

10.2, 10.16 (Tue) Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

10.2, 10.9, 10.16, 10.23, 10.30 (Tue) Lectionary Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

10.8 (Mon) Council Meeting 5:30 pm

10.17 (Wed) Senior Lunch @ Noon

10.10, 10.24 (Wed) Women's Bible/Book Study @ 3:00 pm

10.3, 10.10, 10.17, 10.24, 10.31 (Wed)

Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

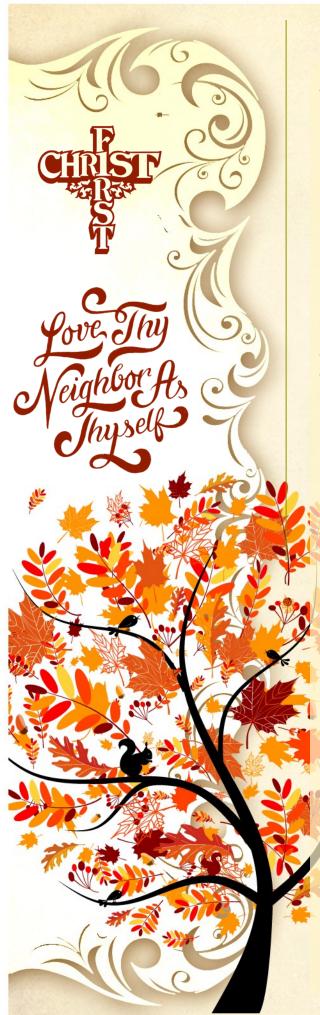
10.4, 10.18 (Thurs) Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

Pastor's Corner



Now and then I (and, I'm sure all pastors and other church leaders) am asked of the some version question, "What can we do to attract young families children with to the church?" There are lots of different ways to respond,

whether by citing research, personal stories, or feedback from parents and children themselves. During a recent meeting of the Holy Cross Church Council and a segment devoted Leadership to Education, addressed this question from the standpoint of "How well are we caring for families with children presently among us?" and more specifically, "How are we caring for children and their families in worship?" The council brainstormed some ways we seem to be caring well for families with children and ways we could improve.



Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

Here are some habits or practices we identified as welcoming to families with children:

- Children and youth leading in worship, as when serving as readers/lectors, acolytes, musicians, and ushers.
- Name tags for all, not just for grown ups
- Worship bags for younger children
- Music which encourages movement
- Posting worship art created from worship bags (Look for it on the bulletin board in the narthex/welcome space)
- · Serving communion to all God's people

Here are some additional suggestions about welcoming children and all God's people to worship:

- Remember the promises we made at baptism to "bring them to the word of God and the holy supper and help children grow in their Christian faith and life."
- Before the Service or during the passing of the peace, greet children around you not just their parents.
- When passing the offering plate, offer it to any person sitting next to you, not over the head of a child.
- Learn children's names and greet them by name.
- If a parent needs to take a younger child out of worship for a time make them feel welcome when they return.
- Encourage children and their leaders when they enter the sanctuary from Godly Play during the second service.
- Remember that learning how to worship is important and as a congregation we can support families in honoring the promise they made at baptism.
- Complement children (and their parents!)
 when children have participated and listened attentively during the service.

Council News

At our September Meeting:

Katie Featherstone led us in devotions, focusing on change.

Pastor Scott led a leadership council discussion on welcoming children in Worship and being an inviting church to children and young families.

Pastors Report highlights being God's Work our Hands service projects. Upcoming events: Chili with the Bishop October 14 and the Sharing our Faith Workshop November 4.

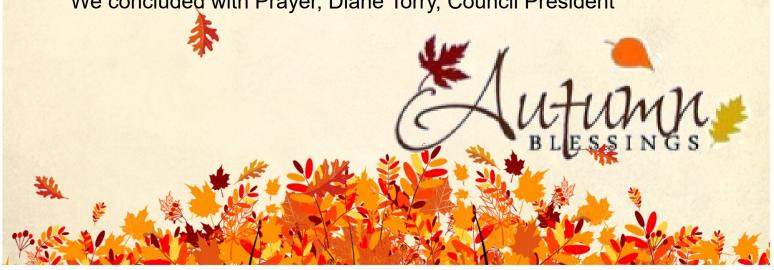
Other reports were received from the finance committee, maintenance committee, call committee, and an update on the stewardship task force.

