



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter | *May 2019*

Mark Your Calendar

5.13 (Mom)
Council Meeting

5.7 (Tues)
Service Committee @ 1:00 pm

5.14, 5.28 (Tues)
Hooks & Needles @9:00

5.7, 5.14, 5.21, 5.28 (Tues)
Lectionary Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

5.8, 5.5, 5.22, 5.29 (Wed)
Adult Bible Study @ 1:30

5.2, 5.16 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00

5.15(Wed)
Senior Lunch (Pot Luck)

5.8, 5.22 (Wed)
Women's Book/Bible Study @ 3:00

5.19 (Sun)
One service @ 10:30 &
Family Picnic following

5.26 (Sun)
Summer worship schedule starts with
one service @ 9:00 am

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for such a meaningful Holy Week and Easter Celebration! It was so wonderful to have so many participants in our worship services and Seder Meal. We were

blessed throughout the week with the amazing music of our choir. A very special thank you to Brittney May, Becky Bradley, Joey Ginnett, and Tom Martin for all the music they offered as they helped us worship throughout the week.

Worship is always such a special part of our life together. Not only does it help us to grow closer to God, but it also helps us to grow closer to one another. During the month of May, we will begin transitioning to our summer schedule as we celebrate the start of summer with our church picnic on May 19, where we will have one service at 10:30am, and then move to our one service summer schedule on May 26 with worship starting at 9am.

Pastor's Corner (Cont'd)

Now, I know that I am new to things around here, but I have heard that there are some folks who use the weekends in the summer to enjoy the amazing nature we have around us, and that they might want to get an early start or leave for the whole weekend, so they miss church and we end up missing them. (No judgement!) However, worship and life at Holy Cross is still important, so what I would like to try this summer is a mid-week worship service.

One of the things that I am excited about, is the opportunity to try some new ideas. We will have a basic format, and the service will only last 30-45 minutes. We will have communion. It will be family-friendly. Most of the lessons will come from favorite hymns and praise songs. Sometimes there might be a sermon, sometimes, there might be a guest speaker, sometimes there might be an interactive something to do, sometimes there might be... who knows? When we start something from scratch, you never know what the Holy Spirit will lead us to.

There are a few ways I could use your help with this mid-week service. First, please join me in praying for this worship service, and then plan to try it out when it begins during the first week of June. Time and day will be announced soon! If you want to help a little bit more than that, I could use some folks to be on a worship planning team to help me get it all together. If you would like to be part of the that team, please let me know as soon as possible. Finally, for the next two Sundays, there will be a very short questionnaire about what your favorite hymns and praise songs are, if you could take just a moment to fill it out and share that with me, I would appreciate it. It will be an excellent place to start!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy



Cottage Meeting Update

Steve and Betty Tate have graciously volunteered to host our first Cottage Meeting at their home in South Reno.

When: Saturday June 1st

Where: 2665 Relevant Ct. Reno, 89521

This adults only gathering will start at 4:00 pm and conclude by 7:00 pm.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex, If you have questions please contact Steve or Betty at 775-376-1935

A complete listing of Cottage Meeting locations and times should be available at our sign-up table at church by Sunday May, 12th. The hosts will be scheduling a specific date and time for their event, so there should be a variety of options throughout the months of June and July. Our hope is that each meeting will have between 6 to 20 people in attendance. The meeting is designed to last a hour or two and allow for each person to share their experiences of Holy Cross, as well as their hopes and dreams for the future of the church. Pastor Kathy will also share her vision for Holy Cross and answer questions you may have for her.

Your involvement may or may not end with the Cottage Meeting. The invitation is further extended to everyone to participate in the ongoing ministry we offer to each other and our surrounding community.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your prayers.

News you should

**Mother's
DAY**

**Sunday, May 12
Mothers' Day!**

We give thanks for mothers and others who have nurtured us in love and faith.



