



Crossroads

October 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,


It's pumpkin season! Pumpkin spice flavored everything is everywhere and with it comes the change in seasons and leaves and weather. It is officially fall, one of my favorite times of the year. And this year, fall also brings our annual Stewardship Campaign.

Our theme is "Working Together in God's Vineyard" and as I thought of this theme for us this year, I was reflecting on the variety of work that we as a church do in God's kingdom - within our congregation, but also out in the community. This is God's creation and we are the caretakers of it. As we do the ministry of blessing one another and blessing our community, we find joy in the work, and we benefit greatly from the fruits of that work. We have several things planned as part of our Stewardship Campaign and so we hope that you can join us in participating!

Part of stewardship is recognizing and giving thanks for all the gifts that we have been given, and so as our Stewardship Season kicks off on October 2, join us as we kick things off with the return of our Oktoberfest.

Sunday, October 9, a very special sermon will be shared by Jeff Morris, member of our stewardship committee.

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Thrivent Reminders:

Remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross! Also please let me know if you would like to host a Thrivent Action Team for some of our upcoming events. Year-to-date giving statements were recently distributed. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross!

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The weeks of October 9 and 16 the Stewardship Committee is holding a series of small group meetings to talk about both our mission as a church as well as our stewardship hopes for the coming year. Many of you who are regular givers will receive a phone call to invite you to a meeting, but if for some reason, you do not get a call, please reach out to Laurel Lindstrom. You will only need to attend one meeting, which hopefully will be about an hour in length and will serve refreshments.

October 23 is our Consecration Sunday, where we will formally offer God our estimate of giving cards as well as our Time and Talent Forms in our worship services. (Both will be available at the small group gatherings, and they will also be available on October 23. If you need them emailed to you, please let me know.)

We are thankful for your participation as we learn and grow together in this season of stewardship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the members of our stewardship committee: Pat Clem, Laurel Lindstrom, Jeff Morris, Pastor Kathy Morris, Pat Schlosser, and Katie Torry.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kathy Morris

MEET BISHOP CLAIRE BURKAT

Join our Synod Conference as we gather to meet Bishop Claire Burkat and our new Synod Vice President Simon Wong on Sunday October 30 at 2pm at Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church in Sparks. If you would like to carpool, talk with Pastor Kathy and plan to meet at Holy Cross by 1:30 on the 30th. This will be a time to meet our new Synod leaders as well as talk over any Synod concerns or questions you may have.



YOUTH NEWS

We have had a great start to our confirmation classes, and we had a fun outing to Roller Kingdom to practice our skating skills! Thanks to everyone who came and joined us!

This month our confirmation Classes will be held on October 16 and October 23. Please check your emails for details about the October 16 class, as it will be a little different!

On October 23 following our Confirmation Class, our youth will be having a Pumpkin Carving Contest as well as a pizza party, so we invite youth (6th grade and up) to stay and join us for the fun!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Everyone is invited to join us for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 -7pm!

And there are some ways that we can use your help!

- Sign up to decorate your trunk and pass out candy and treats to the kids.
- Donate a bag or two of candy.
- Help in the kitchen as we serve hot dogs to the kids and families.
- Spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors!
- Come and join the fun!

A signup sheet will be available in the narthex or talk to Pastor Kathy if you have any questions!

COUNCIL NEWS

September Council meeting opened with devotion on sharing our faith with other. Financially we came out of the summer with strong giving. Expenses continue to be well controlled. The PPP loan has not been used as of yet this year. The current estimated net loss as of August 31 is \$4027. The copier was replaced and we will see a savings of \$2400/year from our previous lease. The garage sale was a huge success and our upcoming outreach events include pet blessing, Oktoberfest, Christmas card sales, and photo shoot, Stewardship will kick off the first Sunday of October. Please plan on attending one of the small group meetings - we want to hear about your hopes and dreams for Holy Cross. We are looking at starting a Care of Creation Committee. The intent would be to look at how we can be more ecologically minded, such as looking in to solar panels, composting, energy efficiency measures etc. We continue to discuss the Silver Sage option with the plan of bringing the congregation a recommendation for vote at the January annual meeting.

Laurel Lindstrom, Council President



Christmas Card Sale

We have beautiful Christmas cards designed by our children with the artistic help of Jan Looney. There is an order sheet available in the Narthex, or you can contact Laurel Lindstrom or the church office for information.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We have finished up our most recent book and so we are beginning a new study. Each Monday, we will be examining the Scriptures that will be our lessons for the upcoming Sundays. There are a couple of Mondays that we won't be meeting in October, but everyone is invited to join as they are able.

- ♦ Monday, October 10 - Galatians 5:22-26 & John 15:1-8
- ♦ Monday October 17 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 & Matthew 6:19-21
- ♦ Monday, October 24 - Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28 & John 8:31-36
- ♦ Monday, October 31 - WE WILL NOT MEET - Happy Halloween!

