



Holy Cross *Crossroads*

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

From Pastor Kathy:

Dear Friends,

If you've been at the church in the last week or so, you may have noticed that we have trees painted on the glass windows leading into our worship space. (Not to worry, we've already tested it and the paint will come off!) The windows are decorated in preparation for Vacation Bible School, which will be June 14-18, from 9am-noon.

We have more plans for decorations, including turning the sanctuary into a forest (thanks to your Christmas trees), complete (we hope) with a waterfall and a pond, as well as a camp fire scene. We have VBS masterminds working on creating an obstacle course for the kids, adults are ready to help in the kitchen, with the crafts, with the kids and telling stories. I know it's going to be a great week of fun helping the kids discover more about Jesus and his love for each of them.

It's a lot of work, there is no denying that, and at this moment, I'm not even sure how many kids we'll end up having. It may be just a few. However, the idea for the week is that the kids will create some special memories which will strengthen their foundations of faith. They will learn more about Jesus. They will get to know more caring adults from our congregation. Their understanding of what church is like will expand. When the week is over, they will know they are loved by God and by the church.

Church Events

- **June 1st—6pm in the Fellowship Hall:**
"Exploration of becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation"
- **June 3rd—9:30am: Quilt Group**
- **June 5th—1pm: Memorial Service for Pastor Roland Grumm**
- **June 8th—Hooks & Needles**
- **June 14th-18th—9am to 12pm: Vacation Bible School — Join us!**
- **June 17th—9:30am: Quilt Group**
- **June 22nd—Hooks & Needles**

“From Pastor Kathy” (cont.)

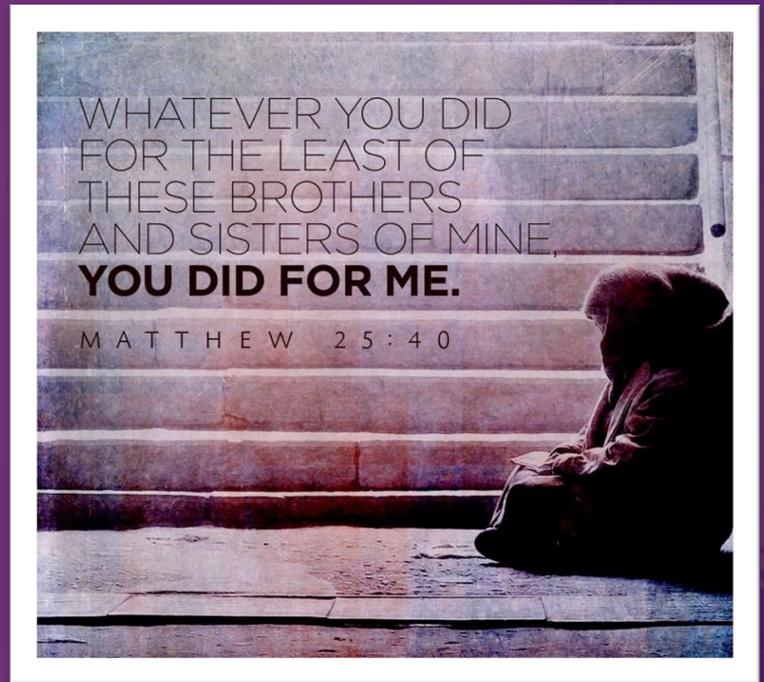
Perhaps, these are things that we all need to be reminded of. Sometimes, we adults get caught up in all of the details —what we are doing and how we are doing them—that I think we can lose sight of why we do things. We do what we do, we minister and we share the Good News of Jesus, we love God and we love our neighbor as a grateful response to the love that God has first given to us.

I am deeply appreciative of all of you and the care you have for this church, for your church family, and for the children of this church. I haven't been saying that often enough, and I am sorry for that. I know that when there is conflict in the church, it's easy to get caught up within it, and I am guilty of that.

But as I look forward, I find myself hopeful that we will find some common ground, and I invite you all to come and share your thoughts at tonight's congregational meeting at 6pm. It is my intention to gather input to help guide us forward in faith and in the ministry that God is calling us to do here at Holy Cross.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy Morris



Service & Fellowship



Just a reminder that during the months of June, July, and August we will be collecting toiletry items, diapers, underwear, and socks for the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra and Volunteers of America. Toiletry items needed will be listed on the Giving Tree.

The Northern Nevada Food Bank barrel is located in the entry way of the church. Please make sure all items are non-perishable. No glass or expired items as they must be thrown away. Again, this is not to overshadow our own Shared Harvest. All donations to both of these nonprofits are appreciated.