Fall Clean Up

Richard Eggers will be spearheading our fall HCLC clean up. We will be looking around late September or early October before the holiday season and bad

weather hits. He will be looking for 3 separate teams. In the fall (more information will be forthcoming) we will be looking for 1 team to tackle the outside storage shed, 1 team to tackle the main hallway closet, and then people to help with our usual cleaning of the church. In the fall we will be needing to clean the tops of the light fixtures in the sanctuary and the projectors/filters. Each team will have a lead person. Sign up sheets for each project and information will be coming in the future. Please be thinking ahead as to where you could lend your specific talents. If you have any questions please contact Richard Eggers.



A New Ministry is being developed

An opportunity for a new prayer ministry is being developed with ideas from Pastor Kathy and assisted by Chris Martin. Come to the first gathering on Sunday, June 2nd following the service. We'll meet in the Gathering Room or Sanctuary. Whichever room works more comfortably. We'll talk a little about what we would like to happen. The core focus of this ministry will be Prayer.



THANK YOU

The council would like to recognize & send a huge thank you out to Pat Schlosser, Eric Weldon, & Wib Namestka for all of their hard work, talents and time for getting HCLC's crosses all sanded, stained, sealed, and protected. They look amazing. We are so blessed with your devotion to the church and our congregation. Thank you for helping to keep our beautiful crosses at HCLC looking so wonderful! Your efforts are much appreciated by everyone.

**GOD IS
GREAT**

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GOOD**

Seder....

Maundy Thursday Dinner Holy Week 2019

Hello Family of Holy Cross! Another season of spring with Lent, Holy Week, and Easter has come and gone. Our annual Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, April 18th 2019, was again well attended and very much enjoyed by all who participated. So many hands and hearts, young and old and in between, make this event possible. We are very grateful for all the people (along with hefty portions of love, creativity, and the Holy Spirit) who made it all happen. The evening began with delightful hors d'oeuvres and a social hour, a wonder-filled worship service with the history of God's deliverance of his people out of Egypt, a delicious festival meal and decadent desserts.

For 2019, we had 119 attendees out of 123 reservations, which was a 97% attendance rate! As an inclusive and welcoming congregation at Holy Cross, we again had almost 1/4 of attendees as guests Thank you to everyone for making this event a place where members are comfortable welcoming friends, and where visitors feel genuinely welcomed. As a family, we exemplified our shared vision to Believe in One, Affect Many, and Welcome All.

New this year, we are tithing a portion of ticket sales to support Eddy House, a non-profit organization working "with homeless and at-risk youth to develop life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence"

(www.eddyhouse.org). Through the generosity of this congregation, we will tithe 10% of our ticket sales, approximately \$135, to this organization. The remaining proceeds from ticket sales and all proceeds from "tip your server" support scholarships and transportation to Christian summer camps for youth.

A heartfelt "thank you" to all the people who make this event a reality and a real example of God's love for his creation.

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Kathy Morris & Cindy Thompson

Maitre'D: Richard Eggers & Russell Tegio

Hors D'oeuvres: Charles Kiene & Kathy Doyle

Wine: Charlie & Marla Vinopal, Randy & Shelley Rigler

Desserts: Madeline Gaustad

Kitchen Staff: Paula Featherstone, Natalie Tegio, Pat Clem, Ray Streit, Richard Eggers, Katie Torry, Nathan Jaillet, Leslie Jaillet, Zack Weldon, Torry Tegio, Michael Tegio, Liam Bonnet, Alexis Bonnet, Loan Kunze, Kayla Kunze, Abigail Morris, Fernando Rodriguez Jr., Leo Rodriguez, Ozzie Rodriguez, Alex Rodriguez

Seder Prep Day: Addy Christman, Ellis Christman, Sandi Christman, Diane Torry, Jaxon Meseberg, Linda Schlosser, Addy Kline, Cathy Kline, Samuel Morris, Barbara Disbro, Natalie Tegio, Paula Featherstone, Livia Lindstrom, Laurel Lindstrom

Clean Up: Veralyn Combs, JD Doepker, Paula Featherstone, Natalie Tegio, Katie Torry, Richard Eggers, EJ Hebert, Russell Tegio, Ray Streit, Pat Clem