We meet on Zoom at 6:30 pm. The Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911569919?pwd=VUMISUd0eWdnSnMlWUZvaDdQdzBidzO9>

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Dial by your location - +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are having fun going through those familiar stories in Genesis and seeing them in a different light or peeling off another layer as we grow spiritually in God's word. We're not rushing, as usual - we're on Genesis 4! This might be a 5-year study at this rate! but that's ok also. Wednesday Bible Study meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 pm-2:40 pm in a "hybrid" class - We meet in the Fellowship Hall, but you can also join in by Zoom. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or becky485@gmail.com for more information.

Here is the Zoom information in case you need to join remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZnQ2hwUExQRVY5e1BxYjJ4dzO9>

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God's Work. Our Hands 2022

Thank you to everyone who brought items and put them together for the Empowerment Center!



Special thanks to Yvette Myers for giving us a tour of the new apartment building that the Empowerment Center is building across our street. We are excited to welcome new residents to our neighborhood later this Fall and support the work that they do.



Rummage Sale
2022



QUILTING GROUP NEWS

In September we "wrapped up our "Quilt Year". On Sunday, September 24 we blessed our quilts, the Sanctuary was a rainbow of color, art, and caring. This year Holy Cross Quilters are giving away more than 225 quilts.

Senior Lunch

Wednesday, October 19th at Noon. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy some great fellowship.


We distribute our quilts, locally to Veterans in Transition--for Veterans getting established in their own homes, Washoe County School District, Children in Transition—helping homeless students in our School District; Ronald McDonald House—supporting families of children who are hospitalized; Hosana Home -helping women regain their lives; and the Children's Cabinet—helping children in our community, Women's Children Center of the Sierra, helping women and children move from poverty to self-sufficiency, this year we will give to the Empowerment Center and through Lutheran World Relief, we send our quilts to our brothers and sisters in need around the world. We also are blessed to provide a comforting quilt to congregation members, friends and neighbors in need of support and comfort. Thank you to everyone who participates and supports the Quilt Group's outreach ministry of Holy Cross.

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, making each quilt we have created an expression of love.

During October and November, we will be working on 24-inch small quilts that we will give to the Renown Neo Natal Intensive Care Units for babies who are in the NICU units over the Holiday season.

Thank you to everyone who participates and supports in the Quilt Groups outreach ministry of Holy Cross.

Come join us---all are welcome!



SHARED HARVEST

Toothpaste
28—Peanut Butter
42—Chili

ROCKIN RUMMAGE SALE

The September 17 Rummage Sale was wonderful success, in so many ways. We provided an opportunity for everyone in the congregation and from the community an opportunity to move their treasures along, Over a dozen community members contributed to the rummage sale.

Holy Cross volunteers, who worked the rummage sale, numbered over 30--- everyone from seniors to our youngest Holy Cross members.

The Rummage Sale committee was well organized, with communication and marketing having a job for every volunteer. The flier with upcoming events that was given to shoppers was wonderful and so well received.

Our neighbors appreciated the great pricing, helping them provide needed items for themselves and their families.

Many shoppers rounded up their sales tab and made a donation to the church for the good work of Holy Cross.

There were many wonderful stories ---the shopper who found a roof TV antenna control box that brought back wonderful memories of her childhood and her father; the shopper who shared that her Mother was in the hospital and asked for prayers for her Mother., The shopper who had a moment of sadness and tears and was comforted by a volunteer. The fun of families with their children shopping for treasures for everyone. Many remarking about how reasonable everything was priced.

This was a great event- a service to our community, a win on every level, the donations, the shoppers, the volunteer team, the \$3,547 raised to further the good work of Holy Cross --we did God's work with our Hands.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ October/November - Giving Tree will be out for donations of money for WinCo gift cards that will be delivered to Smithridge Elementary and Pine Middle Schools right before Thanksgiving.
- ⇒ We will have a coat drive during October. If you have any new or gently used adult and/or children's coats, please place them in the red tub by the Giving Tree in the narthex.
- ⇒ November/December - the Angel Tree will be out with a display of gifts to be purchased for seniors and children. (Nov 13 - Dec 4 for seniors and Nov 13 - Dec 11 for the children) .

MUSIC NEWS

Choir is singing at both services on 10/2 as part of the kickoff for Stewardship Month. We meet at 8am -8:45am each Sunday. Come join us! We'll also welcome you for special seasons like Christmas or Easter, so talk to Brittney or Becky if you are interested. Becky485@gmail.com

We also have the opportunity for you to join the Praise Team at the 10:30am service, augment with instruments, or provide special music at all times of the year. No matter what your musical talent, we'll find a place for you!

