

Mark your Calendar

11.6 Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

11.13 (Tues) Council Meeting 6:30 pm

11.21 (Wed) Senior Lunch @ Noon

11.7, 11.14, 11.28 (Wed) Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

11.1, 11.15 (Thurs) Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00

11.17 (Sat)
Silver Sage Thanksgiving
@3:00 pm

11.6, 11.13, 11.20, 11.27 Lectionary Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



Saying Goodbye . . .

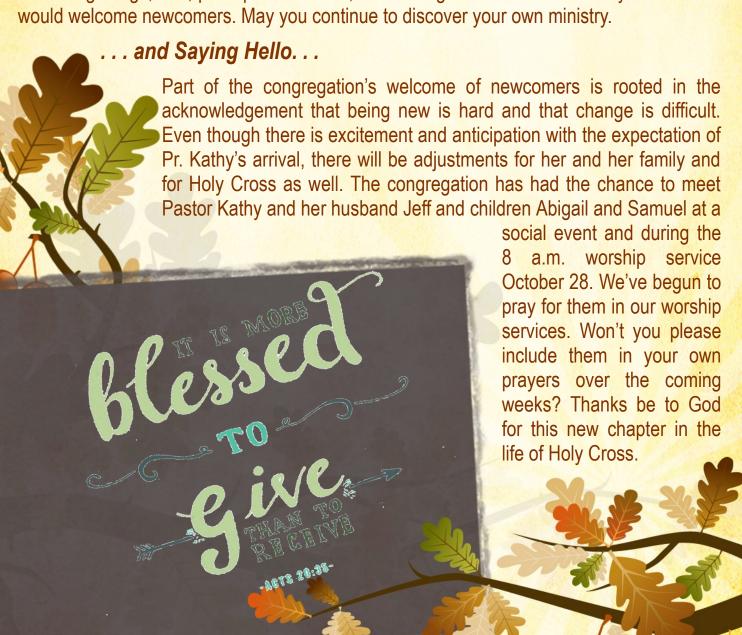
As I write this reflection, the congregational meeting to vote on the call of Pastor Kathy Morris, scheduled for Sunday, November 4, has not yet occurred. But the work of the Pastoral Call

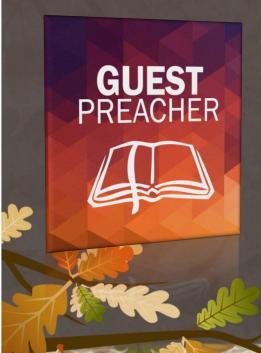
Committee, which was formed nearly two years ago on January 29, 2017, has led us to anticipating the final steps that will result in Pr. Kathy becoming Holy Cross' next installed pastor. Thanks be to God. That anticipated timeline also means that my tenure as Holy Cross' interim pastor is drawing to a close. Soon after I began serving at Holy Cross, during worship on the same Sunday on which the Call Committee was constituted, we initiated an Interim Pastor Covenant which included the following pledges:



- Asked of me: As Interim Pastor, your responsibilities include leading worship and administering the sacraments, providing pastoral care, assisting in the transition process, and leading the ongoing ministry of the congregation. Do you promise to serve this congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- Asked of the congregation: Do we, the members and friends of this congregation, receive Pastor Scott as our pastor and partner in ministry as we seek God's call for us in this interim period?

I thank you for the partnership we have shared. Thank you for opening your lives to me, for welcoming my preaching and pastoral care, for being receptive to new ways of looking at and doing things, and, perhaps most of all, for seeking to create a community of faith that would welcome newcomers. May you continue to discover your own ministry.





Guest Preacher Mary Lou Petitjean on Sunday, November 11

We welcome the Rev. Mary Lou Petitjean as the preacher and presider at worship on Sunday, November 11. Pr. Mary Lou served as pastor at Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church in Sparks until her retirement December 31, 2014. Since then, she has served as an Interim Pastor in Colorado, at St. Paul's Lutheran Family in Carson City, and at Christ the King Lutheran in Tahoe City.



Emergency Action Plan

- 1. How do I sign up to volunteer in various Holy Cross Ministries?
- 2. The original church building was constructed in ?
- 3. What is the Mission Statement of Holy Cross?
- 4. Who is the Presiding Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod?
- 5. What percent of ELCA "rostered leaders" --called Pastors, are women?

