

Holy Cross Crossroad



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : February 2019



Mark Your Calendar

2.8, 2.9 (Fri-Sat)
Council Retreat

2.12, 2.26 (Wed)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

2.20 (Wed)
Senior Lunch Pot Luck @ Noon

2.13, 2.27 (Wed)
Women's Bible/Book Study @ 3:00 pm

2.6, 2.13, 2.20, 2.27 (Wed)
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

2.7, 2.21 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00

2.20, 2.27 (Wed)
New Member Class @ 6:00 pm

2.24 (Sun)
Pastor Kathy's Installation @ 2:00 pm

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

Thank you!
Thank you!
Thank you!

Since I arrived a couple of weeks ago, I have been so blessed by your kindness and hospitality.

You really are a welcoming church!

As most of you know, when I arrived in Reno, our housing situation was not resolved, but I am happy to announce that we have found a house here in Reno, off Veteran's Hwy not far from South Meadows, and we are expecting to move in around Valentine's Day.

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Pastor's Corner Continued ...

My family is very excited about this! It's actually a house we saw when we were here in October to visit with you all, and it went into escrow and we thought that was it. Low and behold, it was back on the market when I drove by it a couple of weeks ago. God is good!

What that really means for all of you is that I will be a little bit in and out for this first part of February. I have a quick trip to Henderson planned to make sure everything is set for the move, and then I'll be going back the following week to actually do the move with my family. So I anticipate being out of the office on Feb 5 and part of the 6th as well as Feb. 11-14. The following week, I will be settled back in working with my regular scheduled day off being on Fridays.

I realize that all this back and forth is kind of crazy, which is why my family and I are so excited to really get settled. I appreciate your patience and understanding with our situation more than I can express. And it is so nice to know that when I am installed on February 24, my family will be here and we really will all begin ministry together.

A couple of things to keep in mind as we look forward in February:

On Thursday, February 7 at 10am the organization LEAN (Lutheran Engagement Advocacy in Nevada) is inviting all parishioners to attend a special Legislative Forum in Carson City. Discussion will center on issues that will be addressed in upcoming legislation. The featured speaker will be Bishop Deborah Hutterer of the Grand Canyon Synod. A luncheon will be served and there will be opportunities to meet with Legislators. If you are interested in going, please let me know no later than Monday, February 4, so that I can RSVP for us. We can also arrange to carpool.

Tuesday, February 26, the Lectionary Bible Study will resume from 5:30-6:30pm. All are welcome, even if you were not a part of this study before.

I look forward to fun and growing and love that February will bring to us all!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy Morris





Wearing a Name Badge at Holy Cross is a way that we extend the hospitality of God by seeking to create a welcome atmosphere among Holy Cross “veterans” and newcomers alike. Our nametags have been a welcoming addition to our Sunday worship. We have decided to help Pastor Kathy out by adding last names to our name tags which will help her get to know us all a little easier. Dawn has started making those changes and you will find new badges in our beautiful badge holder in order by first names. If you do not see one in there with your last name on it, please write your first and last name on the pad of paper by the cabinet. This will be an ongoing process of transition and we truly appreciate your patience getting them all done.

Council News...

At our January 14, 2019 meeting Kathy Doyle lead us in devotions—focusing on change.

We welcomed guest, Natalie Tegio. Natalie presented the “in-house” picture directory that she and Dawn have developed for Holy Cross. Over the coming several weeks, pictures of members will be taken between Sunday services (Natalie), and then the pictures will be merged with current contact information and “published” in house (Dawn).

This directory has the advantage of being able to be updated on a regular basis as we receive new members and Holy Cross has “control” of the production process. The council approved up to \$100 in expenses (primarily copy paper) for this directory. When the directory is completed all members will receive a copy and a copy of digital photos are available upon request—check with Natalie or Dawn. There is no charge to members for their directory or photos, however, while minimal, this is a general operating fund expense, gifts to the general operating fund are always gratefully accepted.

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Council News (Cont'd)

Recommended by the Finance Committee, Sharon Voss was appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. Thank you to Steve Tate for his service on the Audit Committee.

The purchase of a commercial grade vacuum up to \$600 was approved. The funds to come from the Memorial Fund. Subsequent to the Council Meeting we were informed by Pastor Rubio from the Casa Del Alfieri Congregation, that their congregation is gifting us a commercial grade vacuum, and it will arrive by late January.

An Annual Planning Calendar Process of church wide events was approved, and will be shared with committees and groups. Dawn maintains the "controlling calendar"—in the church office and should always be consulted by groups and individuals for scheduling events at Holy Cross.

The Finance Committee presented the 2018 financial review and 2019 budget for approval. Due to the loss of a long time major annual gift (due to business and economic reasons) the 2018 loss deepened and the 2019 budget shows a \$12,000 deficit. The Council approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee—expense reductions, change insurance companies, and an appeal to members to prayerfully consider increasing their giving 5 to 6%. These budget recommendations were presented to the Congregation and approved at the Annual Meeting January 27.

