

Monthly Newsletter : *October 2019*



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Holy Cross **Crossroads**



Mark your Calendar

- 10.8, 10.22 (Tue)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am
- 10.1, 10.22 (Tue)
Lectionary Bible Study
@ 5:30 pm
- 10.14 (Mon)
AARP Driving Class @ 9:00 –1:00
- 10.14 (Mon)
Bill Quick Memorial @ 3:00 pm
- 10.14 (Mon)
Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 10.16 (Wed)
Senior Lunch @ Noon
- 10.9, 10.23 (Wed)
Women's Bible/Book Study
@ 3:00 pm
- 10.2, 10.9, 10.16, 10.23, 10.30 (Wed)
Bible Study@ 1:30 pm
- 10.3, 10.17 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 4:00
- 10.11 (Sat)
Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am
- 10.29 (Tue)
Trunk or Treat @ 5:00—7:00 pm
- 10.20 (Sun)
Oktoberfest @ 11:30 am
- 10.21 (Mon)
Cake/Cookie Decorating @ 1:00 pm



Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

It's fall! I know I'm stating the obvious, but my delight in living in a town that actually has trees that change colors in the fall has been pretty strong these last couple of weeks, and I've remembered just how much I like this season of the year. Not only do we get the fun of cooler temperatures and pretty leaves, but there is also a certain amount of fun that comes with my kids and Halloween. I torture them really well by pulling out my Martin Luther books and making them hear the story of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg back on October 31, 1517.



Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

It really was a watershed moment for the Church.

So in honor of that occasion, I'm planning a three week sermon series to help us get to the heart of what it means to be Lutheran. Starting on October 13, we are going to explore our Lutheran DNA as we talk about three things near and dear to our hearts:

- **October 13 – Go in peace and SERVE the Lord!** We will learn about the importance of service as we offer a special blessing for the quilts and other items that our quilters and knitters have made for the community.
- **October 20 – This is the FEAST!** In celebration of Oktoberfest, we will have only one service at 10:30 followed by a wonderful meal. During service we will talk about the gifts that we are given through our Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism.
- **October 25 – The WORD of the Lord!** On Reformation Sunday, be sure to wear red as we reflect on the importance of the Bible for our daily lives.

We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate some of the goodness that our heritage as Lutherans has brought us!

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy



Council News...

Devotions: By Diane Torry “Courageous Leadership” -- from ELCA Evangelism Tips. We received the following reports:

Financial Report: at August YTD revenue is \$165,537, above budget and the same period in 2018 and net income is \$17,456 and above budgeted loss. Expenses remain tightly controlled. August income reflected lower summer giving and was at the same level as August 2018. Next month the 3rd quarter budget to actual review will be presented. “3rd quarter finance update” for the congregation will be held between services in October date TBD.

Pastor’s Report: highlights: Successful God’s Work our Hands day—supporting Eddy House, Silver Sage Residence, youth making and delivering cookies for local fire stations and the congregation ministry fair. Two worship services resume on September 15. The increased summer worship service attendance and needs for a nursery will be discussed and evaluated as we begin 2020 budget preparation. The Fall Schedule is exciting with the return to two Worship Services, Pet Blessing Service, Fall Clean Day, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program, and the first Hot Topic workshop on immigration. We welcome new members: Jan Mann, Joe McElhinney, Martin Theiss, Peggy Ward and Eric Weldon.

Liaison Reports: We received reports from Fellowship; Laurel Lindstrom and Richard Eggers- Fall Clean Day is set for October 6; Administration and Support: Warren Kline — the “39 and Holding” Spaghetti Dinner celebration/fundraiser honoring Holy Cross 39th birthday September 14 is in good order. Education and Learning: Godly Play resumes on September 8, the Tuesday evening Bible Study Group resumes in September and the periodic Hot Topic workshop series begins in September with discussion of Immigration. Report from the Landscape Committee was received.

