

Holy Cross Crossroads



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter : *March 2020*

Pastor's Corner

Mark your Calendar

3.9 (Mon)
Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm

3.10, 3.24 (Wed)
Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

3.18 (Wed)
Senior Lunch Pot Luck
@ Noon

3.4, 3.11, 3.18, 3.25 (Wed)
Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

3.4, 3.11, 3.18, 3.25 (Wed)
Soup & Song & Sacrament
@6:00 pm

3.11, 3.25 (Wed)
Women's Bible Study
@ 3:00 pm

3.5, 3.19 (Thurs)
Quilting @ 9:30am & 1:00pm

3.14 (Sat)
Mystery Dinner

3.28 (Sat)
Movie Night



Dear Friends,

I know there has been much on the news about the spreading of the Coronavirus which concerns us, and perhaps even makes us fearful. I understand that. I have been reminding myself that throughout Scripture, time and

time again, we are warned not to be afraid, for the Lord is with us in all things. It is in the Lord that our strength is found.

With that said, it also seems prudent to me to have some plans for the church in place for when the virus does begin to hit closer to the Reno area.

There are the obvious things to remind ourselves of – Wash your hands! Cough into your elbow! If you are sick, please stay home! We may also change up how we pass the peace to one another in worship.

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

But if things get bad in our area, please note that Holy Cross will follow the recommendations of the health department. If they say it's bad for people to gather for worship on a Sunday morning, we will not have "regular" church. But don't worry, I'll still be working... we will have virtual church, so I'll share our lessons and preach and put it online, through our website and our Facebook page (I'd like to be doing this anyway, but I don't always remember!). Our small group studies and committees that meet during the week will let participants know if there are changes to the schedule.

If people are sick, I'll do my best to stay in touch, but it may be via phone call, which I do now if I'm not feeling well and worried about passing germs. If you need something, we will do our best to help one another, we will just have to let each other know. We will increase email communication (and regular mail as needed) and we will make it all work.

For now, our church life continues and we continue to pray for all of those affected and all those who are caring for the sick and looking for vaccines and cures.

There is so much in the news and some of the information is not always the best or most up-to-date information, so please don't worry too much over every single thing you hear. Remember the words of Paul and let them remind you of God's peace: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7
In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy



Holy Cross Visioning Process

As we prepare for a new Strategic Plan for Holy Cross, we would need your prayers! We have already begun to use a method of visioning called Pray-Listen-Act, and we invite you to use this time between now and Easter to PRAY specifically for the ministries of Holy Cross as we seek the path forward over the next 1-2 years, 2-5 years and then 5 years and beyond. As you pray and reflect, we know ideas will come, so we ask you to write those inspirations down. You won't need to share them with your friends, or the church council, that will come later, but just hold onto those ideas.

As a reminder, after Easter, it will be time to LISTEN to what everyone has come up with. The council will be scheduling small group meeting times, where you will bring your list of inspirations. At that time, you will share them with your small group. We will then listen to all of the input and begin to discover any common themes shared among the small groups, and from those we will build our strategic plan.

As we collect input from everyone, council will appoint a Visioning Team which will then ACT to incorporate these ideas and inspirations into a Strategic Plan which will be shared with the congregation at our Summer Congregational Meeting sometime in July.

This type of visioning process welcomes everyone to offer input and to share their ideas about where God is calling our congregation as we look ahead into the next chapter of ministry. We thank you for your prayers!

Council News...

Fran Moses led us in devotions from Corinthians on February 10 and Pastor Kathy lead the Council in a Prayer Walk around our building on February 22.

At our February 10 and 22 Council Meetings we elected the following officers for 2020

President; Diane Torry

Vice President: Richard Eggers

Secretary: Fran Moses

We confirmed Treasurer: Linda Puckett

We received reports from Pastor and the Finance Committee

The 2020 Council Retreat will be held February 21 and 22.

Council Liaison's were assigned for the coming year.

The Time and Talents reports were provided and Council Liaisons will communicate the list of names to the appropriate committee, group or task force. The new church soft ware significantly improved the process to make the Time and Talents available to committee chairs/leaders.

A thorough discussion of providing hand sanitizers was held, and we will add additional free standing hand sanitizer pumps in the narthex and fellowship hall.

The Holy Cross 40th Anniversary was discussed, The Music Dept/ and Choir will present a Concert on September 13-and will work in conjunction with God's Work our Hands Sunday. The Cookbook committee is receiving recipes—more are needed; The Service committee is developing plans for the reception following the special worship service on September 20, Michael Tegio is working on the documentary of Holy Cross History.

