

# CROSSROADS

November 2021

## Upcoming Events

**11.2**

Election Day

**11.7**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**11.11**

Veterans Day

**11.25**

Thanksgiving Day



## From the Desk of Pastor Kathy:

Dear Friends,

November to me has always been tied into Thanksgiving, and it's always been an opportunity to pause and really take some time to count my blessings. Too often, I'm racing through the day and offering God a quick prayer of thanks, which isn't always very specific.

In the past, I've worked to correct that and to think specifically of things, people and places for which I am most grateful each day in the month of November. Some years I've shared those things each day on my Facebook page, and this year, that is something I will be returning to. I encourage you to try it as well. Make a post on social media if you would like, keep a list in a journal, make a list with your family and/or friends, or if you are really adventurous, create a paper chain of gratitude with your kids or grandkids. It's amazing the gratitude that will bubble out.

I wanted to share with you that at the very top of my list this year, are you, who are among the faithful congregation of Holy Cross, who work so hard to love and serve the Lord as you strive so hard to love and serve one another and our community with such joy and gratitude in your hearts. I am thankful and humbled to serve alongside such wonderful people.

This month, I simply want you to know that I give God thanks for you and I thank you for being a blessing to me and to my family.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Season!

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy



## **Worship Updates:**

We continue to worship in person and online at 9am on Sunday mornings.

### **Sunday, November 7 – All Saints Sunday**

Worship will begin in the Memorial Garden as we dedicate our newest pavers. We will then move inside, where our service will include the welcoming of new members, the celebration of 1st Communion for some of our youth, and the remembrance of those who have died during our prayers.

### **Sunday, November 21 – Consecration Sunday**

Our annual stewardship campaign will conclude as we offer our estimate of Giving Cards in worship. The service will be followed by brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday, November 28**

#### **Advent Begins**

We will be kicking off the Season of Advent with the theme of “Waiting with Hope, Living with Joy.” Stay tuned to hear more about our special December events and opportunities!

## **Stewardship News:**

November is traditionally our annual Stewardship Season here at the church, and this year, we will be highlighting some of the ways that Holy Cross has made an impact on the lives of our congregation and friends. A new one will be shared on our Facebook page each day as well as in our worship service on Sundays.

This year, we invite you to join us in person or online on Sundays, November 7, 14 and 21 as we discover what it means to “Share in God’s Abundance.” November 21 will be Consecration Sunday where we have the opportunity to bring forward our Estimate of Giving Cards for 2022. Worship that day will be followed by a Sunday morning brunch in the fellowship hall, hosted by our Stewardship Team. You will be receiving emails and mail with more specific details.

In addition, Pastor Kathy’s Monday Bible Study will also have a Stewardship Theme as we remember and discover the connection between being stewards of God’s gifts and being disciples of Jesus. All are welcome to join us on Mondays in person at the church at 11, or on Zoom, Monday evenings at 6:30.

If you have any questions about our stewardship ministry, please contact any of the members of the team.

Yours in Christ,  
Pat Clem  
Laurel Lindstrom  
Jeff Morris  
Natalie Tegio  
Pastor Kathy Morris



## November 7th



## SENIOR LUNCH IS BACK!!

Sr. Lunch will be  
Wednesday,  
November 17th at  
Noon. Bring your  
own lunch. Come  
and enjoy some  
great fellowship.  
Thanks! Eldora



Godly Play November 2021



Dear Holy Cross Family,  
With Godly Play back in full swing we have been blessed to share our time with our youngest church family members listening to and wondering about stories of the people of God. As we share scripture we stop to wonder what part of each story is the most important....what part does the listener like best...where does a listener find themselves in a story...and what part or parts of the story could a listener leave out and still have all the story needed at this time? Godly play is based on the religious practice of lectio Divina, or listening AND responding to the stories of scripture in a contemplative and engaged manner. So rather than memorize stories, we encourage the experience of the stories and the messages that resonate for our youngest theologians. Many times there is great wisdom from the hearts of our littlest ones! If this resonates with you, we

encourage you to try Godly Play as a ministry. Contact Jolene Jaillet, Katie Torry, Kayla Kunze for more information on ways to participate in Godly Play.

