



Holy Cross

Crossroads

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAY 2022

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know, last summer our knitting group disbanded, and when that happened I felt deep sadness that one of our congregation's important ministries had ended. Then in the fall, I heard that Close Knit Friends, a knitting and crochet ministry of our community was looking for a place to meet and so as we met with Peggy Whitney, their leader, we realized that it was a delightful fit for them to meet at Holy Cross.

Last week, Close Knit Friends received word that at the upcoming Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, they are receiving a 2022 Nevada Interfaith Vision Award for all that they have done to bless the community of Reno.

The letter from the Nevada Interfaith Association reads:

Close Knit Friends is an example of the sacrifice of time, energy and resources to benefit a community in need and was selected due to their visionary and courageous efforts during the pandemic of the last two years (2020-2021).

During these difficult and dangerous times, fear ruled the day, but due to brave, quiet, heroic visionaries like Close Knit Friends, lives were touched and suffering relieved, the hungry were fed and strengthened, the sick were ministered to and health was restored, the dying were comforted and not left to die alone when families could not be with them.

We know Close Knit Friends does not do this work for recognition. Close Knit Friends has quietly gone unsung providing aid and comfort. However, this is a small way for your interfaith community to say, "You have made a difference." Besides the Nevada Interfaith Vision Award, Close Knit Friends will also be receiving Senatorial Certificates of Recognition from Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto.

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The Reno Mayor, Hillary Schieve has prepared a proclamation that May 18, 2022 will be declared "Nevada Interfaith Hometown Heroes Day."

As Peggy was telling me that they were being honored with this award, I looked around the table and what were the ladies doing? Knitting and crocheting, reminding me that they don't do what they do for awards. They do it because they love doing it and they just want to help people.

When we are think about the ministry that we each do, whether it's here at the church, or at home or with friends and family, or at work, or even at school, we care for our neighbors and our loved ones simply because we can and simply because we want to. Sometimes the troubles in our world seem pretty big, and we don't know where to help, but I think if we follow the example of our Close Knit Friends, then we are reminded that help comes even in the small ways - one scarf, one hat, one octopus, one blanket at a time.

Congratulations to our Close Knit Friends! May God bless us all in our ministries!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy Morris

SENIOR LUNCH

May 18th at Noon

Please bring a sack lunch.



Graduation Sunday

If you have graduates in your life that you would like for us to remember and acknowledge on Sunday, June 12, please be sure to submit their names, the school, grade or program they are graduating from and a picture to Lanai so that we may celebrate this important milestone in their life.

Monday Bible Study:

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study is taking a break in May, but is excited to study Kelly Fryer's book, *Reclaiming the 'C' Word Daring to be Church Again* starting in June. 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.

If you would like Pastor Kathy to order you a book, please let her know by May 15. Books are available on Amazon. Also, please let her know if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School News & Updates

Camp Kairos—At the Water's Edge

We have changed our theme a little bit to help us be more reflective of God's work in our world and in our lives. We are excited to welcome you to The Water's Edge!

We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, June 27-July 1, from 9am-1pm. In the coming weeks, you will see a sign-up sheet with a variety of ways to help and so we would encourage everyone to see if there is a way to help! 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 as cheerleaders and prayer partners to offer support and encouragement to our volunteers and kids.

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 be taking a free will offering for families.



Worship Summer Schedule

Council is currently in the process of deciding our summer worship schedule. We have traditionally gone back to one service at 9am; however, we have been hearing for some time now that 9am is too early for folks, so we have some options and we would love your input before our May 10 Council Meeting.

Option 1 – We stay with two services at 9am and 10:30am; however, one of those services will not have live music, as our musicians are contracted for one service in the summer, and we currently don't have the extra finances to increase their pay for two services.

Option 2 – We have one service at 10am or 10:30am to accommodate those who struggle to function well in the morning.

Option 3 – We have an early morning service with spoken liturgy either in the church or outside in the Memorial Garden as well as our 10:30am service.

Council is interested in hearing your opinions as we discern what makes the most sense for the most people, so please share your thoughts either with Pastor Kathy or any of our church council members.

Quilt Group

Quilters are busy every Thursday 9:30am to noon and 1pm to when we decide to wrap it up. Come join us for creative work, fun and fellowship!

The Quilt group has two special events coming up during June and July.

On June 1st Holy Cross Quilters are hosting a Day of Service Event that kicks off the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly that is being held at the Sparks Nugget June 2 through 4.