Coordinator & Chef: Natalie Tegio

Coordinator & Venue: Paula Featherstone

Photographers: Dawn Sawyer & Jody Morrison

Peace and Blessings: Natalie Tegio & Paula Featherstone

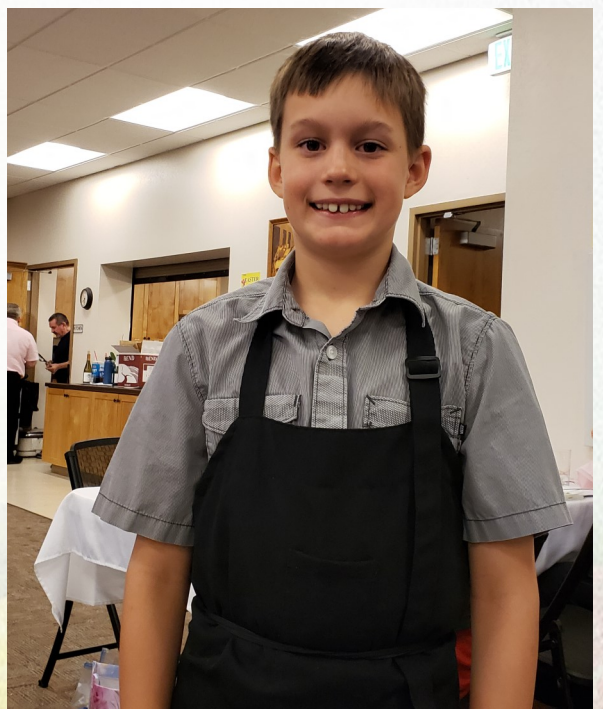
















Wednesday Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Roly will be covering 5/15 and 5/22 with a special stand-alone topic - Creation and Science - if you want to pop in for a couple of days. Otherwise, we are continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer. You can join the class any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:orbeckyb485@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Memorial Day Presentation



On May 27th at the beginning of our worship service we will celebrate memorial weekend by presenting the Fallen Soldier's Table. The Fallen Soldier's Table is a short ceremony that honors and remembers those veterans that gave their lives or freedom in times of conflict.

It also remembers those individuals who lost their lives during the 911 attacks.

It consists of a symbolic table setting, presentation of our nation's colors, singing of our National Anthem, two short readings and ends with the playing of taps.

If anyone would like to bring in any military pictures or memorabilia to share with the congregation please do so. Tables will be set up in the Narthex for this purpose of displaying our loved ones items. If there is a deceased service member you would like to have remembered, please let Dawn know at holycrossreno@gmail.com

Lastly, if anyone would like to actively participate or if you have questions, please contact Paula Featherstone at 775-360-5593.

Council News...

Mark Calise lead us in Devotions ~ The Good Samaritan ~ where have we experienced the actions of a Good Samaritan in our lives, how have we been a Good Samaritan?

We received the following reports:

Financial Report ~ significant increased giving in the first quarter of 2019 resulted in net income to date of \$20, 555. Balance Sheet was reviewed with focus on cash balances; Special Funds and Mortgage balances. Finance Committee will host a congregation budget meeting between services on May 5.

Pastor's Report ~ highlighted robust Lent and Holy Week services and activities; Summer Worship; Education, lectionary Bible Study; Visitations and Meetings and Synodical Connections. Presentation on updating our church software for keeping church records—the Council approved the purchase of Church Trac for \$350 using funds from the Memorial Fund for two years. This will significantly enhance our ability to keep records and communicate with members, friends, and visitors, positively impacting current operations and church growth. A procedure for membership record keeping was presented and approved by the Council. Pastor will hold a first step Youth Group gathering May 5, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Council Liaison Reports ~ Liaisons have been in contact with committees and teams who appreciate the contact and connection to the Council.

Sue G, Stephany; Richard, Laurel:
Service and Fellowship — has set the following dates: Summer Picnic, May 19, Oktoberfest October 20, Advent Tea December 8 and the committee is in need of additional committee members.