Council members discussed their progress in meeting with Committee chairs on the Council Organizational Liaison Structure and strategic plan goals.

Fred Ford and the Emergency Operations Plan Committee presented their Emergency Operations Plan. The council had received the plan prior to the meeting for review. After a thorough discussion and several suggested change, the council approved the **Emergency Operations Plan.**

The Council approved the proposal to create a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of up to six members for election to the Holy Cross Church Council at the January 2019 annual meeting. Kathy Doyle will chair that committee and we will be asking several members to serve on this Nominating Committee. A special meeting to elect the members of the Nominating Committee was held September 23 at 9:45 a.m.

We concluded with Prayer, Diane Torry, Council President



Council News (cont'd)...

2019 Council Members Wanted

Holy Cross has several openings on Church Council for the coming year. These are two-year terms. This is an excellent way to fulfill a Stewardship role at Holy Cross. Church Council members are vital to the running of the Church; the Council is the governing board of the Church and is responsible for the general oversight of the life and activities of the Church.

We have formed a Nominating Committee to identify and reach out to prospective candidates to serve on the Council, consisting of Kathy Doyle as Chair, Ray Streit, Veralyn Combs, Cathy Kline, and Pastor Scott as advisor. The deadline is mid-January 2019 so that we can have a slate of candidates ready to present at the annual Congregation Meeting at the end of January.

If you are interested in being on the Council or know of a congregation member who is interested or might be interested in serving on the Council, please contact any of the above Nominating Committee members or current Council members Fran Moses, Warren Kline, Katie Featherstone, Fred Ford, Deborah Goebel, or President Diane Torry. We will have Council Nomination Forms available in the narthex which you can also fill out to provide to them.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church NOMINATION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER

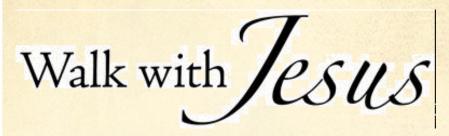
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	this person's suitability, please comment on the candidate in such areas as the . (Use another sheet of paper, if necessary):
Church Involvement	
◆ Attendance at public worship	,
◆ Participation in church activity	ties
◆ Past or present leadership wit Christian Living in Daily Life	thin the church
♦ Within the family	
♦ At work	
♦ In the community	
Personal Characteristics and Skills	
◆ Cooperativeness	
♦ Willingness to learn	
♦ Ability to follow through on a	assignments
◆ Openness to new ideas	
♦ Maturity of judgment	

Notification: Please indicate if you have spoken with this person about nominating him or her: Yes

Your signature:

Return this in a sealed envelope marked "Attention: Council Nominations" to the church by Sunday, October 28, 2018

Stewardship...



Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

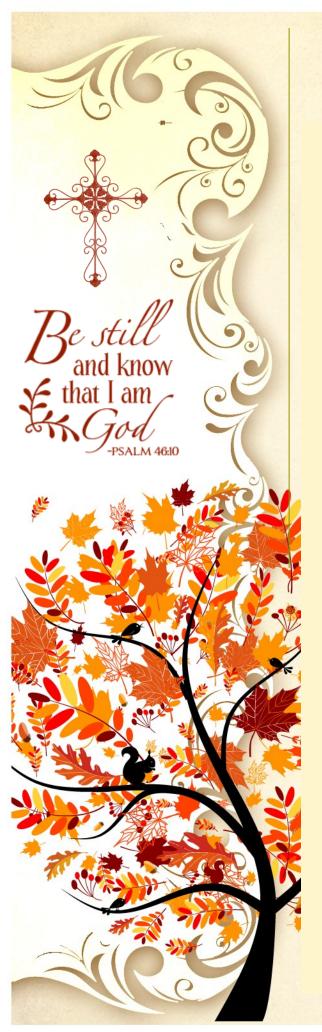
As we who make up the family of faith that is Holy Cross Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

