

Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter of :



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church | July 2019

Pastor's Corner



*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23*

Mark Your Calendar

7.22 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

7.2 (Tues)

Service Committee @ 1:00 pm

7.4 (Thurs)

Independence Day
Office Closed

7.18 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 1:00 pm

7.9, 7.23 (Tues)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

7.3, 7.10, 7.17, 7.24, 7.31 (Wed)

Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

7.10, 7.45 (Wed)

Women's Book Club @ 3:00 pm

7.3, 7.10, 7.17, 7.24, 7.31 (Wed)

Evening Service @ 6:30 pm

These words came to my mind this morning after an emotional night of concern around my oldest brother's health. (He seems to be doing fine, but he gave us quite a scare!) As I was pondering these words, I was thinking that God's mercies are new for us all the time – morning, noon and night because God is steadfast in God's love for each of us.

Perhaps, we think God's mercies are new in the morning because after a good night's sleep, we have fresh eyes to see them. When we are tired or carrying heavy burdens, God's mercy is often harder to see. So I am a big fan of Sabbath rest.

My family and I will be resting and renewing together as we vacation this month, and I will be out of the office from July 8-18.

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

I'm sure most of you know the drill. Dawn will have the names of a few local pastors who are available in the event of an emergency. Worship on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings will occur with some of our wonderful lay leaders being in charge. With our phones being so handy, I am sure I'll see emails, phone calls or text, but I'm not guaranteeing that I will answer them. I may or may not depending on what my family is up to. For us this is a sacred family time.

I look forward to sharing our adventures with you all when we get back. And yes, we will be taking Flat Jesus with us so we'll have some pictures to share, too! I hope and pray all of you find the same rest and renewal that we are looking forward to!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy

REST

Allow God to restore, replenish and refocus your heart and mind.

Special Meeting

Special Congregation Meeting Sunday July 28 at 10: 20 a.m.

At our annual congregation meeting in January we decided to hold a Special Congregation Meeting in July to review our financial progress.

The Church Council has set that meeting for July 28, at 10:20 a.m., immediately following Sunday Morning Worship.

The Agenda: Review of Financial Performance Year to Date June, 2019 compared to the budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting. Update on Holy Cross 2019 Mission achievement.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Diane Torry, President, Church Council

Mission: To Worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide.

*Vision: **Believe in One Affect Many, Welcome All***

Council News....

Devotions: By Pastor Kathy

We received the following reports: Financial Report— at May YTD revenue is \$111,939, above the same period in 2018 and net income is \$21,670 a decrease over March YTD as May reported a loss of \$2,755. Expenses remain tightly controlled. The Audit Committees 4/19 Audit Report was presented and accepted by the Council. Sue Volinkaty will follow up with Dawn to review the Audit committees' recommendations on computer backup. There was discussion of the current historical record process.

Pastor's Report— highlights: Sunday Prayer group has started, all are welcome, Summer Bible camp registration is underway, all are encouraged to take "Flat Jesus" with them on their summer travels. The Council discussed our outreach opportunity with the Boy Scouts, and the Boy Scout request that Holy Cross provide substantially more of the leadership component for the Cub Scout Pack than originally requested. To date no Holy Cross volunteers have indicated interest in this outreach/ leadership opportunity. While the Council expressed strong support of this community outreach, the now understood volunteer time commitment and to date lack of interest may make this opportunity difficult to support in the way requested by the Boy Scouts.

Pastor and Mark will continue to see if there are volunteers interested and also talk with the Boy Scouts about alternative ways that Holy Cross can support this Cub Scout pack program.

Council Liaison Reports: We received reports from: Worship and Music Sharon Voss & Mark Calise; Education and Learning Sue Volinkaty and Diane Torry; Outreach and Service; Sue Gonyou and Stephany Robison; Fellowship; Laurel Lindstrom and Richard Eggers; Administration and Support: Warren Kline.

Other Business: The Council evaluated the progress in accomplishing the goals and actions steps in the "Growing into Change" Goals and Council Actions Steps 2019. Progress is noted in all goal's areas: Expand Communication; Stewardship-Building up all that God has given us, Exploring and preparing for growth, and Special Projects. The July meeting will include discussion of God's Work our Hands Sunday, September 8 and the 2019 Stewardship program.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer

Church Council: Diane Torry, President; Mark Calise, Vice President; Laurel Lindstrom, Secretary; Richard Eggers, Sue Gonyou, Warren Kline, Fran Moses, Stephany Robison, Sharon Voss, Sue Volinkaty and Pastor Kathy



READY...SET...
QUILT!



