



# Holy Cross Crossroads

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2022

## From the Desk of Pastor Kathy:

Dear Friends,

As we end a rather interesting year and look forward to a new one, I really want to say thank you to you all for your generosity to Holy Cross this year, and also to me and my family with your kind Christmas gift. It is very appreciated.

Many of you know this, but I had a really bad cold over Christmas, and when Christmas Eve came, I hardly had a voice. In the days leading up to Christmas, I had taken a home Covid test and had also visited a doctor for a "real" Covid test and in my mind, I was planning what to do if it came up positive. I know we all are feeling hopeful that 2022 will bring much healing to our world in terms of Covid, but as I write this, the numbers are increasing due to the latest variant.

From reports it seems that the Omicron variant isn't as strong as Covid-19 or the Delta variant. I find hope that as people we know and love test positive, that the illness doesn't seem to be as devastating to them as it may have once been. With that said, I know there are many among us who will continue to isolate, and while we miss seeing you, we completely understand.

We will continue to be open as much as possible, and as we still operate under a mask mandate, we will continue wearing them. I encourage you to regularly wash or sanitize your hands and maintain social distance as you feel comfortable. I also continue to ask for your flexibility as we navigate the ups and downs of this new chapter of Covid. We continue to move forward in faith, trusting in Jesus as we go.

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## Church Events

- Jan 5, 12, 19, 26: Bible Study
- Jan 5, 19: Confirmation Class
- Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 — Quilting
- Jan 10, 24 — Close Knit Friends
- Jan 11 — Council Meeting
- Jan 19 — Senior Lunch
- Jan 22 — Spaghetti Dinner  
Game Night
- Jan 23 — Youth Ice Skating
- Jan 24, 31 — Bible Study
- Jan 30 — Annual Meeting

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I have no idea what 2022 will bring to any of us. I hope it brings good health to us all. I hope it brings us a sense of renewal of our faith and our hope in Christ Jesus our Lord, and I hope it brings lots of opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our families, friends, neighbors and community. And yes, I hope it brings an end to the worry about Covid!

May you all have a blessed new year!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Kathy

### New Study with Pastor Kathy

Monday Night Study with Pastor Kathy will resume Monday, January 24 at 6:30 on Zoom.

We will be using the book, Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core by Kelly Fryer for our study. Each week, we will read one chapter of the book and have an opportunity for discussion at our Monday night sessions. On the Amazon website, the book is described as:

*Reclaiming the "L" Word is a book about renewing congregations by recognizing and living out the core teachings of the Lutheran faith. In the introduction, the author states: "I hope that people of every denomination will find this book helpful as they wrestle with these important issues within their own traditions. But this little book is primarily written for those who call themselves Lutheran and, specifically, those who are members of ELCA congregations, and it is intended to help us answer central questions: Who are we? What DOES it mean to be a Lutheran today, anyway? And, why does it matter?"*

The book is available on Amazon, but if you would prefer to have Pastor Kathy order it for you, please let her know by Sunday, January 9. We look forward to a great study and discussion!

Proverbs 22:17

*"A merry heart does  
good like medicine"*

### Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch group will meet at Noon on Wednesday the 19th. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy some great fellowship.

### Bible Study

Wednesday Bible study has resumed, continuing our study of ministering in the strength and spirit of Jesus. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm-2:45pm. What does Holy living look like? How do we serve like Jesus? You can join the study at any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com) for more information.

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/89633009098?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09)

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## Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets "formally" on the first and third Thursday of each month - on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. However, you will find quilters every Thursday working in the Fellowship Hall.

In January we will hold a raffle for several quilts—the raffle quilts will be on display and tickets available for purchase after Worship Services. We use the proceeds of the raffle to purchase quilt batting and thread. All fabric is donated by our generous congregation and friends. Raffle winners will be drawn at the Annual Congregation meeting, January 30.

Everyone is welcome to join the quilt group. No quilting or sewing experience is required. Although experienced quilters and seamstresses are also treasured. During our quilt meetings we do a variety of things, cutting fabrics, designing quilt tops, sewing quilt tops, pressing the material, coordinating tops and backs and tying the quilts—something for everyone!

The Quilt Group makes and donates quilts to people in need in our community, around the world, and to members and friends of Holy Cross. If you know of a congregation member or friend that is in need of the hope and emotional warmth a quilt brings, speak with Pastor.