During worship services on October 7 (10:30 only) and Oct. 14 (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) we will hear our fellow worshipers and members talk about why they support the ministries of Holy Cross. Through bulletin inserts and letters, we'll also focus on our walk with Jesus and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, October 14, each member or family of Holy Cross will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be a part of the ministries of Holy Cross.





Here's What Happened at The God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service ...

The Son Was Shining at Holy Cross Today!

Reflections on Gods' Work our Hands' Sunday, September 9, 2018

For the second year, Holy Cross participated in the ELCA Church Wide—God's work Our Hands, Sunday Day of Service.- "Celebrating who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor". This year we "stayed local" and held four Service Projects "in the neighborhood"

The Service committee: Over the summer, members have contributed hygiene items (The Giving Tree in action) to give to local agencies that serve our homeless brothers and sisters. On Sunday members assembled 50 hygiene kits for our homeless brothers and sisters!

The Quilt Group held a special "quilt tying party"—old and new hands tied nine quilts –preparing the quilts to be given away to brothers and sisters in need in our community and around the world.

Jamaica park: We went next door to "clean-up". "Hearty souls" "suited-up" and picked up trash, pulled weeds and power washed the playground equipment!

Silver Sage: We hosted an Ice Cream Social for our Senior neighbors at Silver Sage Affordable Apartments next door—a very well attended gathering enjoyed delicious ice cream and "rocking music" provided by the "dynamic duo", Christy and Michael —a "good time was had by all!"

Over 40 members participated directly in the day of service with many more contributing resources for this day of service.

So, on God's Work Our Hands Day" Holy Cross was a good neighbor! We cleaned up the park, and welcomed our homeless brother to join with the work. We prepared items of support, quilts and hygiene products for our brothers and sisters in need in our community and around the world. Working together in fellowship with members and friends. To "cap the day" we brought a time of joy and fellowship to our senior neighbors and friends.

"Holy Cross was being Holy Cross" on the ELCA-God's Work our Hand's Sunday — working 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 living our Vision — Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All.

















Service & Fellowship....

Service:

Again a big thank you to all congregation members who donated items for our hygiene kits, and also to those who help put the kits together on Sunday, Sept 21. We were able to put together the 50 kits we set as our goal and even had some items, such as: soap and deodorant, in excess. The excess we will give to Shared Harvest and other organizations. We also had enough to make up some kits to keep at church for Pastor to hand out as needed. The 50 kits were distributed Awaken and Healthcare Center for Homeless Veterans.

Thanks also to those of you who helped and donated food to the Ronald McDonald House dinner. They are always so appreciative when we bring the dinner to them. If you'd like to help with the next dinner, watch for an announcement and sign-up sheet or speak to Jody Morrison.

Our Annual Turkey Giving Tree will be up with turkeys on October 28. We will be collecting money to buy gift cards from Winco to give to needy students and their families from Smithridge STEM Elementary School and Pine Middle School.

Fellowship:

Our OKTOBERFEST is coming up quickly. A great time is always had by all. Be sure to sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex letting us know what you can bring and how many of you we can expect. It will be held Sunday, October 7 after the 10:30 service.

Watch for more information on the following:

- Ladies' Advent Tea Sunday, December 2, 2:00 4:00.
- Annual Appetizers and Wine AKA Progressive Dinner in early December.







Godly Play....



The children at Holy Cross were so excited that Godly Play started up again. It is so much fun to see their excitement being together again to tell stories.

Over the summer, Chris Martin painted an " I Wonder" mural on the

wall in the room. To the children this statement is really familiar. Godly Play stories end with a series of question all beginning with "I Wonder..." It seemed fitting to place those words in the center of the Godly Play space.