Thanks to all for the great help at our special "Quilt Tying Party" June 22. We tied 10 quilts! This helps further our mission...more quilts to "give away" following our Quilt Blessing in the fall.

We give quilts to 6 local charities and worldwide to Lutheran World Relief.

The Blue Basket Returns! Pick up a quilt top kit complete with instructions, and sew a quilt top on your schedule.

The Blue Basket is available in the Fellowship Hall.

We will meet on July 18th with no meeting on July 4th. Our regular meeting times are 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Come join us as no experience is required to join the fun!



Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in July, the 9th and the 23rd at 9 a.m. We welcome all knitters and crocheters and/or those who want to learn how to knit or crochet.

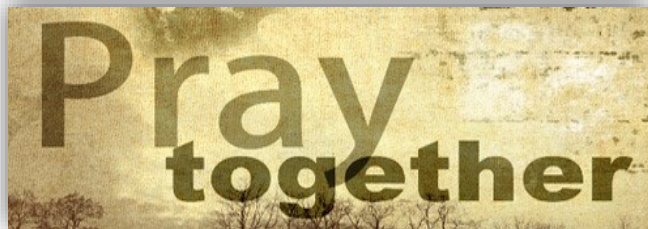
We are a small group and make afghans/lap robes, scarves, hats and shawls for local causes here in the Reno/Sparks area along with for our family and friends. We are now making Octopi for the Renown Neo Natal unit and we will teach you how. They are so cute!

Come join us to make a difference for our local people and for a fun time.

Psalm 136:26 Give thanks to the God of heaven His love endures **forever**



Wednesday Bible study continues our study of the Lord's Prayer, heading down the home stretch. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and you can join the class any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Prayer Group meets on Sundays after church.
All are welcome!



July Shared Harvest ~ July Shared Harvest due 7/28. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross, Reno. Items needed are 50 Mac and Cheese, 41 Soup, 10 Powdered Milk, Disposable razors and Zip Lock bags (gallon size).



God's Work. Our Hands. *September 8, 2019*

We will be working in mission with ELCA congregations around the country on God's Work our Hands

Sunday September 8.

There are several projects underway (check out the Giving Tree—items for Eddy House) and “in development”.

Stay tuned for more information on how we can all serve as God's Hands in our Community September 8.





During the summer months, The **GIVING TREE** will be up for Eddy House.

We will be collecting specific food items for To-Go-Food Bags that will be assembled on September 8th as part of God's Work: Our Hands Day.

Eddy House is a drop in center for homeless, runaway, foster, and other at-risk youth between the ages of 12 -24. Eddy House works with the youth at this center to help develop life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence.

Youth visitors can access "care and comfort services" including showers, laundry vouchers, snacks, clothing, as well as a safe space to spend time off the streets.

Please take a look at the items on THE GIVING Tree to see how we all can help these youth. The bags are filled with very specific ready-to-eat items that can be eaten with no preparation. *Please no Nature Valley bars.*



Save-the-Dates

Oktoberfest - 10/20

Women's Advent Tea - 12/8



July 21st is Tye-Dye Sunday!

We invite folks to wear their tie-dye as we celebrate and bless the kids who will be heading off to day camp at Camp Zephyr the following week.

We will also bless our drivers and chaperones as well!



Cottage Meeting Update....

We have successfully held 3 cottage meetings this month with over 30 attendees.

The meetings are a chance for you to spend time with Pastor Kathy and get to know more about her and her vision for the church.

These small gatherings are also a chance for you to share more about yourself and socialize with other HCLC members.

A special thank you to the Tates, Schlossers and Lindstroms for hosting our June gatherings.

We hope to add another 2 or 3 more towards the end of the summer. Look for more information in the weeks to come. Thanks again for your participation and contribution to the success of our cottage meetings.

Please contact Sue Volinkaty if you have questions or would like to host a gathering at 775-722-2363 or volinakty@hotmail.com



How to Submit an Article to the Holy Cross “Crossroads”

All Holy Cross groups and members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for publication in the monthly “Crossroads” newsletter.

Articles about your groups activities and upcoming events that might be interesting to members and friends are always of interest. Recognition and Thank yous are always valued and appreciated as well.

