

Holy Cross Crossroads



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : February 2020



Mark Your Calendar

2.10 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

2.11, 2.25 (Wed)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

2.19 (Wed)

Senior Lunch Pot Luck @ Noon

2.12, 2.26 (Wed)

Women's Bible/Book Study @ 3:00 pm

2.5, 2.12, 2.19, 2.26 (Wed)

Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

2.6, 2.20 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 1:00 pm

2.9 (Sun)

New Member Class @ 11:30 am

2.26 (Wed)

Soup Supper @ 5:45 pm,
Worship @ 6:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

As you may know, Lent begins this year at the end of February, (Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday) and while that still may seem a long time away, we all know that time seems to go quickly.

This year our Lenten theme is going to be focused around prayer. It's my hope to have all of us growing in our prayer lives as we join in praying together for the needs of our families and friends, our community, our world, and our future together as the people of Holy Cross. So I have this idea to provide daily prayers for us to use, which will be written by you all as the family of Holy Cross.

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Pastor's Corner Continued ...

We won't start distributing the prayers until Ash Wednesday, but we need for you to sign up for each of the 40 days in Lent, and then submit your prayers to Dawn in the office before February 24. You can email them or bring them in. Each day in Lent, we will email them out to everyone on our email list as well as post them on our Facebook page. If you don't "do" email, we will have some hard copies provided for the week that you can pick up on Sundays. When we publish your prayer, you can have the option of having your name printed with it or we can publish it anonymously; however, the office will need to know who you are in order to make sure everyone who signs up is submitting their prayer.

The prayers can be as short or as long as you would like, and we invite people of all ages to sign up and write prayers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk with me about it.

Also, in the narthex, there are sign-up sheets to provide soup supper for our Wednesday gatherings in Lent. This year, dinner will start to be served at 5:45 and our Wednesday night worship services will begin at 6:30.

We are looking forward to a very special Lenten season with you!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Kathy



Council News....

January 13, 2020 Council Meeting

Sharon Voss led us in Devotions: Listening for God's Word-faith and service.

We received reports from Pastor, the Council Liaisons review of the year and the finance committee. We have been blessed in many ways during 2019—Ongoing and Expanded opportunities in Worship and Music, education and learning, fellowship, outreach and service; supported by administration. Growth in Worship and Godly Play attendance.

Generous giving of all resources, financial time and talents. We are grateful for our joyful, caring, generous Holy Cross family. These gifts will be highlighted at the Annual Meeting and in the annual reports at the Congregational Meeting January 26—followed by a hosted breakfast from the Riglers!

The Finance committee reported increased giving and a net gain of \$8,385 for the year compared to a projected loss of \$12,400. The Council voted to increase our Benevolence gift to the Synod by \$1,000 following the wishes of the congregation as stated at the 2019 annual meeting, and will make a decision on the use of the remaining gain at the February retreat.

Thank you to our generous giving Holy Cross family.

The Council set the 2020 Planning Retreat for February 21 and 22; a Spaghetti dinner will be held on February 29—with expanded focus on reaching out to our neighbors - Warren Kline organizing; and the Spring Clean Day was scheduled for April 4—to prepare for Easter—Richard Eggers organizing.

We closed with a round robin of thanksgiving for the gifts given by each individual council member and we concluded with Pastor leading us in prayer.

Next Council meeting,
February 20, 2020

Diane Torry, Council President

FOR GOD

SO LOVED THE WORLD

♥ THAT HE GAVE HIS

ONLY

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THAT WHOEVER

BELIEVES

IN HIM SHALL

HAVE EVERLASTING

♥ LIFE



landscaping



Thank you to all the congregational members who attended the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26th. There was much on the agenda and as a group we remained focused and worked thru the church's business.

The Landscape Committee members are so excited that we will be moving forward with the execution of the Memorial and Scattering Garden plans.

By the time you read this article, we (the committee) will have met and revisited all of our plans, making sure that we are ready to proceed. We have notified DRC Landscaping, LLC that we can enter into contract with them and are preparing to sign the contract and pay our down payment.

We have been told that DRC would be able to begin our project near the end of February, weather permitting. Soon you should see activity on the east side of the property.

We are taking preorders for the memorial pavers so we can have them engraved and included in the initial installation of our walk-way. For those who have cremains that they wish to have scattered, we will accept those orders as well. Our time frame is limited so if you want to have an engraved paver stone included, please fill out your form as soon as possible and turn it into the office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any one on the committee: Chris Martin, Paula Featherstone, Steve Tate, Pat Schlosser, Pastor Kathy and Diane Torry.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Martin on behalf of the Landscape Committee

Receiving love
is great. Giving
love is even
better.



The quilt group will meet at regular times on the first and third Thursday of the month: February 6th and 20th at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (although you will find a few quilters every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall).