I find myself wondering about our program often. I wonder what this space means to our children? I wonder what part of Godly Play they like best? If you find yourself wondering about Godly Play please feel free to stop down the hall and check out the room after Church. I and the Godly Play teachers would be more than happy to introduce you to the "Wonder" of Godly Pay.

Here are the stories that will be told in October.

**Remember that the first Sunday is Family Worship Day.

October 7, 2018 Family Worship Day

October 14, 2018 Lesson 7: The Ark and the Tent

October 21, 2018 Lesson 8: The Ark and the Temple

October 28, 2018 Lesson 8: The Exile and Return



Call Committee News...

On July 23, Pastor Tom Miller presented the Call Committee with a slate of well-qualified candidates that were in line with our ministry site profile. From July 23 until now the Call Committee has been busy reviewing the candidates rostered minister profiles, i.e., resumes, scheduling Skype interviews, and listening to and reviewing sermons. The Call Committee recently made a formal request to Church Council asking for travel funds to be approved to bring a pastoral candidate to Reno for a face-to-face interview. The purpose of the face-to-face interview is to show a pastoral candidate our church facility and the Reno/ Sparks area. Additionally, it allows for the opportunity for the Call Committee to get to know a candidate on a more personal level.

We want to thank the congregation for your continued support and prayers during this discernment process and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us.

As more information becomes available, we will share that information with you.

Fud Facts



- 1. Who is our Music Director?
- 2. What is the name of the Bible Camps Holy Cross Youth attend?
- 3. The original building roof was replaced in?
- 4. What is the Angel Tree/Giving Tree?



Special Events...

October 7: One service only at 10:30 a.m. so we can all attend the Oktoberfest Celebration after worship. Members Bill and Carol Hudak will briefly share about why they support the ministries of Holy Cross as we reflect on the stewardship theme of "Walk with Jesus." We'll also mark World Communion Sunday with a variety of breads during communion.

October 14: Week two of our stewardship focus, "Walk with Jesus," with member Chris Martin talking at the 8:00 service about her support of Holy Cross and another member or family at 10:30. We'll present estimate of giving cards during worship.

October 21: We welcome the

Rev. Ruth Hanusa as the preacher and presider at worship during both services. Ruth is well-known as an ELCA pastor in our area who has served in parish and campus ministry settings and has been a chaplain for 11 years with St. Mary's hospice. She was the Interim Pastor at Holy Cross in 1996-1997 between the pastorates of Roly Grumm and Scott Minke.

<u>Oct.ober 28:</u> Reformation Sunday! It's been 500 and one years since Martin Luther sparked the Reformation. Wear red to commemorate the movement.

Sharing your Faith Workshop Coming Soon:

vou have trouble putting into words what your faith means to you or awkward feel about inviting a friend to Holv Cross? Come to workshop on Sharing Your Faith which Holy Cross will host Sunday on November 4 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll continue conversation with a soup supper to follow. presenter is the Executive Director of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America. Bill led has renewal weekends, retreats and workshops in Episcopal and Lutheran churches all across America for the past 29 years. He was a workshop presenter at the Synod Assembly of our Sierra Pacific Synod this June.

Welcome to our New Members...



Joan Julius ~ I enjoyed the warm welcome at Holy Cross that made me feel part of the family. I recently moved here from Nashville, TN to enjoy my family who has lived in Reno for several years." Joan has become active with Holy Cross quilters and helped prepare a meal for families at the Ronald McDonald House.



Pat Clem ~ I have been a resident of Reno since 1978. I came to Reno via California via Indiana. I have 4 grown children. I like sports, exercising and pinocle. I was invited to visit Holy Cross and enjoyed the friendliness of the congregation.



Angle Hart ~ I moved from the low desert to the high desert and am constantly amazed how friendly Reno people are.



