



Holy Cross *Crossroads*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I wanted to thank you all for the time away last month as I traveled to Denver for the annual Festival of Homiletics for some Continuing Education. I especially want to thank my husband Jeff, for holding down the fort at home, so I could have some time for renewal and learning. Our theme for the week was After the Storm: Preaching and Trauma, which was appropriate considering what the world has been through over these last two years. We heard lectures and sermons which both challenged us and inspired us.

In the coming months, you may hear snippets of things that I picked up, but one of the things that I want to share with you was from a lecture that was done by the Rev. Dr. Joy J. Moore, who is a professor of Biblical preaching at Luther Seminary. One of the things that she reminded us of, and which I have taken to heart more than once in the time since I've returned from Colorado, is that while we may be shocked and appalled by the news that we read about, hear about, or watch on our televisions, God is not. God is not shocked by our news. God has seen the sorrows before. God has seen political arguments. God has seen the mistreatment of people. God has seen the murder of children. God has seen the economic struggles of life. God has seen it all before.

But as Dr. Moore said, "We have hope because of God's faithfulness in the past." Many of us have been through difficult and even tragic times, and God has shown us God's presence and faithfulness in those

Church Events

June 5—Confirmation Sunday –
We will celebrate with some of our young people as they affirm their baptism.

June 12—Graduation Sunday –
We will celebrate and bless our graduates!

June 15—Senior Lunch Potluck
11:30am

June 18—Celebration of Life for
Jan Moebus at 10am.

June 19—Father's Day

June 26—Pastor Hartman from
Food for the Poor will be with us
to preach and share some
information about this important
ministry!

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times. While these times that we are currently in are troubling and turbulent, there is no doubt that God is with us and God continues to be faithful to us, and that gives us hope in the face of despair. Our challenge is to give witness to God's story of love in ways that remind others to have hope in the face of despair.

So how do we do that? I always think it starts simple... by asking and answering the question: Where do you see God at work in your life? And then sharing your stories of hope with those who are struggling.

Throughout the summer season, we will be finding stories of Jesus at work in the world, and as we discover or maybe re-discover some of these lessons, I invite you to join us, in person at 9am and 10:30am on Sunday mornings or online, if you are away and traveling as we dig in and find the hope that Jesus brings to those who are struggling with the world they live in.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kathy

Service Committee

ELCA Good Gifts – A BIG THANK YOU to our Congregation for supporting us with our annual ELCA Good Gifts. We collected \$517.15! Thank you!

A change for our summer project: As many of you know, The Marvel Way Complex (permanent affordable-living apartment complex) is being built, for individuals and families to support the homeless and/or financially challenged individuals in recovery. They are looking forward to opening their doors in August. So, throughout the summer months, Service Committee will be collecting cleaning supplies and other needed items. Please check out the Giving Tree located in the narthex for items that are needed.

Thank you again for your support.

Fellowship Committee

Our annual picnic was a big success. Thank you to all who helped cook, set-up, clean, shop and prepare all the wonderful side dishes. Kids had a great time with the parachute. Thank you, Natalie, for organizing this for the children.

Bible Study

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study is back starting on June 6 at 6:30pm. We will be looking at and studying Kelly Fryer's book, *Reclaiming the 'C' Word Daring to be Church Again.* Those who participated in the study on *Reclaiming the "L" Word* by the same author were reminded and inspired about what makes our Lutheran theology unique. As we have noticed a new energy for ministry among us, we are excited to be reminded about what it means to be the church. We invite everyone to join us, starting in June for this study and discussion because we know it will offer ideas and input to the future of our mission as Holy Cross.

Please use the following link to join us: Kathy Morris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911569919?pwd=VUM1SUd0eWdnSnM1WUZva0dQdzBidz09>

Meeting ID: 849 1156 9919

Passcode: 113211

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Close Knit Friends

Do you remember the Sunday School song - *"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam To Shine for Him Each Day!"* Close Knit Friends invite knitters and crocheters with any skill level to our monthly meetings this summer on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 1pm. We are making lap blankets for the *Veterans Community Living Center*, shawls for the *Women Veterans Program*, blankets for *Ronald McDonald House*, *Octopus for Preemies*, and more! Here's an opportunity to be the light that outshines the darkness in someone's life. Do you need more encouragement? Contact Peggy at 775-622-0128. This month's meetings are Monday, June 13 & 27 from 1-2:30pm.

Quilt Group News

The Quilters will share their "Joy of Quilting" and sending messages of God's love to the world through our gifts of handmade quilts at the Sierra Pacific Synod Day of Service on June 1st.

