



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Holy Cross **Crossroads**

Monthly Newsletter : *September 2018*

Mark your Calendar

9.4, 9.18 (Tue)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

9.10 (Mon)
Council Meeting 5:30 pm

9.19 (Wed)
Senior Lunch Pot Luck @ 11:30

9.12, 9.26 (Wed)
Women's Bible/Book Study
@ 3:00 pm

9.5, 9.12, 9.19 (Wed)
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

9.6, 9.20 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

9.8 (Sat)
Quilt Tying Day
9:00 am—Noon

9.9 (Sun)
God's Work, Our Hands

9.14 (Thurs)
HCLC's 38th Anniversary

Pastor's Corner...



The Pastoral Call Process and Expectations of the Pastor and of the Congregation

Being in a time of transition is difficult. Congregations like Holy Cross in the pastoral call process have hopes and expectations for the long-term pastor to come. Those hopes and expectations may be reflected in questions like:

- What will he or she be like? Will she be a good preacher? Will he be warm and caring?
- How will he or she guide the council or other leaders within the church?
- How will he or she support the ministries and leaders we currently have in place and, with them, consider new forms of ministry?

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Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

- How will he or she be a leader in the wider community? What ties or relationships will he or she form and how will that connect us to our community?

The pastor candidate has hopes and expectations, too, of ministry in and with a new congregation:

- What has been happening in this congregation in the last 5 years or last 1 year?
- How do they treat each other? When they have different ideas about how to “be church,” how do they work that out?
- How do they welcome newcomers?
- What new ministries have they begun in the last 2-3 years?
- How do they reach out to their community in mission and service?
- If I were to share an idea that was new to them, how might that be received? How do they work in partnership with their pastor? What kind of relationship did they have with their previous pastor?
- How does the makeup of the congregation reflect the surrounding community?
- Could I see myself being in ministry with them?
- I have choices: Is this where I want to be? Would I want to bring my family to this place?

During a recent sermon, I proposed that dynamic ministry is dependent upon pastor and members working together as followers of Jesus, blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit as they seek to make known God's love for the world. God bless you as you engage in dynamic ministry now and as you seek to continue to do so in partnership with the new, long-term pastor when he or she comes.

Fun Facts



- 1) How do I sign up to volunteer in various Holy Cross Ministries?
- 2) When was the original church building was constructed ?
- 3) What is the Mission Statement of Holy Cross?
- 4) Who is the Presiding Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod?



MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We are blessed by dedicated and talented music leaders, choir members, and musicians at Holy Cross who lead us in song and praise in a robust mix of musical variety. We'll be recognizing and thanking all these folks during both worship services on Sunday, September 9. You can add to the day by writing a note of appreciation on the greeting cards provided on tables at the church on the Sundays leading up to Sept. 9th. Our musicians and choristers include:

- ♦ Brittney May, Music Director
- ♦ Becky Bradley, Organist/Pianist
- ♦ Musicians Tom Martin (Saxophone), Michael Tegio (Guitar, bass guitar, drums, hand drums), Joey Ginnetti (organ, piano, guitar), and Corrie Volinkaty (drums, hand drums).
- ♦ Choir members: Beverly Olson, Cathy & Warren Kline, Christy Moses, Gladys & Joe Krehlik, Laloni Moeli, Laurel Lindstrom, Linda Schlosser, Mark Calise, Orlyn Schenk, Ray Streit, Sue Gonyou, Sue Volikaty, Susan McMurray, and Wilma Hooker



Don't
forget

Worship Services September 9th

**1st Service 8:00 am
2nd Service 10:30 am**



Council News



At our August 13th meeting, Kathy Doyle led us in Devotions with a Martin Luther Prayer. Pastor Scott provided informative and educational material regarding how a Pastor's compensation package is developed.

We received the following reports: Pastor's report, Finance, Maintenance, Call Committee, Bible Camp, Godly Play/Sunday School and Emergency Operations Task Force.

The ELCA wide, God's Work Our Hand's Sunday, September 9 was finalized. There are 4 service opportunities.