The congregation will soon be getting a copy of the Emergency Operations Plan via email that has been approved by the Church Council. This guide provides information regarding emergency operations planning for a spectrum of threats and hazards that could take place. The purpose of the plan is to help our congregation take informed steps in response to disasters or threats.

In addition to the plan, we have: Updated the medical kits, installed cameras on the outside of the building and have posted evacuation maps in the building.

Emergency Operations Task Force Fred Ford, Laurel Lindstrom, Sue Gonyou & Bill Voss



A special thank you from the Lanham Family....

On behalf of the family we thank you all from Holy Cross Lutheran Church for your kindness and for making Jean's service so very special.

With blessings, Karin Leone, Maggie Higgins and Wyatt Hedrick



Sharing Your Faith Workshop

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



Thank You!!!

Another very successful Oktoberfest is behind us now. On behalf of the service committee, a HUGE thank you to everyone who set-up, brought food, supplied the beer, served, provided the entertainment, cleaned-up, or just enjoyed one another's company we could not have done it without you! We truly do have the best members here at Holy Cross!

Council News.....

At our October 8 Meeting

Diane Torry led us in devotions-from the ELCA Leader Series— "As congregational leaders, we always begin our endeavors with prayer". 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Pastor Scott led a leadership council discussion on Making Transitions, "A change of Leadership can be difficult". We reflected on the interim period—asking "What do you think Holy Cross has learned about itself during the interim period? ".

Pastors Report—highlights: work with Nominating Committee, Child Protection training, ongoing Pastoral care. Upcoming events: Chili with the Bishop October 14 and the Sharing our Faith Workshop November 4. Reports were received from the finance, maintenance, call and nominating committees.

Diane presented information on the ELCA Congregation Leader Series and the Sierra Pacific Synod "lending library" which is available to all members.

The Council reviewed and discussed the initial report on the progress of the Council in implementing the Council Liaison organization structure. High lights to date: 48% of committees and groups have been contacted by their Council Liaison and 20 initial reports from the committees and groups have been received. Committees and groups report enthusiasm for their ministry work with either stable or increasing participation. There are 46 active committees/ groups 32 of which have been continuous since 2014. 12 new ministry groups have been added and 7 ministry groups are no longer active. The number of committees/ groups have increased 28%. Groups report various plans for the coming year: continuing current plans, working to add new participants, and adding ways to connect to the broader community. The committees and groups provided input to the council on ways the council can support and further their work. The contact between liaison's and committees and groups continue to develop as the Council continues to communicate with the various Holy Cross committees and groups.

The Strategic Plan results Jan. 2015 through Oct. 1, 2018 were reviewed. Goals: 1. Expand our Community of Faith; 2. Serve the needs of our community; 3. Foster member personal and spiritual growth; 4. Strengthen operational effectiveness and governance. To date, growth is seen in Worship attendance, small groups, faith formation groups, outreach groups, outside groups using our building, 14 committees/groups have completed committee description form, governance groups have expanded. Children and youth opportunities are stable. At year end a final report will be compiled to report to the council and the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

We concluded with Prayer

Diane Torry, Council President

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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I suggest the name of	for nomination to serve on the Church Council.
oversight of the life and activities of this congress members, its general administration and financia	etail in the Holy Cross Constitution the Congregation Council shall have general gation, and in particular its worship life, its mission, the engagement of its all stewardship, its relationship with its pastor and staff, and its partnership as a part tamerica). Council members, along with the pastor and the council's officers, shall lities. Council members serve two year terms.
To help present council leaders consider this per the extent that you know it. (Use another sheet o	son's suitability, please comment on the candidate in such areas as the following, to f paper, if necessary):
Church Involvement	
♦ Attendance at public worship	
◆ Participation in church activities	
◆ Past or present leadership within the Christian Living in Daily Life	church
♦ Within the family	
♦ At work	
♦ In the community Personal Characteristics and Skills	
♦ Cooperativeness	
◆ Willingness to learn	
◆ Ability to follow through on assignm	ents
◆ Openness to new ideas	
♦ Maturity of judgment	
Notification : Please indicate if you have spoken Return this in a sealed envelope marked "Attention"	with this person about nominating him or her: Yes \(\text{No} \) \(\text{No} \) \(\text{In the church.} \)
You	ur signature:



<u>Service</u> Thanks to those who helped provide and deliver food for Ronald McDonald House. They are very appreciative of having a home cooked meal for the families staying there. If you are interested in helping prepare these meals, please speak with Jodi Morrison or watch for a sign-up sheet.

