

# Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter of :



Holy Cross  
Lutheran Church

| August 2019

## Mark Your Calendar

- 8.3 (Sat)  
Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am
- 8.12 (Mon)  
Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 8.6 (Tues)  
Service Committee @ 1:00 pm
- 8.1, 8.15 (Thurs)  
Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00
- 8.14, 8.28 (Wed)  
Women's Book/Bible @ 3:00
- 8.7, 8.14, 8.21, 8.28 (Wed)  
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm
- 8.7, 8.14, 8.21, 8.28 (Wed)  
Evening Worship @ 6:30 pm
- 8.13, 8.27 (Tues)  
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am
- 8.27 (Tues)  
Scripture Bible Study  
@ 5:30 pm
- 8.18 (Sun)  
Safety Training @ 10:30 am

## Pastor's Corner



### Happy Summer Everyone!

I realized a few days ago that I have officially been serving as your pastor for 6 months now, and I want to make sure you know how happy I am to be working with you here at Holy Cross as we serve and worship the Lord together.

I also realized that I don't think I have really and truly settled into my office. Yes, I brought some stuff with me, put a couple of things on the wall, but there are a stack of boxes in my garage that need to come and live in my office, so I am declaring that August is....

***"Getting the Office Organized Month."***

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# Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

I'm starting with my shelves. There are a lot of really wonderful resources, Bible study guides and books that I discovered on my shelves when I got here. However, some of them, I really don't need or I already have my own copies, so I am going to be putting them on a table in the Fellowship Hall, and if they are of interest to you, I invite you to take some of the books. Some may get added to the collection of books already in the Gathering Room. Whatever is left after that, will likely be donated.

Another project, I am going to undertake is painting my office. I haven't yet decided on the color, but hopefully, we will find one that is cheery and welcoming. If you would like to help with my painting party, please let me know and we will find a time to get it done.

It always takes time to settle in, so I appreciate all that you have done so far in making such a smooth transition.

*"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." – Ephesians 1:16*

May God's peace and love be with you all!

Pastor Kathy

## BACKPACK BLESSING



**We pray for teachers and students:**

We will have a special blessing for our returning students and educators on August 11th during service. So bring your backpacks to worship that day as we wish our students and educators well for a wonderful school year.



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**1st Saturday of every month**

A reminder the next Men's breakfast will be on Saturday, August 3rd at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

This is a free breakfast however; free will donation can be made to help supplement the cost.

Please see Warren Kline if you have questions or would like to help.



# *Church Council News!*

Our Council Meeting was held on July 22nd at 5:30 pm.

Devotions: By Fran Moses

We received the following reports:

***Financial Report***— at June YTD revenue is \$135,527, above budget and the same period in 2018 and net income is \$23, 177 above budgeted loss. Expenses remain tightly controlled, refrigerator repair and oiling of outside crosses were not budgeted and totaled \$1,100.

***Pastor's Report***— highlights: The summer Wednesday evening worship service experiences attendance of 8 to 22, the worship is meaningful for all who attend. Pastor thanked the lay leaders—Sheldon Flom, Sue Gonyou, Fran Moses and Pastor Grumm for leading Worship while she and her family were on vacation. 9 kids are attending Bible camp at Camp Zephyr the week of July 22-good intergenerational support of drivers and chaperones. We are looking for someone to chair or co-chair the Funeral/Memorial Reception Committee.

## ***Council Liaison Reports:***

We received reports from: Outreach and Service; Sue Gonyou and Stephany Robison; Fellowship; Laurel Lindstrom and Richard Eggers; Administration and Support: Warren Kline and Fran Moses. Cottage Meetings, Sue Volinkaty. Laurel presented the Committee Description and Procedures for the Memorial and Funeral Reception Ministry Committee

## ***Other Business:***

On-God's Work our Hands Sunday September 8 the Service committee leads us in preparing bags for Eddy's House, and an Ice Cream Social with music for our neighbors at Silver Sage will be held, Fran Moses committee chair.

For our Fall Stewardship Program, the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program has been selected. The Stewardship Committee is being formed, the Committee Chair has yet to be named. We will conduct our Time and Talent response in January- receiving the Time and Talent forms at our Annual Meeting. Warren reported on the new Ministry-Men's Saturday Breakfast group—5 attended in July! Warren is heading a Holy Cross Birthday Spaghetti Dinner September 14, which will be focused on outreach into the community and Holy Cross with the proceeds to be shared with the community and Holy Cross. Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of Holy Cross's founding. The Council began discussion of the recognition and celebration of this significant achievement.