- Assembly of Hygiene Kits for community organizations that support our homeless brothers and sisters (after 1st service) coordinated by the Fellowship/Service Committee.
- Clean-up at Jamaica park (following 2nd service) coordinated by Warren Kline.
- Ice Cream Social with our neighbors at Silver Sage @ 12 noon coordinated by Fran Moses.
- Sept. 8 , Quilt Tying Party, coordinated by the Quilt Group.

The Council has developed and approved the Council Organization Structure, supporting how the Congregation structures itself to accomplish its mission. Specific Holy Cross Ministry areas are identified and a liaison process to enhance communication between the Council and Church Committees and groups is established. Five Specific Ministry Areas are established; Worship and Music; Education and Learning; Outreach and Service; Fellowship; and Administrative Support. Committees and Groups were identified in each area and a Council Member is assigned to be the liaison with those Committees and Groups:



Council News (cont'd)

Holy Cross Ministry Areas:

- Worship and Music: Fred Ford and Warren Kline
- Education and Learning: Diane Torry
- Outreach and Service: Kathy Doyle and Katie Featherstone
- Fellowship: Deborah Goebel
- Administration and Support: Fran Moses

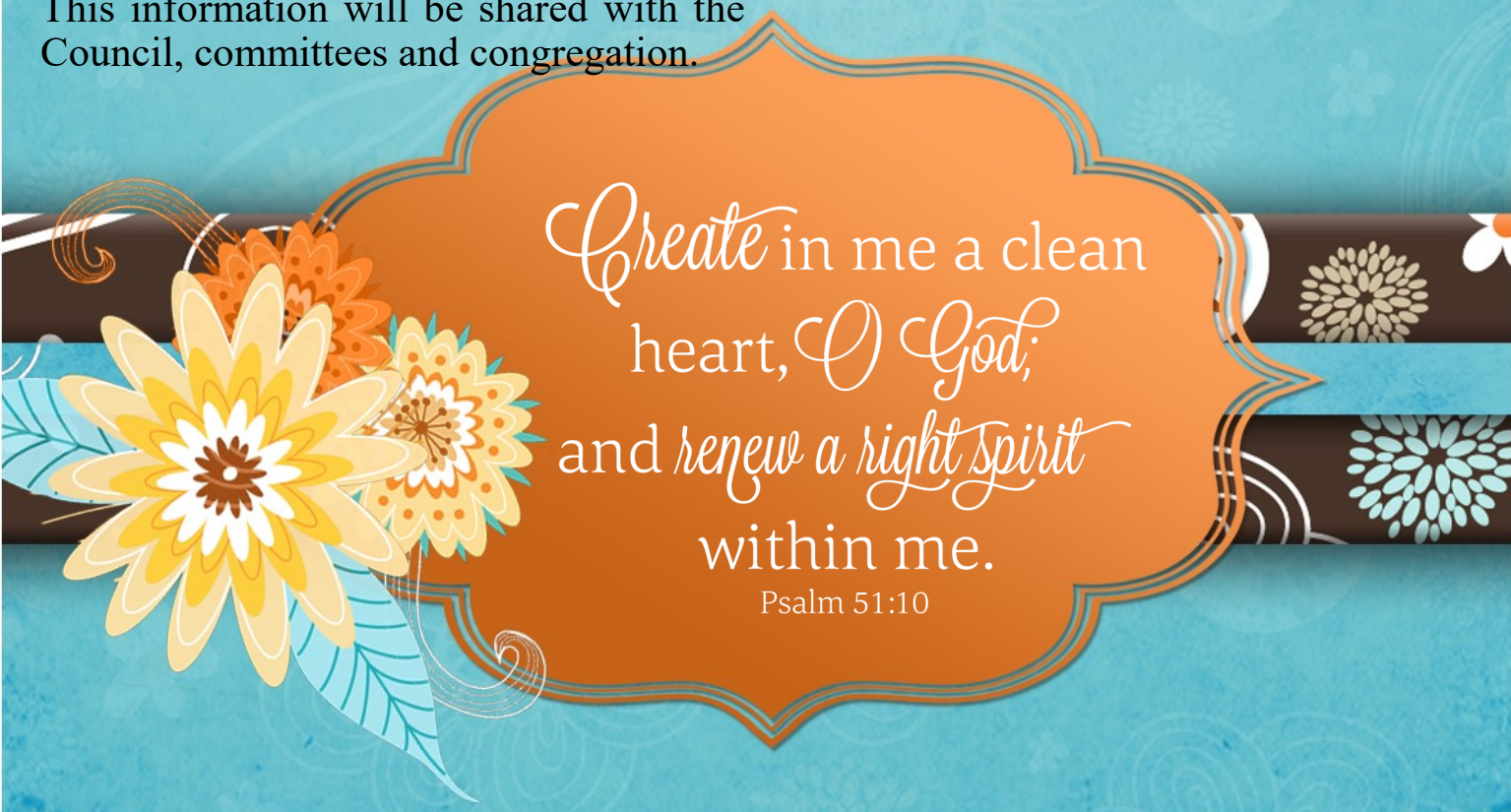
During August and September council members will contact and visit with the identified Chairs of the various committees and groups in these areas. The purpose of this initial meeting is to learn about the work of these committees and groups, discuss how the group has contributed to the achievement of our Strategic Plan goals, offer council support-ask what the council can do to support their ministry work. The Council will summarize the reports from these meetings looking for common threads and trends and opportunities. This information will be shared with the Council, committees and congregation.

