



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : *November 2019*

Holy Cross **Crossroads**

Mark your Calendar

11.12 (Tues)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

11.20 (Wed)
Senior Lunch @ Noon

11.6, 11.13, 11.20 (Wed)
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

11.7, 11.21 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30 & 1:00

11.16 (Sat)
AARP Driving @ 9:00 am

11.23 (Sat)
Silver Sage Thanksgiving
@5:00 pm

11.17 (Sun)
Consecration Sunday

11.30 (Sat)
Decorate Church

Pastor's Corner



I had a conversation this morning with my daughter on the way to school. We both realized that it was time to pack up the

Halloween decorations in our front yard and then I said something about soon, we can decorate for Christmas. But wisely she pointed out that no, we couldn't do that. First we had to decorate for Thanksgiving. And in that moment, my heart burst a little bit. She is absolutely right. It just doesn't seem right to jump right over Thanksgiving in order to get to Christmas faster.

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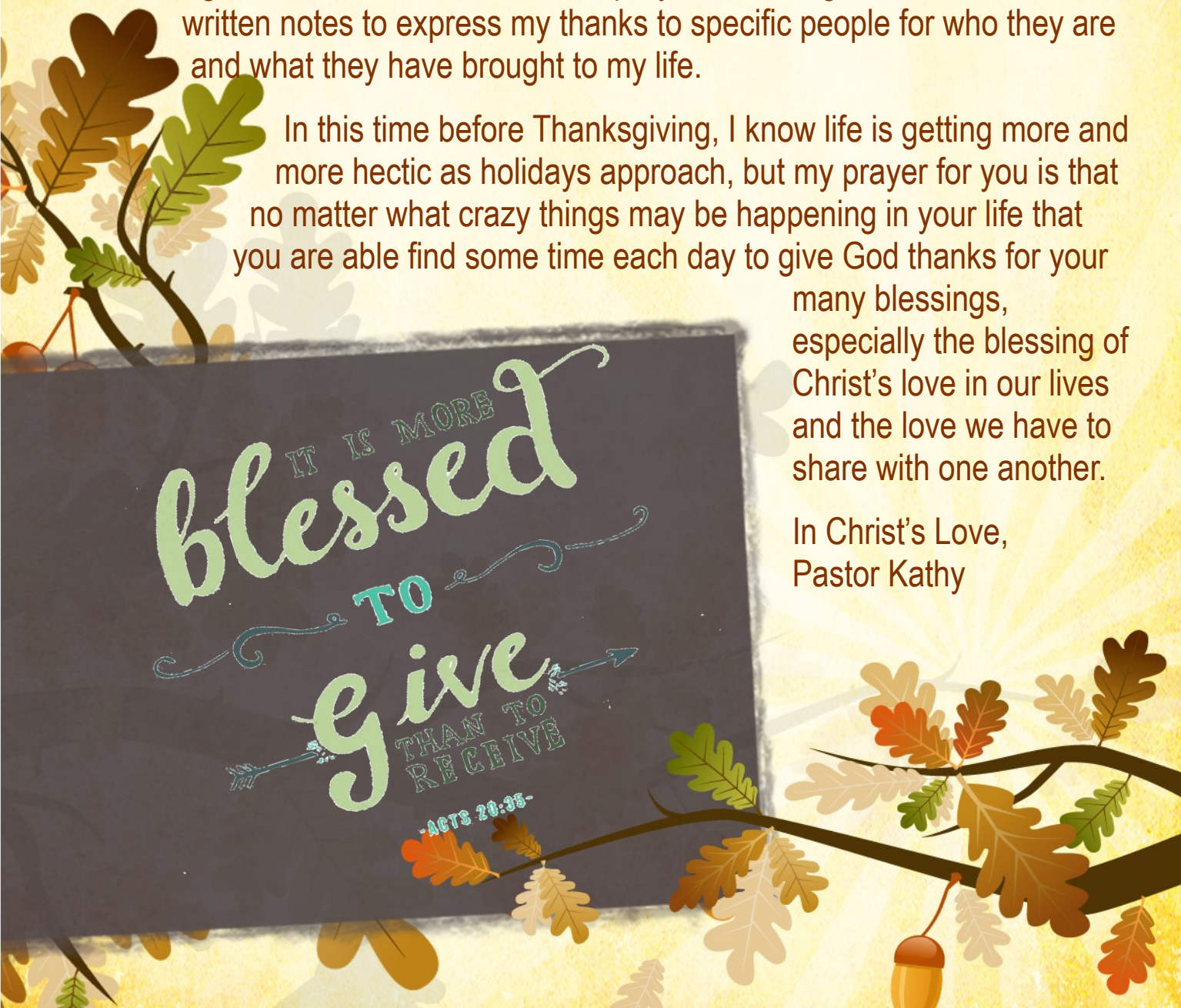
Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