Summer Happenings

Seeking New Administrative Assistant

Hi everyone! Alese here! I want to let you all know that I will be transitioning out of my position over the coming weeks as I move towards becoming a full-time “worship missionary” with the Nevada House of Prayer (<http://www.nvhop.org/>) and also work towards producing an album and increasing my presence in the Reno music scene. I am sad to leave, but so excited to see where this new season will take me!

I have no firm end date in mind as I want to help find and train a replacement for my position. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please direct them to Pastor Kathy at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com. Starting next week, we will have new office hours: Tuesday/Thursday from 10 to 4 and Wednesday from 1 to 4. This will help me begin the process of support raising.

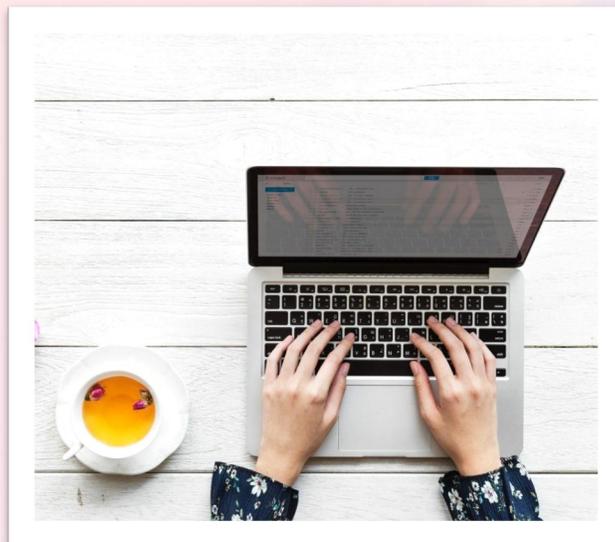
It has been such a privilege to work at Holy Cross, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to Pastor Kathy who has been a kind, fair, and wise boss, and a truly compassionate and supportive Pastor to me as I’ve walked through some hard times. You as a congregation are truly blessed!

Memorial Service for Pastor Roland Grumm

We will be having a memorial service for Pastor Grumm on Saturday, June 5 at 1pm. We know not everyone feels comfortable to attend, so the service will be recorded and posted later in the weekend for all to see.

“It’s Time” Worship & Prayer Gathering—June 26th

The Nevada House of Prayer and Youth with a Mission are hosting a 3-hour worship and prayer event called “It’s Time” at Wingfield Park on June 26th. We believe this is the hour to unite the Body of Christ across denominational lines. Join us from 10am to 1pm as we worship together and pray for Reno and the US at large! Alese will be helping lead the first set!



Congrats Graduate!

Congratulations to Emma Lintz who graduates TMCC High School this year! She will head to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ in the fall! We wish her God’s blessings in all that she does!



Join us for Vacation Bible School!

As many of you have heard, we are planning to host Vacation Bible School for our young people and young people in our community June 14-18, from 9am-noon. We have so graciously heard many offers to help, and we are appreciative!

Our theme is “Adventures with Jesus” and over the next several weeks, we are going to be transforming our church into “Camp Kairos” where we will encounter Jesus as we discover the wonderful things he does for us. “Camp Kairos” is located in the woods, and so over the coming weeks, you will begin to see signs of Camp Kairos emerging. We hope this adds to the excitement for the week that we are already experiencing.

We are developing a wish list of items that we would love to have donated or borrowed as it will help us to keep our costs down. We are grateful that we will be receiving a Thrivent Action Team Grant, but your help in supplementing our costs is also very helpful.

If you are letting us borrow items, please be sure your name is on them! One of the bigger items we are requesting to borrow are artificial Christmas trees (undecorated) as they will be a key part of the forest we will be creating. We realize that Christmas trees can be heavy and bulky, so if you have one that we can use, we are happy to send someone to pick it up. We will need your tree no later than June 12, and you can have it back by June 19 or 20th.

If you are willing or able to help decorate for Vacation Bible School, please contact Natalie Tegio. We will be doing some pre-work during the coming weeks, as well as decorating on Saturday, June 12 after 1 and after church on Sunday, June 13.

We are so grateful for your support and your help. If you would like to volunteer and are able to be here some or all of the days and times, please contact me. We are looking for snack helpers in the kitchen, group leaders with the kids and story tellers, who would be willing to dress up as characters whose lives were impacted by the love of Jesus. We are also in the process of scheduling a training session to go over everything sometime the week before we begin.

