



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

Holy Cross Crossroads

Monthly Newsletter : *June 2020*

Pastor's Corner...

Mark Your Calendar

The church is currently starting back slowly with small groups. Please see articles in the newsletter for dates and times. This will be updated next month.

Please visit our website; holycrossreno.org and Face Book page for all the fun virtual activities we are currently doing as we are adjusting to our new "normal".

Stay safe & healthy!



Dear Friends,

At one of our outdoor communion services, Bill Voss shared something that had inspired him. He said that he had been reading

Joshua and he noticed that over and over again when the Israelites were scared and afraid, the Lord commanded them to not be afraid or dismayed, but to be strong and courageous for God would be with them wherever they go (Joshua 1:9).

Between the Pandemic and the racial tension which has recently escalated across our nation, there is a lot that may disturb us. But, my friends, this isn't a time for fear. This is a time for to be strong and courageous and to trust that God is with us, and not just with us, but with all in our world.

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Pastor's Corner (cont'd).....

This is not an easy time, and we shouldn't pretend that it is. What we should do is continue the work that Jesus has given us to do... we must continue to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And we know from the story of the Good Samaritan that our neighbors may not have the same skin tone or have the same backgrounds that we have. However, we must love our neighbors with the same forgiving, grace-filled, merciful, compassionate love that God has first given to us. We must see all people as God sees them. Each person is a precious and beloved child who belongs in the one family of God.

I am confident that you know this already. But sometimes, situations arise that remind us not to be a people of fear, but to be a people of love.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy



As I am sure many of you have already heard that our Administrative Assistant Dawn Sawyer and her family will be moving later this month to Michigan. We are very sad to see her

go as she has done such a fantastic job for us, but we wish her and Kevin and Katie well and we know that they will forever be a part of our Holy Cross Family.

We will be doing a service of Godspeed and Farewell for them on Sunday, June 14 at our outdoor communion services, and we invite everyone to come and join us for one of the services that morning so that you can wish them well and say goodbye.

In addition, if you would like to bring in a card or an expression of thanks, there is a basket in the Narthex, and it will also be out during our Garden Communion Services. Please take the time in these couple of weeks to share your appreciation for all that Dawn has done for Holy Cross.

Pastor Kathy

Memorial Garden...

We are still accepting orders for the Memorial Garden pavers.

If you have any questions or need a form, please speak with Chris Martin or Paula Featherstone.



Council News....

The Council met on May 11, via Zoom. Sue Gonyou led us in devotions.

We received reports from Pastor and the Finance Committee. On-Line Worship, Bible Study, various meetings, and Thursday Coffee continue to go well. The Holy Cross application for the \$36,700 PPP loan/grant program was approved and funded May 6, 2020. If we do not need the loan funds for operations the Council and Finance Committee recommend repaying the loan in full.

We reviewed progress on the Council 2020 Action Steps, progress is noted in policy review, led by Laurel Lindstrom, We agreed to do a summer book study on "Power Surge", Sue Gonyou will organize. Thrivent no longer supports Shred-Day as previously organized, Sue Volinkaty will look at different options and we will discuss later in the year. Council members continue to reach out and contact current and non-attending members. A number of action steps have been put on hold due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The 40th anniversary celebration was discussed. Given the current Pandemic, plans may change. However, Richard Eggers reported the 40th Anniversary Cook Book is moving along. More recipes are needed—we are all encouraged to submit our family favorites Diane and Laurel will review the two past cook-books for "historic" recipes.

The Council engaged in a thorough discussion of the Holy Cross building reopening plan. Richard Eggers is finalizing the Clean Week Plan—which will detail a thorough cleaning of the building at the beginning of Phase 1, timing still uncertain. After a discussion of Worship with new guidelines, resuming in the building a Worship Committee was named to further discuss the issue. Brittney and Becky will be a part of that Committee. We expect more guidelines to be released nationally and from the state level. Our goal is to reopen the building in a way that protects the health and safety of our members and neighbors—following our Mission to be Christ's disciples in the world, loving our neighbor and caring for the most vulnerable among us.