Other Business:

The Finance Committee presented the Memorials and Gift Receipt Policy for review and adoption by the Council. This proposed policy will be taken up for action at the October Council Meeting. The Council approved the Organ Fund to pay for the repair and tuning of the organ. The Council continued discussion and planning for the Holy Cross 40th year anniversary September 2020. Pastor led us in the closing prayer and praying together the Lord's Prayer.


Autumn
BLESSINGS



Consecration Sunday is Coming...

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's church council has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 17, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and the Church Council. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Diane Torry, Church Council President



Lectionary Bible Study...



Lectionary Bible study will only take place on the 1st and 22nd in October due to Pastor's schedule. So join Pastor on Tuesday the 1st and 22nd at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. The first Tuesday in November (5th) will be reserved for Hot Topic Forum and then regular lectionary study will continue the rest of November on Tuesday evenings.



Oktoberfest will be on October 20th
Right after our ONE service
at 10:30 am.

Brats, music, and beer will be provided. A fun time will be had by all, so mark your calendars and join us for some family fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Senior Lunch will be
Wednesday October 16th
at Noon. Bring sack lunch.



Silver Sage Thanksgiving

This year we will be doing the silver sage Thanksgiving dinner the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23.

Our "house" will open at 4:30 and dinner will be buffet style between five and seven.

Watch and listen for more information as we get closer to the date. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex soon as well.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

The time has arrived for our big fall clean-up day. We don't have very many signed up on the sign-up sheets. So if you are able to graciously volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated this Saturday, 10/5.

Fellowship is at 8:30 - 9:00 where refreshments will be served and opening prayers. Cleaning begins at 9:00. Please bring your cleaning supplies (glass cleaner, furniture polish, paper towels, dusting rags, kitchen cleaners, brooms, vacuums, cobweb dusters etc.).

The closet has been demolished. Will be needing help assembling the new roller cart shelving units and then organizing, purging and putting everything back into the closet.

We need people out helping Paula Featherstone in the shed.

The more helping hands we have the faster we can get done. Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday. Wear a sweater, might be a bit cooler in the morning.

Sincerely, Richard - council member



Rides to Church

Now that we have gone back to two services, I would like to make another request for help in transporting Pastor Roly to and from the 10:30am service on Sunday. Suzanne and Sandy are working together to transport, and I am a backup for getting him there. However, it doesn't hurt to have someone else in the mix. Please contact Becky if you can help in any way. beckyb485@gmail.com or 775-360-0553. Thanks for your consideration.

*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10



Service & Fellowship....

Service:

- A big thank you to all congregation members who donated items for the Eddy House bags and also to those who help put the bags together.
- Giving Tree ~ November we will have the tree up collecting funds to purchase Win-Co gift cards for Pine and Smithridge schools.
- Christmas set up ~ Mark your calendars as we will be setting up the big Christmas tree on November 26th at 9:00 am and full Christmas decorations on November 30th starting at 9:00. ALL are welcome to come and help beautify our wonderful church for the Christmas season.

Fellowship:

- Our OKTOBERFEST is coming up quickly. A great time is always had by all. Be sure to sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex letting us know what you can bring and how many of you we can expect. It will be held Sunday, October 20th after the 10:30 service.

Watch for more information on the following:

- Ladies' Advent Tea - Sunday, December 8, 2:00 - 4:00.
- Annual Appetizers and Wine ~ Open House - December 6th, 4-7pm



Wednesday Bible study returns to our study of the Lord's Prayer on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can join the class any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.

We would like to thank Pastor Roly for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm about Creation and Science, both in Genesis but also in anticipation of the New Creation that is continuing and is to come. He worked hard to prepare the four lessons, and of course, we had lots of questions!





Godly Play....



The children at Holy Cross were so excited that Godly Play started up again. We had an average of 6 children join us last month. I know we are just getting the year going again, and am excited to welcome new and younger kids into Godly Play.

I find myself wondering about our program often. I wonder what this space means to our children? I wonder what part of Godly Play they like best? If you find yourself wondering about Godly Play please feel free to stop down the hall and check out the room after Church. The Godly Play teachers and I would be more than happy to introduce you to the “Wonder” of Godly Play.