Articles need to be submitted a week before the first of the month. Contact Dawn in the office for more information.



Celebrating
40
Years

HCLC's 40th anniversary is next year!

It has been brought to my attention that there is interest in doing a new cookbook or something special for the event.

I would be happy to spear head this project but I am seeking input, guidance, and of course help from anyone who would like to be on this committee.

We can do other things as well or in lieu of the cookbook. I think the general consensus is that something should be done in celebration of HCLC's 40th anniversary.

If you would be interested in being in this group please contact me so we can begin the process, planning, etc. on what we'd like to do.

My contact is listed below.

Peace & Blessings,
Richard Eggers, Council Member
Renogemini@aol.com

AARP[®]

Driver Safety

Holy Cross is working with AARP to offer the Smart Driver Course for those over 50. This valuable one day workshop provides information to improve driver safety and can result in reduction in your insurance rates.

Dates: September 16,
October 14 and November 16.
More information will be available
in the coming weeks.

Free

**Safety
Training**

Training planned for August!!

We are planning an American Red Cross training in mid-August for hands on CPR. We will also be reviewing the Automated External Defibrillator and the first aid kit we have by the office at Holy Cross.

This training does not provide certification in CPR but it will give you a familiarity with hands on CPR. For questions about this class contact Fred Ford.



Weekly Scripture

July 7th

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14th

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21st

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 28th

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Helping Worship Happen



Coffee Hour

7/7: Chris Martin
7/14: Susan McMurray
7/21: Jody Morrison
7/28: Richard Eggers

Flowers

Veralyn Combs
Tom & Chris Martin
Christy Moses
Tates

Communion Helpers

Steve & Betty Tate
Katie Weldon & Paula Featherstone
Ray & Nina Cross
Karen Ford & Sue McDonald

Lectors

7/7: Kim Lintz
7/14: Jody Morrison
7/21: Natalie Tegio
7/28: Roland Grumm

Ushers

Namestkas
Veralyn Combs & Marla Hoole
Kathy & Tavis Mills
Krehliks

Altar Guild

July~ Sandi Christman

Offering Counter

July ~ Paula Featherstone

Songs of Faith

Wednesday Night
"Songs of Faith"
worship series continues
on Wednesdays in July.

We'll start with a Patriotic Theme on July 3,
with hot dogs being served starting at 6pm.

Be on the lookout for Christmas in July
later in the month!



New Membership Orientation Class:
Thinking about joining Holy Cross Church?

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 will be offering orientation on August 25th following worship service. This 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 class without initially deciding if they'd like to join. Attending the orientation should provide helpful information whatever one decides.

To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Kathy or Diane Torry.



Birthdays:



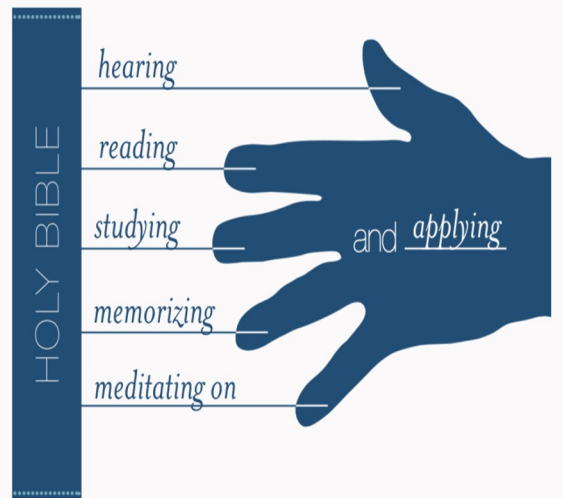
- 7/1 Gail Nemy
- 7/7 Ciarra Ioli
- 7/7 Pastor Kathy
- 7/9 Janet Schultz
- 7/10 Fred Ford
- 7/14 Michael Torry
- 7/15 Ethan Ioli
- 7/15 Laila Dietz
- 7/15 Mark Calise
- 7/15 Tom Martin
- 7/16 Sue Gonyou
- 7/16 Carol Ritter
- 7/22 Ellis Christman
- 7/22 Adaline Christman
- 7/24 Logan Kunze
- 7/25 Raylyn Crawford
- 7/26 Betty Tate
- 7/26 Bruce Bye



Anniversaries:

- 7/4 Lance & Veralyn Combs

Get a grip on the Bible by...



the Bible for a lifetime.