommended by the office of Bishop Mark Holmerud (also known as the Synod office). During a recent meeting with Pastor Tom Miller, liaison to the bishop's office, the committee received names of candidates to consider.

Here are some statistics which describe pastors in the Lutheran Church (ELCA) (Source: "ELCA Facts" at ELCA.org.):

- As of September 15, 2017, there were 16,232 Ministers of Word and Sacrament on the ELCA roster. (This includes retired clergy or those serving outside of parish settings.)
- In 2017, nearly 27 percent of clergy on the ELCA roster were women.
- In the ELCA's seven seminaries, the numbers of women and men preparing for ministry are about equal.
- A leader from the Sierra Pacific Synod, the geographic region of which Holy Cross is a part, estimates that about 70% of those pastors seeking long-term calls within the synod are female.

Holy Cross was founded in September of 1980. Of the nine pastors who have served Holy Cross, either as long-term, installed pastors or as interim pastors, only one, Ruth Hanusa, has been a female—and she served as interim for a relatively brief period from Fall 1996 – July, 1997.

The goal of any pastoral call committee should be, through their prayer and discussion and ongoing work together, to identify a "match" or "fit" between pastor and congregation that leads to a pastorate with a long tenure and engaging shared ministry. Let us continue to pray for the leadership of the Call Committee, for our partners in the process such as synod liaison Pastor Tom Miller, and for those pastors receptive to a new call.

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We pray for teachers and students:

Though most students and teachers in our area will return to school Monday, August 6, we'll mark their return with prayers for all students and educators during our worship services Sunday, August 26. We're creating a list of students and educators with each person's name and school. Please help us complete our list by sending the name of the student or educator in your family (grandchildren, too, if they come to Holy Cross!) and their school. Email Office Administrator Dawn Sawyer at: holycrossreno@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonders of
our being, for mind, body, and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers
and staff.

Give them strength and grace as
their bodies grow; wisdom and
knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

- from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

dosp.org

Hooks & Needles...

Hooks and Needles will meet the 1st and 3 Tuesdays in August; the 7th and 21st at 9:00 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.

God's Work, Our Hands, September 9th...

God's Work, Our Hands is a national day of service throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Local congregations determine the forms of service they'd like to take on in their own community.

We will have three different projects that day which we will work on after worship services that day:

- At Paradise Park, the city park to our west: park clean up.
- At Silver Sage, our neighbor to the north, hosting a reception for residents.
- At Holy Cross, assembling personal hygiene kits with the supplies we've been gathering over the summer. We'll distribute them through different local organizations.

More information about God's Work, Our Hands will be coming as the date gets closer. Join us as we seek to be good neighbors in our community.



Garden of Eatin'

A BIG thank you to Pat Schlosser for taking care of our garden. There have been some great harvests already from our garden. It is very satisfying seeing and sharing the fruits of our labor. Thank you to those who have sponsored a box and are helping with the maintenance and harvesting of our garden.

Holy Cross Quilters...

We will meet at our regular times during August; Thursday the 2nd and the 18th at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Some morning quilters now bring a “sack lunch” to enjoy together and then stay for all or part of the afternoon session. Fun time always “had by all”, please join us !

We are focusing on tying quilts as we approach the end of our “Quilt Year”. The quilt blessings will be held the last Sunday in September 30—and then the quilts will be distributed during October.

Many thanks to our Blue Basket Quilters. The completed tops are significantly contributing to our “production quotas”. They are beautiful!

We will have a second Special Quilt Tying Saturday September 8 from 9 to 12 pm. Our primary focus will be to Tie Quilts and get them ready for the Blessing and then distribution.

Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship!

Fun Facts



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- 2) What is the theme hymn for Holy Cross?
- 3) How many contacts were made in the late 1970's in the initial ELCA mission membership
- 4) What is the Synod Pastor Conference?
- 5) What is the United States membership of the ELCA?