The Gifts Receipt Policy and the Memorial Garden Policy was presented for Council Review, and these policies will be presented for vote at the March 9 Council Meeting

Pastor Kathy and Council will lead Pray, Listen, Act Visioning involving the entire congregation over the next several months. This provides opportunity for everyone to be involved in developing strategic direction for Holy Cross.

We adjourned with prayer at 6:55 p.m. on February 10 and 10 a.m. on February 22.



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.



Michael Tegio is creating a video of Holy Cross History which will both archive Holy Cross History and produce a Video of Holy Cross History.

To accomplish this work, Michael needs your help! If you have pictures, videos, bulletins, newsletter articles, anything that highlights Holy Cross History, Michael will video them and return the originals to all who want them. There is a "box" in the narthex for contributions.

In addition, Michael will be interviewing old and new members. Please let him know if you would like to be interviewed!

Michael hopes to have the documentary completed in late spring or early fall.

*But truly God has listened; he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.*

- Psalm 66:19

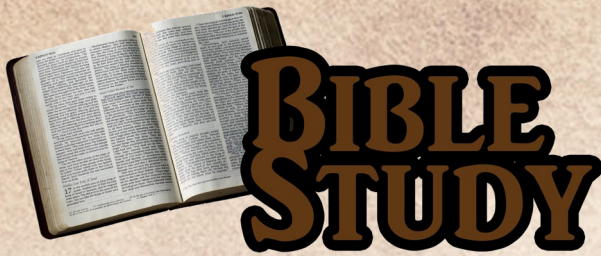


Quilt Group News!

Quilt Group will meet at regular times: March 5th and 19th 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Come join the fun, creative work and fellowship.



Mark your calendars and plan on coming to a "Celebration of 40 years" concert at Holy Cross on September 13th at 2:00 pm. We plan on featuring the Choir, High Desert Harmony Chorus, and other solo and small group performances. This is one of several 40th anniversary events coming in September!



Wednesday Bible study continues our study of Ministering in the Spirit and Strength of Jesus. We meet Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

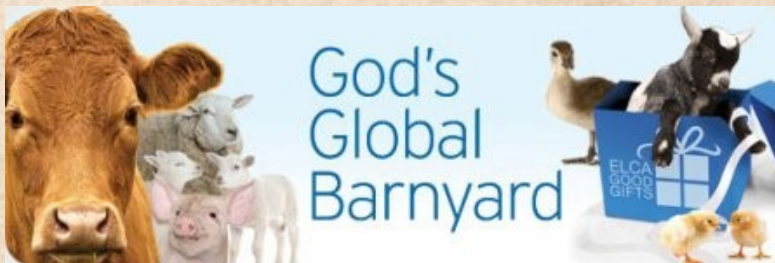
You can join the group at any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or bekyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Service & Fellowship



A BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful congregation!

A big thank you to everyone who brought food for the Ronald McDonald House. The families really having a home cooked meal and the Service Committee appreciates your continued support.



God's Global Barnyard – The Challenge has begun – Let's Buy the Farm.

Let's Buy the Farm! Can we raise \$715? During Lent and through Easter Sunday, please consider helping us buy a farm through ELCA. Your gifts to God's Global Barnyard support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty.

Fellowship...

Mystery Dinner – Meet at HCLC at 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 14th.

CHRISTIAN
PASSOVER

SEDER MEAL

JOIN US & SEE HOW IT POINTS TO CHRIST



Mark your calendar and make your reservations! Seder Dinner is April 9th at HCLC!

On April 9th, 2020, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be celebrating Passover during Holy Week by hosting a Seder meal. It is based on the traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, but adapted into a uniquely Christian celebration. This reminds us that God did not begin his revelation of himself in the world with Christians, but to Hebrews, to Israelites, to Jewish people first. It also reminds us that Jesus was not a Christian, but a Jew. It is only in recognizing the connection we have, to four thousand years of God at work creating a people, that we can truly appreciate who we are as people of God.

While this is a traditional Jewish celebration, it is also a Christian festival. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us that it was at a Passover meal that Jesus inaugurated what became known to Christians as the Lord's Supper, Communion, or Eucharist. It is also a time to retell the experience of the people of God and their deliverance out of slavery into the promised land, and to pass that history to our children.

This service is a sacred time of worship, and though it follows a specific order, it is not formal. In Judaism, Passover is celebrated as a family meal. The father and mother, or grandparents, lead the service, and it is much more of a celebration than anything solemn. So, relax and have fun with the worship and meal as part of your extended family at Holy Cross Lutheran! Social hour will be from 5-6 pm with dinner from 6-8 pm.