We will be designing quilt tops, cutting fabric, sewing, pressing material, coordinating tops and backs, and tying quilts--come join the fun--all are welcome!

Holy Cross quilts spread Christ's love in our community and around the world. Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them. Each quilt is made with love and faith.

"The Blue Basket Returns"

The quilt group prepares quilt top kits for anyone to take home and return on their schedule--that is the "Blue Basket"

You will find the Blue Basket in the Narthex--filled with quilt top kits that are looking for someone to take them home and complete the top and then bring them back so the quilt group can complete the quilt and then give the quilt away to people in need our community and around the world. This is a big support of the quilt group's ministry work, and gives those who cannot attend the quilt meetings the opportunity to be a part of this important Holy Cross Ministry--"God's Work our Hands." Thanks in advance to all who take a kit home, complete and return.

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".

A photograph of a red fabric with a white oval shape in the center. Inside the oval, the text "I loved you at your darkest" is written in a black cursive font. To the right of the main text, "romans 5:8" is written in a smaller, black cursive font. The photo is set against a dark background with a red ribbon on the left and right sides.

*I loved you
at your
darkest* romans
5:8



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 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 & brunch will be on February 9th following the 10:30 worship service in Fellowship Hall from approximately 11:30—1:30.

To express interest or for more information, speak with Pastor Kathy or email her at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com.



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES®
NORTHERN NEVADA

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and deliver dinner to the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, February 24. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and those in need. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Jody Morrison or another member of the Service Committee.

Senior
Lunch

***Senior Lunch on
Wed. the 19th
at 12:00 Noon.
Bring sack lunch.***

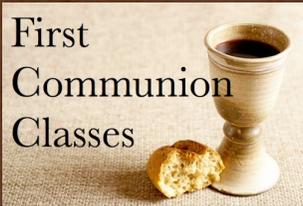
LOVE



Please join us on February 23rd at 11:30 for a Mardi Gras Party and Pancake Breakfast. Will have food, fellowship, as well as activities/project for all ages as we transition to the season of Lent. More details are in the Newsletter. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Jolene Jaillet, Kelly Meseberg or Pastor Kathy or plan to join us for a planning meeting Thursday, February

6 at 4pm.
attend!

First Communion Classes



If your child has not yet begun receiving Communion on Sundays, or want to know more about communion, Pastor Kathy is planning a 2 or 3 week class for kids which will be starting on Monday, February 24 at 6pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Kathy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Youth Group



We are looking to begin a new Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) and are inviting middle school families to join us for a planning meeting following the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 1. We will talk about activities as well as Confirmation Classes. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to talk with Pastor Kathy at any time and join us for the meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL Youth Group



Our new High School Youth Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. This month we will be meeting on February 12 at 7pm and February 26 following the Ash Wednesday service (around 7:30). We plan to be done both nights by 8:15pm. All high school aged youth are welcome to come. Adults, to be in compliance with our child protection policy, we need a second adult to be with us, so we are currently looking

for volunteers who would like to get to know some pretty amazing high school students. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Kathy as soon as possible.



Start thinking about our HCLC spring clean up day! It is rapidly approaching. The date is tentatively set for Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9:00-1:00 with gathering and refreshments at 8:30.

Sign-up sheets will be out in the coming weeks.



February 29th.....

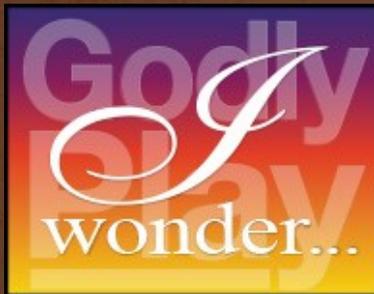
Save the Date as we will be having another Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on February 29th. This was such a wonderful event put on by Warren Kline last September that everyone wanted to do it again. Warren has graciously volunteered to host

this event. Tickets for this event will go on sale soon. Keep an eye out for more information in the next weeks. If you would like to help with this event,



March 1st.....

Can you believe it's already time for Seder dinner? Tickets for this event will go on sale March 1st. More details to follow. This event usually sells out, so make sure you mark your calendars. Seder dinner will be held on April 9th.



Did you know what a Parable is? In Godly Play the children are learning how to gain access to the knowledge of parables. They are learning that they are sometimes not easy to open and understand but that they have to keep trying. They know that parables are gifts that are special, and valuable. Here are the Parable Lessons that we will be covering in February. Please join us!

- February 2, 2020 Family Worship Day
- February 9, 2020 Lesson 8: Parable of the Good Samaritan
- February 16, 2020 Lesson 10: Parable of the Sower
- February 23, 2020 Lesson 12: Parable of the Mustard Seed

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

Thank you ~Jolene Jaillet

You are loved

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,
because fear has to do with punishment.
The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:18-19

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



The Deadline is Approaching

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.