I know there are many who are ready to jump into Christmas now that Halloween is over. In fact, there have been numerous posts from my Facebook friends saying that science has proven that people are happier when Christmas decorations are up. And truth be told, I love it when we get our Christmas decorations out, but I won't do it at the expense of racing through Thanksgiving. Instead, I like to spend the month of November being very intentional and specific about just what I am thankful for.

Some years, I have listed what I am thankful for either by name or by picture on my social media. Some years, I have kept a gratitude journal. Sometimes, we list the things we are thankful for with our prayers each night. Sometimes, I've written notes to express my thanks to specific people for who they are and what they have brought to my life.

In this time before Thanksgiving, I know life is getting more and more hectic as holidays approach, but my prayer for you is that no matter what crazy things may be happening in your life that you are able find some time each day to give God thanks for your many blessings, especially the blessing of Christ's love in our lives and the love we have to share with one another.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Kathy



IT IS MORE
blessed
TO
give
THAN TO
RECEIVE
-ACTS 20:35-



Wednesday Bible study is finishing up our study of the Lord's Prayer on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can join the class any time. However, 11/20 will be our last session before the holidays, resuming 1/8. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or via email at beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Live Nativity Set up is Saturday November 9th at 9:00 a.m.



Sr. Lunch is Wed. the 20th which will start at Noon. Bring sack lunch and join in the fellowship.



As the holidays rapidly approach, we realize that it's really not the Most Wonderful Time of the Year for some. Many who have experienced loss, or who feel alone, or are dealing with illness, really struggle at this time of year.

If you are having a hard time, please know that Holy Cross is here for you. Pastor Kathy is available for conversation.

And we are planning a Blue Christmas worship service on Saturday night, December 21st at 4pm. It will be a quiet service designed to help us find peace and comfort as we welcome the Christ Child into our midst.

Please let Pastor Kathy know if you have any questions or would like to help in any way.

Shared Harvest ~ November
Shared Harvest is due 11/24.
Bag assembly will be 11/24 at
1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran in
Reno. Items needed are:
17 cereals, 41 soup and 27 tuna.


Shared Harvest

FOODBANK



**Thank
You!**

We had some wonderful and creatively decorated trunks, and we had so many wonderful trick or treaters from our church community, but also quite a few from our neighborhood!

Congratulations to Eric Weldon and his family for winning the Favorite Trunk Award as they had a Jurassic Park themed trunk! A special thank you to Kelly Meseberg and Jolene Jaillet who worked with me to put it all together as well as Pat Schlosser who set up our parking lot and was pizza picker-upper, and EJ Herbert who helped to serve the pizza throughout the night. It may have been a cold night, but the warmth of food, friendship and hot coffee and cocoa in our fellowship hall was a blessing to all!



Thank You!!!

Another very successful Oktoberfest is behind us now. On behalf of the service committee, a HUGE thank you to everyone who set-up, brought food, supplied the beer, served, provided the entertainment, cleaned-up, or just enjoyed one another's company we could not have done it without you! We truly do have the best members here at Holy Cross!

Council News.....

Devotions: Warren Kline led us in Devotions: Psalm 89---Time is God's Gift to us—we receive 1440 minutes every day---use this gift wisely doing God's work with our hands.

Financial report: At September 30, 2019 YTD Net revenue is 13% above budget and net income is \$13,136 compared to a budgeted loss of \$(8,751). Net revenue is 24% higher than the same period in 2018. Expenses are at budgeted levels. 2020 budget cycle has begun, the interest rate on the second mortgage will reset November 1, 2019.