On an ongoing basis, the Council Liaison will be the contact point for the various Committees/Groups.

They will meet periodically, sharing information and providing assistance for reports to and requests of the Council. The goal of this liaison organization structure is to continue to strengthen the communication and Ministry Work of Holy Cross, working together to achieve 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 to live our Vision: *Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All.*

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Peace and Blessings,
Diane Torry, Council President

A decorative graphic featuring a large, stylized orange and yellow flower on the left, with several smaller flowers and leaves in shades of blue, green, and orange. The background is a light blue with a subtle pattern. The text is centered within a large, orange, cloud-like shape.

Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10

faith and finances

Financial performance and Budget information: YTD, June 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$103,994	\$122,329	-\$18,345
General Fund	\$96,707		
Rent	\$4,480	\$5,175	-\$695
Misc income	\$2,807		
Total Expense	\$116,427	\$120,353	\$3,926
Net income	-\$12,433	\$3,168	-\$9,265

We are below budgeted levels in the General Fund income and Total income. However, we are under budget in expenses. This results in a loss at mid-year. The summer months are historically slower revenue months with increased giving in the Fall.

As all return from our summer vacations and travels we ask that you prayerfully review your giving. The Financial Secretary will be providing individual giving information during September.

Thanks to everyone for their continuing support on our joint Holy Cross Ministry.

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

Senior
Lunch

September 19th
@ 11:30

Sept. begins our Senior
Lunch group with a
Pot luck on the 3rd Wed. the
19th at 11:30 AM. Please
reserve that date and hope
to see all of you there ready
for fun & fellowship.
Thanks. Eldora



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES®
NORTHERN NEVADA

Supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern Nevada is one of our many outreach initiatives here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Members of Holy Cross prepare dinner every quarter for the families staying at the Reno Ronald McDonald House who have a child receiving treatment at a local hospital or clinic.

The dinner menu for approximately 16-18 guests is planned ahead of time and sign-up sheets are put out for members of the congregation to volunteer to prepare and/or deliver the meal. Our next scheduled meal is Friday, September 21. Please consider participating in this very rewarding outreach program by signing up to help. There is also a section on the sign-up sheet if you would like to simply come along when the meal is delivered and take a tour of the house.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Morrison or another member of the Service Committee. Thank you for your willingness to serve the community and those in need.



Wednesday Bible study is winding down our study of the minor prophets. It's never too late to join the class which meets at 1:30pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. There is NO class on 9/26. If you're interested, contact Becky at: 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com.

Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

September Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ due 9/23; bag assembly 9/23 at 1:00 pm, at Our Savior, Sparks.

Items needed: 20 Cold Cereal, Bar soap & 18 canned fruit.

Thank you for your continued support of Shared Harvest.



Godly play begins September 9th



Godly Play will begin again on September 9, 2018 in conjunction with the Church going back to 2 services. After an impromptu meeting while picking our children up from camp, the parents have decided that Godly Play will begin at 10:15. This change in time will allow for the children attending Godly Play to join the congregation for communion at the completion of our Godly Play session.

We will also continue to have the 1st Sunday of every month be Family Worship. We encourage our families to take this time to worship together.

September 9, 2018	Lesson 2: Creation
September 16, 2018	Lesson 4: The Great Family
September 23, 2019	Lesson 5: The Exodus
September 30, 2018	Lesson 6: The Ten Best Ways

We are continually looking for people interested in Story Telling or Door Keeping. If you have any interest in helping out this wonderful children's ministry please contact me. Thank you.

Jolene Jaillet, 775-224-1683





Fun Facts



On Sunday, Sept. 9, we return to the Fall-Spring worship schedule of two services. Join us at 8 a.m. with the choir with piano and organ or the 10:30 worship service with the praise team with piano, drums, guitar & more. Communion is served at both services. Godly Play for younger children begins at 10:15 a.m. and then children re-join the congregation for communion and the remainder of worship.

- 1) How do I sign up to volunteer in various Holy Cross Ministries? *Through The Time and Talents Sheet available during Fall Stewardship and in the Narthex , directly contact team chairperson, or contact Pastor*
- 2) When was the original church building was constructed? *1984-1985, officially dedicated June 16, 1985*
- 3) What is the Mission Statement of Holy Cross? *"To Worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide"*
- 4) Who is the Presiding Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod? *Rev. Mark Holmerud*
www.specla.org



The Altar Guild is looking to add volunteers to help care for the altar and its furnishings and linens, and to prepare it for each service. If you are interested, please contact Sandi Christman or Linda Schlosser.

LEAN: LEAN is an acronym which stands for **Lutheran Engagement and Advocacy in Nevada**. LEAN's mission is to advocate for the common good and promote public policies that reflect the Christian values of peace-making, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease. It advocates through the Nevada legislature in keeping with policy positions in the Social Statements developed by the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA).

In August, Holy Cross members Diane Ludlow and Veralyn Combs and Pastor Scott Trevithick participated in a LEAN coordinated event called **U Legislate**, which is a mock legislative experience for people to see what it's like to be a state Senator. Two actual bills that went through the 2017 Session were debated as a way of learning that both sides of an issue have valid concerns, that reasonable people can compromise, and that clear analysis and articulate discussion are real assets. The bills were SB 194 (addressing products from endangered species) and SB 32 (passing a civics test in order to graduate from high school). LEAN's Advocate and Director is Bill Ledford. For more information about LEAN, see their website at leanforjustice.org

Service & Fellowship

Service

A big thank you to the congregation for all the donations for the hygiene kits! We should have enough items to make 50 kits! They will be assembled on Sunday, September 9 and distributed the following week.

If you would like to help with dinner for the Ronald McDonald House on September 21, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex or talk with Jodi Morrison or other members on the Service Committee

Fellowship

Make your calendars for upcoming events!! Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.

OKTOBERFEST - Sunday October 7

Ladies Advent Tea - Sunday, December 2,
2:00-4:00 pm

Annual Appetizers and Wine - AKA -
Progressive Dinner -
Date and Time
forthcoming.

It is more
blessed to
give than to
receive.