Pastor lead us in the closing prayer and praying together The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Diane Torry, Council President

# Holy Cross Finances...

## Report from the Finance Committee:

**Date: June 31, 2019—Actual year to date compared to budget**

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comment
Other Giving	\$5,812			Includes Transitory
Rent	\$4,380	\$5,175	<b>(-\$795)</b>	
Unrestricted General Fund	\$125,335	\$105,800	<b>+ \$19,535</b>	
Total income	\$135,527	\$110,975	<b>+\$24,552</b>	
Total Expense	\$112,350	\$116,809	<b>+\$4,459</b>	Includes 1 <sup>st</sup> mgt Principal & Interest
Net income	\$23,177	<b>-( \$5,834)</b>	<b>+\$29,011</b>	

2019 YTD Net Income is significantly above budget and expenses are 10% 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. Unbudgeted expenses-refrigerator repair and oiling of exterior crosses \$1,100. Personnel expenses were underbudget primarily due to no Pastor salary & benefits the first two weeks of January.

## Profit and Loss 6/31 YTD previous year comparison

	Jan -June 2018	Jan-June 2019	Change	Comment
Other Giving	\$2,807	\$5,812	<b>+3,005</b>	Includes Transitory
Rent	\$4,480	\$4,380	<b>(-\$100)</b>	
Unrestricted General Fund	\$96,707	\$125,335	<b>+ 28,628</b>	
Total income	\$103,994	\$135,527	<b>+\$31,533</b>	
Total Expense	\$114,833	\$112,350	<b>-( \$2,483)</b>	Includes 1 <sup>st</sup> mgt Principal & Interest
Net income	<b>( \$10,839 )</b>	\$23,177	<b>+\$34,016</b>	

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**

## Hooks & Needles...



Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in August, the 13th and the 27th 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, 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.

## God's Work, Our Hands, September 8th...

Join Us For...

God's work.  
Our hands.



God's Work, Our Hands is a national day of service throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Local congregations determine the forms of service they'd like to take on in their own community.

We will have two different projects that day which we will work on after worship services that day:

- At Silver Sage, our neighbor to the north, we will be hosting an ice cream social for the residents.
- At Holy Cross, assembling care bags for Eddy House with all the items we have been collecting all summer.

More information about God's Work, Our Hands will be coming as the date gets closer. Join us as we seek to be good neighbors in our community.



## Ministry Fair September 8th!

Amazing ministry work is being done through the many activities, committees, and ministry groups here at Holy Cross. As a way of providing members in the congregation an opportunity to learn more about these groups and activities and encourage involvement, we are planning a Ministry Fair in the fellowship hall on

September 8th while participating in God's Work, Our Hands. What better time to work together as a church community and learn other ways we can support each other at Holy Cross and continue on our mission of: **worshiping God and following Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide**

Each ministry group here at Holy Cross will host a table and provide information describing such things as activities or services the committee provides, when they meet, how a person can be involved, etc. Please notify Dawn Braudo in the church office at 827-4822 or [holycrossreno@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossreno@gmail.com) to confirm your group's participation. We look forward to this exciting event.

# Holy Cross Quilters...

Quilters are busy in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Thursdays of each month. (every Thursday morning you will find a few quilters “going batty” in the Fellowship Hall) We make “quite a mess”, but, the results being beautiful, usable quilts that are donated to people in need in our community, congregation and around the world.

## ***Gratitude has been on our minds...***

We are grateful to all who participate in our quilt making efforts. Those that come to quilt on Thursdays, those that sew tops from the Blue Basket, those that donate sheets for backs and batting, those that donate fabric, those that admire our work displayed in the Fellowship Hall, those that communicate our meeting times and needs, those that support our quilt raffles, those that bless our quilts at the quilt blessings and those that keep us in prayer.

The Fellowship Hall is a great blessing for the quilt group, providing beautiful space for all to work with ease and efficiency. We are also grateful for those that receive our quilts.

We receive so many lovely thank you notes from congregation members and friends, local charitable organization quilt recipients- and we hear that Lutheran World Relief Quilts are reaching refugees. We are inspired by the appreciation of our work- knowing that our quilts bring not only warmth but also hope and emotional support to those that receive them.

