



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Holy Cross **Crossroads**

Monthly Newsletter : *January 2019*

Mark Your Calendar

1.14 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

1.15 (Tue)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

1.16 (Wed)

Senior Lunch @ 11:30 am

1.12 (Sat) @ 2:00 pm

Marilyn Sevilla Memorial Service

1. 9, 1.23 (Wed)

Women's Bible/Book Study
@ 3:00 pm

1.2, 1.9, 1.16, 1.23, 1.30 (Wed)

Bible Study@ 1:30 pm

1.3, 1.17 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

1.27 (Sun)

Annual Meeting

Pastor's Corner

We are all excited about the arrival of Pastor Kathy Morris and her family here to Holy Cross.

When will Pastor Morris arrive?


We expect Pastor Morris to begin as Pastor at Holy Cross by mid January. Sunday January 20 will be her first day to lead Worship. She expects to be "in the office" January 15 or 16. Her formal Installation Service will be held Sunday February 24th at an afternoon service followed by a reception. This makes it possible for other clergy in our community to attend the installation.



Council News

At our December meeting, Warren Kline led us in devotions, we received report from the Finance and Nominating, Committees. Pastor Scott led us in reflecting on the past year at Holy Cross —what is going well at Holy Cross, what have we learned, and what are our areas of opportunity. We will welcome Pastor Morris in January—her first Sunday is planned for the 20th. The Congregation Annual Meeting will held January 27, 2019. We met in the sanctuary—Holy Cross was filled with “life”—our long standing friends from the Soft Ball Association were meeting in the Fellowship Hall and as we were concluding our meeting, our new friends, the Casa Del Alfarero Congregation arrived for their scheduled Worship Service in the sanctuary.

From Diane Torry, Council President



Over the past while, I have been reading and studying the ELCA Congregational Leader Series. This series of nine books focuses on the ministry work of leading and being a member in Christ’s Church/Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

We begin a New Year—with exciting and challenging Ministry work before us: Worship, Learning, Fellowship, Service, Outreach and Administration. We also welcome our new Pastor, Pastor Kathy Morris to worship and work with us. She will walk and work among us, preaching and teaching the Word of God, providing leadership in worship, pastoral care and speaking for justice on behalf of the poor and oppressed.

As I prepare for the coming year, I have found much support and learning from this Congregational Leader Series. A few highlights from the Series Overview!

“We are all ministers!—everything we do and plan is communal. We cannot plan unilaterally or devise strategies in isolation. In baptism we are united with the body of Christ, and the gifts that God has given each of us are meant for the common good of all God’s people: “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7)”

“With that foundation, we recognize that Congregations are complex! The congregation embodies three different organizations at the same time: A community of spiritual formation, a voluntary association and a nonprofit organization!”

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BE WARM, BE KIND

Continued from previous page ~ from Council President, Diane Torry:

“As a community of spiritual formation, we are a people coming together in community to join with others in growing closer to God—seeking to understand God’s word and God’s will for our lives. Through worship, learning and education, supporting all our brothers and sisters in times of crisis and need, engaging in visible activities, supporting those who are hungry, homeless, hurting. There is no room for pretense, no room for manipulation, no room for power games.”

“As a voluntary association, we voluntarily gather together and form relationships with those with whom we have much in common. People want and expect to be contacted regularly by both leaders and other members, and to feel that they are fully accepted as part of the group. Leaders must pay particular attention to involving the widest possible participation of members in planning and setting goals so that the central focus is not lost.”

“As a non-profit organization, we are chartered, incorporated, and recognized as a legal entity by the federal, state and municipal government. We as a congregation are accountable to society and responsible for following all applicable laws. The congregation has formal operational procedures and documents (from our constitution) that direct how we must make decisions and conduct our affairs. This helps make sure that our congregation will make the best use of our resources in furthering our mission to be Christ’s Church.”

“The entire series seeks to build on the positive, basing our planning on assets rather than deficiencies, and to focus on outcomes, enabling our congregation to make a specific and definable difference in people’s lives. Faithful planning and leadership development takes us on a journey, a pilgrimage, and an exploration of God’s possibilities for our congregation. The Congregational Leader Series provides resources for our travels as we seek God’s will and guidance for us individually and as a congregation “.