During the year we display our completed quilts in the fellowship hall, in the fall all the quilts we have completed during the year are blessed during a worship service and then given away to those in need. In December we bless the small Christmas quilts that we give to the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Renown Hospital. Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them. Each quilt given away is made with love and faith—furthering the Mission of Holy Cross—to Worship God and be Christ's disciples in our community and world.

Please come join us for creative work, fun and fellowship!



## Close Knit Friends!

Partnering together in witness and service is the way Close Knit Friends and Holy Cross will start 2022. We hope you will join us on the second and fourth Mondays, January 10 & 24, at 1pm to knit, crochet, and/or hand loom warm, comfortable clothing and coverings for our neighbors in need. In prayer, fellowship, and sharing our talents and skills we bless one another. Close Knit Friends made and donated over 600 hats, scarves, blankets, and baby items for the clients and residents of local community organizations in 2021. We have a poster on the far wall of the Fellowship Room with pictures and a listing of our donations. Interested in serving and witnessing the Love of God? You can participate with any level of experience! Please call Peggy at 775-622-0128 if you have questions or would like more information.

## Church Council

December brought much needed snow to the Sierras for which we are thankful. Our December council meeting opened with remembrance of loved ones and prayer. We continue to follow Covid guidelines based on Washoe County risk assessment. Holy Cross received a wonderful gift for our evangelism and outreach including routine mailers to new people in our area and special event mailings. We have seen an increase in guests from this effort and have a planned effort for welcoming guests, check out the welcome center in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support and welcoming presence!

The stewardship drive was a success! Thank you! The Finance committee is working up a budget for next year which will be presented at the annual meeting. The annual meeting is planned for the last Sunday in January so mark your calendar. At this time we still have the \$36,000 PPE loan in reserve. We are looking at going back to two services in the new year, possibly February. Let a council member know your thoughts on service times.

Silver Sage Thanksgiving, Live Nativity, Christmas giving tree were a huge success, we are able to touch so many lives with these events. The children's Christmas program, with original artwork from the kids, was so much fun and very well done. Christmas eve service was joyous with a thought provoking message from Pastor. You can view the service on Holy Cross Lutheran Church Reno YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7oOOOI7Ps6-HXVXMZKmwPQ> or you can view it on our website at: <https://www.holycrossreno.org/media/>

As the year ends, we are looking for interested persons to serve on Church Council. We need 2-6 members. Please consider joining us on council to continue the good works of Holy Cross in 2022. Let Diane Torry know if you are interested.

Have a happy and safe New Year!

Laurel Lindstrom, Council President

## Silver Sage Thanksgiving 2021

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, the members and volunteers of Holy Cross served a homemade Thanksgiving Dinner-to-go to the residents of Silver Sage Senior Housing Communities. Food preparation began in earnest on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; turkeys were cooked on Friday after. We put the finishing touches on Saturday and provided a very well-received meal to almost 85 neighbors! The menu included turkey, potatoes, stuffing, green beans, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, gravy, and pumpkin cookies. We had the generosity of more than 30 adults and children who made this event a reality, from donating food items to cooking, welcoming guests to transporting meals, and serving food to packaging meals. We heard from so many that they missed this event last year and cannot wait until we can have a full sit-down Thanksgiving in the future. Enjoy the pictures and consider volunteering next year!

—Pat Clem, Joan Julius, Paula Featherstone, Natalie Tegio



# Music Program

What a wonderful Christmas Eve celebration we had! It was so great to be together for this special day in the life of our church, local and universal.

So many people to thank for this team effort for the 3pm choral extravaganza:

- HCLC choir members: Wilma Hooker, Laurel Lindstrom, Lani Moss, Orlyn Schenk, Linda Schlosser, Sue Volinkaty
- Guest singers: Adriana Bravo, Emzy Burroughs, Justice Colby, Sarah Irvin, Emily Smith, Adam Teachout
- Guest string quartet: Clara Ning, Emy Marlett Miranda-Aguilar, Quinlan Skinner, Tyler Slaughter
- Music Director Brittney May, Pianist Becky Bradley, Bass Guitar Michael Tegio
- Livestream production: Russell Tegio, Michael Tegio

