



# Holy Cross *Crossroads*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2023

## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Many of you know that I was recently on vacation celebrating with my extended family my mom's milestone birthday (She's not super excited that I share her age). We spent the week on the coast of California, just north of Pismo Beach. And while some of the family members didn't make it (young adults, what are you going to do?), those of us who were there enjoyed rain and wind, clouds and then sun and mostly cool temperatures. Our ages ranged from six months to my mom's new age and overall, we had a great time just being family. While there are times when my family drives me a little crazy, overall, they are a really fun group of people that I don't get to see nearly enough.

Recently our church council was talking about wanting to do more "Family" Events and we have a group of people who are already at work planning a game night with taco dinner on Saturday, April 29. I know there are times when we say "Family Event" in churches and we think of something for kids and parents, but I want to be clear that when we talk about Family Events at Holy Cross, we are talking about events that can include *all* of the different generations that encompass our church family at Holy Cross. These are events where both kids and adults can have fun and get to know one another better, where they can learn and grow in their faith together. These are events where you can easily invite friends and your family members to come and join us. These are events where everyone who is there is considered part of our Holy Cross Family.

At our annual meeting one of our elders shared a story about a group of young people who had been excluded from their families and because they yearned to be connected to a mom, they flocked to her. We have such a unique opportunity in our community to be a place where a family of different generations, can come together with one another and bless each other with love and grace.

So, when you see something advertising a family event at Holy Cross, remember, that's you, and your friends and your family because all are welcome in God's family.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy Morris



## Service Committee

We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who generously donated blankets, hats, scarves, and gloves to support those in need in our community. Your donations were very much appreciated! It is helping to keep members of our community warm during this very looooong, cold winter.

Another huge thank you goes out to all those who participated in our food drive for the Northern Nevada Food Bank. With your help, we were able to fill up the food barrel! You all are amazing! By the way, have you noticed that the barrel is currently MIA? Don't worry, we'll bring it back soon.

The Giving Tree is now up and running, and we are asking for monetary donations to the ELCA to sponsor health clinics and purchase clinic supplies for children in need of healthcare. Let's work together to ensure that families don't have to make the difficult decision between food and healthcare for their children. You can donate cash or check in the envelope provided on the Giving Tree. If paying by check, please indicate "ELCA" or "Clinic" on the memo line.

If the above is not enough excitement for you, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 15th at 10 AM, when our Silver Sage neighbor, Gloria, will be demonstrating how she makes her delicious biscotti. There's a \$3 fee for supplies, but it's totally worth it to impress your friends with your newfound biscotti-making skills. We hope to see you there!

## VBS Planning Meeting

If you are interested in planning Vacation Bible School, please plan to join us on Wednesday Night, April 19 at 6pm as we get set for a great week of VBS in June! Talk with Pastor Kathy if you are planning to come!

## VBS Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help at Vacation Bible School during the week of June 26-30, please contact Pastor Kathy. There will be volunteer trainings as we get closer to the week.

## Music Program

Easter is here! The choir has been busy preparing special music for Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter to enhance our worship experience during this special time of our faith. Be sure to thank them for their efforts. And on Easter, we welcome our UNR brass quartet which will add to our Easter celebratory spirit!

One of the special songs of this season is "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. This version cracks me up every time – watch the silent monks rejoice!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRhjWdr-LAA>

## Youth News

Confirmation Classes will be held on April 16 and 30!

Youth Group Event will follow our April 16 class! Keep an eye out for details!

And youth who are interested and available to help with Vacation Bible School on June 26-30, please let Pastor Kathy know!



REGISTER BY JUNE 25, 2023  
<https://form.jotform.com/220266697951163>

Join us for  
**CAMP KAIROS**  
On the Farm  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 26 – June 30  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
4895 S. McCarran Blvd., Reno, NV 89502  
775-827-4822  
[www.holycrossreno.org](http://www.holycrossreno.org)

REGISTER NOW

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# Quilting News

Thank you to all the quilters for their beautiful work and dedication to this Outreach Ministry of Holy Cross. We are blessed to use our gifts and skills to further our Christian promise to help those in need—shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, comfort the weary and outcaste, welcome the stranger and be a loving neighbor to all the people of the earth.

We meet every Thursday at 9:30 am & 1:00 pm designing, cutting, pressing, sewing, tying, something for everyone, come join the fun! Everyone is Welcome!

## Close Knit Friends

**Close Knit Friends** is celebrating their thirteenth year as a faith-based knitting/crocheting ministry in April. We will be hosting guest speakers from the local community and invite anyone interested in hearing about the *Women and Children's Center of the Sierra* on Monday, April 10 at 1:30 pm. Director Pam Russell will speak about how WACCS serves women and their children struggling in poverty offering "a hands up not a handout". **Close Knit Friends** has been knitting and crocheting hats, scarves, baby blankets and larger blankets for this organization for many years. Pam will be retiring from WACCS at the end of April. On Monday, April 24 at 1:30 pm, *The Ronald McDonald House's* Program Manager, Sophie Moeller, will speak about the services they offer to families while their children are receiving care in our local hospitals. **Close Knit Friends** has donated numerous blankets, hats, and scarves to families over the last several years. We welcome anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting or has an interest in learning these handcrafts. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month from 1-2:30 pm. Yarn is available for our projects and our informational flyers are available below the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information you can also contact Peggy at 775-622-0128.



Thank you to everyone who helped complete the Spring Cleaning at Holy Cross.