Diane, Sue V: **Education and Learning** — Godly Play will conduct a Godly Play lesson for devotions at the May council meeting.

Sharon and Mark: **Worship and Music** — council confirmed that members who volunteer to conduct worship service or are sole worship or music leader are to be offered the same pay as a contracted worship leader or musician;

Warren and Fran; **Administration and Support** — there is a need to replace light bulbs in the Sanctuary and perhaps in other areas of the building, and there has been interest expressed in holding AED training.

Other Business:

Council approved the membership of Sheldon and Holly Flom; Jackie White; Jeff, Kathy, Abigail and Samuel Morris.

Dawn S. shared the first draft of the new Picture Directory, publication is expected within the next few weeks.

We have not received our gift vacuum to date. Should the gift not arrive we will purchase a commercial vacuum as previously authorized by the Council.

Richard E —reported that the “Clean Day” on April 13 is in “good order” with over 25 signups on the signup sheet with specific task noted. Coffee and Danish will be served.

A Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250 was received to support the “clean day”-preparing our house for Easter guests and evangelism/marketing for Easter

Sue V reported that there is good interest from members in hosting Cottage Meetings over the summer, she has met with Pastor to determine dates, and Sue V and one or two other Council Members will host a Coffee with the Council on May 12 Between services—with a focus being the Cottage Meetings.

Outreach at Holy Cross

“Helping our brothers and sisters “God's work, our Hands”.



Is it time to “clean the closet”? That spring ritual can help families in need in our community!

You can support families in need in our community by donating your gently used clothing items to the Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet! There is a collection container in the Fellowship Hall near the Shared Harvest Food collection table. Holy Cross has supported the Clothes Closet for over two decades.

Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet is a community based non-profit organization founded in 1995 by local individuals. Check out their website at www.gsccreno.org

The operation is run mostly through the efforts of volunteers in our community. A donation funded organization, they are “funded” by donations of clothing and monies from local individuals, businesses and organizations.



Sr. Lunch will be Wed. the 15th. ***This will be a Pot Luck*** as this is the last one for the season until we resume in Sept. Note the time will be 11:30 a.m. so we will have enough time to finish before Bible Study. Have a great summer and thanks for all your support in making this a fun group.

They partner with over 170 different agencies in our community (from the Washoe County School District to Shared Harvest) to distribute free clothing to people in need with 25% of their clients are under the age of 18. Each year they help meet the clothing needs of 25,000 people in Washoe County. “We are in this together! When we all partner together to improve our community, you get to be a part of something great in Washoe County”.

All clothing items are given away at no cost to their clients. Their clients are given a voucher from a community agency and they may “shop” once a month.

Thank you for your clothing donations -helping families in need in our community. A special thank you to Holy Cross high schooler Karl Goebel for helping Holy Cross gather and transport donated clothing from church to Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet, which is located at the Record Street campus on the east side of downtown."

Supporting the Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet furthers our Holy Cross Mission: “To worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need.”



**Shared Harvest Meets
at Holy Cross
May 26th and June
23rd !!**



Every month Holy Cross joins other Lutheran Congregations and delivers food and basic supplies to 82 families in the Reno/Sparks Area
"God's work our hands"

During May we are gathering cold cereal, soup, and shampoo for the monthly Shared Harvest distribution. On May 26th at 1 p.m. we will meet at Holy Cross in the Fellowship Hall to assemble and distribute 82 bags of food and supplies. We meet again at Holy Cross for assembly and distribution June 23rd at 1 p.m.. "Extra hands" are always needed and welcome on assembly and distribution Sundays! A reminder—check food expiration dates—only food with current dates can be used. Thank you for bringing only the requested items. Contact Veralyn Combs, 354-1957 or the church office for more information and to let the event organizers know you are planning to attend and help.