Everyone is welcome to join the quilt group—no quilting or sewing experience is required. Although experienced quilters and sewers are also treasured. Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship. “Come when you can!”

*“Love one another deeply from the heart” 1 Peter 1:22*

Diane Torry

***Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship!***

## *Bible Study...*



Wednesday Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Roly will be having two stand-alone sessions about Genesis and Science if you would like to hear his special preparation. Otherwise, we continue on with our study of the Lord's Prayer and you can join the class any time.

If you're interested, contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com).

## *Safety Training...*



Holy Cross is hosting a safety training on Sunday, August 18th after worship service at 10:30am. This training will be a hands-on demonstration of CPR by the American Red Cross and a review of the Automated External Defibrillator and the First Aid Kit that are located by the office door.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending this class.



The Driver Safety Courses will be held Monday, September 16, 9 a.m. to 1p.m. October 14, 9 a.m. to 1p.m. and November 16, 9a.m. to 1p.m.

## Driver Safety

This course is available for anyone. Those over 50 may be eligible to receive a three-year discount on their car insurance.

We are taking advance sign ups for the September 16 class—sign up and invite a friend! –there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Holy Cross and AARP will be advertising this event. Payment for the class will be taken the day of the class- please come with a check or exact cash. The Driver Safety instructor will collect payment prior to the class beginning. This is a four-hour class, feel free to bring a snack \$15 for AARP members, and \$20 for nonmembers Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course!

You will learn:

- Defensive driving techniques
- Proven safety strategies
- New Nevada traffic laws and rules of the road

Plus, there are no tests to pass. You simply sign up and learn. Upon completion you could receive a three-year discount on your car insurance (check with your insurance company for their discount)



# Camp News...

## What a week to remember!

From July 22nd – 26th, 9 Holy Cross Youth attended Camp Zephyr at the Presbyterian Conference Center in Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. The week was active, engaging, social, relational and transformative. Following are some of the highlights:

We had 9 campers and 100% participation all week long! Each day campers met at HCLC at 7:30 am for group time, prayer, and departed for camp at 7:45 am. It took an hour to get there, and an hour to come home each day, with campers returning at 5:15 each evening and finishing with group time and prayer. For FIVE days straight, we had every camper there! Even with long days and long travel times at the beginning and end of each day, this group of 9 young church members experienced fellowship and camaraderie as they journeyed through the week together.

Here are two campers experiences in their own words....

“Camp was great! The first day, the new van broke down. We piled into personal vans. The could seat about 5 in each. We drove up the long way of an hour and five minutes. After arriving, we played until it was time to start the day. All the groups talk about different things during trail talk. After lunch we get into our swim clothes.

The first two days are the days to pass the swim test. You have to swin from one dock to another. Then we tread water or float for 30 seconds. If you don't pass, you can only go in the water up to your waist. We get about an hour at the lake. Then you continue with your day until it's time to go.”  
Zack Weldon

Abigail Morris' best memory was driving over the “Bridge of Death” every day. She also liked the tunnel where you held your breath and licked a finger at the same time.

This is just a small sampling of the fun our kiddos had at camp.

Thank you to all the chaperones who drove up and back each day making sure our kids had fun and remained safe. We are blessed with a wonderful and supporting congregation here at Holy Cross and it was a wonderful intergenerational experience for all who participated and helped.

**Bringing  
Generations  
Together**





# Summer Day Camp Adventures









# Songs of Faith

Wednesday Night “*Songs of Faith*” worship series continues on Wednesday evenings through August. Please join us for worship at 6:30 pm every Wednesday.

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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.*

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## Save-the-Dates ....

Oktoberfest - 10/20

Church Decorating - 11/30 @ 9:00 am

Open House - 12/6 @ Pastor’ Kathy’s House

Women’s Advent Tea - 12/8



Prayer Group meets on Sundays after church.

***All are welcome!***





## ***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 worshiping regularly, seeking to live a Christian life, and being stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. We offer an 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 session will be on August 25th following worship service.
- We will meet in the fellowship hall from approximately 10:30 – 12:30.
- Those who wish to join will be received in worship on Sunday, September 1st.

To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Kathy or email her at [pastorhclcreno@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhclcreno@gmail.com).