Bible Study...

Wednesday Bible study is starting to wind down our study of the minor prophets. Only five more prophets to go!

We'll be meeting all five Wednesdays of August. 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.

Cub Scout Pack 1517...

Pack 1517 is the pack that Holy Cross sponsors through the Boy Scouts "Scoutreach" program to offer scouting to underserved communities.

They meet weekly after school at Dodson Elementary School, which is less than 3 miles from the church near Mira Loma Park off McCarran.

A number of Holy Cross members attended a pack meeting in May to meet the boys and observe their program, which is part of an effort to understand their needs and see if Holy Cross can strengthen the partnership we have with the pack. Ideas include an HCLC fundraising dinner or recruiting HCLC folks to be volunteer program assistants.

If you'd like to be a part of a planning team in this effort, please speak with Pastor Scott, who has met with David Carbajal, the new Scoutreach Director for the Nevada Area Council of the Boy Scouts, and is our primary resource person.



Mystery Dinner



Time for a fun night of fellowship and yummy food. Mystery dinner will on Saturday August 18th. We will meet at the church at 4:45 to head to our surprise place to eat. Parking is limited at the restaurant, so let's car-pool if possible. *Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.*

Camp News...

Dear Holy Cross Family,
What a week to remember! From July 23rd – 27th, 11 Holy Cross Youth attended Camp Zephyr at the Presbyterian Conference Center in Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. The campers summed it up best when we heard so many of them say, “so, when we go again next year...” and “are we going next week, too?” The week was active, engaging, social, relational and transformative. Following are some of the highlights:

- We had 11 campers and 100% participation all week long! Each day campers met at HCLC at 7:30 am for group time, prayer, and departed for camp at 7:45 am. It took an hour to get there, and an hour to come home each day, with campers returning at 5:15 each evening and finishing with group time and prayer. For FIVE days straight, we had every camper there! Even with long days and long travel times at the beginning and end of each day, this group of 11 young church members experienced fellowship and camaraderie as they journeyed through the week together.
- We had 9 chaperones and drivers who coordinated and volunteered their time and talent to transport the campers each day. There were always two, and sometimes four, adults in the van with the kids each day. All the drivers and chaperones commented on how wonderful it was to hear the animated conversations, jokes, and excitement for the activities and adventures that lay ahead for the campers. The van was certainly full of joy and the Holy Spirit each day!
- We had 12 parents, grandparents, family members, and church members who ensured kids were welcomed, present and ready to go on time each day, and were there for pickup each night. This act of sending and receiving, prayer and reflections, was a highlight of each day.

Of all the experiences, a resonating theme was intergenerational relationship and appreciation for the gifts each person brings and the willingness to share those gifts.

Sharing a happy high five here, a reflection on what the best or most surprising part was there, the list goes on. As I write this and reflect on the relationships encouraged and nurtured this week, I keep returning, with a chuckle and a smile in my heart, to my friend Liam who asked at the beginning of camp if there were going to be “counselors” there. “Of course,” I said and added some sort of adult blah-blah answer that didn’t make sense for him. He then said “No, no, count-SILL-ers.” As I asked him what that meant or how would I know if someone was a count-SILL-er, he said “people from this church, the ones who do count-silling.” After a little more conversation, I came to understand that he wanted to know if a council member was coming to camp. And the look on Liam’s face when I reintroduced him to Fred Ford, a council member and one of the chaperones, said it all. “I’m important in this place.”