Here are the stories that will be told in October.

**Remember that the first Sunday is Family Worship Day.

October 6, 2019
Family Worship Day

October 13, 2019
Lesson 5: The Exodus

October 20, 2019
Lesson 6: The Ten Best Ways—
Parent Orientation

October 27, 2019
Lesson 9: The Exile and Return

We encourage all children in the congregation ages 3-12 to join us. We begin the Godly Play session at 10:15.

If you are interested in story telling or door keeping please let me know! Thank you ~Jolene Jaillet

Grow in Christ

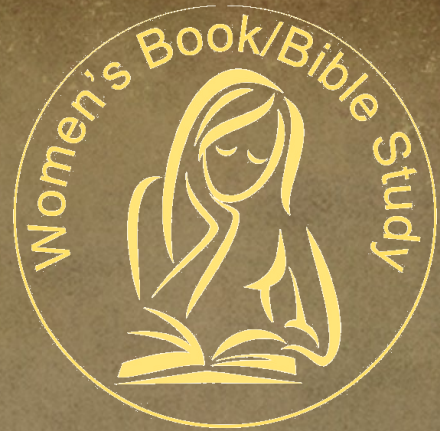


Hooks and Needles

Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in October, the 8th and the 22th 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 Bears, 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.

If you have any crocheted or knitted articles for our local charitable agencies please bring them in for our Quilt/Afghan blessing which will be held Oct 13. Please contact Kathy Barcaskey 857-1012 or kmbareno@msn.com if you have questions.



"The Holy Cross Women's Book and Bible Study group will continue to meet in October on October 9 and 23. In November and December we take our seasonal break for the holidays. We will resume again on Wednesday January 8th. If you have any questions or would like to join our group please contact Kathy Doyle at 415-823-1755 or kathydoyle@mac.com."

Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

October Shared Harvest is due 10/27. Bag assembly will be on 10/27 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior in Sparks. Items needed are: 41 chili, toothbrushes and tooth paste, Any hygiene samples or hotel size products are needed.

Special Events...

October 6: *Conference Gathering* ~ we will be having a conference gathering which will meet simultaneously at two locations - here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church as well as Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Granite Bay, CA. The meeting will begin with light refreshments and then move to a joint Zoom Video conference so that we can nominate and vote on up to 5 candidates for our new synod bishop which will be presented at our synod assembly this coming year. The meeting is open to all congregational members and it would be a great opportunity for our congregational members to meet others from our conference. A representative from the synod council will be in attendance as well.

October 11: The next Men's Prayer breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 8:00 am. Note the date change (due to Fall clean-up). See Warren Kline if you would like more information.

October 13: Quilt Blessing

October 14: AARP Safer Driving Course ~ We will be hosting another driving course here at Holy Cross on October 14th from 9am-1pm. See the flyer in the Narthex for more detailed information along with the sign-up sheet. This is a great opportunity for all of us.

October 14: Memorial for Bill Quick at 3:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

October 20: One service only at 10:30 a.m. so we can all attend the Oktoberfest Celebration after worship. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

October 21: Cake Decorating Class ~ There will be a FREE cake/cookie decorating class here in Fellowship Hall on 10/21 @ 1:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The class is being taught/hosted by our very own Madeline Gaustad. Please see Madeline if you have any questions.

October 25: Reformation Sunday! It's been 502 years since Martin Luther sparked the Reformation. Wear **red** to commemorate the movement.

October 29: Trunk or Treat ~ We need some people who would be willing to decorate their trunks and pass out treats to the kids who will be participating. If you would like to do so, there will be a sign-up sheet available starting Sunday, October 6. For more information contact Jolene Jaillet or Kelly Meseberg.



We are trying something new this fall and we could really use your help! We are hosting a Trunk or Treat event for the children in our community on Tuesday, October 29 from 5-7pm!