Holy Cross has participated in Shared Harvest since it began in 1998. Shared Harvest is a joint ministry of Lutheran Churches in Reno/Sparks including Good Shepherd, Faith, Holy Cross, St. Luke's, Lord of Mercy and Our Saviors. Food and hygiene products are distributed on the 4th Sunday of each month--at 5 locations—Easy Inn, Santa Fe, TJ's, El Tavern and Moran Seniors. In addition Good Shepherd Clothing Closet clothing vouchers are provided. Our mission is to serve families, seniors, disabled, veterans and singles. Those that receive Shared Harvest packages are so very thankful for the help. Our outreach has become a sustaining part of many lives.

On the 4th Sunday of each month at 1 p.m., we meet at one of the churches to assemble the food bags. Each church hosts two to three times a year on a rotating schedule. Grocery lists are rotated -- each church brings five different items every month. Each bag contains peanut butter, tuna, chicken noodle soup, chili, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, powdered milk, crackers and mac-n cheese. 82 bags are assembled every month. Hygiene products available are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, laundry soap and razors. Hygiene kits are provided at some locations, made with hotel soaps and shampoos. Church members are asked to save these when they travel.

At 2 p.m., following the bag assembly, the volunteers split up and deliver the bags to the locations in Reno and Sparks.

Ways to Support Shared Harvest:

- Contribute the requested items each month (leave in the Fellowship Hall)
- Make a monetary contribution –funds are used to purchase the requested items
- Participate in the monthly bag assembly
- Participate in the monthly distribution to local sites
- Serve on the Shared Harvest Committee
- Keep those that serve and those being served in your prayers.

Contact Veralyn Combs 775-354-1957 with any questions.
Keep those that serve and those being served in your prayers.

***Living our mission to worship God and follow Christ's
call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community
and those in need world wide.***

Believe in one, Affect Many, Welcome all

Thank you for all the support of our April Quilt Raffle. We raised \$375. The funds will be well used to further this Ministry work of Holy Cross-making and giving away quilts to those in need in our community and around the world. Congratulations to the winners of the quilts: Jody Morrison, Marion Bond, Charles Kiene, and Kathy Barcaskey.

During the year the quilts we complete are displayed on a rotating basis in the Fellowship Hall. Each quilt has a description of the helping agency that will be receiving the quilt during our fall distribution.

The quilt group also maintains some quilts for our permanent collection. During the month of May you will see our Friendship Quilt displayed. We received the original quilt blocks from Wilma Maikel. We believe the friendship blocks, dating from the 1930's, were from her Mother. —look for the names and the date. Our quilt group member, Adeline Bergeson completed the quilt top in 2010 -adding borders and hand quilting the quilt. We display this quilt on occasion over the year. Also look for the Prayer Quilt in the Fellowship Hall. This was the first project completed by the quilt group in 2007. The pattern is Split Rail. The quilt is tied with extra long ties so that anyone can say a prayer as they tie the quilt, or add a written prayer and tie to the quilt. We hope this quilt provides hope and comfort for all.

All are welcome at our quilt group meetings—regular schedule: First and Third Thursday of each month—9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Come join the fun!



**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Report from the Finance Committee:

Date: March 31, 2019—

Actual year to date compared to budget

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comment
Other Giving	\$2,791			Includes Transitory
Rent	\$2,160	\$2,588	-\$428	
Unrestricted General Fund	\$69,112	\$52,900	+ \$16,212	
Total income	\$74,063	\$55,487	+\$18,576	
Total Expense	\$53,444	\$58,580	+\$5,139	Includes 1 st mgt Principal & Interest
Net income	\$20,619	-\$3,093)	+\$23,712	

2019 YTD Net Income is 33% above budget and expenses are 9% below budget. Income reflects increased congregation giving, a \$5,209 memorial gift to the general fund and reallocation of \$764 excess in Pastor moving fund. Expenses are tightly controlled. Personnel expenses were under-budget primarily due to no Pastor salary & benefits the first two weeks of January.

Profit and Loss 3/31 YTD previous year comparison

	Jan -Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Change	Comment
Other Giving	\$4,806	\$2,791	-\$2015	Includes Transitory
Rent	\$2,240	\$2,160	-\$80	
Unrestricted General Fund	\$53,573	\$69,112	+ \$15,538	
Total income	\$60,619	\$74,063	+\$13,443	
Total Expense	\$54,641	\$53,444	-\$1,197	Includes 1 st mgt Principal & Interest
Net income	\$5,978	\$20,619	+\$14,641	

2019 giving is more than 2018 giving and 2019 expenses are less than 2018 expenses.