Thank you all for your support of Holy Cross Youth! Natalie Tegio & Pastor Scott, Camp Coordinators

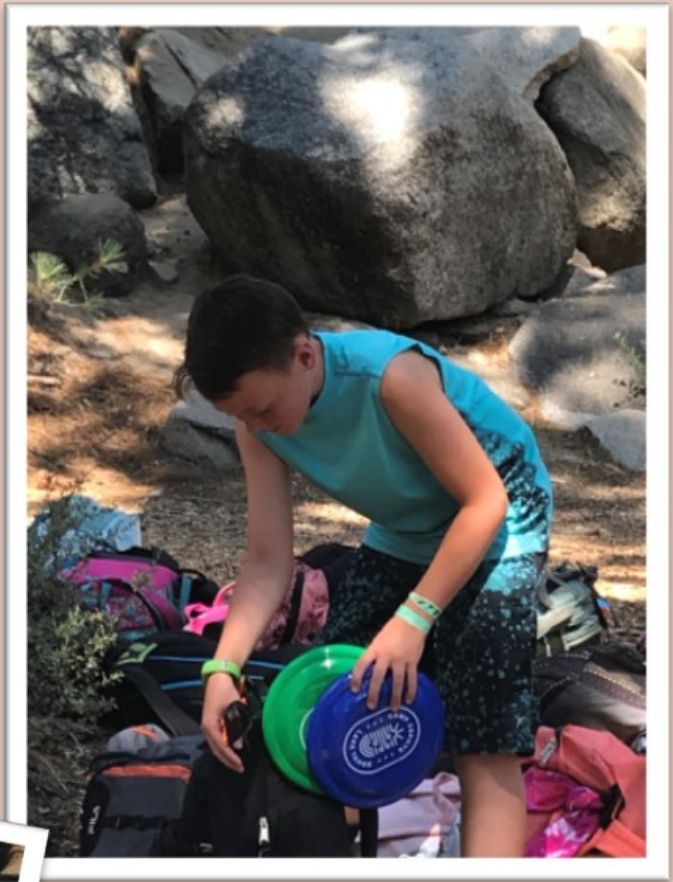
Campers: Alexis and Liam Bonnet, Nathan and Leslie Jaillet, Kendra and Marianna Ramirez, Kayla and Logan Kunze, Zack Weldon, Ashton Meseberg, Lilia Fletcher.

Drivers/Chaperones: Jody Morrison, Karen and Fred Ford, Jolene Jaillet, Katie Torry, Meghan Bonnet, Natalie Tegio, Eric and Katie Weldon.

Families and Meeter/Greeters: Linda Schlosser, Kelly Meseberg, Carol Ritter, Brian Fletcher, Jolene Jaillet, Jody Morrison, Jennifer Ramirez, Katie and Eric Weldon, Pastor Scott, Diane Torry.