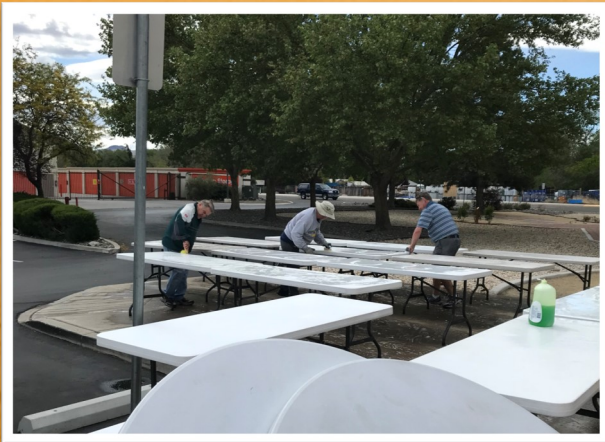
Finally, we tearfully accepted Dawn Sawyer's resignation as our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary. Dawn and her family will be moving to Michigan in June. The Council thanked Dawn for her years of outstanding service and work. She has in so many ways been the "wind beneath our wings". We wished she and her family God Speed.

A personnel committee will be formed to search for and hire a new Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary.

Pastor led us in closing prayer, and together we prayed the Lord's prayer



Happenings at Holy Cross





Bible Study Update...

Our Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies will continue to meet on Zoom through June. Since we are completing our study of the book of Philippians, we will be moving to a new study some of the Psalms. Pastor and Becky will be co-leading both times. Our schedule will be:

6/2 - Tuesday Night - Psalm 77
6/3 - Wednesday Afternoon - Philippians 4 - finishing up
6/9&10 - Tuesday and Wednesday - Psalm 46
6/16&17 - Tuesday and Wednesday - Psalm 51
6/23&24 - Tuesday and Wednesday - Psalm 139
6/30&7/1 - Tuesday and Wednesday - Psalm 40

Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Wednesday Bible Study 1:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Password: 050344

Remember, you can just dial **1-669-900-6833** and follow the prompts to connect yourself to the meeting you would like to join via phone. You will need the meeting ID and password for desired meeting and please remember the ID's and passwords are different for each Zoom meeting. Of course you can't see everyone, but you can hear and speak with them instead. It's another option and works well.

Most of us are becoming familiar with Zoom, using it on a device for the audio/visual components. Some are even braving just calling in so that they can participate with just the audio like a phone call. You can teach old dogs new tricks! If you need help or practice, let Becky know and she can set up a private tutorial to help you get the hang of it before an actual study session.

Some people have expressed a concern over Zoom's security, and I wanted to let you know that they have made many improvements in that area over the last couple of months to address those concerns:

- 1) You have to turn on your own mic and camera so that you have control when you enter the "room".
- 2) The moderator has to actually "allow you to enter the room"; you don't just join automatically. This gives the moderator control over who is joining.
- 3) The moderator can kick a person out of the group if need be. (So everyone behave yourself!)

You might want to consider giving Zoom a try if you haven't already.

FYI, the usual in-church Wednesday afternoon group is still on hiatus. We have trouble hearing each other sitting around the tables close together, and it would be a nightmare to try to do it with masks on at six foot distances. And what would we do with the eleventh person who showed up? When we are able to resume in person, we will continue with our previous study of "Ministering in the Spirit and Strength of Jesus".

But do consider joining us on Tuesday evening or Wednesday nights during our Zoom season. Let Becky know how she can help you join, whether on a device or joining by phone.

We know that not everyone can make it every time, so if you are able to pop in and join us, you are welcome at any time. These studies are not building upon one another. All are welcome!



Holy Cross Quilters

The Quilt Group will resume meeting at our regularly scheduled times beginning in June!

Thursday June 4 and 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.!

What a joy it will be to be back together! And no worries—there is plenty of work to do, we think we have over 40 quilt tops to tie! But it is possible that we will spend much of our time “catching up” with one another—what a joy to be back together.