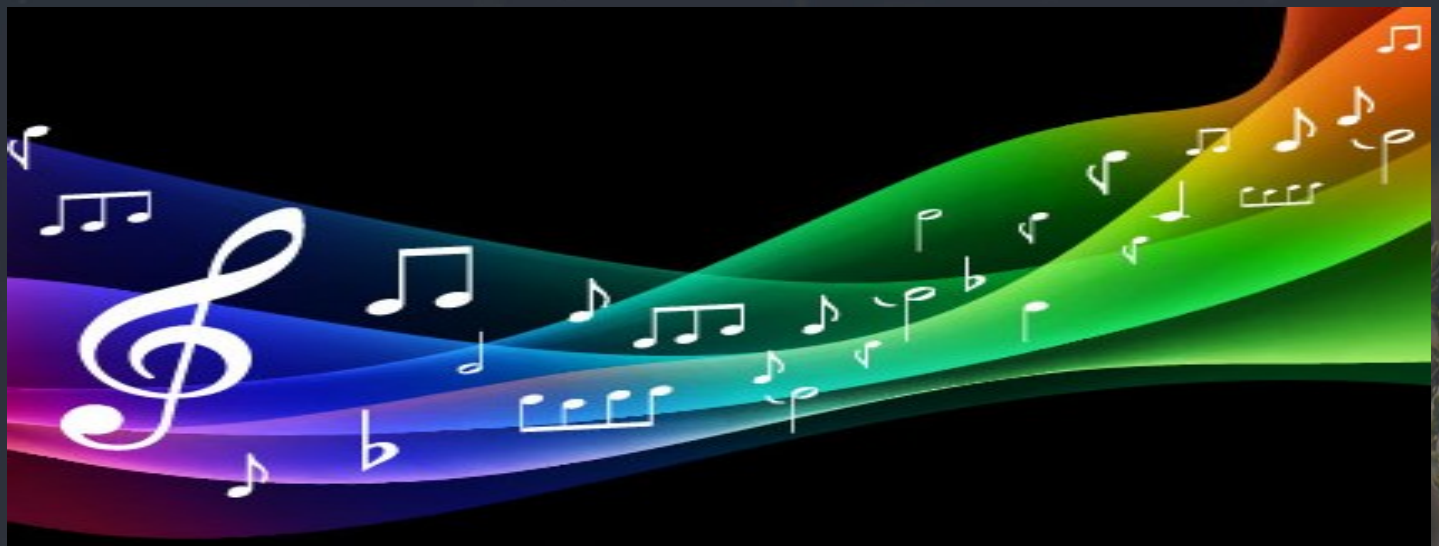
We also had a 6pm "unplugged" service with Brittney, Michael, and Becky offering the carols using piano, acoustic guitar, bongos, and autoharp to give a different feel to the music. What a rare opportunity to sing "O Holy Night" as a congregational carol in this new setting.

And of course, many thanks to Pastor Kathy for her leadership in spite of her having a cold. (I'm enjoying my glasses!) And the Altar Guild for sanctuary preparation. And the lectors and the acolytes. Holy Cross at its finest!

If you missed the 3pm service, here is a link to it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cdhBn-Tfg4>

Next on the docket - preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter which are just around the corner!



# Live Nativity 2021

On December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm each night, Holy Cross hosted a community Live Nativity to share the most incredible story ever told with our neighbors. It was a night filled with hope, wonder, gratitude, and humor! Each night opened with a prayer that those who come to listen and participate felt the love of our Creator for each of us through the gift of Jesus. We were able to host a total of ten, TEN!, showings over two nights. After each showing, we hosted our neighbors and friends inside the fellowship hall with sweets, hot beverages, soups, and chili. These were beautiful evenings of hospitality and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped, from setting up the manger scene in November, providing food and beverages, hosting and welcoming guests and friends, acting in each telling of the story, stage managing, sound engineering, and sharing this annual gift to our neighbors and community.

-- Paula Featherstone & Natalie Tegio



## Children's Program 2021

At worship on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the youth of Holy Cross shared the telling of the Christmas Story with a custom program showcasing their artwork to illustrate the story of the Nativity. The children led the congregation in singing and listening to the story scripted by Jan Looney and watching a special video presentation. Thank you to all who participated, especially the children, for sharing their energy and acting skills to share the story. Enjoy the pictures and consider volunteering next year!

Jan Looney, Natalie Tegio, Laura Grady, Katie Torry

### Actors:

Jacob	JerVon
Hailie	Madison
Abigail	Samuel
Nathan	Leslie
Ashton	Jaxon
Link	Maggie
Ashlynn	Aunders

Script and Video Production: Jan Looney

Kid Wranglers: Natalie Tegio, Laura Grady, Katie Torry



# **UPCOMING** *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



## **Spaghetti Dinner and Game Night**

Join us on Saturday, January 22 at 5:30 for dinner and game night! You are invited to come for spaghetti dinner and stay for an evening of playing games. Please bring your favorite board games or a deck of cards for all to enjoy. There will be sign up sheet, so we know how many to plan for, so be sure to let us know if you can come. If you have any questions, or want to help, please contact Pat Clem. The cost is free, but we will be taking donations.