Shirley Kikander ~ I am a Charter Member of Holy Cross. I am a widow with 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. I retired as Western Regional Director from a worldwide software company. I recently relocated from Ozard MO. While I was married, I traveled extensively. I now enjoy a variety of card game with gal pals. I just celebrated my 80th birthday.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church New Pastor Fund

Our Call Committee is in the new pastor interview process! Working together we hope to call a new pastor in the near term.

The Church Council and Call Committee approved a special fund to pay for the interview and relocation expenses for our new pastor. There are expenses associated with calling a new pastor—interview expenses, bringing the candidate/s to Reno for in-person interviews and then the cost of moving a new pastor to Reno.

To pay for these expenses a special fund is now available for congregation members contributions—New Pastor Fund. The monies will be kept separate from our general operating budget and used to pay for interview expenses and moving expenses. Since a final pastoral candidate has not been selected, the exact amounts needed for these expenses are not known today. As the expenses become clear the congregation will be notified.

How Can I Support this important effort?

- Contribute directly to the fund— clearly mark your gift for the New Pastor Fund. Use the attached form to designate your gift for the fund.
- Make a pledge to donate to the fund for moving expenses, when the amount is known. Use the attached form to make your pledge
- Keep the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates close in prayer.
- Offer words of support and encouragement to the Call Committee and Council as we move through this exciting work together.

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Holy Cross Quilters...

Over 100 quilts were blessed at Worship on Sunday September 30. The sanctuary was a "rainbow" of color, warmth and hope as we blessed and dedicated the quilts --God's Work our Hands". Thanks to all who contribute to this ministry work at Holy Cross--those who stitch, sew, iron, design, during our gatherings, or at home, those that communicate our meeting times and accomplishments, those who contribute materials, those that encourage us with your appreciation of our work; those that keep those that quilt and those that receive our quilts close in prayer. We are all blessed to be a part of this ministry work.

During October we will be delivering our quilts to our brothers and sisters in need locally and around the world. Deliveries will be made to: Lutheran World Relief--helping people in times of natural disaster, war, poverty, and crisis around the world; Locally to: The Children's Cabinet -keeping children safe and families together--providing food, shelter, crisis intervention, academic support, job training; Hosanna Home and Leah's House-working with women and children promoting mental, physical and spiritual health while teaching successful life skills-helping to end the cycle of homelessness; Washoe County School District, Children in Transition--supporting homeless students; Veterans- in long term care and those rebuilding their lives and ending the cycle of homelessness; Ronald McDonald House-supporting families with children receiving medical care at our local hospitals.



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.





Throughout the years, we, the members of Holy Cross, have shared our love for Christ by supporting the Live Nativity Celebration either by setting up the Live Nativity scene or participating on the scheduled dates. *Mark your calendars:* The construction of the Live Nativity scene is right around the corner. Under Warren Kline's leadership, we will commence con-

structing the Live Nativity on November 17th starting at 9:00 am. The Live Nativity celebration will be held on December 14th and 15th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Our success depends on the support we received from the members and friends of Holy Cross. In addition to supporting the construction of the Live Nativity, the committee is also seeking volunteers to play the various roles (Joseph, Mary, angel, shepherds and the wisemen). It goes without saying that in years past our visitors have not only had the opportunity to visit the Live Nativity but also join us in Fellowship Hall for a bit to eat and sing along. To ensure our success we will need volunteers to provide food (chili, cookies and other snacks) or beverages. Sign-up sheets for helping out on November 17th or performance participation will be in the Narthex in October. Sign-up sheets for providing food and beverages will be in the Narthex in November.

We are looking forward to anyone that can share their time and talent for this spiritual/godly celebration. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Paula Featherstone or Warren Kline.



Landscape Work Day...

On Saturday, October 20th we will be having a work day at church to continue with efforts of completing our beautification of the south side (street side of McCarran Blvd) of our yard. We will be having red lava rock and pea gravel delivered for spreading. Additionally, we have some DG to finish spreading in the live nativity area as well.