To keep everyone safe, we have set up the tables in the fellowship hall—spaced at least 6 feet apart—and we will limit two to a tying table. Please wear your masks. Masks are available in the narthex if you need one. If you are not

ready to attend a full quilting session—stop by to say hi and chat for few minutes!

I did complete the log cabin quilt I wrote about in the May newsletter—see the picture. As I dug deeper in my sewing closet, I found two 15 inch squares of batting! (imagine that). I even made some progress in organizing my sewing closet! You may be aware of the Amish quilting tradition, that you always have a mistake in a quilt top, as only God is perfect. So following that tradition there is a mistake in one of the blocks!

Looking forward to being with everyone! Diane Torrey



Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

June Shared Harvest Shopping List ~ due 6/21;
Items needed: 36 tuna, 41 chili,
37 mac and cheese, 41 crackers (saltines)

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Amazing “Clean Team”—23 members! The Church Building is ready to welcome back members, neighbors, friends!

The Planning Committee—led by Richard Eggers laid out a great week long plan to thoroughly clean the church building, preparing the way for resuming the “new normal” life at Holy Cross.

Each day specific tasks were assigned and completed!---Some highlights: the Sanctuary Cross is cleaned and oiled, lights replaced at the front of the sanctuary, dusting of sanctuary lights, chairs deep cleaned, carpets professionally cleaned, fellowship hall chairs and tables power washed and sun dried, kitchen and bathrooms scoured, musical instruments cleaned and sanitized, all wood cleaned and polished, windows washed—cobwebs swept down, base boards cleaned, final vacuum of all spaces and sanitizing of high touch surfaces.

Thank you to all who made this great event so successful:

Richard Eggers, Pastor Kathy, Dawn Sawyer, Paula Featherstone, Pat Schlosser, Eric Weldon, Zach Weldon, Warren Kline, Diane Torry, Linda Schlosser, Kathy Doyle, Linda Puckett, Randy Puckett, Sandi Christman, Chris Martin, Jodi Morrison, Joe McElhinney, Sue McMurray, Becky Bradley, Brittney May, Tom Martin, Katie Torry, Natalie Tegio



***Note: there are masks in the Narthex for those who don't have one, so no one should not come to worship when we open because of not having a mask
Thank you Sandi for such a wonderful gift to those in need.***



Congrats Graduates!

We have highlighted our seniors on the following pages and will hold a special baccalaureate service at a later date to celebrate these young men and women and all they have achieved. Enjoy getting to know our graduates of Holy Cross. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments!!!

DEAR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 2020,

YOU WERE BORN WHEN THE
WORLD WAS GRIEVING OVER 9/11.

AND YOU ARE GRADUATING AS THE
WORLD GRIEVES A PANDEMIC.

ALTHOUGH YOUR TWO BIGGEST LAUNCHES INTO FREEDOM
(BIRTH AND GRADUATION)
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MIDST OF TRAGEDIES...

JUST KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS
AN AMAZING, LOVING, BEAUTIFUL PLACE.
AND IT IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

WE GRIEVE WITH YOU
THAT YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS ENDING THIS WAY.

BUT WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW YOU OVERCOME AND SOAR.

You were made for this.

LOVE, ALL THE SENIOR PARENTS

jennifer allwood



Noelle Lentz....

I am graduating from the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology. I have been very active in an organization called HOSA all four years - it is a global organization for future healthcare professionals! In doing this, I was able to serve on my school's chapter officer team for 2 years and competed all four years in medical competitions! For the last 3 years, I've competed in Pathophysiology - it is a test on diseases and disease processes within the body. In my sophomore and junior years, I placed 4th in the state, and this year, I placed 2nd! In addition to HOSA, through the program at my school, I was afforded the opportunity to participate in an EMT course through REMSA. As of May 22, 2020, I am a certified EMT in the state of Nevada! To top it all off, I have been studying Spanish all four years of high school, and as of March of this year, I am officially bilingual! Many accomplishments to be had, for sure.

Now that high school is over, it's off to college for me. I will be attending Western Nevada College in Carson City and I will be studying nursing. I hope, someday very soon, that I will live my lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. I can't wait to see what the future has for me with God leading me every step of the way!



