

Holy Cross Crossroads

CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2022



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I have a few things to share with you this month:

First, has anyone noticed there is tree in the Narthex? This amazing art installation is the creation of Jan Looney who is new to our church family. Currently the tree is bare and has icicles and snowflakes hanging from it, and there is some "snow" and fallen leaves gathered on the ground, reflecting the winter season that we are currently experiencing. As we move toward Lent and Spring, the tree will begin to thaw and we will begin to see life emerge from it. As it does so, there may be occasions when you might get asked to help create something to give the tree new life, and I invite you to join the fun and say yes! As we move into Lent (which doesn't start until March 2), the tree will become more incorporated into our Sunday morning worship life as we will have Scripture readings which will reflect on various trees mentioned in the Bible.

Second, you will notice that we are going to be focused on collecting food for the Northern Nevada Food Bank this month. Each Sunday, we are going to be asking for a different type of food to bring. I know costs are getting higher each day, but if you can pick up some extra items to bring, it would be such a blessing to those who are really struggling in our community right now.

Church Events

- Feb 6th—New Member Orientation
- Feb 13th—Return to two services 9am and 10:30am
- Feb 14th & 28th—Close Knit Friends 1pm
- Feb 16th—Senior Lunch 12noon
- Feb 21st—Newsletter Deadline
- Feb 27th—Confirmation Class Retreat 11:45am
- Feb 7th, Feb 14th, Feb 21st, Feb 28th—Book Study on Zoom 6:30pm
- Bible Study every Wednesday 1:30pm
- Quilting every Thursday 9:30am & 1pm

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As you bring your items, we would ask that you bring them to the altar instead of placing them in the food barrel just inside the door. This way, it keeps us more mindful that what we share with our neighbors is part of what we offer to God. You can bring them forward before service or during the offering if you would like.

Third, after much consideration, we are bringing back our 10:30 service, starting on Sunday, February 13. While it has been nice to be gathered as one church in one service for so long, we have heard from numerous people that the 10:30 hour is so much easier for them to get here to be with us in church.

Starting, February 13, our Sunday morning schedule will be:

Choir at 8am

Worship at 9am

Worship and Godly Play at 10:30am

Fellowship time will follow each service and will be hosted by the one host of the day.

While, we have had some recent glitches with our Live Streaming, we hope to get the bugs worked out and then have our Live Stream take place on our YouTube site during the 10:30 service. It will then later be posted to Facebook. The reason for that time change is that most of our AV volunteers attend the 10:30 service. We thank you for understanding.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

May God fill you with love and peace!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy



Senior Lunch

Wednesday, February 16th at 12noon. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy some great fellowship.



Youth News

Our youth will be taking up a noisy soup pot offering on February 13. During the offering at each service, they will pass a soup pot and collect any spare change that you would be willing to donate for the Northern Nevada Food Bank. This is part of the National Souper Bowl of Caring program that will be celebrating the Super Bowl in a powerful way for people with food insecurities throughout our nation. Youth, please be sure to let Pastor Kathy know which service you can help with!



Confirmation News

Regular classes will be on Wednesdays, February 2 and 16 at 5:30pm.

We will be having a special afternoon Retreat on February 27 to talk about the Lord's Prayer. It will begin after church (around 11:45) and end by 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

Kairos News

Kids and Families save the dates:

Sunday, March 6 - Join us after church for a Lenten Fair

We will have some special projects and activities to help us move into this important church season. We will also have some things you can take home and do as we get ready for Easter.



June 27-July 1

Camp Kairos

Vacation Bible School Week!

It seems far away, but it will be here sooner than we know! Save the week of June 27-July 1 on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun! More details will be coming soon!

We will need kids to come and volunteers to help, so contact Pastor Kathy for more information and be on the lookout for registration materials!

New Member Class

Interested in officially joining Holy Cross as a member? If so, please plan to join us after church (around 10) on Sunday, February 6 for a new member orientation. Learn more about the ministries, the history and the future of Holy Cross. If you are planning to attend or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy at pastorhclcreno@gmail.com



Finance News!