Tickets are now available for purchase Sundays between services, and reservations are required. Adults tickets are \$12 each (12 years old and up) and youth tickets are \$8 each (11 years old and younger). Kids 5 and younger are free. When making reservations, please let Natalie Tegio or Paula Featherstone know of any allergy information or special concerns. If cost is a concern, please see Pastor Kathy and we will work with you.

All are Welcome



We know homelessness is a World, National, State and local situation. All the powers to be has not been able to solve this situation.

So, from a recent Hot Topic meeting we developed a new com-

mittee for HCLC called "HOMELESS MINISTRY TASK FORCE". Since the final decisions will impact our congregation in some way, you should be aware of the existence and progress of the committee. It was also discussed to solicit ideas if any from the congregation as the type of program/s to be developed to help the homeless in our area. Our help shall be limited to the homeless within the reach of HCLC. We definitely do not want to get involved in any programs outside the reach of the church.

The committee recently toured the homeless shelter on Record Street, as an indoctrination to the complexity of the homeless in our area. The Shelter is managed by "Volunteers of America" which is funded by local governments and Federal grants. Our tour guide was Linda Grace, Reginal Development officer for VOA.

Since we feel this program could be an impact on congregation resources and/or finances, we ask for any suggestions you may have for this very important program. There is nothing on the table as to how HCLC will participate in a program. We invite anyone to share their ideas with us to assist in the development of a program. Please e-mail your ideas to church office. As a suggestion we can develop our own program/s or participate in one of the many established programs.



March Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ March Shared Harvest is due March 22nd. Bag assembly will be at 1:00 p.m. on March 22nd at Good Shepherd. Items needed are: 16 cereal, 21 powdered milk, 15 fruit, 3 peanut butter and Bar soap.

Senior
Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on Wed. the 18th at Noon. Bring your sack lunch and join your fellow friends for fun and fellowship.



Saturday April 4th, @ 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Coffee, and Donuts from 8:30-9:00

It's time for frolicking, fun, and freshness in the sun!
The Spring cleanup is upon us!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not men" Colossians 3:23.

"And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order." Luke 11:25

The Spring season is upon us which means it is that time of year to have our annual Spring cleaning day! We would like our place of worship to be ready for all the wonderful events happening at HCLC and for the Easter season.

So, sport your best cleaning duds, wear comfortable shoes, bring your sunny disposition, have your cleaning supplies armed and ready, and come join in all the fun! The more hands we have the quicker it goes. Thank you in advance for helping keep our worship space looking beautiful.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. As in the past, if you sign up for something you are more than welcome to complete your task during the week prior to April 4th.

We will be focusing on the interior, table scrubbing, kitchen, and all general areas. Inside/outside areas too.

Contact Richard Eggers if you have questions at: Renogemini@aol.com



SUMMER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

As you make plans for the summer, please know that after prayerful consideration and conversation with church council, and some feedback from congregational members, we have decided that *over the summer we will keep our Sunday morning worship schedule with two services at 8am and 10:30am.*

Last year, we noticed several things that have led us to this decision.

- 1) We consistently felt full in our worship space and in the parking lot.
- 2) Visitors (and regular worshipers) had a difficult time finding a place to sit.
- 3) The change of time is confusing to some who are unfamiliar to “the way we do things.” (This happens every time we move from two services to one.)
- 4) The earlier time was a big difficulty for several of our seniors who have a much harder time getting up and moving to make it to church by 9am.
- 5) There are those among us who prefer either the traditional or the contemporary style of worship and the “blended” service isn’t their most favorite thing.

However, we also know that people like the sense of unity and community that we have during the summer and the opportunity to spend time with folks who typically go to “the other service”. We understand and fully understand, so we will actually be having one time for *fellowship between the two services*, so those who go early can stay late, and those who go to the later service can come early to greet friends. There will not be a set coffee-hour after the second service.

If you have any concerns, please contact Pastor Kathy, and thank you in advance for being willing to try something new as we truly welcome all.





Our Youth Ministry at Holy Cross is Growing!

If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Pastor Kathy at pastorhclcre-no@gmail.com.

High School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday nights March 11 and March 25, following our Wednesday Night worship service (around 7pm). All those in high school are welcome to come

and hang out with us!

Middle School Youth: We had a great meeting with Middle School Youth and Families the other day and we are looking forward to beginning a new Confirmation Class program at Holy Cross. Classes will meet on twice a month on Sundays at 11:45. Our first introductory session will be on Sunday, April 19. The classes are open to older youth who have yet to be confirmed as well, so please talk with Pastor Kathy, if you have a child or grandchild who would like to join us.