Michael Tegio....

High school has been pretty interesting - it's been a lot of work angling myself in such a way that I get to do what I like to do. I plan to go to the Musician's Institute of Southern California to study music production and audio engineering!



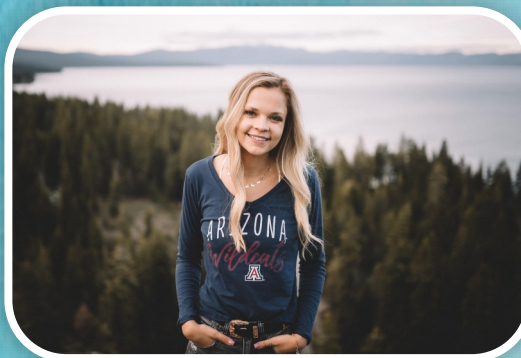
Ethan Jaeck...

Ethan Jaeck is a senior at Reno High School this year. He is receiving an Honors diploma and has earned 25 college credits. Ethan has worked diligently on his academics throughout his four years of high school while also playing baseball and football. Ethan is planning on going to the University of Nevada, Reno to study international relations.



Aiden Bruce Coleman....

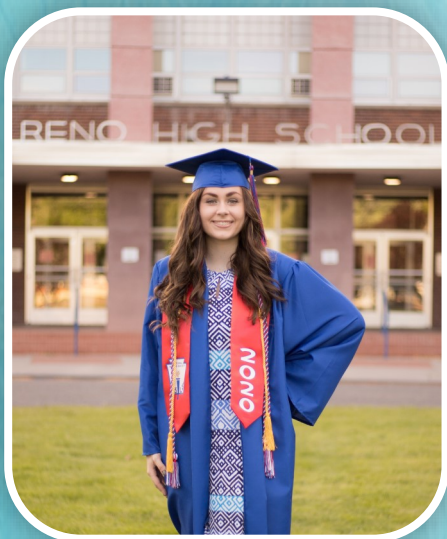
Our graduate is Aidan Bruce Coleman. He is graduating from Damonte Ranch High and currently works at Walmart. He will be attending TMCC in the fall to earn a certificate in bookkeeping.



Kallie Grady....

Kallie Grady is a class of 2020 Honor Graduate from Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. During her four years at Manogue she participated in Varsity Golf and Basketball. She also was in Leadership for two years. In addition, she completed over 200 hours of community service earning her a service letter commendation. Kallie was inducted into the National Honor Society at Manogue and was a member of the Junior Classical League (Latin). She was

also a member of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the National Charity League where she chaired the Philanthropy Committee for two years. Kallie is planning to attend the University of Arizona (Tucson) in the fall where she will study physiology and medical sciences.



Katie Sawyer...

Katie Sawyer is a class of 2020 Honor Graduate from Reno High School. During her four years at Reno High, she participated in JROTC earning numerous awards, doing community service and ending as the Silver State Brigade Commander for Washoe County. She was inducted into the National Honor Society for her stellar academic performance as well as earning her academic letter all four years. She will be heading to the University of Oklahoma in the fall to pursue her degree in Atmospheric Science. She will also be joining the OU Air Force ROTC program with the final goal of being a weather officer in the USAF.

Andrew Zamora...

Andrew will be graduating from Damonte Ranch High School. I am not sure of his plans, but we wish him well in his future endeavors.



Worship in the Garden...

Remember, Pastor Kathy is inviting you to "Worship in the Garden" where we will gather outside in our new memorial garden space for short services of Scripture, reflections, prayer, and Holy Communion. The times will be at 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 am. The service will last no more than 20 minutes, and you are invited to stand or to bring a chair from home if you

need. Also note, the online service will stop including Holy Communion since we will have a live option for that now on Sunday mornings at the Holy Cross Memorial Garden.



Yea, Hooks and Needles is meeting again.

We met last Tuesday; safe distancing and with our masks on. It was so good to see everyone. Some of us brought our mini prayer shawls and we now have over 160 ready to be blessed and sent to the Synod.