We've heard there are some who may have questions about what this is all about, so we hope this will help:

What is Trunk or Treat? We are looking for about 15 people who would like to decorate the trunk of their cars in some sort of festive way. You can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like. It can be decorated however you would like, but it doesn't have to be a Halloween theme, just as long as it's not too scary for kids. We are looking for things that make this even an additional safe way that kids can have fun and celebrate Halloween. If you need ideas, Pinterest online is a good resource, and also if you google images for Trunk or Treat, there are lots of ideas. Kids are invited to come in costumes and they will make their way around the trunks for treats. But they also have the job of voting for their favorite trunks, and the winner will receive a prize and bragging rights until next year.

Can I help if I don't want to decorate my trunk? Yes! We would love to have you donate candy, or small prizes, non-candy treats, pencils, or whatever that our trunks can give away to the kids. Or, if you would like to help by running a game or helping us as we sell pizza and water, or with set-up or clean up, that would be appreciated.

Who is coming? We hope that all of the kids and young people and families of Holy Cross will come. We hope that grandparents will bring their grandchildren. We hope everyone will invite friends and neighbors. We hope some of the kids from the community will come. We need your help to spread the word! So please feel free to take a flyer or an invitation and pass them around your neighborhood! This is a wonderful way to reach out to welcome the kids!

Questions? Please talk with Kelly Meseberg, Jolene Jaillet or Pastor Kathy



*"The best kind of sleep
beneath Heaven above
Is under a quilt,
handmade with love."*

Holy Cross Quilters...


Wow! We did it again! 152 quilts completed! Our "quilt year" ends, and we give all the quilts away!—Thanks to all the quilters, blue basket quilters, participants in the special quilt tying Saturday, those that donate fabric, those that support the quilt group by purchasing raffle tickets, appreciate our work, and keep us in prayer.

At Sunday Worship Services on October 13 the quilts completed this year will be blessed – The Fall Quilt Blessing! The quilts will be displayed on the "pews" in the Sanctuary so all can see the work completed by the quilt group over the past year—a "rainbow of color and creativity". We dedicate the quilts to God's service trusting that God's love goes wherever each quilt is sent. The quilt group is strengthened by our congregation's appreciation of our work and together we bless our work and the quilts that are sent with love and care to God's children in our community and around the world.

During October we will distribute over 100 quilts—to Lutheran World Relief, joining other Lutheran Church quilt groups at the Fall "In-gathering"---LWR sends trucks around the country to gather the quilts and bring them to two distribution warehouses in St. Paul Minnesota and Baltimore Maryland for distribution to those in need around the world. Locally we distribute to the Children's Cabinet—helping children in need in our community; Veterans at our local Veterans long term care center, and Veterans in Transition—helping veterans escape homelessness; Hosana Home and Leah's House- working with women to escape addiction and homelessness; Washoe County Children in Transition, helping homeless school district children, the Renown NICU unit supporting preemie babies over the Christmas season, and Ronald McDonald House supporting children at our local hospitals.

Quilts are available for Holy Cross members and friends who are experiencing a time of need and challenge where a quilt can provide support and care-- a visible reminder of God's unfailing love. Speak with Pastor Kathy about such situations.

**Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them.
Each quilt is made with love and faith.**



Bloom
where you are planted

AARP[®]

The Driver Safety Courses will be held Monday, October 14, 9 a.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 October 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!