Some of those attending the Assembly will join us for a “Day of Service” – quilting service - working alongside Holy Cross quilters to tie and complete quilts that we give to those in need in our community and around the world. Close Knit friends will also be a part of this Day of Service—with crochet and knitting items. All are Welcome!

On July 17th—we will host a Quilt Show combined with a Music Concert at Holy Cross as part of Reno’s July Art Town Festival. We will highlight our Quilts that are given away and we are asking members and friends to enter quilts they have in their personal collections. On July 17th, Holy Cross will be filled with joy, art, and fellowship, reaching out into our community. If you have a quilt you would like to enter into the July 17 Quilt Show, contact Diane Torry 775-747-0976 dbtorry@att.net.

Mark your calendars for both of these special events!

Music Program

We would like to thank the choir for their extra efforts in providing music for two services on both Palm Sunday and Easter, as well as a special on Good Friday. And it was such a joy to have a brass quartet from UNR enhancing our Easter service, with the beautiful tomb and risen Christ as the main focus in the front of the sanctuary. Thanks, Jan Looney, for all your visuals you have been providing.

In May we will be wrapping up our choir year, with the final choir special on May 15, the day of our church picnic. But we’re not going away. Our Artown concert on July 17 will feature the choir, soloists from the choir and possible UNR students, High Desert Harmony, Michael’s band, and more! More details later, but mark that date on your calendar for this concert combined with a quilt show.



Confirmation

We have two more classes for the year Wednesday, May 4 and May 11 at 5:30pm.

We are looking forward to celebrating Confirmation Sunday on June 5 as some of our young people will be affirming their faith.

Service Committee

ELCA Good Gifts – The Giving Tree is covered with chicks (with a suggested dollar donation). The money collected will be used to purchase farm animals such as chicks in underdeveloped countries. These gifts help supply families not only food but can also help them start a small business to generate a source of income. We will be collecting donations through Sunday, May 8.

Throughout the Summer months, Service Committee will be collecting, underwear and socks for men, women and children.

Thank you again for your support.

Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

June 2,3,4 at the Sparks Nugget!

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer at the Synod Assembly in June. We are looking forward to greeting our fellow Lutherans for this time of worship, fellowship, learning and business.

A few more volunteers are needed—sign up online at www.tinyurl.com/SynodAssemblyVolunteer or contact Diane Torry 775-747-0976.

Fellowship Committee

Sunday, May 15, following the second service is the church annual picnic! Hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please let us know if you are planning to attend and what side or dessert you will be bringing.



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible study is now studying I and II Timothy and Titus, as we cover the last chapters 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.

Our next study that will be starting in June 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=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5elBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Passcode: 050344

Close Knit Friends

The calendar may have announced Spring had arrived but Close Knit Friends kept busy making blankets. In April, the Women Veterans Program received over **50** hand knitted and crochet baby blankets with hats and booties for their May 1 baby shower and **5** women's shawls for their in-patients at the VA Hospital. The Women and Children's Center of the Sierra received more than **47** blankets and hats for their clients. Forty Pocket Prayer Cloths were donated to Holy Cross' Palm Sunday Egg Hunt. These hand sized cloths were knitted or crochet with a cross in the pattern and placed in the treat boxes for the children. The Pocket Prayer Cloths can be placed in a book bag, coat pocket, overnight bag or pillow case to remind the children God is with them everywhere they go.



Close Knit Friends would like to welcome anyone with an interest in knitting and/or crocheting to their May meetings on Monday, May 9 and also Monday, May 23 at 1pm. All skills welcome! We also welcome donations of washable yarn, preferably acrylic, for our mission work. This month we are working on blankets (approximately 35" x40") for veterans, shawls for women veterans, Octopus for Premies, and Pocket Prayer Cloths. If you prefer to work at home on these projects, please see Peggy Whitney or call her at (775) 622-0128. Also, give Peggy a call for more information about this ministry.



Mark your calendar for our Annual Spring Cleaning—May 19, 20, 21

Every spring we all get together and work to thoroughly clean the Church. Each day specific tasks are “scheduled” to be cleaned, i.e. Kitchen, Bathrooms, Sanctuary, polishing wood surfaces, thorough dusting, and final complete vacuum – outside work is clearing stray weeds, some pruning of bushes, picking up trash, cleaning trash area, and so forth. While the “tasks” are scheduled for specific days, and we ask you to sign up for a task and time, times and days can always be adjusted to your schedule.