- Christmas Trees (to borrow)
 - Saw or Sawzall (to borrow)
 - Black Sharpie Pens
 - Cardboard from larger boxes
 - Making Tape
 - Wide Blue Painter’s Tape
 - Foam Paint Brushes
 - Brown or white paper lunch bags
 - Newspaper
 - Lantern (to borrow)
 - Taxidermy woodland creatures (to borrow)
 - Empty Waterbottles (with lids)
 - Bright colored tissue paper
 - Old (but not cracked) CD cases
 - Shaving cream
 - Sugar cookie dough
 - White Icing
 - Christmas cookie decorations
 - Boxes of Blue Jell-o
 - Gummy or Swedish Fish
 - Large box of Goldfish Crackers
 - 2 boxes of Cheerios
 - 2 boxes of Chex mix
 - 2 bags of M&M’s
 - Raisins
 - 2 bags of pretzels
 - Graham crackers
 - Marshmallows
 - Hershey’s Chocolate Bars
 - Balloons (Both water balloons and regular blow-up balloons)
 - Swimming Pool Noodles
 - Bread Yeast
- We would appreciate you bringing these items to church anytime between now and June 6.**

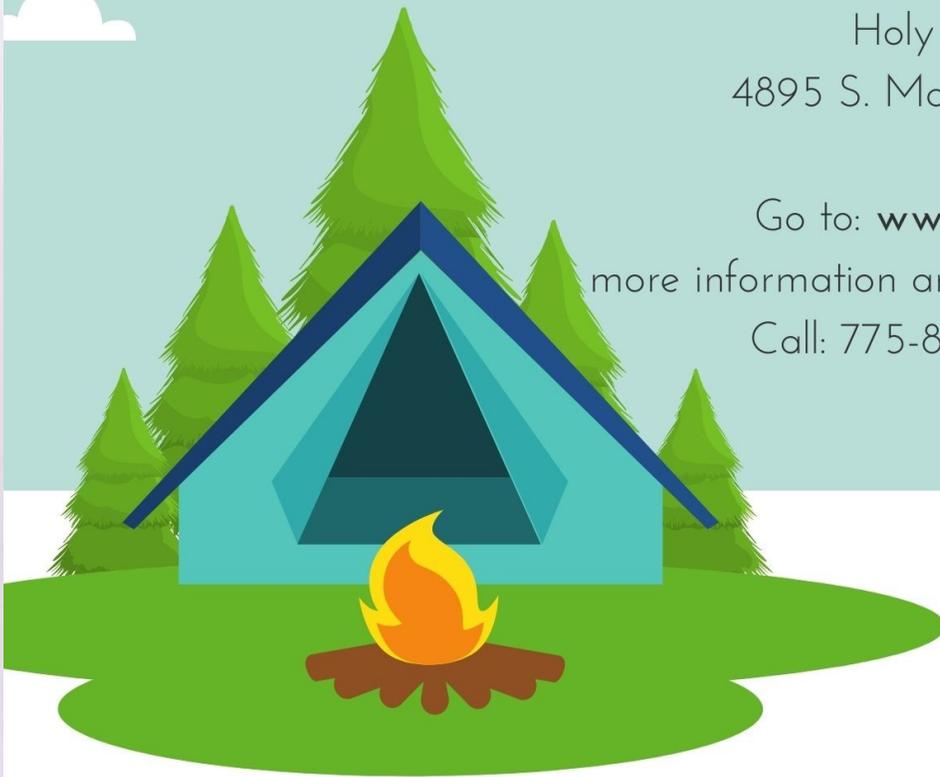
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Presents:
Adventures with Jesus

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday - June 14-18, from 9am-noon
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
4895 S. McCarran Blvd., Reno, NV

Go to: www.holycrossreno.org for
more information and to register by June 6!
Call: 775-827-4822 with questions!

Cost is free!



Regular Meetings–Get Enriched!

Tuesday Discussion Group

The Sierra Pacific Synod Resource Center has invited congregations in the Synod to a four-week zoom showing of “The Black Church” The 200+ minute film will be shown in four segments, on four consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning Tuesday, June 8th. Pr. Donna Allen will be our host and moderator for a brief Q&A following the showing each week.

Pastor Allen was an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church for fifteen years while serving as a pastor in TN, CO, and CA. She is currently the Founder and Senior Pastor of New Revelation Community Church, ELCA, with ministries in Oakland and Vallejo. She is also adjunct faculty at PLTS.

Register to receive the zoom link by contacting margieback@icloud.com.

Pastor Kathy has heard wonderful things about this program, which aired on PBS several months ago and we offer this opportunity to help broaden our understanding of our community.

Wednesday Bible Study

We have started a short study about Jewish Feasts and Festivals, especially appropriate here in the Passover and Pentecost seasons. Join us at 1:30pm on Wednesdays. Let Becky Bradley know if you are interested so she can send you the handout when we start that study. beckyb485@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098 (IF you are calling in on your phone to 669-900-6833)
Password: 050344 (if requested)

Music Program

Choir is rehearsing to prepare a song for Pastor Roly’s memorial which he requested in his pre-planning. After that, we will take a summer break, to resume in the fall. What shape that will take is too soon to tell for certain at present, but hopefully we will be resuming live music again sometime after we resume.