We will be joined by volunteers from across the Sierra Pacific Synod who will be here for the Annual Synod Assembly June 1-4 at the Nugget in Sparks.

Together we will tie and complete quilts that will be given to our neighbors in need in our community and around the world. Children, old people, young people, those suffering through homelessness, illness, natural disaster, struggles of life—will receive a message of comfort and love from Holy Cross.

On July 17, Holy Cross quilters will hold a "Quilt Show" from 12 to 4 pm during the Reno Artown celebration. We will display the quilts we give away, quilts that we keep in our collection and members and friends are entering quilts they have completed or have been completed by Grandmothers, Aunts, Mothers, and friends. If you have a quilt you would like to enter for the Quilt Show please contact Diane Torry. We look forward to beautiful display of color, art and beauty on July 17—please plan to join us for this beautiful display of love.



Vacation Bible School News and Updates:

Camp Kairos – At the Water's Edge

We also are excited to welcome your kids, grandkids and their friends, so as flyers and information become available, please share it with the kids in your life. The cost for VBS is free, but we will taking a free will offering for families.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, June 27-July 1, from 9am-1pm. A sign up sheet for ways that you can help, will be available starting Sunday, June 5, so please take a moment to see if there is a way you can support our children, grandchildren and friends. We will need donations of supplies and snacks (lists of specific items will be available in early June), teen youth helpers, adult leaders as well cheerleaders and prayer partners to offer support and encouragement to our volunteers and kids.

If you are able to help in person with Vacation Bible School, we invite you to attend two volunteer meetings: Thursday, June 9 at 6pm and Thursday, June 23 at 6pm. We will be going over our activities for the week, our assignments and on the 23rd, we will review our Child Protection Policy. Please plan to attend or let Pastor Kathy know if you are unable to come.

Register Today! ▶



Welcome Center

The Welcome Center and Holy Cross members have been busy extending Christ's Welcome to visitors. The Welcome Center has information about Holy Cross in a Welcome packet, brochures about Holy Cross, prayer requests and visitor information cards. This information is available for everyone to use to welcome a visitor or friend—helping all to ensure visitors are greeted, welcomed, and provided information about the “Good News” at Holy Cross.

In the first four months this year, we have welcomed eighty-five visitors, an average of five each Sunday. Thirty-six have been invited by a member or friend. We are making progress on our goal of becoming a more inviting congregation! An equal number are repeat visitors, feeling welcomed and coming back to worship with us in our community of faith. Visitors also find out about us through our Website, Facebook, Tik Tok, Instagram, the ELCA website, and our location.

We have started the “New Mover” program, where those who have moved into our area will receive a postcard about Holy Cross several times after they move into their new home. We look forward to receiving visitors at Holy Cross and extending our warm, caring Holy Cross Welcome!

We need additional volunteers to “staff” the Welcome Center each Sunday —let Diane Torry know if you can help “staff” the Welcome Center.

H A P P Y *Father's Day*

Senior Transitions

What a great group of 19 members and friends who participated in the six- week Senior Transitions Program which concluded May 31. We were blessed with great speakers and engaged participants sharing information and talking about the issues, joys, challenges and decisions we face as we age. Together we learned and explored options for life transitions, helping us to maximize our independence.

Thank you to everyone who attended and all the speakers who shared their time and knowledge. A special thank you to Pastor Kathy who opened each session with prayer, deepening our prayer life.

Diane Torry



Sierra Pacific Synod

Thank you to all of the Holy Cross Volunteers at the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly June 1-4 at the Sparks Nugget. Your work makes the Assembly run more smoothly and extends our Northern Nevada Hospitality to all of the attendees at the Assembly. Thanks!!!!

Diane Torry

Christ in Our Home, Deepening our Prayer Life

A cornerstone congregation goal this year is Deepening Our Prayer Life.

A wonderful "tool" to deepen our prayer life is available to everyone: members, friends, visitors at Holy Cross the **Christ in Our Home**—daily devotional booklet. This great publication is available in the Narthex at Holy Cross—please take one! They are also available in large print.

Every day the Good News is shared in the daily devotional -a reflection on Scripture and prayer---some topics: "Good News Travels Fast" -Acts 5: 27-32; "Outsiders and Outcasts," Psalm 118: 14-29; "The Greatness of Jesus": Ephesians 1: 15-23.

Check out our Facebook page to hear **Christ in Our Home** devotionals being shared by our members.