## **Annual Meeting**

All members of Holy Cross are asked to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30 as we will approve a 2022 budget and elect new members to our church council. If you are interested in being a member of our council, please talk with Veralyn Combs or Diane Torry who are part of our nominating committee. The meeting will take place following our church service at approximately 10:15am. There will be breakfast served following the meeting.

## **Upcoming Youth Events...**

### **Ice Skating**

For those in 5th grade - high school, meet us January 23 at Reno Ice for Ice Skating! We will meet there at 3:30 and skate until 4:45. Please RSVP to Pastor Kathy if you can come and she will send your family a link to register for skating. Cost is \$10, plus money for a snack if you want it.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation Classes are scheduled for 5:30 on Wednesday nights - January 5 and January 19. If there are changes due to weather, please check your email the afternoon of class for updates!

Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions regarding Youth Group or Confirmation Classes.

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church Finance Team

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date December 9, 2021--3:00 pm. In person	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. 3:00 pm. Call to Order and opening devotions –	<i><b>Present: Pat Schlosser, Pastor Kathy, Linda Puckett, Jody Morrison, Diane Torry</b></i>
2. Minutes of the Nov. 4, 2021 meeting-previously sent	Approved as presented.
3. Nov. 30, 2021 compared to Nov. 30, 2020 Financial Statements. Linda to provide.  Income Statement Projections to year end 2021-updated	November giving was \$11,156, (\$13,138 less than previous year) producing a Nov. net loss of \$9,905. Nov expenses were within budgeted levels. YTD Nov. 30 2021 reports a net gain of \$29,057, a net loss of \$7,649 without the PPP Grant. PPP Grant has not been used to date. Income Statement projections to year end were deepened, showing a \$6,460 loss in December-based on Oct. and Nov. giving. Year to date loss projected \$12,298.
4. Unfinished Business:  1. Amazon Smile, not complete yet. -missing IRS number 2. 2021 Audit 3. Budget 2022 4. Re-Amortization of Loan 850--	No progress No progress 3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> pass of budget shows a 2022 Budget with a loss of \$25,000. We received the Financial Secretary's report on the Stewardship Drive. Final budget will be prepared after year end numbers available and 2022 budget will be presented at January 11. 2022 Council Meeting. Council will be informed of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> pass of the budget.  4. Loan application to refinance loan # 850 has been approved by Thrivent Bank. Reduced loan payments will begin in Feb. 2022. 2022 Budget will be presented at January 11. 2022 Council Meeting
New Business: Third pass of budget 2022 Other	Covered in Old Business. No other business
6. Next Meeting: Jan. 6, 2022, at 3 p.m.	
7. Adjourn—closing prayer	Pastor Kathy led us in closing prayer





# Children's Program 2021



# Live Nativity



# 2021







Youth Service  
Activities 1 & 2



Angel Tree





# Announcements

## Shared Harvest

10 peanut butter  
25 mac and cheese  
20 powdered milk  
25 soup  
disposable razors

**Thanks everyone for being so generous.**

Please bring your donations to the church by the 23rd and let Veralyn know what you're donating.

## Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesdays-Fridays from 10am-3pm and will be closed on Mondays. If you need anything outside of those hours, please call Pastor Kathy at 775-443-6583.



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B I R T H D A Y !

Owen Schenk	January 7
Charlie Gevert	January 10
Nellie Namestka	January 12
David Anderson	January 13
Martin Theiss	January 14

Trish Riley	January 18
Orlyn Schenk	January 19
Laura Grady	January 22
Jolene Jaillet	January 23

# January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship	3 Church Office OPEN 6pm High Desert Harmony	4	5 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Confirmation Class	6 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting 6pm Girl Scouts	7 Church Office Closed!!	8
9 9am Worship/Godly Play	10 Church Office Closed 1pm Close Knit Friends 6pm High Desert Harmony	11 5:30pm Council Mtg. 1pm Service Committee Deadline for Annual Reports	12 1:30pm Bible Study	13 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting	14	15
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**Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
**10am-3pm**

**Casa Del Alfarero** meets every Sunday at 5:30pm  
Tuesday at 7pm

**Community Fellowship** meets **Wednesdays 2:30pm**

**Annual Meeting**  
**January 30, 2022**

**Casa Del Alfarero** meets every Friday at 7:30pm

**Every Sunday** we enjoy **Fellowship 10am**