We are back to meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:00. Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in June, the 9th and the 23rd at 9 a.m.

We welcome all knitters and crocheters and/or those who want to learn how to knit or crochet.

May God be
gracious to us
and bless us
and make his face
shine on us.

-Psalm 67:1



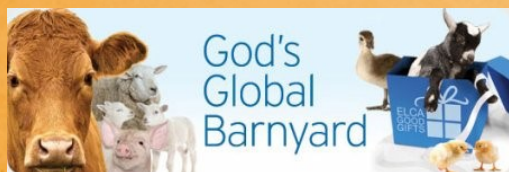
Personnel Update...

Our personnel committee has met several times in the last couple of weeks to create a job description for the Administrative Assistant Position. On our website, you can view the job description and find the application. If anyone knows of anyone who is interested in this part-time position, please encourage them to fill out the application.

The committee will review the applications and will begin interviewing as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact one of the members of the committee- Jody Morrison (chair), Richard Eggers, Laurel Lindstrom, Steve Tate, Diane Torry, and Pastor Kathy Morris.

As many of you know, Dawn has also had the job of Financial Secretary for Holy Cross and we currently have a candidate for that position who will be formally appointed by the Church Council at our upcoming meeting. Once that is formalized, we will be happy to share that news with you all.



We Bought the Farm!!!

Thank you HCLC congregation for supporting ELCA GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD. We raised the money for the farm and more and during a time when we were unable to worship at church. What an awesome job!

Service and Fellowship Committees are taking a bit of a break but soon we will be sharing the ideas and plans we have for the last six months of 2020 - oh my!



What's Cooking?

Time is whizzing by so fast. The cookbook committee is beginning the real work on the cookbook. The FINAL DEADLINE is Wednesday, July 1, 2020 to submit your recipes. Yes, we are still taking them. If you've already sent yours in and would like to add more that is fine too. We need recipes in the category of (Easy 1-2-3 meals, Crock-Pot meals, main dishes, beverages, appetizers, stews/soups). We are doing great in casseroles and desserts. Please send your recipes to Richard Eggers at Renogemini@aol.com by July 1st.



coffee & conversation

On Thursday mornings at 10:30 we all have the opportunity to join in our “Coffee with Pastor” Zoom chats.

We have been having a great time chatting, seeing and/or hearing what people are doing during our time away from each other.

Everyone is welcome to grab a cup of coffee or tea and join Pastor for a little chat and

catch up using the Zoom, a virtual meeting place. Dawn sends out a reminder with the Zoom link for you to participate. If you are having trouble or feeling a little intimidated by the Zoom feature, please reach out to Pastor or Dawn and they will help you.

There is a little article in the newsletter addressing ways for you to participate using Zoom even if you don't have a camera, computer or speakers. It may help some that are having trouble.

Below is the link for the Zoom Coffee Chat with Pastor Kathy. You can use the same link each week.