Christ in Our Home is published quarterly—the current quarter devotional is available in the Narthex, and next quarter's devotional will be available starting in July ---Take two, and share one with a friend.



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible study is now studying II Timothy and Titus, as we cover the last sections in our study of ministering in the strength and spirit of Jesus. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm-2:40pm. You can join the study at any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com for more information.

Note: No Bible study on Wed 6/1 as this is the Synod's Day of Service in conjunction with the Synod Assembly starting at the Nugget the next day.

Our next study that will be starting some time in July is going to be a complete survey of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, with additional chapters on how we got our Bible, what happened during the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments, etc. This should be exciting and will probably be a 2-year study. Becky already has the book to show you if you are interested, or you can order your own. It would make a good reference, even if you don't join the study.

Illustrated Bible Survey, by Ed Hindson and Elmer L. Towns

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=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5elBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Passcode: 050344

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

Don't forget to wear red!!

We Are Inviting You!

Artown Quilt Show

AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

JULY 17, 2022 | 12 PM TO 4 PM
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
4895 S. MCCARRAN, RENO, NV

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

1 PM - 3 PM

HOLY CROSS CHOIR,
SOLOISTS,
HIGH DESERT HARMONY,
AND OTHER EXCITING
PERFORMANCES.


DONATIONS WELCOME

Music Program Notes

Brittney, Becky, and Michael would like to thank you for the special recognition of the Music Program on May 22. The flowers were gorgeous, the cards uplifting, and the special treats such a surprise. We are so blessed to serve this caring and appreciative congregation, and look forward to many more years of service ahead. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our Artown concert on Sunday July 17 will feature the choir, soloists from the choir and possible UNR students, High Desert Harmony, and more! More details later, but there will be a quilt show in the Fellowship Hall from 12noon to 4pm, with a concert in the sanctuary from 1-3pm. Even if you are not a part of the current music program, we would welcome your participation as a performer! You can contact Brittney about getting your name on the list.




Free Vacation Bible School
JUNE 27-JULY 1  **9AM - NOON**

Water's Edge
CAMP KAIROS

Join us as we discover new things about ourselves and God's world through stories, songs, games, science experiments, craft projects and more! Pre-school through 5th grade are invited to come and bring friends!

To register, please use the QR code or visit our website by June 22



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Experience God's Amazing Love at the Water's Edge

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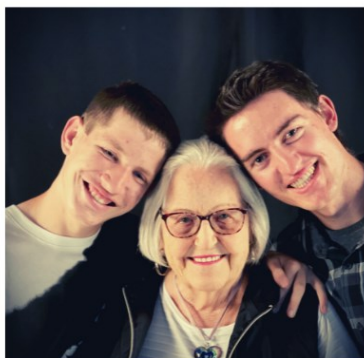
Photography by Natalie

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Free Will Offering Photo Fest!

Receive 5x7 or 8x10 photo with matting & ready to frame



Save the dates and reserve your spot

September & October 2022

For more information contact Natalie @ nmtegio@charter.net

or text 775-742-4662

<u>June 5, 2022</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher</u>
9am	Linda Schlosser	Jan Looney	Jim Alanko/Mike Ross
10:30am	Jeff Morris	Carol Ritter	Sandi Christman/Veralyn Combs
<u>June 12, 2022</u>			
9am	Pat Clem	Andrew Honebrink	Paula Featherstone/Jan Looney
10:30am	Veralyn Combs	Katie Torry	Katie Torry/Carol Ritter
<u>June 19, 2022</u>			
9am	Paula Featherstone	Paula Featherstone	Pat Clem/Andrew Honebrink
10:30am	Natalie Tegio	Diane Torry	Jody Morrison/Kayla & Logan Kunze
<u>June 26, 2022</u>			
9am	Laurel Lindstrom	Laura Grady	Joan Julius/Mike Ross
10:30am	Katie Torry	Sandi Christman	Jody Morrison/Kayla & Logan Kunze

This month we are collecting the following:

- ♦ 40—Chili
- ♦ 5—Tuna

Please bring your donations to the church by the 20th. Contact Veralyn with questions: veralyncombs45@gmail.com

Shared Harvest

Happy Birthday

Clyde Evert—June 3

Sandi Christman—June 4

Karen Kennedy-Weisbrot—June 4

John Edman—June 4

Marianna Ramirez—June 8

Kendra Ramirez—June 8

Beverly Olson—June 10

Lawrence Ritter—June 12

Richard Eggers—June 20

Madison Carper—June 25

Jeff Sorge—June 28

Charlie Vinopal—June 29

Kayla Kunze—June 30



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