Below are the upcoming story lessons through the end of 2021. Note that on November 7th there is no Godly Play as we will worship all together in the large sanctuary for All Saints Sunday, and in December there is no Godly Play on December 5th and then again on December 26th. And be on the lookout for updates on our children's Christmas Program in the coming weeks!

November 7, 2021 ~ Family Worship Day

November 14, 2021 ~ Enrichment Lesson:

The Books of the Bible

November 21, 2021 ~ Enrichment Lesson:

Jonah, The Backward Prophet

November 28, 2021 ~ Lesson 1: Advent I & II

December 5, 2021 ~ Family Worship

December 12, 2021 ~ Christmas Program

December 19, 2021 ~ Lesson 1: Advent III & IV

December 26, 2021 ~ Family Worship Day



# Giving Our Gifts & Talents

**Fall Clean Days!! November 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th!**

Come join us to prepare Holy Cross for the upcoming holiday season working together at the "Fall Cleaning" of our Holy Cross Worship and Fellowship space. All Saints Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming!



Specific tasks are assigned to specific days—but if that doesn't fit your schedule, let us know what works for you.

Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex—or call the church office to see what fits your schedule.



## Free Ways to Help Holy Cross Lutheran Church Reno NV Raise Much-Needed Funds.

Every time you shop at any of the 2,200+ online stores in the iGive network, a portion of the money you spend benefits Holy Cross Lutheran Church Reno NV. It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account.

> Start iGiving at: [www.iGive.com/HolyCrossLutheranChurchRenoNV](http://www.iGive.com/HolyCrossLutheranChurchRenoNV)

## YOUTH GROUP

This month our Youth Group (5th -12th grades), is going to lend a helping hand serving the Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 27 from 1-4pm. Sign up with Pastor Kathy or Natalie Tegio if you are able to help. And save the date for December 12 at 3:30 - we are going to help with another project and then celebrate the season with a Christmas party. If you want to participate in a gift exchange, bring a wrapped present valued at \$10.

# Shared Harvest

This month we are collecting the following:



20—Cereal  
12—Fruit  
20—Soup  
10—Tuna  
Shampoo

Please bring your donations to the church by the 20th, and let Veralyn know what you're donating:

[veralyncombs45@gmail.com](mailto:veralyncombs45@gmail.com).

Thank you all for being so supportive of Shared Harvest!



# Music Program

The choir has been busy preparing selections for Reformation and Christ the King Sundays. We meet for rehearsals at 8am on Sundays each week and then sing in the 9am service. New members are welcome at any time, even if you don't read music!

There are other opportunities to participate in the Music Program in addition to the choir, especially with the holiday season coming up. If you are not able to participate on a regular basis, consider joining us during this special season and serve God with your musical gift. See Brittney or Becky if you are interested in contributing. We'll find a place for you!

Magician Justin Flom presents a "Soldier's Deck of Cards". See the Bible, the calendar, and things to be thankful for, including a wonderful tribute to our veterans on this Veterans' Day. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGPKpluX3cY>

## Service Committee

### WE NEED YOU! CAN YOU HELP?

The Turkey Tree is Up!! Until November 14 you can make a monetary donation to purchase GIFT CARDS for Pine and SmithRidge schools. The gift cards are given to families by school counselors to help them purchase food and/or clothing items. Cash and checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the tree. Checks should be made out to HCLC. Please write Turkey Tree in the donation line.

The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex beginning November 21. This year we will sponsor families from our local community school (SmithRidge), as well as, stuff stockings for teens and younger children at the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra. Information on gifts for families and items for stocking stuffers will be on the tree. Service Committee and the youth will meet to assemble the stockings.

We will be decorating for the Christmas season on Monday, November 22 at 9:00 am. We would **LOVE** to have you join us.