Council Members Kathy Doyle and Fred Ford are completing their council terms. We thank them for their work and commitment to the Mission and Ministry of Holy Cross. Warren Kline, Fran Moses and Diane Torry continue on the council for the coming year. At the annual meeting the nominating committee nominated seven candidates for the Council -They were elected to serve two-year terms: Mark Calise, Richard Eggers, Sue Gonyou, Laurel Lindstrom, Stephany Robison, Sue Volinkaty, Sharon Voss.

The New Council Will hold a planning retreat February 8 and 9.
We adjourned with Prayer.

Submitted by Diane Torry, Council President



Receiving love
is great. Giving
love is even
better.



Holy Cross Quilters completed and gave away 153 quilts during our “quilt year”! This brings total quilts given away over the last twelve years to 1,542—(estimated retail value, \$69,000) The quilts were given to Lutheran World Relief, Veterans in Transition, Neo Natal Intensive Care unit at Renown Medical Center, Children in Transition in the Washoe County School District, Ronald McDonald House, Hosana Home, Leah's Home, The Children's Cabinet and friends and members of Holy Cross. We

have helped people in disaster areas around the world, local homeless families and children, premature hospitalized babies, veterans reestablishing themselves, children in need and congregation members in need of support and comfort. People in our community and around the world have received a gift of love from Holy Cross, sending a quilt that provides shelter and warmth and a message that someone is thinking of them and cares for them--- "God's Work our Hands."

Look for the “Blue Baskets” return in the coming weeks!— The Blue Basket has kits with fabric and instructions to complete quilt tops —on “your schedule”—and return when completed. These tops help the quilt group meet our “annual production goals!”—and are much appreciated.

We are “back at work”! Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month; 9:30-12 noon and 1:00 – 3:00p.m.

Please join us for fun creative work and fellowship—or just stop by to see what we are doing—together we follow “Christ’s call to discipleship in the World”.

I loved you
at your
darkest

romans
5:8

A photograph of a white fabric square with a red border, featuring handwritten text in black ink. The text reads "I loved you at your darkest" and "romans 5:8". The square is placed on a dark brown background with a red ribbon-like graphic on the left and right sides.



Interested in Joining Holy Cross?

Anyone may be active at Holy Cross without formally joining the church. We invite people to consider membership as a means of expressing their faith and their intent to join with us in worshipping regularly, seeking to live a Christian life, and being stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. We offer a two-session orientation which includes opportunity to get to know others; learn about Lutheran values, beliefs, and history; and learn about ways to be involved and grow in faith at Holy Cross. Participants may attend the classes without initially deciding if they'd like to join. Attending the orientation should provide helpful information whatever one decides.

- Class sessions Wednesday February 20 & 27th
- Meet in the fellowship hall from 6-8 p.m. with soup supper at 6
- Child care will be arranged as requested
- Those who wish to join will be received in worship at either service on Sunday, March 3rd.

To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Kathy or email her at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com. You may also speak to any of the members of our leadership team: Kathy Doyle, Sue Volinkaty, Katie Torry, Ray Streit, or Diane Torry.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for Pastor Kathy's formal Installation on February 24th @ 2:00 pm . It's an exciting time for us all. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex to help with the reception following the installation.



Senior Lunch on Wed. the 20th at 12:00 Noon. Bring sack lunch.



Birthdays:

2/1 Adeline Bergeson
2/1 Bill Kuehn
2/1 Madeline Murray
2/8 Joulette Marbina
2/11 Sharon Rovig
2/12 Alyssa Puckett
2/15 Dan Bouweraerts
2/17 Jim Morrison
2/18 Brita Gonyou
2/18 Paul Featherstone
2/20 Jean Pierre Raad
2/24 Janice Oakland
2/24 Nathan Candia
2/25 Corrie Volinkaty
2/26 Ethan Jaeck
2/28 Tara Martin
2/29 Steve Tate



Anniversaries:

2/8 Tim & Peggy Rhyme
2/13 Robert & Trish Riley
2/14 Steve & Betty Tate



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, continuing our 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 at the beginning of a new study. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Love

bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

First Corinthians 13:7



Service Committee

The Service Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 5th at 1:00. We will be planning service and fellowship events thru June (come with guru ideas). We are always looking for more help and ideas, so please join us.



During the month of February we will be collecting NEW socks, underwear, hats and gloves for men, women, and children. These items will be given to Good Shepherd Clothes Closet and to Volunteers of America.



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We will also be providing a meal for families staying at Ronald McDonald

House. Please watch for sign-up sheets or contact Jodi Morrison.

Giving Statements

Don't forget to pick up your Year-End Giving Statements in the Narthex. They are in a box by the nametags in order by last name. If they have not been picked up then they will be mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Dawn know.





February 3rd

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 17th

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 10th

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 24th

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38



February Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ February Shared Harvest is due 2/24. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at St Luke's. Items needed are: 30 crackers and 55 Mac & Cheese and deodorant.

Cake/Cookie Decorating ~ The ladies have been having a great time working on their decorating skills. Madeline will be doing "Holiday" classes this year so look forward to information in the coming months.