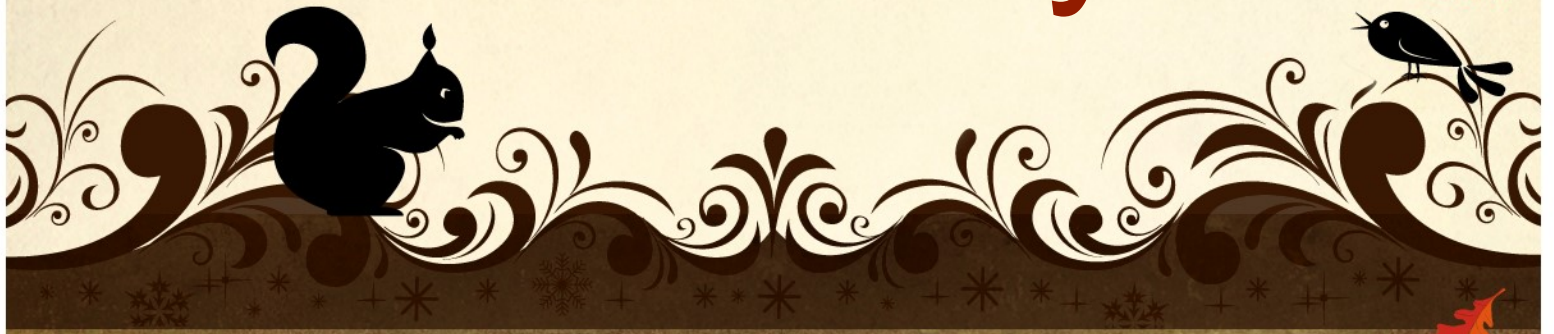
You will learn:

- 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)



Live Nativity...



Throughout the years, we, the members of Holy Cross, have shared our love for Christ by supporting the Live Nativity Celebration either by setting up the Live Nativity scene or participating on the scheduled dates. **Mark your calendars:** The construction of the Live Nativity scene is right around the corner. We will commence constructing the Live Nativity on November 9th starting at 9:00 am. The Live Nativity celebration will be held on December 13th and 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Our success depends on the support we receive from the members and friends of Holy Cross. In addition to supporting the construction of the Live Nativity, the committee is also seeking volunteers to play the various roles (Joseph, Mary, angel, shepherds and the wisemen). It goes without saying that in years past our visitors have not only had the opportunity to visit the Live Nativity but also join us in Fellowship Hall for a bit to eat and sing along. To ensure our success we will need volunteers to provide food (chili, cookies and other snacks) or beverages. Keep a look out for Sign-up sheets for helping out on November 9th set-up, performances & food help.

We are looking forward to anyone that can share their time and talent for this spiritual/godly celebration. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Paula Featherstone or Warren Kline.

*If God is for us,
who can be against us?*

Romans 8:31



October Scripture Readings

October 6th

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13th

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20th

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27th

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

10/6 Bill Hudak
10/6 Diane Ludlow
10/7 Kallie Grady
10/11 Joan Julius
10/13 Nina Cross
10/13 Ray Streit
10/20 Susan McMurray
10/21 Madeline Gaustad
10/23 Albert Fisher
10/23 Jaxon Meseberg
10/25 Dick Rottman
10/28 Susan Borton
10/30 Linda Schlosser



All Saints Day

For All Saint's Day:

As we gather for worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3, we want to remember all those saints who have gone before us in faith. If you would like to email a picture of a loved one you