## Fellowship Committee

The Advent Tea is scheduled for December 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm. This year the Service Committee will be hosting a **Women's Candlelight Service**. The event will be led by Pastor Kathy and will include music and light refreshments. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex on Sunday, November 7. Please RSVP no later than December 1.

## Wednesday Bible

We are continuing our study of ministering in the spirit and strength of Jesus, 2 Corinthians and related references. We meet at the church, same time at 1:30pm, every Wednesday. Come and learn how the Spirit works to lead us in our call to holy living and service. You can join at any time. Contact Becky at [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Note: There will be no class 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22 for our annual holiday break. We'll resume on 12/29.

Although we meet at church, Becky still logs into Zoom in case you need to join from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098  
Passcode: 050344







# 2021 Youth Group Pumpkin Carving





# Announcements

## November Lectors—THANK YOU!

11/07—Katie Torry  
11/14—Alex Coleman  
11/21—Marla Vinopal  
11/28—Linda Puckett

## Altar Guild Assignments—THANK YOU!

Veralyn Combs

## Office Hours

Our office hours are  
Tuesday through Friday  
10:00 to 3:00.

Please call Pastor Kathy at  
775-443-6583  
or email us if you need anything  
outside of normal office hours.

## Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner

We are getting a LITTLE closer to normal! This year's Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 27th with hot "to-go" meals for our neighbors at each of their four properties. Our menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, gravy and cranberry sauces, home baked dinner rolls, and dessert. Residents have pick up times between 1:30 and 4:00 pm on that Saturday. We have close to 65 reservations and we have heard from their social services director that their residents are quite excited about this event, event if we cannot yet be in person!

Of course, we know you are asking, "how can I help?" Needed items are listed on a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will also need a number of volunteers on Saturday to help assemble meals and walk them out to our guest's cars or over to the apartments behind the church. Please contact Pat Clem, Joan Julius, or Natalie Tegio for more information.





# Happy Birthday

**James Alanko**

**Nov 1**

**Michael Tegio**

**Nov 1**

**Katie Torry**

**Nov 3**

**Mona Warwick**

**Nov 5**

**Nathan Jaillet**

**Nov 8**

**Christy Moses**

**Nov 9**

**Angie Hart**

**Nov 9**



**Maggie Fisher**

**Nov 10**

**Chris Martin**

**Nov 12**

**Donnie Seward**

**Nov 13**

**Kyle Meseberg**

**Nov 15**

**Kelly Meseberg**

**Nov 20**

**Samuel Morris**

**Nov 21**

**Jennifer Seward**

**Nov 30**





# November 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Bible Study	2 <b>Election Day</b> 5:15 Church Council 7pm Casa del Alvaro	3 1:30 Bible Study 6pm Confirmation 6:30pm Community Fellowship	4 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting 3pm Finance Committee 6pm Girl Scouts	5 7:30pm Casa del Alvaro	6
7 <b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 5:30 Casa del Alvaro	8 1pm Close Knit Friends 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Bible Study	9 1pm Service Committee 7pm Casa del Alvaro	10 1:30 Bible Study	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting	12 7:30pm Casa del Alvaro	13
14 9am Worship/Godly Play 10am Fellowship 5:30 Casa del Alvaro	15 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Bible Study	16 7pm Casa del Alvaro	17 1:30 Bible Study 6pm Confirmation Class	18 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting 6pm Girl Scouts	19 7:30pm Casa del Alvaro	20
21 9am Worship/Godly Play 10am Fellowship 5:30 Casa del Alvaro	22 1pm Close Knit Friends 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Bible Study	23 7pm Casa del Alvaro	24	25 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	26 7:30pm Casa del Alvaro	27 1-4pm Youth Group
28 9am Worship/Godly Play 10am Fellowship 5:30 Casa del Alvaro	29 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Bible Study	30 7pm Casa del Alvaro				
			<b>Dates to Remember:</b> 11/7 All Saints Sunday 11/21 Consecration Sunday	11/27 Silver Sage Thanksgiving Dinner 11/28 Advent Begins		

**Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday – Friday**  
**10am-3pm**



Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family.