Acts 20:35
(American Standard Version)



U Legislate Attendees

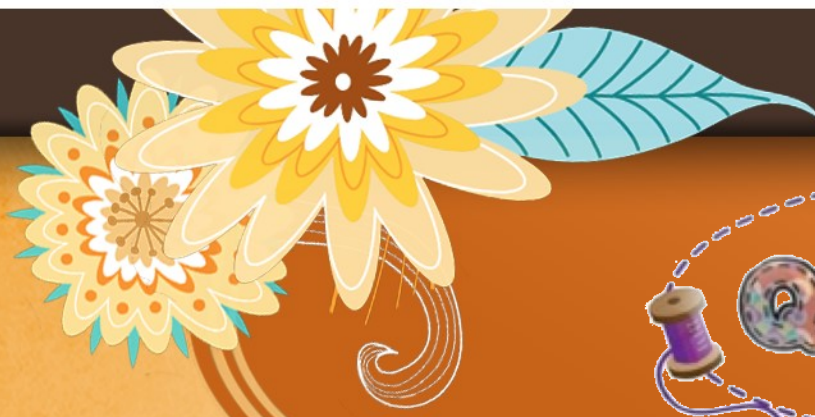
God's work. Our hands.

*The God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service
will be Sunday, September 9th.*

The God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service will be Sunday, September 9. God's Work, Our Hands is a national day of service throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We have four projects planned and we invite people to sign up for one or more of them according to their interest. The sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex/welcome space or you can contact one of these coordinators for more information.

- ***Quilt Tying:*** Saturday Sept. 8 from 9-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Coordinator Diane Torry.
- ***Personal Hygiene Kits:*** Assemble collected items into Ziploc bags in the Fellowship Hall after the 1st worship service on Sunday. Coordinators: Linda Schlosser and Sandi Christman.
- ***Jamaica Park Clean Up:*** After the 2nd service, pick up trash, wipe down the playground equipment, and pull the weeds out of the horseshoe sand pit. Coordinator: Warren Kline. Bring gloves, buckets, shovel, or rake.
- ***Host Ice Cream Social at Silver Sage:*** At noon after the 2nd service, serve ice cream & interact with residents in the Silver Sage Community Room. Joey Ginnetti and Michael Tegio will provide music. Coordinator: Fran Moses.





Holy Cross Quilters

God's Work our Hands - Quilt Tying Party - September 8

In addition to our regularly scheduled quilt days—September 6 and 20—as part of our ELCA Church Wide—“God’s Work our Hands” day we are having a “Special” Quilt Tying “Party” on Saturday September 8th—9 am to 12 noon. We have close to 20 quilt tops to tie and get ready for distribution in October—the Thursday quilt days and Blue Basket quilters have been “very productive” in completing creative, beautiful and useful tops. Please come help—no experience required—quilters will be there to teach all how to “sandwich” and “tie” quilts—we look forward to another fun, creative and productive day—working together to make quilts for people in need in our community and around the world.

Quilts Blessed during Worship - September 30

At Sunday Worship on September 30 the quilts will be blessed -- Fall Quilt Blessing! The quilts will be displayed on the “pews” in the Sanctuary to all can see the work completed by the quilt group over the past year—a “rainbow of color and creativity” . The quilt group is strengthened by the congregation’s appreciation of our work and together blessing our work and the quilts that are sent to God’s children in our community and around the world.





A Note from our Music Director:

Greetings! As we return to two services I would like to extend an invitation to all members of the church interested in getting involved in music ministry at HCLC. There are many ways to be a part of music ministry. The choir, which meets regularly between services from 9am-10am, will start back up again September 16th. We will begin this season with selections of multi-cultural music from our hymnals, many of which will be familiar tunes. This winter we will prepare a Christmas Eve service featuring hymns, choral anthems, and instrumental music. If you are interested in learning some new hymns, singing choral anthems, or creating a Christmas Eve program with the choir, I invite you to join up and share in the fellowship and creativity that communal singing offers. All levels of singers are welcome!

Additionally, if you are interested in singing or playing an instrument with the worship band we are always seeking members! The worship band provides contemporary music for the second service utilizing popular Christian music as well as "fresh-takes" on old familiar hymns. If you have a passion for playing an instrument and/or singing this kind of music, we would love to have you join us either regularly on special occasions!