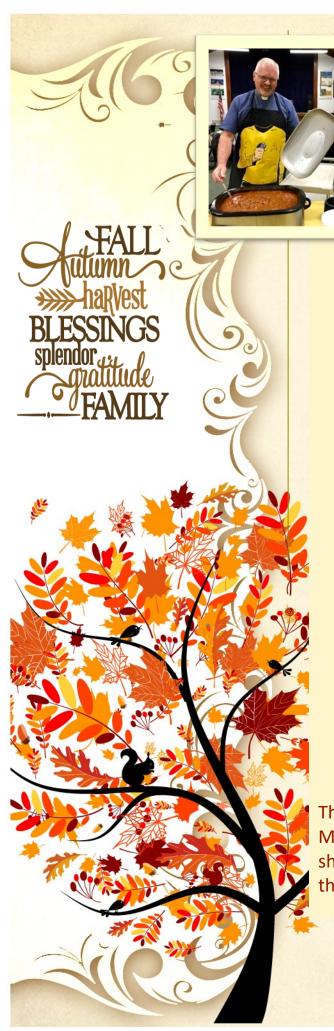
We can use all the hands that are available and willing to work. You will need to bring shovels, metal rakes and wheel barrels. Work will begin at 8am and end around 11am give or take. We'll accomplish what we can between that time frame. If the weather should not co-operate (if it rains or snows) then we will have to schedule a new date.

Dawn will prepare a sign-up sheet so that you may indicate your intention to help. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Martin or Paula Featherstone.

Bible Study.....

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. If you're interested, contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.co m.

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Chili with the Bishop

Chili with the Bishop: Holy Cross is honored to host "Chili with the Bishop" with Bishop Mark Holmerud on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Lutheran members, leaders, and pastors from throughout the region are invited to come.

Bishop Mark will provide the chili. He writes,

I look forward to visiting each of our conferences and to hearing from you what God is doing in and through your lives and ministries. There is no doubt in my mind that the most common place someone is likely to encounter the risen Christ is through you and the work you are doing each day -- whether through your congregation or ministry or in your daily life. I'm looking forward to hearing how our synod can support those callings!

I am also looking forward to sharing with you some of what is happening through our synod's ministry and through the churchwide expression of our E.L.C.A. Of course, there will be chili — my world famous, award-winning Chili!! All you are asked to bring is your favorite chili topping (grated cheese, sour cream, chopped onions, cilantro, Sriracha Sauce, saltine crackers) and corn bread or other bread! That's it!

God's Peace, Bp. Mark

This is a rare opportunity to meet locally with Bishop Mark. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex/welcome space or email Dawn in the church office at holycrossreno@gmail.com



October Scripture Readings

October 7th

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 14th

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 21st

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 28th

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

BIRTHDAY!

10/2 Nicole Guss

10/6 Bill Hudak

10/6 Diane Ludlow

10/11 Joan Julius

10/13 Nina Cross

10/13 Ray Streit

10/15 Lorraine Mericle

10/15 Jalen Dietz

10/20 Morgan Moseley

10/20 Susan McMurray

10/23 Albert Fisher

10/25 Dick Rottman

10/28 Susan Borton

10/30 Linda Schlosser

10/30 Merle Moebus



1. Who is our Music Director? **Brittney May**

2. What is the name of the Bible Camps Holy Cross Youth attend? *Mt. Cross in the Santa Cruz Mountains*

and Camp Zephyr at Lake Tahoe

- 3. The original building roof was replaced in? **2005**
- 4. What is the Angel Tree/Giving Tree? **The Angel Tree/Giving Tree found in the Narthex provides outreach giving opportunities periodically throughout the year.**

Happy Anniversary

10/2 Frank & Orlyn Schenk
10/10 Jeffrey & Michele Sorge
10/11 John & Nancy Schultz
10/11 Corrie & Susan Volinkaty
10/16 Charlie & Carol Gevert
10/18 Bruno & Robin Peri
1/20 Cary & Laurel Lindstrom
10/24 Geordan & Deborah Goebel
10/30 Mike & Heather Drew