I look forward to worshipping, learning and working with all during the coming year
“We are Church Together”.

This ELCA Congregational Leadership Series is available through Augsburg Fortress or Amazon, some books can be checked out through the Sierra Pacific Synod Resource Center.



Holy Cross Annual Congregational Meeting Set for January 27

On Sunday, January 27, we will have only one worship service at 9:00 a.m. so that the Annual Congregational Meeting may follow at 10:30 a.m. All formal church members as well as interested regular worshipers are encouraged to attend to be well-informed and for members to participate in decision-making. As a congregation, Holy Cross is led by its Council, which is its governing board responsible for the general oversight of the life and activities of the church. Authority to make certain decisions, such as approving an annual budget or electing members of the council, is vested with the congregation itself and voting takes place at this meeting.

Specific business Items to be addressed at the Congregational Meeting include:

- Approval of past Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 2018 Review
- Election of Members to HCLC's Church Council
- Congregational Financial Information
- 2018 Financial Review
- 2019 Budget Review/Approval
- Election of Representatives to Synod Assembly (32nd Annual Synod Assembly "We are Church Together: Working in God's Vineyard" in Lodi, CA, Saturday May 11, 2019)
- Going Forward 2019
- Questions from congregation members
- Receipt of written Committee Reports



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Holy Cross supports a number of local agencies that help us to continually renew our Christian promise to help those in need--to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and comfort the weary and outcast and welcome the stranger and to be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth.

Here is information about a number of agencies supported by gifts from our Holy Cross family--connecting to their websites will give you more information about the good work that these agencies do in our community and around the world.

Shared Harvest ~ Working with four other Lutheran Congregations in Reno Sparks, food items are collected and distributed each month to families living in 4th street motels. Needed food items are published in the Bulletin each week. Leave your donations on the Shared Harvest table in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet ~ You can donate your gently used clothing to this agency that works with over 100 local agencies provides free clothing to those in need in our community. The collection container is under the Shared Harvest table in the Fellowship Hall. www.gscreno.org

Veterans Hospital, Community Living Center ~ Annually, quilts and afghans made by the Quilt Group and Hooks and Needles are given to Veterans in long term care. www.reno.va.gov

Ronald McDonald House ~ Several times a year the Service and Fellowship Committee arranges an evening meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing and support for families with children in our local hospitals (look for announcements in the weekly bulletin). Quilts and afghans from the Quilt Group and Hooks and Needles are donated annually. <https://rmhc-reno.org>

Lutheran World Relief ~ Quilts completed by the quilt group are donated each fall. These quilts are sent to our brothers and sisters in need around the world. www.lwr.org

Children's Cabinet ~ This local agency helps children and families in our community. The Quilt Group and Hooks and Needles donates quilts and afghans annually. www.childrencabinet.org

Volunteers of America ~ Provides broad services for the homeless in our community, and their facility on Record Street in Reno. Recently a group from Holy Cross toured the facility and learned about services provided, homelessness in our community and opportunities to support and volunteer. www.voa-ncnn.org



Holy Cross Quilters... What We Do!

For over ten years, our Holy Cross Quilt Group has been making and donating quilts to people in need in our community and around the world.

Holy Cross members and friends generously donate fabric and other supplies needed to sew quilts.

We donate our hand made quilts to the Children's Cabinet and WCSD for children in need in our community, Veterans at the Reno Veterans Community Living Center, Neo natal Quilt Project for preemie babies at Renown, Hosana Home, helping women get their lives back on track, Ronald McDonald House, supporting families with children at our local hospitals, and Lutheran World Relief, for people in need around the world.

Everyone is welcome to join our quilt group. No quilting or sewing experience is required. Although experienced quilters and seamstress are also treasured. During our quilt meetings we do a variety of things, cutting fabric, sewing quilt tops, pressing the material, designing tops, coordinating tops and backs and tying the quilts.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship.



Happy Work Anniversary to Holy Cross' Administrative Assistant Dawn Sawyer.

Dawn began work at Holy Cross January 6, 2015, so this month she will celebrate four full years of good work with us and ready for the start of year five.