CLOSE KNIT FRIENDS

Have you heard the story of Dorcas (or Tabitha) in Acts 9:36-39? She was known for her hand made clothing, especially for the needy and widows in the town of Joppa. **Close Knit Friends** are busy knitting and crocheting items of warmth and comfort in an effort to meet the requests of the local organizations who serve our neighbors in need. Evenings can become cooler even after a very warm day. Many individuals and families are struggling to keep warm and **Close Knit Friends** will accept any donations of clean, gently used handmade hats, scarves, baby blankets, and lap blankets. The local organizations include Women and Children of the Sierra (WACCS), AWAKEN, Ronald McDonald House, and the Veterans Hospital. For more details please contact Peggy at 775-622-0128 or catch up with her at the Sunday 10:30 am service. You are also welcome to stop by our **Close Knit Friends** gatherings on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (October 10 & 24) from 1-2:30pm. All skills of knitting and crocheting are welcome - or learn a new craft!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

December 4, 2022
Ladies' Advent Tea 2 - 4pm



<u>October 9, 2022</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
9am	Sue Volinkaty	Laurel Lindstrom	Jim Alanko/Joan Julius
10:30am	Jeff Morris	Natalie Tegio	Katie Torry/Veralyn Combs
<u>October 16, 2022</u>			
9am	Karen Ford	Orlyn Schenk	Mike Ross/Pat Clem
10:30am	Natalie Tegio	Michael Tegio	Jody Morrison/Kayla & Logan Kunze
<u>October 23, 2022</u>			
9am	Mike Ross	Paula Featherstone	Paula Featherston/Joan Julius
10:30am	Laura Grady	Carol Ritter	Veralyn Combs/Carol Ritter
<u>October 30, 2022</u>			
9am	Laurel Lindstrom	Laura Grady	Pat Clem
10:30am	Veralyn Combs	Jody Morrison	Sandi Christman/Logan Kunze



October 1—Meghan Carpenter
 October 6—Diane Ludlow
 October 7—Kallie Grady
 October 11—Joan Julius
 October 21—Madeline Gaustad

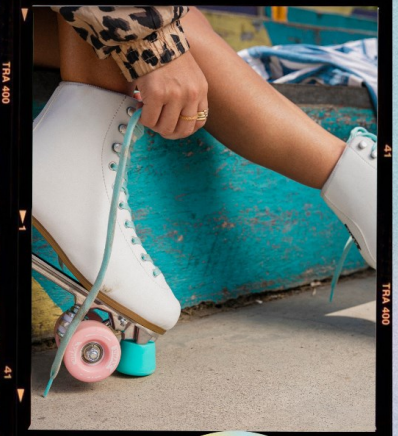
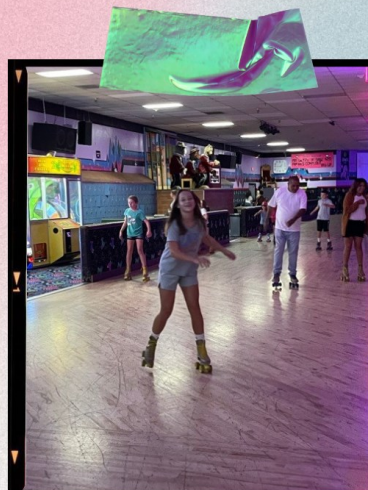
October 21—Jan Looney
 October 23—Jaxon Meseberg
 October 28—Susan Borton
 October 30—Linda Schlosser





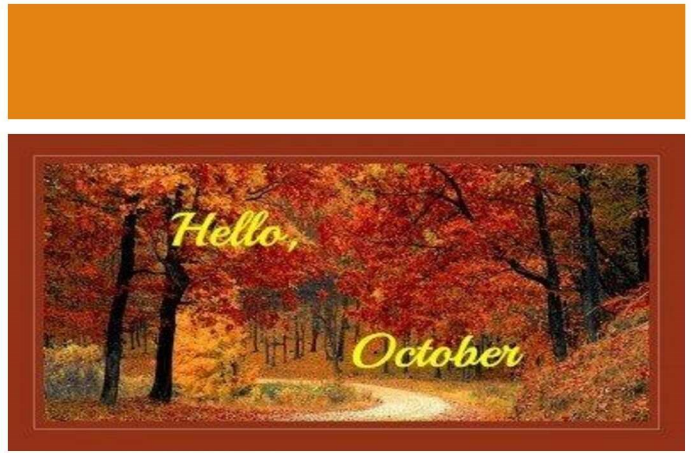
Roller Skating with HCLC

Thanks again to our youth and
chaperones for a fun afternoon of
roller skating!



October

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2	3	4	5 1:30 pm Bible Study	6 9:30 am Quilting 1 pm Quilting	7	8
9 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:30 am Worship/Godly Play	10 6:30 Book Study 1 pm Close Knit Friends	11	12 1:30 pm Bible Study 2:30 pm Community Fellowship	13 9:30 am Quilting 1 pm Quilting	14	15
16 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:30 am Worship/Godly Play Confirmation Class	17 6:30 Book Study	18 5:15 pm Council	19 12 noon Senior Lunch 1:30 pm Bible Study	20 9:30 am Quilting 1 pm Quilting	21	22
23 Consecration Sunday 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10:30 am Worship/Godly Play Confirmation Class Pumpkin Carving/Pizza Party	24 6:30 Book Study 1 pm Close Knit Friends	25	26 1:30 pm Bible Study	27 9:30 am Quilting 1 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat	28	29
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 am – 3 pm
 Casa Del Alfarero: Sunday 5:30 pm
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