Topic: Coffee Chat with Pastor Kathy

Join Zoom Meeting

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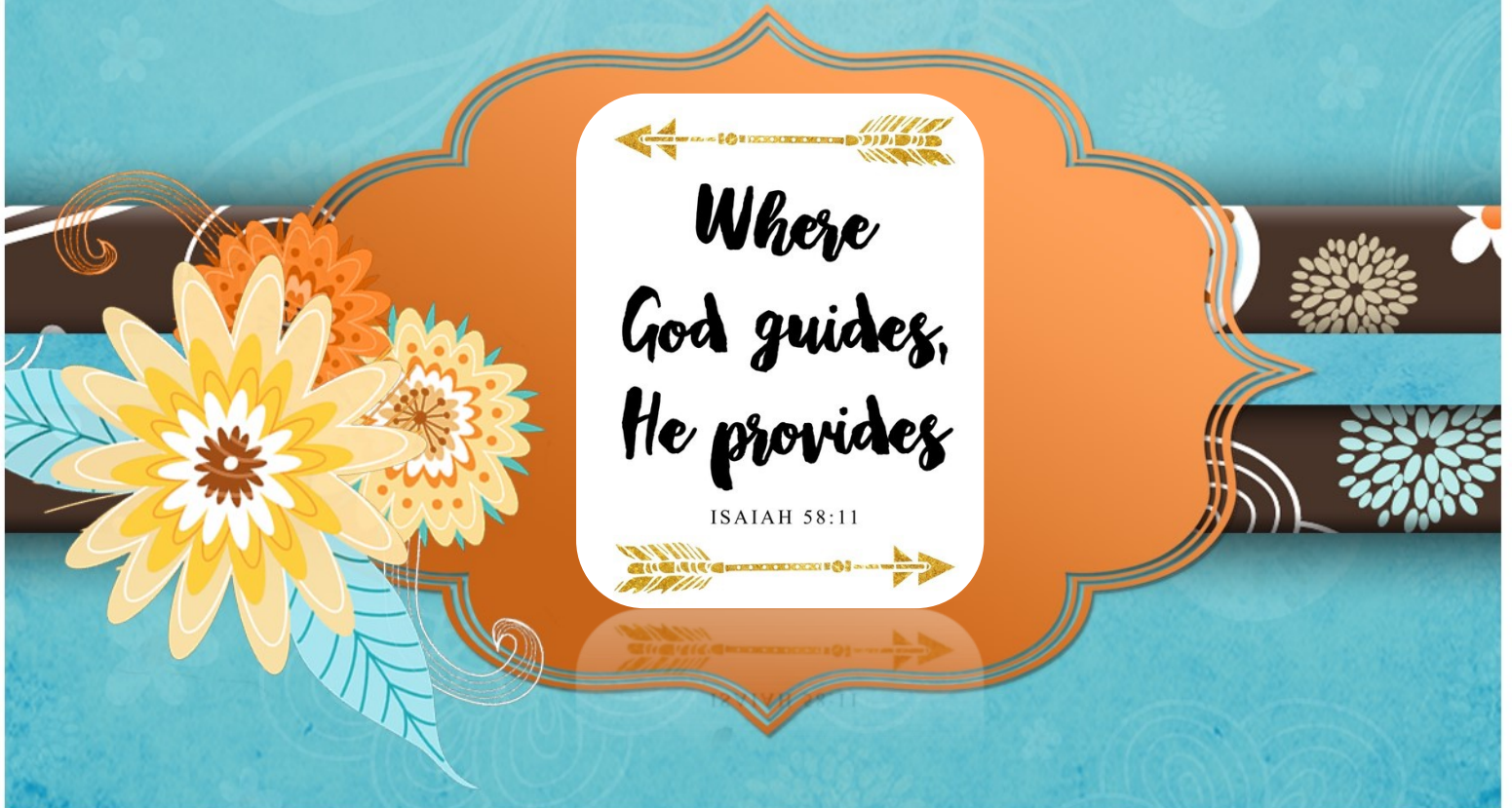
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We look forward to see you there.



**Where
God guides,
He provides**

ISAIAH 58:11



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!


Happy
Anniversary

Birthdays:

6/3 Dawn Sawyer
6/4 Sandi Christman
6/6 Colleen Marton
6/8 Kendra Ramirez
6/8 Marianna Ramirez
6/9 Hailey Colosimo
6/10 Beverly Olson
6/12 Larry Ritter
6/13 Maggie Puckett
6/14 Ken Schultz
6/15 Randy Rigler
6/20 Richard Eggers
6/21 Louise Holder
6/21 Katie Gentzler
6/25 Madison Carper
6/26 Cameron Kincaid
6/27 Breiana Hill
6/29 Caiden Kincaid
6/29 Charlie Vinopal
6/30 Kayla Kunze

Anniversaries:

6/6 John & Barbara Hill
6/7 Russell & Natalie Tegio
6/12 Laine & MaryAnn Christman
6/17 Fred & Karen Ford
6/19 JL & Sandi Christman

i always
thought love
was shaped
like a

but
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actu-
ally
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my sin
was great
His love
was greater