Our Annual "Turkey Tree" is up thru November 11. Once again we will be buying WINCO gift cards for needy students at Pine Middle and SmithRidge Stem Elementary School.

<u>Fellowship</u> ~ A big thank you to all who attended, brought food and/or drink to the Oktoberfest. A great time was had by all.

Watch for more on the following:

December 2, 2:0-4:00 pm - Ladies Advent Tea
Hostess Sign-up sheet will soon be in the narthex

December 2, 4:00 pm - Appetizers and Wine

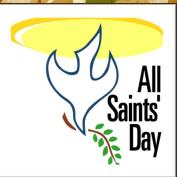
December 8, 4:00 pm - Appetizers and Wine
Hosted by Wib and Nellie Namestka
Please bring a hearty appetizer or dessert to share
BYOB - Wine/Beer/Drink



Hooks & Needles...

Hooks and Needles will meet the 1st Tuesday in November, the 6th 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. This year we were able to donate 28 afghans, lap robes and shawls and 15 hats and scarves to our local agencies. Come join us to make a difference for our local people and for a fun time.



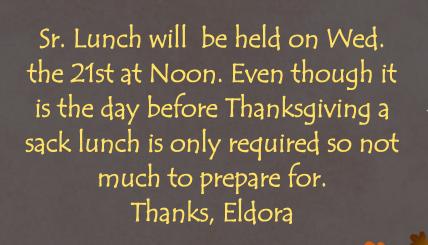
All Saints Sunday, November 4th

All Saints Day is November 1 and is typically celebrated on the first Sunday in November. The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We remember that we are part of one continuing, liv-

ing communion of saints. We remember and give thanks for those saints, known and unknown. We give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. We give thanks for members of this community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm. During worship on November 4 (one service at 9:30 a.m. due to the congregational meeting to follow at 11:15), we will recite the names of those saints from Holy Cross who have died in the last year:

Mary Walsh, January 16, 2018
Bobbie Heaps, January 25, 2018
Margaret Moore, February 20, 2018
Albert Puckett, March 20, 2018
Ed Brown, June 8, 2018
Betty Ann Hobbs, August 13, 2018
Jean Lanham, September 21, 2018
John J. Sarazen IV, October 2, 2018

Family members will be invited forward to light a candle in remembrance of their loved one as names are being read. Thereafter, as we sing, other worshipers may come forward to light a candle to remember a loved one.





"Walk with Jesus" Stewardship Focus

Thank you to all who have thoughtfully responded with an Estimate of Giving card for their giving for 2019. Thank you to those who have put their giving plan into action through Simply Giving, the automated giving through one's bank account.

See next page for a special note about Simply Giving.

BIBLE STUDY

UNCHEON

Wednesday Bible study has one more minor prophet to go! We will meet 11/7 and 11/14 as usual, no class on 11/21, then resume 11/28 and 12/5 before breaking for the holidays. We will be resuming 1/2/19 with a study of the Lord's Prayer. 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.



I strongly dislike playing "catch-up," which is why our family uses Simply Giving to send our tithe to the church. As a young family, we had best intentions for meeting our commitment, but things would get in the way. We'd miss a few services, not have the funds because we had spent them elsewhere, and frequently found ourselves with an ever increasing commitment amount that we clearly did not have a good system for honoring. We needed a reset, and Simply Giving helped us do it.

We committed to have a fixed amount debited on the same day of the month every month, and it became as high of a priority for us to have the funds in our account waiting to go to church as it did for us to have funds to go toward our mortgage. It helped us honor our commitment to God and our church family by giving us a way to return "first fruits" in thanks for all that God has done. It has been about 15 years that we have used Simply Giving to honor our commitment to Holy Cross and our ministries, and in that time we have also been able to prayerfully consider and adjust our giving each year effortlessly.

I encourage everyone to use Simply Giving. In addition to the benefits our family has experienced in terms of spiritual growth and commitment, it has added benefits for the church. The income stream Holy Cross depends on to continue in its ministries is more predictable as more members tithe through Simply Giving. The administrative tasks for depositing the weekly offering are reduced and accuracy is increased. All it takes is a signed form (available in the narthex), a cancelled check, your desired amount, and the day of the month for the withdrawal. You can drop this through the offering plate or to the church office.



AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Silver Sage Thanksgiving

On Saturday, November 17th, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Holy Cross will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for residents of Silver Sage properties.

We need your help! Please look for signup sheets in the narthex. All donations are appreciated, from cans of cranberry sauce, to cash for miscellaneous serving items, to volunteer time to set up, serve, and take down. This year we are asking that all food items and donations be brought to the church fellowship hall by 3:30 in the afternoon on Saturday. We will be cooking turkey on site and have a full list of other items needed to make this event a success. If you have questions, please contact Natalie Tegio at 775-742-4662.

Holy Cross Advent Tea

Ladies of Holy Cross, You are invited to attend an Advent Tea on Sunday, December 2, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and learning about the Colors of Christmas.

We are also inviting individuals to decorate tables with a holiday theme. If you would like to do so, contact one of the Advent Tea committee members: Deborah Goebel, Sandi Christman, Paula Featherstone, Gladys Krehlik, Jody Morrison, Linda Schlosser, Kathy Barcaskey or Susan Borton.

We are asking everyone to help us support Shared Harvest by bringing in cans of fruit or boxed cereals.

Prepare your hearts for the celebration of the most perfect gift...God's Son, Jesus Christ. Please sign-up in the narthex.

Bring a guest or two, too!

Godly Play....

Wow! It is hard to believe that it is November already. We have had such wonderful two months wondering together. It is exciting to see so many children each week, many old faces but we have seen some new faces too! The month of October we had five to seven kids every session. Thank you to committing to bringing your children to Godly Play.

One of my goals for the children in our congregation is to be more active in service. The month of November we will be collecting items for Shared Harvest in our classroom. I will have a box ready to collect the items. As families are able, we will help sort and deliver the goods. The sorting will be at Faith Lutheran on November 18th at 1:00pm.

Here are the stories that will be told in November **Remember that the first Sunday is Family Worship Day. Also please note that we will be having Godly Play Thanksgiving Weekend.

November 4th	Family Worship Day
November 11th	Enrichment Lesson 2: The Story of Abraham
November 18th	Enrichment Lesson 3: The Story of Sarah
November 25th	Enrichment Lesson: Jonah, The Backward Prophet

Just a head's up! On December 2, 2018 we will be making Advent Logs during the 2nd service.

We encourage all children in the congregation ages 3-12 to join us. We begin the Godly Play session at 10:15.

Thank you ~Jolene Jaillet



It's that time of year when we ask our members what they are interested in here at Holy Cross.

A copy of our Time and Talent sheet is on the next page which can be printed out or you can pick up a copy at the church to fill out and return.

Thank you for your time devoted to Holy Cross.

It is our members that make this a special place to worship.

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	Cell #:
Birthday:	Anniversary:
May we publish your birthday/annive	ersary in the newsletter (month and day only)yesno
WORSHIP	
Be an usher & greeter	Provide special music
Help serve Communion	Play instrument
Help serve Communion Be a lector (scripture read Be on the Altar Guild	der) Serve on worship committee Provide coffee hour goodies
Be on the Altar Guild	Provide coffee hour goodies
Sing in the Choir	Be an Acolyte (light candels)
Preferred service for worship hel	lper: 8 am 10:30 am
MAINTENANCE	
Help with the church mair	ntenance Help with church clean-up day
FINANCE	
Serve on the finance com	nmittee Be an offering counter
CLERICAL	
Fill in for church secretary	
	activities/events
<u>LEADERSHIP</u>	
Be a council member	Lead bible study
Teach or assist with Godl	y Play Volunteer with youth activities
Serve on a Committee	
EVANGELISM	
Drive members to church	functionsInvite friends to Godly Play
Join the Prayer Partners	Help with New Member Orientation
SERVICE / FELLOWSHIP	
Join a social group	Help with Oktoberfest
Host a gathering	Provide food for Memorial Services
Serve on Service Commit	ttee Help/Participate with Live Nativity
Help/Participate with Sede	
	ase check this line if you are interested in helping with
additional outreach projects through	hout the year in addition to these listed below.
Shared Harvest- bring/Dis	stribute food Help with Ronald McDonald house or
Help with periodic meals a	
	and defined opportunition
SPECIAL INTERESTS & EVEN	NTS
Participate in quilting	Attend Bible study
Participate in journaling clas	
Plant a box in the garden	
	ing with illnessmeals home or hospital visitation)
Suggestions and or other interests ye	ou would like to see at Holy Cross:



Meet & Greet/Special Meeting

Thank you to all who came to and participated in our meet and greet with Pastor Kathy and her family. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to meet her and get to know her better. It was also a time to speak with our Call Committee to understand why they feel, collectively, Pastor Kathy is a good fit for us here at Holy Cross.