Pastor's Report: Highlights: A busy fall through Christmas season is “on the books”. The September Pet Blessing was well received and attended. October 29 Trunk or Treat planning is underway—Jolene Jalliet and Kelley Meseberg are spearheading this new outreach event for young people and families. Signs ups for “Trunks” are going well, the congregation is encouraged to provide candy, invite family friend, post fliers-in general support this outreach activity. The Tuesday night lectionary Bible Study is taking a pause—due to busy schedules and Tuesday conflicts-with plans to “re-boot” after Christmas. Next Hot Topic program is scheduled for November 5 from 5-7 p.m. -topic suggestions are invited. Pastor is attending the Synod Professional Leaders Conference in October.

Committee/Ministry Reports:

Worship—Mark Calise presented request from Music to purchase folders for the Choir. Expense approved to be charged to the Memorial Fund.

Education & Learning—Godly Play has resumed, and AARP Safe Driver classes are underway. Outreach and Service---Service and Fellowship has selected the Giving Tree outreach/giving opportunities for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Fellowship—Fellowship Committee has scheduled Oktoberfest, Advent Tree, Christmas “progressive dinner”. Men's Monthly Saturday breakfast goes well.

Administration and Support- a new commercial vacuum has been purchased, The Live Nativity Committee is in “full swing”—November 9, the stable scene will be erected. Warren and Richard will contact pest contractor for ant problem.

Other Business: Council approved unbudgeted expense for November Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program. Kathy Doyle will chair the nominating committee. A special meeting with the Landscape Committee will be held November 13, 5 p.m. to review project proposal. Newcomer's Quilt Group monthly meeting was approved, \$150 per meeting once a month for 4 hours. Meeting was adjourned with Prayer.

Diane Torry, Council President

Financial News.....

Date: September 30, 2019—Actual YTD

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comment
Other Giving	\$3,079			
Rent	\$7,330	\$7,763	(\$433)	
Unrestricted General	\$176,624	\$158,700	+\$17,924	
Misc. Income	\$1,737			
Transitory	\$ 0			
Total income	\$188,770	\$166,463	+\$22,307	
Total Expense	\$175,634	\$175,213	\$421	Principal & Interest
Net income	\$13,136	-\$8,721	+\$21,887	

1 st mortgage balance	\$198,315	
2 nd mortgage balance	\$219,349	
Total Mortgage	\$417,663	
Cash	\$67,805	
Special Funds	\$47,656	

(detailed financial reports available)

Revenue and net income above budget.

1. Unrestricted general fund giving is up 25% from the same period last year. Net profit of \$13,136 this year compared to a loss of \$15,845 in 2018

2. Onetime gifts---\$5,000 in a memorial gift that was directed to the general fund And \$1,000 in Pastor's moving fund that was not spent --and directed to the general fund

3. Several members have elected to make their gifts annually in the first part of the year—rather than on a monthly or weekly basis. That means that approximately \$22,000 more has been received by September 30. \$12,000 of items 2 and 3 is considered nonrecurring. Adjusted for the items discussed in 2 and 3, unrestricted general fund giving is up 7% from same period last year.

Expenses remain tightly controlled at .002% above budget.

Repair of refrigerator and oiling of exterior crosses and resealing of parking lot were unbudgeted expenses of approximately \$4,100.

YTD Thank you receipts sent to all givers quarterly.

Future issues:

1. The second mortgage interest rate will re-set in November, we project an increase in interest expense. In 2020 the funds from the Capital Campaign for the second mortgage will have been spent, the payment will then come from the general operating budget.

2019 Council Members Wanted

Holy Cross will have three Church Council members whose first two-year term will be over at the end of this year. According to the Constitution they have the option of serving a second two-year term if they so desire. Our policy is to advertise these openings to our congregation members in case anyone wishes to offer their candidacy for one of these positions. We will be voting on them in January at our annual meeting.

If you're interested in serving on the Council, please contact Kathy Doyle at 415-823-1755 or via email at kathydoyle@mac.com.



What's COOKING?

Alright all you HCLC Betty Crockers....here's the scoop.

The 40th Birthday cookbook is a go. Here is some starter information for you. The cookbook will have a theme of "*Honoring Our Past, While Embracing Our Future*" - (keeping the old recipes of members past, and adding new recipes for our current members).