Hi all - just a reminder about a couple of things:

1. Thrivent members don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.
2. If you have access to Thrivent Action Teams please let me or the church office know, we have been using these Action Teams very successfully to further our outreach efforts.
3. Your end of year giving statements are available for pick-up at church - if you have not received yours or if there is an error please let me know.
4. As of January 31st Vanco Mobile has replaced GivePlus Mobile. If you would like more information on ways to give, let me know.
5. You can support Holy Cross by enrolling and using the "shop with scrip" program. Holy Cross enrollment code is VHWFVRBPZC4.

If you are an on-line shopper - sign up at [igive.com](https://www.igive.com) and list Holy Cross Lutheran Church Reno Nevada as your cause; when you shop if the store supports igive, just click on the igive icon and they will donate a percentage to Holy Cross. There is a brochure in the narthex with this information or just ask me!

Thank you for your support of Holy Cross ministries.

Laurel Lindstrom, Financial Coordinator



Holy Cross received \$1,750 in seven Thrivent Action Team Grants during 2021. These funds supported our Vacation Bible School, Silver Sage Thanksgiving dinner, Trunk or Treat and the Quilt Group, enhancing our outreach and service to our community-God's Work our Hands.

We are grateful to our members and friends who are eligible to apply for these grants and their generous donation of their Thrivent Action Team Grants to further the Mission and Ministry work of Holy Cross in reaching out to our neighbors and community.

Thrivent invites their members to "join the Generosity Challenge" -with a Thrivent Action team grant used to meet a community need, with Thrivent providing the funds to promote, develop and jump-start a service project, educational event, or fundraiser.

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to use your Thrivent Action Team Grants to support the outreach and service of Holy Cross talk with Pastor Kathy.

Quilter's Group

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., February 3 and 17. However, most Thursdays you will find a few quilters in the Fellowship Hall having "all kinds of fun".

The completed quilts are given to community and worldwide agencies, 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 to our quilt collection. This quilt is from blocks donated by Wilma Hann Maikel many years ago. The blocks which date from the 1930's are the "Trip Around the World" pattern. Diane Torry completed and hand quilted the quilt. We will add this quilt to our quilt rotation display in the Fellowship Hall.

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!



Close Knit Friends

The Norwegian/Danish word *hygge* (hoo-gah) is defined as "feeling warm", "together with friends and family", "cozy". It is a good descriptive word for Close Knit Friends.

In January, we delivered over **166** hats, scarves, blankets, socks and gloves to homeless and poverty-level families/individuals and to the Veterans Hospital.

We will gather in friendship, prayer, and our craft on the second & fourth Mondays, February 14 & 28 at 1pm to knit, crochet, and/or hand loom warm, cozy coverings for clients and patients of local organizations. No previous experience necessary!

This month we plan to introduce a new project. Crocheting *Octopus for Preemies*.

If you prefer to use your talents and skills from home, please call Peggy at 775-622-0128 for more information or questions. We invite you to join us and add some *hygge* to your afternoon!

Music News!

Lots of special music coming up in February:

Feb. 6 - "Fishers of Men" by the choir

Feb. 13 - "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by our 11-year-old pianist, Sydney Huynh

Feb. 27 - "God Exalted Him" by the choir for Transfiguration Sunday.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2!

A special shout-out to Michael Tegio for all his work in getting the livestream and uploading of recordings to our YouTube channel. Things went smoothly for several weeks, thankfully throughout our special Christmas season, and then all of a sudden the computer program didn't work the end of January. He has such special skill and expertise and resources in trouble shooting this area, and is such a blessing to this church and to our online ministry.

Can you identify why these theme songs are good for these Bible characters?