Look for the signup sheets in the Narthex—contact Sandi Christman 775-853-7102 or Diane Torry 775-747-0976 for more information.

We look forward to working together to keep God’s House in tip top shape!!

Coming Up in Worship:

May 8 – Mother’s Day

May 15 – Blessing of the Garden Boxes – Following worship, we will bless the newly planted Community Garden for the growing season, and then enjoy our wonderful Church Picnic!

May 22 – Pastor Kathy will be away at the Festival of Homiletics in Denver, CO and we will welcome Pastor Carl Wilford as our worship leader and preacher!

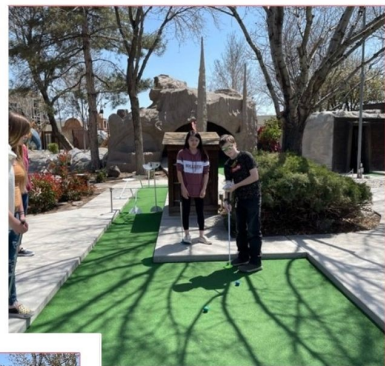
May 29 – Memorial Day Weekend – Worship will begin with a special remembrance of the Fallen Soldier Table.

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

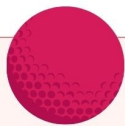
June 12 – Graduation Sunday – We will celebrate and bless our graduates!




**Happy
Easter**
2022



Thanks to all our youth who joined us for a fun day of Mini-Golf! We learned about patience and perseverance as some of the holes were tricky!



May Communion Assistants

- 5/1 Paula Featherstone 9am
- 5/1 Carol Ritter 10:30am
- 5/8 Laurel Lindstrom 9am
- 5/8 Linda Puckett 10:30am
- 5/15 Nura Calise 9am
- 5/22 Mike Ross 9am
- 5/22 Sandi Christman 10:30am
- 5/29 Sue Volinkaty 9am
- 5/29 Jody Morrison 10:30am

May Ushers

- 5/1 Mike Ross/Paula Featherstone 9am
- 5/1 Jody Morrison/Logan & Kayla Kunze 10:30am
- 5/8 Joan Julius/Jan Looney 9am
- 5/8 Carol Ritter/Sandi Christman 10:30am
- 5/15 Jim Alanko/Pat Clem 9am
- 5/15 Veralyn Combs/Katie Torry 10:30am
- 5/22 Mike Ross/Paula Featherstone 9am
- 5/22 Jody Morrison/Logan & Kayla Kunze 10:30am
- 5/29 Paula Featherstone/Drew Honebrink 9am

May Lectors

- 5/1 Laurel Lindstrom 9am
- 5/1 Abigail Morris 10:30am
- 5/8 Laura Grady 9am
- 5/8 Linda Puckett 10:30am
- 5/15 Lani Moss 9am
- 5/15 Marla Hoole 10:30am
- 5/22 Paula Featherstone 9am
- 5/22 Natalie Tegio 10:30am
- 5/29 Orlyn Schenk 9am
- 5/29 Michael Tegio 10:30am

Shared Harvest

This month we are collecting the following:

(40) Soup
Shampoo

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

Thank you all for being so supportive of Shared Harvest.



5/01—Kloe Sorge

5/02—Wib Namestka

5/03—Lynn Joeck

05/09—Carole Evert

05/15—Michael Ross

05/18—Riley Sorge

05/18—Linkin Braunel

05/19—Bruno Peri

05/20—Robin Peri

05/29—Jeff Morris

05/30—Marla Hoole-Vinopal

Worship Time Subject to Change

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Choir 9am Worship 10:30am Worship	2	3 10am-12pm Senior Transitions	4 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Confirmation	5 9:30am Quilting 1:30pm Quilting 3pm Finance Committee	6	7
8 8am Choir 9am Worship 10:30am Worship	9 1pm Close Knit Friends	10 10am-12pm Senior Transitions 5:15pm Council	11 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Confirmation	12 9:30am Quilting 1:30pm Quilting	13	14
15 9am Worship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Church Picnic	16	17 10am-12pm Senior Transitions	18 1:30pm Bible Study	19 9:30am Quilting 1:30pm Quilting	20	21
22 9am Worship 10:30am Worship	23 1pm Close Knit Friends	24 10am-12pm Senior Transitions	25 1:30pm Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9am Worship 10:30am Worship	30 Newsletter Deadline	31 10am-12pm Senior Transitions				

*****Spring Cleaning Days*****