So dust off those recipe boxes and begin thinking about what you'd like to put in the cookbook. We would like to have a "well rounded" cookbook meaning recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, casseroles, breads, desserts etc. There is no limit as to how many you can submit. However, please know that all final decisions on entries will be made by the committee. We can't have 30 recipes for chocolate cake etc. The recipe should have special meaning to you. Maybe it was handed down by someone. The recipe should be clear and specific - able for us non cooks to follow easily. The recipe will need to have your name on it and any information about why it is important. The recipe should have a title too. We will only need a copy of it, you keep the original. More information will follow soon. But be thinking about it, and getting those recipes ready!

Service & Fellowship...

Service ~

- Giving Tree ~ November - the tree is up - collecting funds to purchase WinCo gift cards for Pine and Smithridge schools. Cards are given to school counselors to give to families who need some extra help and to purchase perishable items for their Thanksgiving meal.
- Christmas set up ~ Mark your calendars as we will be decorating the church with Christmas decorations on November 30th starting at 9:00. ALL are welcome to come and help beautify our wonderful church for the Christmas season.

Giving Tree will be up soon for the Christmas Season. We will have angels on the tree for seniors and families in our community.

Fellowship ~ A big THANK YOU to everyone for making OKTOBERFEST such a great success .

*Sign up sheet is in the narthex for ladies who would like to host a table for the Advent Tea. Coming soon - sign up sheet for guests.

Mark you calendar for the following:

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



Hooks & Needles...

Hooks and Needles will only meet the 2nd Tuesday in November, on the 12th from 9 till 11+.

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. This year we were able to donate 28 afghans, lap robes and shawls and 15 hats and scarves to our local agencies. Come join us to make a difference for our local people and for a fun time.

Direct your
**Thrivent Choice
Dollars**
Today!



Guess What!! If you are a Thrivent member with "Thrivent Choice Dollars" please consider designating your dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church Reno.

You have to designate your choice dollars every year and now is a good time to do that!! If you do not designate them by March 31, 2020, Thrivent will use them in other ways. So help the organizations you care about, strengthen communities and change lives by directing available Choice Dollars. Just follow one of these easy steps:

- Go online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.
- To search for participating organizations or recommend one to be added to the list of eligible recipients, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



Silver Sage Thanksgiving

On Saturday, November 23rd, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Holy Cross will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for residents of Silver Sage properties.

We need your help! Please look for signup sheets in the narthex. All donations are appreciated, from cans of cranberry sauce, to cash for miscellaneous serving items, to volunteer time to set up, serve, and take down. This year we are asking that all food items and donations be brought to the church fellowship hall by 3:30 in the afternoon on Saturday. We will be cooking turkey on site and have a full list of other items needed to make this event a success. If you have questions, please contact Natalie Tegio at 775-742-4662.



Holy Cross Advent Tea



Ladies of Holy Cross, You are invited to attend an Advent Tea on Sunday, December 8, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and learning about the Jesse Tree.

We are also inviting individuals to decorate tables with a holiday theme. If you would like to do so, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