What's Cooking?

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

Thank you for all those who have been sending in your treasured recipes by either dropping them in the basket in the Narthex or emailing them to Richard Eggers. We are super excited about this project to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

We still need more recipes, so dig them out and bring or send them on in. We really need to see some more recipes coming in so we can get this wonderful project going. You can just drop them off in the Narthex. You may also email them to Richard Eggers at Renogemini@aol.com.

Please make sure you only submit up to 3 recipes. That they are legible to read and your name or the name of who the recipe is from is on it.

We are looking for a wide variety of entries (not just desserts) - things like appetizers, soups, salads, stews, main dishes, side dishes, beverages, desserts, cakes, cookies, breads, holiday dishes, candy, etc.



Coffee Hour

2/2: Nina Cross (1st) & Sandi Christman (2nd)
2/9: Riglers (1st) & Diane Torry (2nd)
2/16: Sue Gonyou (1st) & Jim Thompson (2nd)
2/23: Chris Martin (1st) Dottie Hynes (2nd)

Lectors

2/2: Cathy Kline (1st) & Marla Hoole-Vinopal (2nd)
2/9: Chris Martin (1st) & Katie Torry (2nd)
2/16: Becky Bradley (1st) & Sandi Christman (2nd)
2/23: Ray Streit (1st) & Richard Eggers (2nd)

Communion Helpers

2/2: Linda Schlosser & Sue Volinkaty (1st), Jody Morrison & Shirley Fletcher (2nd)
2/9: Laurel Lindstrom & Paula Featherstone (1st), Katie Weldon & Linda Puckett (2nd)
2/16: Ray & Nina Cross (1st), Carol Ritter & Natalie Tegio (2nd)
2/23: Kathy Doyle & Charles Kiene (1st), Cindy Thompson & Veralyn Combs (2nd)

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2/2: Ray & Nina Cross (1st), Russ Tegio & Peggy Whitney (2nd)
2/9: Pat & Linda Schlosser (1st), Veralyn Combs & Marla Hoole-Vinopal (2nd)
2/16: Charles Kiene & Kathy Doyle (1st), Shirley Fletcher & Stephany Robison (2nd)
2/23: Wib & Nellie Namestka (1st), Fred & Karen Ford (2nd)

Flowers

Torry/Tegio/Bergeson
Lani Moss
Peggy Whitney & Tates
Tom & Chris Martin

Altar Guild

Linda Schlosser & Jody Morrison

Offering Counter

Sandi Christman



February Shared Harvest Shopping List
~ February Shared Harvest is due February 23rd. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. at St Luke's on February 23rd. Items needed: 50 Mac & Cheese, 40 Crackers, 24 Cereal and deodorant.

Cake/Cookie Decorating ~ It's time to get creative! Madeline has graciously offered a decorating class on Monday February 10th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. It's ALWAYS a fun time and you will have some goodies ready for Valentine's day. A win-win for all!



Last Year's Valentine decorating Class



Service & Fellowship Committee

SERVICE...

There's a lot of planning happening. Two tours are on the calendar for February:

- Step2 - February 4 - meet at the church to carpool at 10:00am
- VOA (Volunteers of America) - February 11 - meet at the church to carpool at 9:30

Signup sheets are in the narthex for both.

February 24 - Ronald McDonald House Dinner - sign up sheet in narthex.

At the end of February thru Easter you will be hearing and seeing information about Buying the Farm, our ELCA project for Lent. Let's challenge our selves to buy this farm in honor of HCLC 40th anniversary. Watch for more info regarding this project, as well as, other upcoming service projects.

FELLOWSHIP...

Mark your calendar for the March 14 Mystery Dinner, hosted by Wib and Nell Namestka Signup sheets are in the narthex and more information will be coming.

Time & Talents

Thank you to all who have filled out your time and talent form. It is greatly appreciated. If you have not filled one out, they are available in the Narthex. Please share your special gifts with us at Holy Cross.

All of us working together to share God's Word is a true blessing.

Soup & Supper

We will begin our Wednesday Soup & Supper evenings on Ash Wednesday, 2/26.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for each week. Note: We are going to begin at 5:45 this year to give us a little more time prior to worship service starting at 6:30.

LOVE

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
2/14 Shelley Rigler
2/17 Jim Morrison
2/18 Brita Gonyou
2/18 Paula Featherstone
2/20 Jean Pierre Raad
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. We just finished a short study on spiritual gifts, and now we have plunged into our study of "Ministering in the Spirit and Strength of Jesus" (II Corinthians, I and II Timothy, Titus). You can join the group at any time. 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