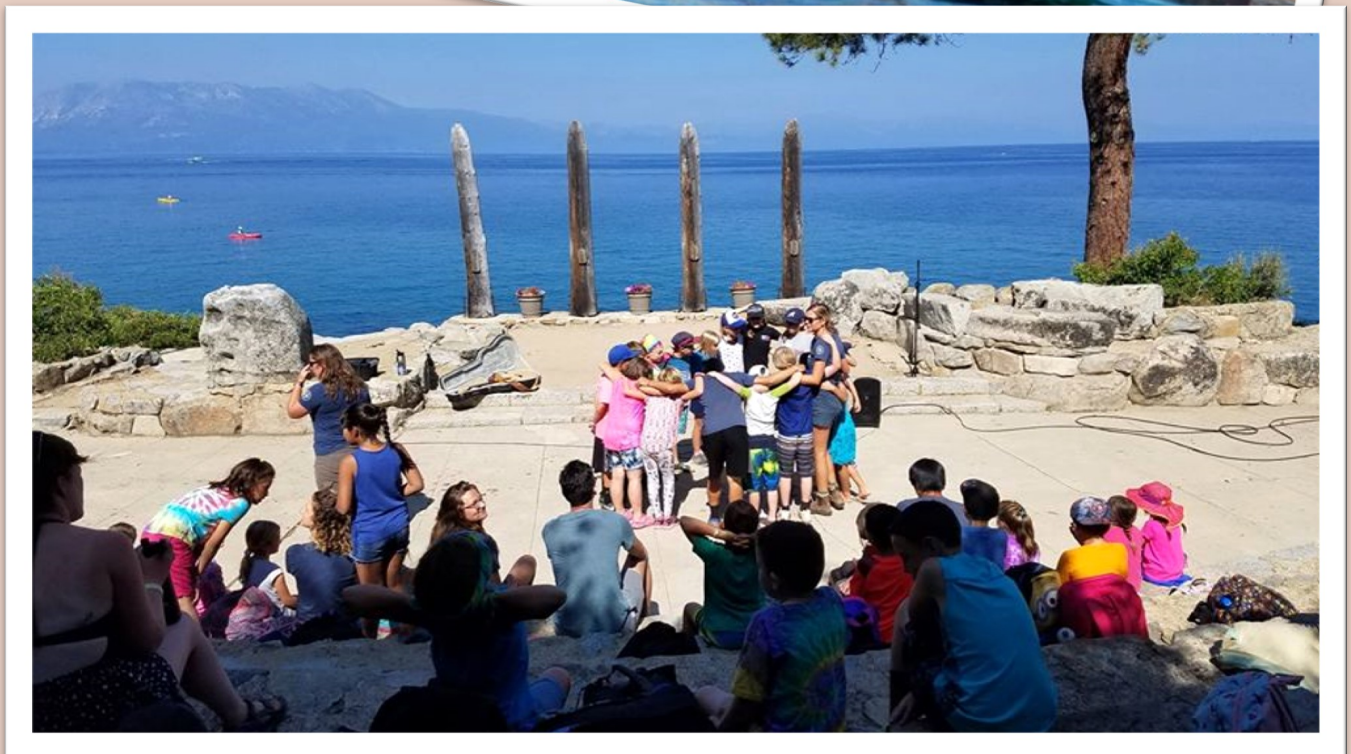


















New Membership Orientation Class: Thinking about joining Holy Cross Church?

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 worshiping 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.

- Class sessions Wednesday September 12 and 19
- Meet in the fellowship hall from 6-8 p.m. with soup supper at 6
- Child care will be arranged as requested
- Those who wish to join will be received in worship at either service on Sunday, September 23 (We return to two worship services of 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9.)

To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Scott or email him at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com.



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. We need to finalize our tickets with a 20 minimum, so invite friends and family to join us.

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

Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Cancellation of Holy Cross Craft Fair for 2018...

I have decided not pursue the Craft Fair venue for Holy Cross moving forward. Instead I am suggesting we hold a "rummage sale" in conjunction with "hand crafted items" by the members of our congregation.

We will be having a meeting on August 5th following the worship service for all those who might be interested in this type of venue. I'd like to get a feel for how many may wish to participate. Then we can meet again to work on details.

Should you not be available to meet with me on the 5th, please email me and let me know you're interested.

With thanks, Chris Martin
email: chrishsm@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

Cub Scout Pack 1517 at Dodson Elementary is chartered to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

A big *THANK YOU* is sent to the whole congregation for your support of the youth in the Cub Scout program and their desire to remain members of the Boy Scouts of America.

There are 24 youth registered in the Pack 1517. We will have forthcoming opportunities for many fun activities and relationship building with the boys and girls in the Cub Scout Pack and the congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

**Sincerely, David Carbajal
Scout reach District Director**



Weekly Scripture



August 5th

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 12th

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 19th

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 26th

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

August Shared Harvest Shopping List ~

August Shared Harvest due 8/26. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at Lord of Mercy on 8/26. Items needed: 30 Cold cereal, 24 crackers, 10 mac and cheese & deodorant.



Directory

We have our last picture/portrait day scheduled for Wednesday, August 29th from Noon until 8:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you can't make this day, please contact Dawn for the option of submitting your own photo so we can make sure you are included in the new photo directory.

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting this project done as there have been things beyond my control in the process. That being said, we are in the final stretch of completion and we do appreciate your understanding.