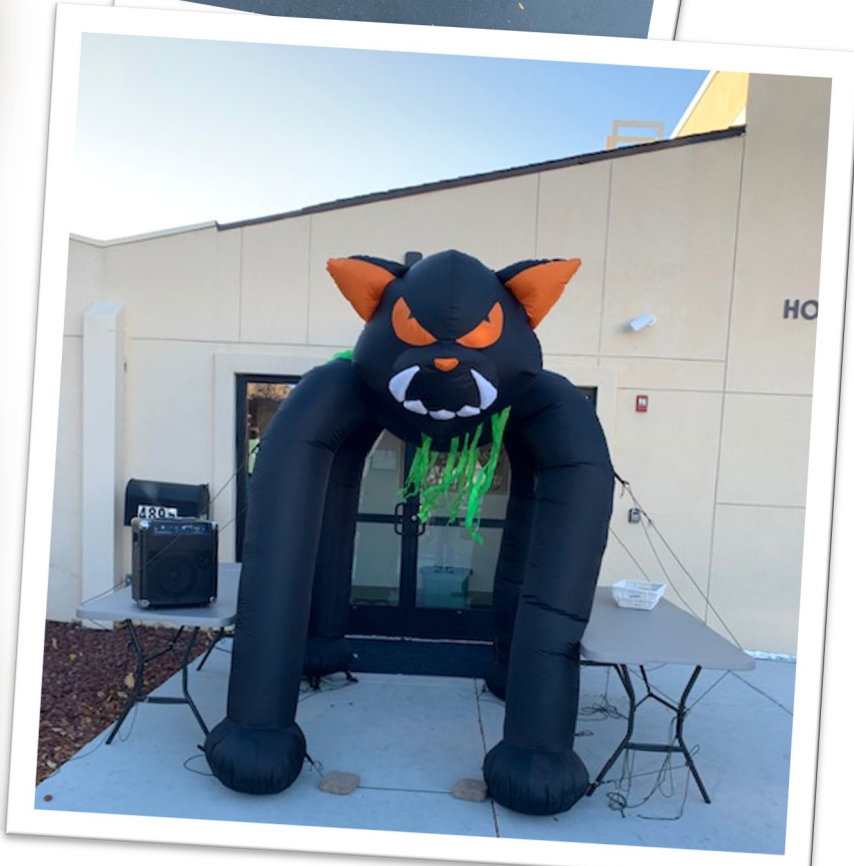
Prepare your hearts for the celebration of the most perfect gift...God's Son, Jesus Christ. Please sign-up in the narthex. *Bring a guest or two, too!*

Happenings at Holy Cross....

The following pages will have some photos from the wonderful fun we have been having at Holy Cross. They will include Fall Clean up, Trunk or Treat, Pet Blessing, Quilt Blessing, Cake Decorating and Oktoberfest. Enjoy :)