A reminder we have our special congregational meeting on Sunday after one service at 9:30 to discuss and vote for the Pastoral Call recommendation of our Call Committee.

We hope to see you all there.

You may lose something good but you may gain something better.

Holy Cross Quilters....

The Quilt Group is working on the 24 inch baby quilts for the Renown Hospital Neo Natal Nursery (NICU). This is our annual Christmas Gift to the Renown Neo Natal Nursery. This hospital unit provides intensive care to babies born prematurely and those with special needs. These small quilts give a message of hope and love to the babies and their families--"God's Work our Hands".

Some members and friends make these special quilts on their "individual schedule". We welcome all to participate in this ministry work. If anyone needs holiday fabric, batting or backing or information on how to complete the 24 inch quilts, contact any member of the quilt group. The quilts will be blessed during Worship in early December and then delivered to the Renown, NICU.

We are blessed to do this creative, joyous, important ministry work --sharing God's Love, living our Mission-"...giving of ourselves to the community and those in need.."

Please join us at our regular Quilt Group Meeting times: The first and third Thursday of each month:

November 1 and 15 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Holy Cross Quilters (cont'd)....

Dedication of Quilts and Afghans: "WOW!" and "Thank you!" were our prayers as we dedicated quilts and afghans and more on Sunday, Sept. 30:

The local agencies to which they will be distributed include the Children's Cabinet, Leah's House, the VA Hospital, Veterans in Transition, the WCSD Children in Transition, the Ronald McDonald House and Hosanna Home. Quilts will go around the world with Lutheran World Relief.

Quilters have created about 150 quilts this year, bringing the total number to over 1300 since the quilters began. We also blessed 20 afghans, 3 scarves, 7 hats, 2 shawls, 7 lap robes and 2 hat/scarves sets from the Hooks and Needles group.





Christmas Choir

Do you love Christmas carols? Who doesn't? During this special time of year when friends and family come together to sing these special songs and carols, your HCLC family invites you to join the Christmas Choir! We will be singing everything from traditional carols to

modern Iullabies. We will share our music with the congregation at a candlelight Christmas Eve Service. The Christmas Choir rehearses at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. Please join us for some rehearsals and share in the beautiful music of the Christmas season. If you have any

questions, feel free to call or email me any time!
Blessings to you and yours ~ Brittney May

(319-270-9650, brittneydmay@gmail.com)





- 1. How do I sign up to volunteer in various Holy Cross Ministries? *Through The Time and Talents Sheet (available in Narthex), directly contact team chairperson, or Pastor*
- 2. The original church building was constructed in? 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
- 5. What percent of ELCA "rostered leaders" called Pastors, are women? 27%

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Worship Helpers

Coffee Hour

11/4: Sue Gonyou & Diane Torry

11/11: Sue Volinkaty & Cindy Thompso 11/18: Mona Warwick & Charles Vinopal

11/25: Nina Cross & Sue McDonald

Lectors

11/4: Wib Namestka **11/11:** Sue G. & Kim L

11/18: Laloni M. & Jody M.

11/25: Kathy Doyle & Natalie T.

Altar Guild

Veralyn Combs & Linda Schlosser

Offering Counter

Pat Schlosser

Ushers

11/4: Mike Ross & Russ Tegio

11/11: Wib & Nell Namestka

Jody Morrison

11/18: Steve & Betty Tate

Fred & Karen Ford

11/25: Deborah & Geordan Goebel

Shirley Fletcher & Stephany Robison

Communion Helpers

11/4: Kathy Doyle & Charles Kiene

11/11: Steve & Betty Tate

Cindy Thompson & Torry Tegio

11/18: Ray & Nina Cross

Linda Puckett & Karen Ford

11/25: Laurel Lindstrom & Paula Featherstone

Sue McDonald & Katie Weldon