January Scripture Readings

January 6th

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13th

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20th

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 27th

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

God
BLESS
You
IN THE
New Year

For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11



Service/Fellowship Committee


Service - a big thank you to everyone for helping make Christmas a little brighter for seniors and children in our community. The Senior Santa program and Holy Child Learning Center were very appreciative of the gifts we were able to provide.

Fellowship - A big thank you to Wib and Nellie for hosting the wine and appetizers aka progressive dinner. It was a wonderful afternoon with good food and friends.


Had another great turnout for the Advent Tea. A big thank you to all who planned, baked, hosted and attended this event. Also, an extra special thank you to Brittney, Becky, and Emmy (Krehlik's granddaughter) who provided the wonderful music.

Thank you again to our wonderful congregation for all your support in 2018. It's YOU that makes our outreach programs so successful!

Holy Cross Usher News....



Last summer and fall Natalie Tegio took it upon herself to greet, assist and welcome all who came to Holy Cross. This was well received and we would like to continue this great effort. The best way to do this is to use one usher before the service to be a greeter and the other to pass out the bulletins and to assist as needed. Once the service starts, both would be ushers. Please start this the first service in January. At times, the second service has only one usher. Then that person should usher, and we will work to get a greeter. Once the new schedule comes out, we will try to assign two people for each service. We thank all of those who do volunteer . If for some reason, you can no longer serve as an usher please send me and email at fwfkef@aol.com so that I can take you off the list. If you know you will be away for an extended time period. please let me know this, too ~ Karen Ford



BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday Bible study resumes early this month on January 2. Time to get back into the swing of things after the holidays - but remember, we're still in the 12 days of Christmas! We meet on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are beginning a brand new study of the Lord's Prayer. Study guides are \$5, payable to Becky directly. You can join the class any time, but this is a particularly good time to join since we're starting a new study. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Sr. Lunch group will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16th at 12:00 pm. Bring sack lunch.

I would also like to add: Thanks to all of you who joined us for our Sr. Lunch Christmas Party and Pot Luck. We had a large response and a great time with the Elephant exchange and singing along with Joey and his accordion.

Thanks, Eldora

Live Nativity

The live Nativity was a wonderful success, as usual. Everyone involved and those who participated had a joyous time sharing the story of Jesus' birth. It was fun seeing little ones getting dressed up enjoying the interactive role-playing. Thank you to Paula Featherstone for heading the evening along with all her Elves who helped. We truly have the BEST congregational family here at Holy Cross spreading God's word for all to hear!






New Pastor Fund for moving expenses—Update...

To date gifts totaling \$4,675 have been given to the New Pastor Fund. Thank you! Pastor Morris received an estimate of \$7,000 from a moving company to move her and her family household goods to Reno from Henderson. She and her family hope to move in early January. Please consider a gift to the New Pastor Fund to pay for these expenses. Thank You!



1/4 Deborah Goebel
1/4 Grayson Nguyen
1/4 Lance Combs
1/6 Odell Guss
1/7 Owen Schenk
1/8 Stephanie Johnson
1/10 Charlie Gevert
1/11 Karleigh Ellison
1/11 Jayne Ellison
1/12 Nellie Namestka

1/13 David Anderson
1/18 Trish Riley
1/19 Orlyn Schenk
1/22 Laura Grady
1/23 Anthony Sottolano
1/23 Jolene Jaillet
1/25 Kaylee Caldwell
1/29 J.L. Christman
1/30 Cathy Kline



**~ NOTE ~
We will have
only one
service on
January 27th at
9:00 am with
the Annual
Meeting
following
services.**

A large pinecone is positioned in the upper left corner of a background image depicting a snowy forest with soft, glowing light effects. The pinecone is brown and textured, contrasting with the cool blue and white tones of the winter scene.

Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

January Shared Harvest is due January 27th. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at St Luke's on January 27th. Items needed: 27 Peanut butters, 55 mac/cheese, 40 milk packets, 41 soup and disposable razors

A rolled-up newspaper is shown at an angle, secured with a red rubber band. The words "FINANCIAL NEWS" are printed in a bold, black, serif font across the top of the paper.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Dawn will be finishing up year end giving statements which be sent out via mail by

the Annual Meeting. She will also include a year end giving summary in February's newsletter. Thank you all for helping Holy Cross continue sharing God's word with family and friends. This is all possible due to your continued support and generosity over the years.