## **Shared Harvest**

**FOODBANK**

**August Shared Harvest** ~ August Shared Harvest due 8/25. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross, Reno. Anyone interested in learning more about Shared Harvest and the bagging process will have a wonderful opportunity this month since it will be here at Holy Cross this month.

***Items needed are 55 mac and cheese,  
41 crackers and deodorant***



## Save the Date.....



### **September 14th.....**

We will be having a “39 and holding” Birthday Celebration on September 14th. We have decided to have a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and reach out into our community for this joyous occasion. More details to follow in the coming weeks. If you would like to help, please speak with Warren Kline or Pastor Kathy.

## WE'RE GOING TO 2 SERVICES

Godly Play & Choir also resume

### **September 15th....**

We will switch back to two services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Choir and Godly play will also resume that day.



### **September 29th....**

We will be offering the community a pet blessing (outdoors) on September 29th at 9:00 a.m. **We will be having a meeting on Monday August 12th at 1:00 pm to work on the details.** Please join us!. This will be a wonderful and fun event for Holy Cross and the surrounding community. If you would like to help, please speak with Angie Hart or Pastor Kathy.



# Weekly Scripture



## August 4th

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;  
2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

## August 11th

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

## August 18th

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Luke 12:49-56

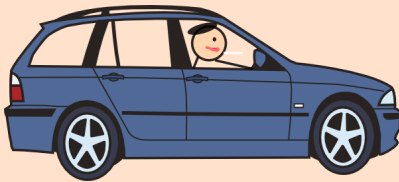
## August 25th

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



## *Can you help with a ride?*

We are looking for more people who can be on the team to transport Pastor Roly to church services on Sunday. There have been four people (Linda, Laurel, Sandi, Becky) who have been faithful all summer, but even then we have tight scheduling due to travel and other obligations.

And then when we go back to two services in September, 3 of the current 4 are involved in the 8am service, and only 1 at the 10:30am. His doctor said he had to have the pacemaker in for 6 months before he would consider clearance for driving, so Roly has already counted that that will be in November.

Roly lives in Summit Estates, right across the street from the In-and-Out Burger on South Virginia.

Please let Becky know ([beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com)) as soon as possible if you would be able to join our team. We have 7/28 covered, but we're running into severe problems in August. We would like to help him be able to keep coming to church as much as possible as HCLC is a big part of his family now.

*We are church  
together*





**Coffee Hour**

8/4: TBD  
 8/11: Vinopals  
 8/18: Jolene Jaillot  
 8/25: Carol Ritter

**Communion Helpers**

Linda Puckett & Paula Featherstone  
 Veralyn Combs & Sandi Christman  
 Tom & Chris Martin  
 Steve & Betty Tate

**Lectors**

8/4: Linda Puckett  
 8/11: Diane Torry  
 8/18: Anna Tipton  
 8/25: TBD

**Ushers**

Sandi C. & Stephany R.  
 Paula F. & James Alanko  
 Steve & Betty Tate  
 Joe & Gladys Krehlik

**Altar Guild**

August– Veralyn Combs

**Offering Counter**

August – Various

***Lectionary Bible Study***

The Bible study class Pastor Kathy has been leading on Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at the church, will resume Tuesday August 27th. Anybody is invited to this group which will read and discuss the scriptures designated by the Revised Common Lectionary for the following Sunday's worship service.

Speak with Pastor Kathy or email her at [pastorhclcreno@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhclcreno@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

**Birthdays:**

8/6 Pat Schlosser  
 8/7 Stephany Robison  
 8/8 William Borton  
 8/8 Stephany Robison  
 8/11 Jean Bye  
 8/12 Bianca Thetford  
 8/13 Riley Crawford  
 8/14 Diane Torry  
 8/14 Roxanne Olson  
 8/21 Pat Clem  
 8/23 Jacob Kelley  
 8/23 Thaddaeus Peters  
 8/25 Ed Gonyou  
 8/26 Kathy Doyle

**Anniversaries:**

8/2 Richard & Frances Moses  
 8/24 Jim & Cindy Thompson  
 8/29 Eric & Katie Weldon



# Garden of Eatin'

A BIG thank you to Pat Schlosser and his "Elves" for taking care of our garden. There have been some great harvests already from our garden. It is very satisfying seeing and sharing the fruits of our labor. Thank you to those who have sponsored a box and are helping with the maintenance and harvesting of our garden.