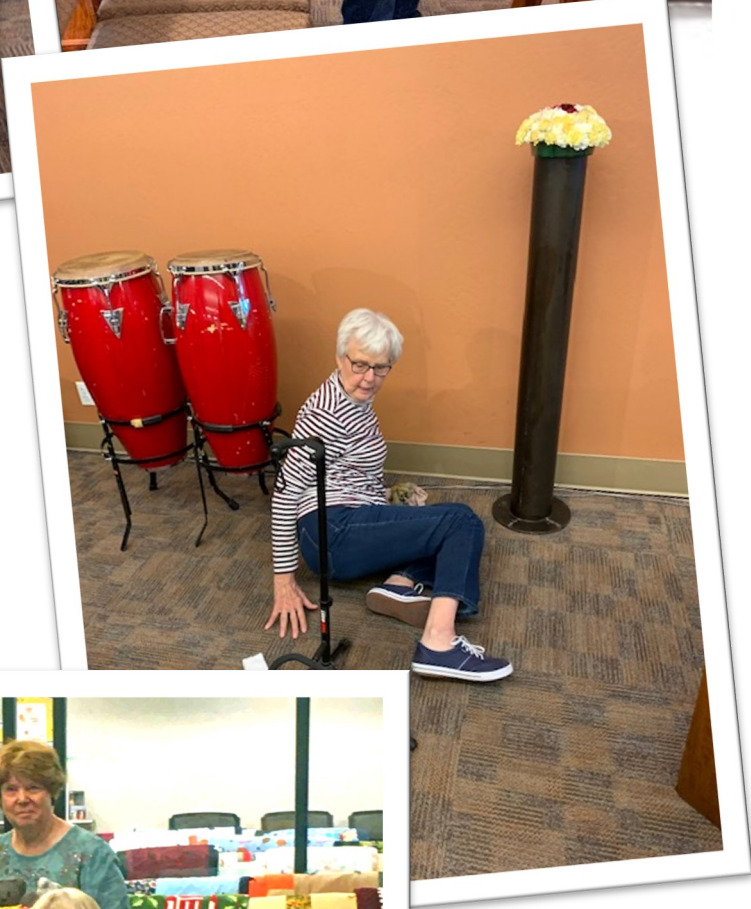


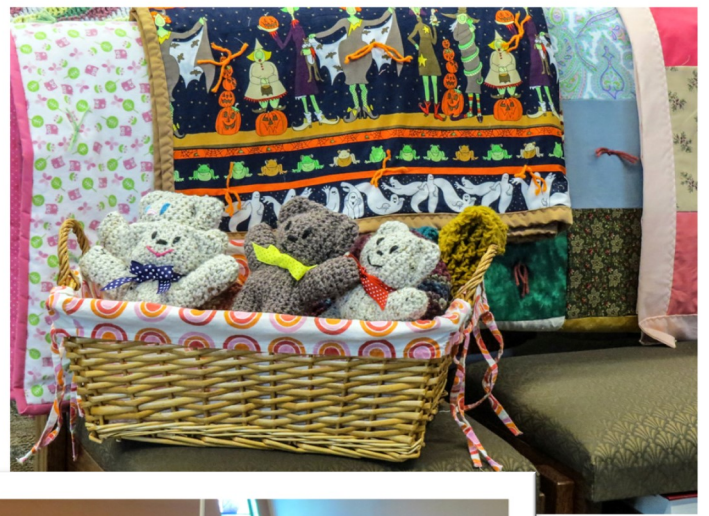














Holy Cross Quilters....

Holy Cross Quilters completed and gave away 163 quilts during our “quilt year”! This brings total quilts given away over the last thirteen years to 1,705— (estimated retail value, \$76,725) 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, Hosanna 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, preemie 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.”

Sandi and Paula delivered the Lutheran World Relief Quilts to the LWR In-Gathering at St. John’s Lutheran in Vallejo—we are blessed to be a part of this LWR national effort. Trucks go around the country to pick up quilts from Lutheran Congregations, and then deliver the quilts to warehouses in St. Paul, MN and Baltimore, MD. LWR annually distributes over 400,000 quilts to people in need around the world. When a disaster or other need is identified, quilts are shipped from the warehouses (loaded into large shipping containers) to the area of need, and coordinating with local agencies “on the ground”, given to our brothers and sisters in need. The LWR quilt ministry is a founding service and outreach program of LWR – started immediately after WWII to help war torn Europe.

Pastor Kathy joined in the fun to deliver the quilts locally. We delivered the quilts to seven local service agencies serving the Reno/Sparks area—helping our brothers and sisters, escape homelessness, addiction, giving comfort in times of medical need and crisis.

We are “back at work”! Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month; 9:30-12 noon and 1:00 – 3:00p.m. –we are working on our “Christmas Gift” to the Renown NICU unit---small quilts for premature babies in their intensive care unit. Look for the blessing of these quilts on December 8.

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”.



Christmas Choir



Do you love Christmas carols? Who doesn't? During this special time of year when friends and family come together to sing these special songs and carols, your HCLC family invites you to join the Christmas Choir! We will be singing everything from traditional carols to

modern lullabies. We will share our music with the congregation at a candlelight Christmas Eve Service. The Christmas Choir rehearses at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. Please join us for some rehearsals and share in the beautiful music of the Christmas season. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me any time!

Blessings to you and yours ~ Brittney May
(319-270-9650, brittneydmay@gmail.com)



*Live Nativity
Celebration
Dec, 13th & 14th*

*Looking for volunteers.
See Paula Featherstone for
more information and watch
for sign-up sheets soon.*



November Scripture Readings

November 3rd

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 10th

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17th

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 24th

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



11/1 Michael Tegio
11/3 Katie Torry
11/5 Mona Warwick
11/8 Nathan Jalliet
11/9 Angie Hart
11/9 Christy Moses
11/9 Lisa Caldwell
11/10 Karl Goebel
11/10 Maggie Fisher
11/11 Dottie Hynes
11/11 Donna Sarazen
11/12 Chris Martin

11/12 Timothy Borton
11/19 Andrew Marton
11/19 Melissa Crawford
11/24 Rev. Roland Grumm
11/25 Geordan Goebel
11/27 Kelly Meseberg
11/30 Collin Caldwell
11/30 Jennifer Ramirez



11/13 Brian & Kerrie Rees
11/22 Edward & Deborah Davis
11/23 Dakota & Deseree Carper
11/28 Rick & Lisa Caldwell
11/29 Mark & Becky Bradley

"The LORD
bless you
and keep
you..."

NUM. 6:24