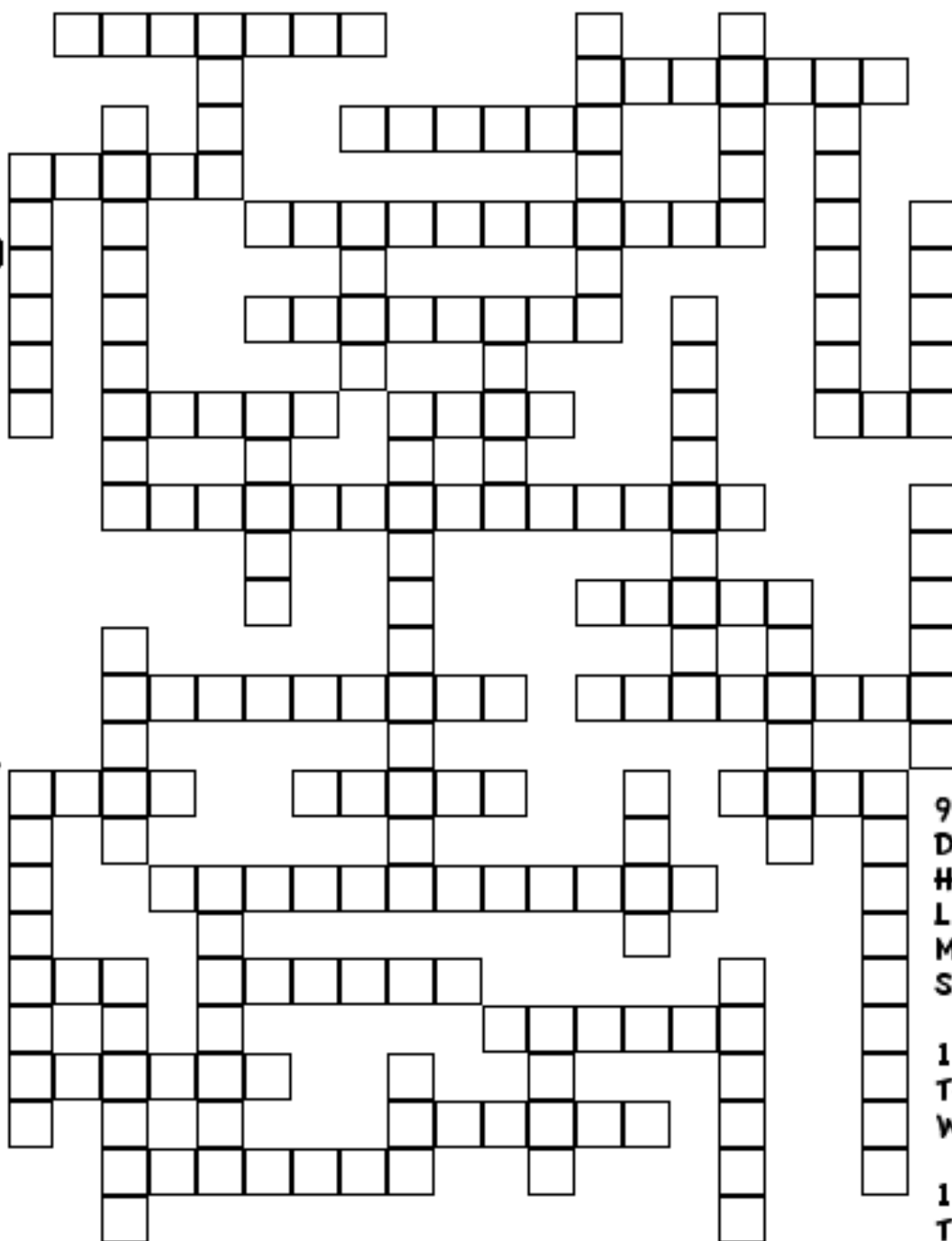
would like to especially remember, please send it to Dawn at holycrossreno@gmail.com by October 25. You can also drop it off in the office and she can scan it for you.

Happy Anniversary

10/2 Frank & Orlyn Schenk
10/10 Jeffrey & Michele Sorge
10/11 Corrie & Susan Volinkaty
10/16 Charlie & Carol Gevert
10/18 Bruno & Robin Peri
1/20 Cary & Laurel Lindstrom
10/24 Geordan & Deborah Goebel
10/30 Mike & Heather Drew



Autumn Fill In



Word List

3 Letters

- Bus
- Car
- Red

4 Letters

- Cold
- Cool
- Fall
- Loam
- Mice
- Time
- Wind
- Wood

5 Letters

- Boots
- Brown
- Chill
- Cloud
- Fairs
- Geese
- Rainy
- Skate
- Trees

6 Letters

- Apples
- Autumn
- Grains
- Leaves
- Orange
- Raking
- School
- Season
- Slacks
- Yellow

7 Letters

- Harvest
- Hunting
- October
- Sweater
- Walking

8 Letters

- December
- Football
- November

9 Letters

- December
- Halloween
- Labour Day
- Migration
- September

11 Letters

- Temperature
- World Series

12 Letters

- Thanksgiving

14 Letters

- Remembrance Day