1st Communion Class will meet on Monday, March 2nd at 6pm with the 2nd class on Monday, March 9th at 4pm. We look forward to celebrating 1st Communion with several of our young people on Palm Sunday at the 10:30 service!

We are celebrating because Holy Cross received a grant of \$1000 from the Sierra Pacific Synod to be used for a new quarterly Family Night Program with an emphasis on reaching out to our neighbors. We are currently looking for people who might be interested in working on these events, so please talk with Pastor Kathy if you are able to help. Our first Family Night will be scheduled in April, after Easter.



CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, March 28 to watch the movie *War Room*, a powerful movie about prayer. The time for the movie will be announced soon!

Happenings at Holy Cross....

The following photos are from the wonderful fun we have been having at Holy Cross. They will include Madeline's Cookie Decorating, Mardi Gras Breakfast and palm burning. Enjoy :)





Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in March, the 10th and the 24th 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.

Worship Helpers

Coffee Hour

3/1: Laura Grady & Paula Featherstone
3/8: Kathy Doyle & Jim/Cindy Thompson
3/15: Mark Calise & Linda Puckett
3/22: Bruno Peri & Charlie Vinopal
3/29: Joan Julius & Jennifer Ramirez

Ushers

3/1: Paula Featherstone & Michael Ross (1st)
Sandi Christman & Sue McDonald (2nd)
3/8: Steve & Betty Tate (1st)
Jody Morrison & Logan Kunze (2nd)
3/15: Ray & Nina Cross (1st)
Russ Tegio & Richard Eggers (2nd)
3/22: Pat & Linda Schlosser (1st)
Veralyn Combs & Marla Hoole-Vinopal (2nd)
3/29: Kathy Doyle & Charles Kiene (1st)
Shirley Fletcher & Stephany Robison (2nd)

Lectors

3/1: Laurel Lindstrom & Veralyn Combs
3/8: Wib Namestka & Jeff Morris
3/15: Mark Calise & Cindy Thompson
3/22: Becky Bradley & Jody Morrison
3/29: Kathy Doyle & Natalie Tegio

Altar Guild

Nellie Namestka & Sandi Christman

Offering Counter

Janet Schultz

Communion Helpers

3/1: Steve & Betty Tate (1st)
Sandi Christman & Jody Morrison (2nd)
3/8: Joe McElhinney & Linda Schlosser (1st)
Jeff Morris & Shirley Fletcher (2nd)
3/15: Charles Kiene & Kathy Doyle (1st)
Jennifer Seward & Katie Weldon (2nd)
3/22: Steve & Betty Tate (1st)
Cindy Thompson & Veralyn Combs
3/29: Pat Clem & Laurel Lindstrom (1st)
Sandi Christman & Sue McDonald (2nd)



Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

I just wanted to formally say thank you to each and every one of you who donated money for my JROTC Drill Nationals trip. It was the most fun I have ever had in my entire life. I was able to go to Knotts Berry Farm, the Ocean, the Drill Meet, and all over Fontana California. I would have not been able to do this without your support of buying some yummy chocolate. I made lifelong

friendships, was able to bond with my Drill Team, and even met some new people along the way that I have stayed in contact with since the trip. I am so blessed to have been able to go on this trip, and I cannot thank you all enough for giving me the ability to do so. Reno High School walked away with two trophies as well! In the rifle team, we placed first in prone shooting, and second in kneeling shooting; out of 27 schools! This was such an amazing, fun, and unforgettable trip, and thank you all for your support.

Katie Sawyer, The Silver State Cadet Brigade Commander. (Dawn's Stepdaughter)



Thank you for your support of Brownie Troop #142 and all of your generosity in buying Girl Scout Cookies from us!
Love, Leslie and Abigail



March 1st

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 8th

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15th

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 22nd

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 29th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45



3/1 Carol Gevert

3/2 Ellen Hopkins

3/9 Alexander Ross

3/10 Owen Jaeck

3/12 Frank Schenk

3/12 Marissa Christman

3/14 Scarlet Buckley-Zema

3/17 Dexter Drew

3/19 Trent Schenk

3/19 Leslie Jaillet

3/19 Bill Voss

3/20 Camden Hamblet

3/20 Carol Hudak

3/21 Cary Lindstrom

3/25 Tanner Gonyou

3/26 Sue McDonald

3/27 Gary Rovig

Happy Anniversary!

3/6 Mr. & Mrs. Schultz

3/10 Mr. & Mrs. Hudak

3/17 Mr. & Mrs. Cross

3/17 Mr. & Mrs. Grady

PRAY

IS LOVE FOR GOD

FAST

IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF

GIVE

IS LOVE FOR OTHERS