Thanks again to the choir members who were so faithful during our Zoom Year – Lani, Gladys, Susan, Laurel, Joe – and to those who provided special music throughout the year.

We are all looking forward to singing again in church, as soon as the science shows it’s safe. In the meantime, please enjoy this beautiful rendition of “How Can I Keep From Singing”, performed by the New York City Virtual Choir and Orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLPP3XmYxXg&list=RDCSODPhE-0ng&index=5>

Serving Through Creativity

Quilt Group News

Holy Cross Quilters “formally” meet in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Thursday of each month 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., June 3 and 17. However, most Thursdays you will find a few quilters in the Fellowship Hall having “all kinds of fun”. We continue to meet over the summer, “come when you can”! We know many are traveling and enjoying vacation time with family and friends.

The completed quilts are given to eight community, worldwide agencies, and members and friends of Holy Cross. During the year we rotate displaying completed quilts in the Fellowship Hall. We also have a collection of quilts that we keep and display throughout the year. This past month we added a new quilt top, donated by Paula Featherstone. Her Great Aunt Viola Siegfried, pieced the red and white quilt top in the 1950’s, a variation of Drunkard’s Path, and the quilt group bound the quilt, and have added it to our collection. We plan to display it on Pentecost and Reformation, both Church Holidays when our liturgical year uses the color red.

We dedicate our quilts to Christ’s service, trusting that Christ’s love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material or a collection of items—making each quilt we have created an expression of love.

Come join us---all are welcome!



Hooks & Needles

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 as well as for our family and friends.

We will be meeting Tuesday, June 8th and 22nd at Kathy Barcaskey’s home. Please email her for directions: kmbareno@msn.com.

We are gladly accepting donations of yarn for our projects. Thank you!

A Message From Our Church Council

Hi everyone! Your new council got together in May for an in-person meeting and it was so good to be together! Our devotion was based on John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." The key points being: God calls us to love others, just as He loves us; show love to others by forgiving, accepting, and honoring them; and we can only love others when we are full of God's love.

Diane Torry then turned the meeting over to Pastor for election of officers. I was elected as your new Council President. Fran Moses is VP and Warren Kline is Secretary. We welcomed our new council members Chris Martin and Laura Grady. I want to thank Diane for her dedication and leadership during the past year. It was an extraordinary year and she has been a blessing to our council and our congregation.

We have an "Information Security" policy in development and exciting news from the Memorial Garden Committee. They have decided to implement the option for individuals to reserve and prepay for a paver stone which will be added to the walkway or the cross upon their death. Council also approved a request from the Service Committee to build and install a Karma box on church property. Look for more information on that from the Service Committee!! We are continuing to review Covid restrictions and updating "on the fly" as things open back up! Coffee hour is coming back!! Richard Eggers is proceeding with the cookbook - so get those recipes in to him. Our finances are stable and we are looking forward to gathering with all of you as we enter into the summer worship schedule of one service at 9 am.

Council is continuing conversation with you and with each other regarding Reconciling in Christ. A small group took training May 22 and we look forward to hearing more about the process and sharing that information with you. We closed with prayer.

I wish you God's peace as we enter the summer months and as we enjoy our beautiful weather. For those that are planning travel I pray that you have a safe journey and wonderful adventures.

In Christ's name,

Laurel Lindstrom

Announcements

Shared Harvest News

This month we are collecting the following:

20 chili

Please bring your donations to the church by the 20th.

Contact Veralyn with questions: veralyncombs45@gmail.com.

Thank you all for being so supportive of Shared Harvest!

Happy Birthday

June Lectors—THANK YOU!

6/6—9:00am (in-person): Lani Moss

6/13—9:00am (in-person): Sandi Christman

6/20—9:00am (in-person): Noelle Lentz

6/27—9:00am (in-person): Natalie Tegio

Office Hours

Our office hours are Tuesday/Thursday from 10am to 4:00pm and Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm.

Altar Guild Assignments—THANK YOU!

Paula Featherstone

Jody Morrison

Christ in Our Home Devotional

The July/August/September devotional is available in the narthex.

Clyde Evert

June 3

Sandi Christman

June 4

Kendra Ramirez

June 8

Marianna Ramirez

June 8

Beverly Olson

June 10

Lawrence Ritter

June 12

Ken Shultz

June 14

Richard Eggers

June 20

Katie Gentzler

June 23

Madison Carper

June 25

Jeff Sorge

June 28

Charlie Vinopal

June 29

Kayla Kunze

June 30