**Thanks to everyone for your continuing support on our Holy Cross Ministry ~
to Worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship and Vision-Believe in One,
Affect Many, Welcome All**



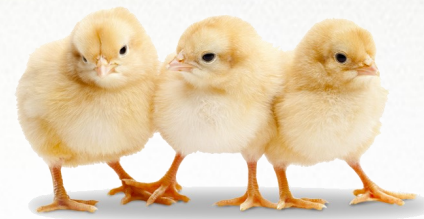
Thank you to our WONDERFUL choir for providing such inspirational hymns during our services. You are extraordinary and your talents are very much appreciated.

Enjoy your summer off.



**RONALD McDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and deliver dinner to the Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday, May 29. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and those in need. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Jody Morrison or another member of the Service Committee.



We did it!

With the generous donations from our wonderful Holy Cross Family, we were able to purchase a whopping 429 chicks to support our ELCA World Mission. Thank you for helping families abroad. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein rich meals, as well as, selling their eggs for income giving them life and independence. We are such a loving and generous congregation. Thank you!



Family Picnic May 19th

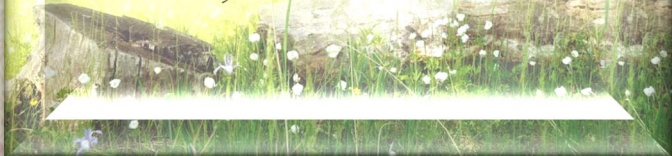
Our Annual family picnic is scheduled for May 19th right after our single service at 10:30 am.

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

We are asking for free will donations to help with the cost of the items supplied by the service committee. If you would like to donate, please make sure you indicate Picnic on your payment.

*Yes, my soul,
find rest in GOD;
my hope comes from him.*

Psalm 62:5





Birthdays:

- 5/1 Kloe Sorge
- 5/2 Wib Namestka
- 5/3 Lynn Jaeck
- 5/6 Cody Lindstrom
- 5/7 Kayla Marton
- 5/8 Michael Marton
- 5/10 Katie Featherstone
- 5/10 Jim Thompson
- 5/11 Astraea Ponder
- 5/12 William Quick
- 5/14 Melody Mericle
- 5/15 Michael Ross
- 5/18 Riley Sorge
- 5/19 Bruno Peri
- 5/20 Robin Peri
- 5/30 Kailey Kincaid



Anniversaries:

- 5/9 Al & Maggie Fisher
- 5/24 Tom & Chris Martin
- 5/28 Mark & Jolene Jaillet
- 5/28 Larry & Carol Ritter
- 5/29 Richard & Mona Warwick



The Women's Book & Bible Study group

We will begin a new book starting Wednesday, May 22. This time we've chosen a book specifically tailored to the age and life status of the women in our group: "Pilgrimage Into the Last Third of Life – 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth." The book explores the many facets of aging, particularly its benefits,, challenges, and opportunities for a satisfying life. Each week we will have the opportunity to look at aging from a spiritual perspective.

The Women's Book & Bible group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3 pm in Fellowship Hall. We continue throughout the summer; our break period is always November-December because of the holidays. We invite all interested women to join us at any time. I have extra books and as always, each chapter is stand-alone so that one can miss a session or two without losing the meaning or momentum of the book. ~ Kathy Doyle

Hooks and Needles ~ Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in May, the 14th and the 28th at 9 a.m. We welcome all knitters and crocheters and/or those who want to learn how to knit or crochet.



We are a small group and make afghans/lap robes, scarves, hats and shawls for local causes here in the Reno/Sparks area

along with for our family and friends. Come see the cute Octopodes (that is plural for Octopus, don't laugh, I googled it) that we are making for INCU (preemies), come and we will teach you how to make them too. Join us to make a difference for our local people and for a fun time.