Finally, Becky and I are always eager to enlist folks as special musicians throughout the church calendar. If you would like to share a special song with the congregation, either through singing or instrument, we would love to have you share your time and talents with the congregation in this way. Music is an integral and meaningful part of every worship service, especially when the music comes from members of the congregation during special music.

So, as we enter into this fall season together, I invite you to seek new ways in which to serve your church community and greater community. This may be through music, ushering, volunteering on a committee, serving fellowship hour, or through many other meaningful ways. If you feel involvement in the music ministry at HCLC is a calling of yours, in absolutely any way, please contact Becky or myself and we would love to help you discover the perfect way for you to get involved

Call Committee News

Just a quick note from the Call Committee to let the congregation know that we recently received a list of candidates from the Synod. We have contacted the candidates and are moving forward with the interview process.

We will continue to keep you updated as best we can. Please remember we are unable to discuss any details about the candidates as this information is confidential.

We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we work with the Holy Spirit to call a new pastor to our congregation.

Call Committee Members: Geordan Goebel, Linda Schlosser, Torry Tegio, Betty Tate Tom Martin, & Kim Lintz



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Interested in Joining Holy Cross?

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.

- 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. You may also speak to any of the members of our leadership team: Kathy Doyle, Sue Volinkaty, Katie Torry, Ray Streit, or Diane Torry.



Happy Anniversary Holy Cross!

Pastor Art Bowman was installed as the Developer/Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church on September 14, 1980 after being commissioned to begin work in the area in August 1979. During worship services on September 16, we will recall our history and celebrate our future. We will sing "Lift High the Cross" as we recognize the church's 38th anniversary.

There were 142 people who were charter members of Holy Cross. The Church Chartering document signed by charter members hangs in the narthex/welcome space of Holy Cross. Check it out to see those whom you know! A look at our formal church registry indicates ten of those are still active at Holy Cross. (If you know of any who we have overlooked, kindly email Dawn in the church office at holycrossreno@gmail.com so we can be sure to include them in our worship bulletin for September 16.)

Veralyn Combs, Charlie & Carol Gevert, Lynn Gevert Jaeck, Susan McDonald, Jim McDonald, Marilyn Sevilla, Ken and Janet Schultz and Shirley (Uhlhorn) Wikander.

Be sure to join us for worship on September 16th in services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

September Scripture Readings

September 2nd

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 9th

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 16th

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 23rd

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

9/2 Katherine Barcaskey
9/2 Russ Tegio
9/2 Lucas Bergeson
9/3 Greg Martin
9/3 Lauren DeValk
9/5 Constantino Crawford
9/5 Laine Christman
9/7 Christian Walker
9/8 Albert Puckett
9/8 Cindy Thompson
9/9 Warren Kline
9/13 Katie Weldon
9/15 Jody Morrison
9/18 Brandi Streit
9/18 Kate Blair
9/20 Deseree Carper
9/20 Jean Rottman
9/20 Keri Schlosser
9/20 Ryan Parker
9/22 Lydia Karam
9/23 Colton Streit
9/23 Travis Mills
9/24 Doris Schlueter
9/25 Mitchell Martin
9/26 Bruce Baker
9/27 Kim Lintz
9/27 Kerrie Rees
9/28 Barbara Minke
9/28 Brenton Hamblet
9/28 Ray Cross

Happy Anniversary!

9/2 Ed & Sue Gonyou
9/2 Pat & Linda Schlosser
9/4 Jim & Jody Morrison
9/21 Randy & Shelly Rigler

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Seeking input on whether or not there is any interest from members of the congregation to participate in a rummage sale to be held at Holy Cross at a date to be determined.

I would like to hear from anyone who has any interest in participating.

Please talk to me after the worship service, or by phone or email.

Thankyou, Chris Martin
775-356-9208 or email: chrishsm@sbcglobal.net

LET US NOT LOVE WITH
WORDS OR SPEECH
BUT WITH ACTIONS
AND IN TRUTH.
— 1 JOHN 3:18

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