Noah:	"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head"
Adam & Eve:	"Strangers in Paradise"
Lazarus:	"The Second Time Around"
Esther:	"I Feel Pretty"
Job:	"I've Got a Right To Sing The Blues"
Moses:	"The Wanderer"
Jezebel:	"The Lady is a Tramp"
Samson:	"Hair"
Salome:	"I Could Have Danced All Night"
Daniel:	"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"



Bible Study

Wednesday afternoon Bible study is about halfway through our study of ministering in the strength and spirit of Jesus. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm-2:45pm. What challenges do we encounter? How do we serve like Jesus? You can join the study at any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or 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?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Passcode: 050344



Service & Fellowship

Service Committee is off to a busy start. Starting February 6 and ending March 6, we will be collecting food donations for Northern Nevada Food Bank and Shared Harvest. Each Sunday we will be collecting specific food items.

- ♦ 2/6 - Canned Meals Sunday: Stews, soup, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.
- ♦ 2/13 - Protein Sunday: Peanut Butter, tuna, salmon, chicken, dried or canned beans.
- ♦ 2/20 - Canned Fruit and Vegetable Sunday: (fruit - 100% juice or light syrup, 100% fruit juice boxes, vegetables - no or low salt).
- ♦ 2/27 - Dairy and Grains Sunday: Shelf stable milk, whole grain cereal, oatmeal, brown rice, whole grain pasta.
- ♦ 3/6 - Kids and Baby Sunday: Granola bars, popcorn, animal or graham crackers, baby formula, infant cereal, baby food.

Of course, any nonperishable food items will be accepted. Please check expiration dates. We cannot distribute anything that has expired.

During the months of April and May you will once again see chicks (with a suggested dollar donation) on our giving tree. The money collected will be sent to ELCA Good Gifts to purchase farm animals such as chicks. This donation to ELCA Good Gifts helps a family spread their wings. The animals not only provide an ongoing food supply but they can also help start a small business to generate a source of income.

Upcoming Events:

We are in the planning stages to bring back our

"ANNUAL" CHURCH PICNIC

in May.

Watch for more information.

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"



Shared Harvest

30 Macaroni and Cheese
20 Cereal

Thank you all for your support!!

Please bring your donations to the church by the 24th, and let Veralyn know what you're donating:
veralyncombs45@gmail.com



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.

Quilt Winners

Cat Quilt—Jolene Jaillet

Deer Scene Quilt—Veralyn Combs

Multi Colored Stripped Quilt—Judy Hendrix visiting from Nebraska

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

We are currently looking for people willing to host the coffee hour each Sunday. The cost is \$25 per week or you may make a donation of your choosing to the Coffee Hour Fund. The refreshments can be whatever you want: healthy and/or non-healthy nibbles, store bought or homemade. Please keep in mind some people have allergies to peanuts, gluten, sugar, etc. Don't forget to clean up afterward. Please sign-up on the sheet available in the Narthex.

Christ in Our Home Devotional

The January/February/March devotional is available in the Narthex.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1—Madeline Murray

February 7—Lani Moss

February 8—Joulette Marbina

February 11—Sharon Rovig

February 14—Shelley Rigler

February 16—Jan Mann

February 17—Jim Morrison

February 18—Paula Featherstone

February 18—Brita Gonyou

February 25—Corrie Volinkaty

February 26—Ethan Jaeck





Budget Challenge Campaign

1/28/22

Dear Holy Cross members and friends,

Our budget projection for 2022 utilizes the \$36,000 we have had in reserve since 2020. This money was a loan converted to a grant from the Federal Government for paycheck protection with the onset Covid. Despite scrubbing the expenses, no raises for 2022, and successful pledge campaign we are approximately \$7000 short.

One of our members has issued a budget challenge! This member will donate \$3,500 if the congregation will match another \$3,500 in additional giving. This would balance our budget for 2022 and give Holy Cross a year to continue our robust outreach/evangelism efforts.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity! If you choose to help meet the challenge, please designate this giving as “budget challenge”. If desired, you may meet this challenge with a one-time donation or with a pledge.

We will close this challenge March 6, 2022.

I sincerely thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross.

Laurel Lindstrom, Council President

I/We, _____ accept this budget challenge
and plan on giving:

_____ dollars as a one-time donation

_____ dollars at future date(s) during 2022

February 2022



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