There is a current paper directory in the Narthex and I am asking everyone to double check the information in there, so we can minimize any mistakes. Please make any necessary changes right on the paper. Please print those changes. Don't forget to add your children and their ages, so we can have complete family information.

Thank you for your and understanding in completing this directory.

Coffee Hour

8/5: Mona Warwick
8/12: Chris Martin
8/19: Susan McMurray
8/26: Sandi Christman

Communion Helpers

Tates & Paula Featherstone
Veralyn Combs & Torry Tegio
Tom Martin & Chris Martin
Kim Llntz & Katie Featherstone

Lectors

8/5: Roland Grumm
8/12: Linda Puckett
8/19: Diane Torry
8/26: Anna Tipton

Ushers

Tom Martin & Michael Ross
Torry Tegio
Wib & Nellie Namestka
Kathy & Travis Mills

Altar Guild

August– Veralyn Combs & Sandi Christman

Offering Counter

August – Diane Torry

Next Sunday's Scriptures

the Bible study class Pastor Scott has been leading on Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall at the church, will resume Tuesday August 7 after brief a summer recess over the month of July. 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 if you'd like more information. Or, to find the designated Lectionary readings for a particular Tuesday class and Sunday worship service, search for Revised Common Lectionary 2018 and then find the particular date in the "Season after Pentecost."

Birthdays:

8/1 Matthew Karam
8/1 Chelsey Mattingly
8/6 Pat Schlosser
8/7 Stephany Robison
8/8 William Borton
8/8 Stephany Robison
8/10 Taylor Blair
8/11 Jean Bye
8/12 Bianca Thetford
8/12 Eli Foutz
8/13 Riley Crawford
8/14 Diane Torry
8/14 Roxanne Olson
8/23 Jacob Kelley
8/23 John Schultz
8/23 Thaddaeus Peters
8/24 Ed Gonyou
8/26 Kathy Doyle
8/27 Linda Kuehn
8/29 Dana Sottolano



Anniversaries:

8/2 Richard & Frances Moses
8/24 Jim & Cindy Thompson
8/29 Eric & Katie Weldon

Fun Facts



1) How many Pastors have been called to serve Holy Cross? **5 — Art Boman, Bill Snyder, Roland Grumm, Scott Minke, Jon Yurk**

2) What is the theme hymn for Holy Cross?
Lift High the Cross

3) How many contacts were made in the late 1970's in the initial ELCA mission membership drive to start Holy Cross?
Over 5,000

4) What is the Synod Pastor Conference? **The monthly meeting of local ELCA Lutheran Pastors hosted by rotating pastors and churches**

5) What is the United States membership of the ELCA? **3,563,842 , one of the largest Christian denominations in the U.S.**



We are in the final stretch of collecting hygiene items for different organizations, such as Awaken and Veterans Outreach.

We are collecting travel-sized or small-sized items:
Items still needed: 20 deodorant, 20 - 3 oz. shampoo, 30- 3 oz. conditioner, 30 shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, 10 toothbrushes and 20 – 3 oz. lotions. Let's finish up strong collecting these needed items.

We will be packaging the items in quart-sized bags on September 9th. These items will be for men, women, and children.

Do you Find it Hard to See the Screens in Worship?

Some worshipers have provided feedback that sometimes words are hard to see clearly on the screen during the songs we sing. Dawn, our office administrator who prepares the slides, enlarges the images as much as possible, but is limited by including both words and music.

If worshipers would prefer text only and no music, then we can prepare words only. Past feedback has been that many worshipers prefer both words and music. We sing songs from a variety of sources; those that are printed in the red ELW hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, are noted with their hymn number in the printed bulletin and on the slides and worshipers may use a hymnal or view the worship screens as they prefer.

Please email Dawn at holycrossreno@gmail.com if you'd like to provide feedback.

"With God all things
Are possible"

~Matthew 19:26