All the wood is dusted and polished, chairs and tables received a thorough cleaning, the kitchen, the refrigerator, freezer, stove, ovens and hoods were deep cleaned, the windows washed, overhead projectors dusted, the carpets thoroughly vacuumed and professionally cleaned, the bathrooms were deep cleaned from top to bottom, a few cabinets cleaned and organized, the Memorial Garden raked, and downed tree limbs removed!!!

A joyful group of members and friends joined together to prepare God's house for the Easter Season---what a joy to serve with one another. Thank you.



## Artown Quilt & Music Show

The Artown Quilt and Music show is scheduled for July 16. The Quilt Group is requesting quilt entries for the Quilt Show. If you or a friend have quilt you would like to display at the quilt show, contact Diane Torry, Sandi Christman or any of the quilters.

# Bible Study

Pastor's Monday night Bible study via Zoom will not meet April 3 or 10 but resumes on April 17 at 6:30 pm to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We go into more depth and background than you'll get Sunday mornings and gives you an extra level of understanding when you hear the passages on Sunday. You can join us at any time.

Wednesday Bible Study has moved into Exodus, just studying the origins of Passover in depth, particularly fitting for this season of Lent, and adding an extra level of understanding to those familiar passages. Heading on out to the desert now! There will be no class on April 5 during Holy Week, but otherwise we meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 pm - 2:40 pm in a "hybrid" class: we meet in person in the Fellowship Hall, but you can also join in by Zoom. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom information in case you need to join remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098 Passcode: 050344



## Council News

The council was very busy and productive at this meeting!

We discussed the installation of a entrance covering. We have a donation that will cover the cost of installation. We discussed how this covering would help keep the front entryway cooler and inviting. Council approved moving forward with installation.

We also talked about a mural for the front entryway. Jan Looney will be designing this mural with the help of the congregation. Be on the look out for drawings and ideas from Jan.

We will also be moving the memorial plaques into the entryway with a painted frame around them. The movement of the plaques will provide space on the wall in the narthex so that we can have revolving art installations.

Have an amazing April!

Katie Torry, Council President



# He is Risen

## Senior Lunch

April 19th  
12 noon

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy meeting friends and anyone new who would like to join us.

Invite a friend!

## Shared Harvest

for April  
28 peanut butter  
42 chili  
42 veggies  
toothpaste  
toothbrushes

## Grief Ministry

A Grief Support Group will be gathering on Tuesday, April 25 at 4:00 pm for a time of conversation and support. If you or someone you care about is grieving, please invite them to come and join us. There is a sign up sheet available in the narthex, or you can contact Pastor Kathy if you have any questions.







## April Communion Assistants

4/02/2023	Pat Clem	9 am
	Katie Torry	10:30am
4/09/2023	Linda Schlosser	9 am
	Sandi Christman	10:30 am
4/16/2023	Paula Featherstone	9 am
	Jeff Morris	10:30 am
4/23/2023	Karen Ford	9 am
	Natalie Tegio	10:30am
4/30/2023	Orlyn Schenk	9 am
	Veralyn Combs	10:30 am

## April Lectors

4/02/2023	Jan Looney	9 am
	Sandi Christman	10:30am
4/09/2023	Noelle Lentz	9 am
	Richard Eggers	10:30 am
4/16/2023	Laurel Lindstrom	9 am
	Marla Hoole-Vinopal	10:30 am
4/23/2023	Lani Moss	9 am
	Kayla Kunze	10:30am
4/30/2023	Laurel Lindstrom	9 am
	Logan Kunze	10:30 am

## April Ushers

4/02/2023	Pat & Linda Schlosser	9 am
	Sandi Christman/Linn Bleggi	10:30am
4/09/2023	Joan Julius/Madeline Murray	9 am
	Carol Ritter/Veralyn Combs	10:30 am
4/16/2023	Paula Featherstone/Travis Mills	9 am
	Deseree Carper/Ashton Meseberg	10:30 am
4/23/2023	Pat Clem/Jim Alanko	9 am
	Veralyn Combs/Sandi Christman	10:30am
4/30/2023	Joan Julius/Jan Looney	9 am
	Jody Morrison/Kayla Kunze	10:30 am



Emma Lintz	April 2
Abigail Morris	April 3
Birdie Vario	April 3
Susan Volinkaty	April 8
Laloni Moell	April 9
Mary Edman	April 13
Wilma Hooker	April 23
Torry Tegio	April 26
Joey Ginnetti	April 2
Karen Ford	April 27






## Maundy Thursday

April 6th

6:30 pm

We invite you  
to join us for  
worship as we  
remember the  
Last Supper  
and the final  
teachings of  
Jesus.



*His body  
and  
His blood  
under the  
bread and the wine  
for the  
forgiveness  
of sins*

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

*1 Corinthians 11:26*



# Good Friday

**APRIL 7th 12 PM & 6:30 PM**

Worship with us  
as we reflect on the seven last words of Jesus.



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

# HE IS RISEN!

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY WITH US

**SUNDAY APRIL 9TH 2023**

**9:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

 WE ARE LIVE ON YouTube  
@holycrosslutheranchurchren6016

*With* Pastor Kathy Morris



# APRIL 2023

Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	<b>Church Office Hours:</b> <b>Tuesday-Friday</b> <b>10am-3pm</b>  holycrossreno@gmail.com (775) 827-4822 www.holycrossreno.org
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