



Crossroads

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAY 2023 – NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Recently, we had these words as part of our Scripture readings:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

In this verse, we have a picture of what was most important to those members of the early church – the Word, fellowship, communion, and prayer. From this verse, we have what are core practices for churches across the world. In our worship services, we have time for learning from the word, we share in the Lord's Supper each week. We have numerous prayers that we say throughout our service. And here at Holy Cross, we joke about how long it takes to pass the peace because people want to be sure to greet everyone, and this is the key to fellowship.

This congregation has always enjoyed coming together in fellowship as we worship, as we participate in meals, as we study Scripture, as we serve one another and the community through the ministry we provide. I know it's been a tradition to go to one worship service so we can all be together in the summer months, and I know last year, I messed with that and had us stay at two, which I think was okay for where we were and what we were doing last summer.

However, this summer, it feels like we are really missing the opportunity to worship all together as one congregation. So, we are going back to having one service only in the summer! **Starting on May 21, we will move to a summer schedule where the church will begin each Sunday at 9:30 am.** Why 9:30? We've never had church at 9:30 before! The reason for the time is to try to accommodate some folks who really like the service starting later in the morning. We hope that 9:30 will provide a little bit of a cushion to those who have a hard time getting up and moving in time for a 9 am service, while also respecting that some people like to have their day start early so they can enjoy the remainder of the day.

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I know there are some who will be traveling this summer, and who will find 9:30 am difficult to get here, but we will be recording the services throughout the summer, and while it's not the same as actually being here, we hope that it will provide a connection to the community. We live stream the service, but it can also be viewed later in the day as well.

We are excited to come together again and just a reminder as we kick off this new time for worship on May 21st, the service will be followed by our picnic, and we hope everyone can come and join us for a special day of worship and fellowship!

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy Morris

PS – Just want to let you all know that I am going to be traveling to Minnesota from May 15-20 to attend the annual Festival of Homiletics for continuing education. If you have any pastoral emergencies come up, please contact Katie Torry or the church office as they will have the name and number of another local pastor who will be on call for me!

Bible Study

Pastor's Monday night Bible study meets Monday nights at 6:30 pm on Zoom. We discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday and go into more depth and background than you'll get in the sermon.

Wednesday Bible Study is moving through Exodus, having gotten the 10 Commandments and the Book of the Covenant. Continuing our journey through the desert. Come join us for the journey! 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 via Zoom. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or 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=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

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Synod Assembly News

We are looking for people who would like to attend the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly as a voting member on September 15-17 in Burlingame, CA. The primary business of this year's Assembly is to elect a new bishop. Please talk with Pastor Kathy if you are interested.

Welcome Statement Conversation

As many of you know, we've had a small group working on creating a statement of welcome for the church. The latest draft and some poster highlighting some of the language has been posted in the narthex for everyone to look at for the last couple of weeks. For those who have questions, or want to have further conversation about the statement, please plan to join us at the church on Monday, May 8 from 6-7pm. We hope to present the finalized statement to the congregation at our mid-year meeting this summer for a vote of affirmation. Please contact Katie Torry, Laurel Lindstrom, Lani Moss, or Pastor Kathy if you have any questions or concerns.

happy
mother's day!

First Communion Class

We are offering First Communion Classes for children who want to understand more about the meaning of communion and then start joining us at the Lord's Table. If kids are already taking communion, but simply want to know more or be reminded about its meanings, please plan to join us as well. We will meet for two sessions on Tuesdays May 2 and May 9 at 4:15. The sessions will run 45-60 minutes and we will provide an afterschool snack. Please let Pastor Kathy know if your child plans to attend. Parents/Grandparents are not required to stay, but they are welcome to if they would like. We will have a special welcome for the children at one of our May worship services.

Confirmation Class

Our confirmation classes have concluded for the year, and we are excited for Liam Bonnet, who has completed the three-year program and will be confirmed at our May 21 worship service! Confirmation Classes will resume in the fall and will welcome kids entering 6th grade! Please let Pastor Kathy know if you want more information, or if you would like to help with confirmation classes next year!

Music Program

We had a joyous Easter! Many thanks to the hardworking HCLC choir and the brass quartet from UNR. It's such a joy to work with such a dedicated group. We may be small, but our hearts are full of music that we want to share with you. Also, a special thanks for Wib for making our 'piano mover', which will allow us to move the piano in the choir room much easier and not have to worry about snapping off those front legs. Just in time, Wib, and we appreciate your expertise and support of the music program at HCLC.

We are busy preparing for our last two specials in church for this season – May 7 and May 21. Then stay tuned for specials throughout the summer. And don't forget to catch us at the Artown concert/quilt show on July 16!

Youth/Family/Children Summer Fun – Save the

We invite families to save the following dates as we are planning some special Summer Fun Events! Some of these events are for youth only (entering 6th grade and up) and some events are for youth as well as families with younger children. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you are planning to attend these events, or if you have questions. Adults who are interested and available to chaperoning youth only events, please talk with Pastor Kathy as well!

- ♦ **Saturday, June 24 – Family Movie Night!** Join us for a family-friendly movie at the church!
- ♦ **June 26-30 – Vacation Bible School** each morning from 9 am-noon – Youth who are in 6th grade and older are asked to help with the younger kids, so let Pastor Kathy know if you can!
- ♦ **Friday, July 7 – Sewing Camp!** Youth and Children are invited to come for a fun day of learning some sewing basics from some of our sewing experts! Be on the lookout for details!
- ♦ **Friday, July 14 – Lake Tahoe Day!** Our youth are heading to the lake for a day of Fun in the Sun! Youth 6th grade and up may come for a fun youth day, but if there are families with younger children who want to join us, they are welcome to! Any children who are younger than 6th grade MUST have a parent come along! Bring a picnic lunch and snacks to share! More details will be coming!
- ♦ **Saturday, July 22 – Family Ice Cream Night!** Join us for some fun and fellowship with ice cream and your favorite toppings!
- ♦ **Tuesday, July 24 – Youth Mini-Golf Outing!** We'll meet at the church to go mini-golfing and then return to the church for a taco dinner! This is for kids 6th grade and up!
- ♦ **Friday, August 11 – Join the fun at the Aces Game!** Information will be coming soon about how to purchase tickets!
- ♦ **Sunday, August 20 – Youth Truckee River Day –** Youth 6th Grade and up are invited to join us for some tubing on the Truckee River! We'll head out after church and enjoy the day relaxing on the river!

Supporting Aging Seniors: A Senior Transitions Program

Hospice Care and Memorial & Funeral Planning

This one-day program is offered Tuesday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross.

Supporting Aging Seniors is designed for Seniors, their families, and support networks, to learn about and explore issues Seniors experience as we age.

During this session we will learn about the services provided by Hospice Care, as we move into the final time of our lives, and how to plan for Memorial or Funeral Services. We will have a speaker from a Hospice company and our own Pastor Kathy will discuss Memorial and Funeral Planning.

It is human nature to put off or even ignore life's difficult times and decisions. The challenges of aging may intimidate us and conversations between parents and adult children or seniors and loved ones are avoided. In the worst-case scenario, no discussion has taken place and no plans are made until a crisis hits. Our Senior Transition Programs provide a safe, comfortable place and time to learn about and discuss issues of aging.

Attend individually or with your adult children, or support network. Invite your friends to join us.

Brochures and fliers about the program are available in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office.

Register with Lanai, in the Church Office, holycrossreno@gmail.com, or Program Coordinator Diane Torry dbtorry@att.net.

Council News

Welcome to spring! Finally!!

Just a quick update on the work of your Council. The most exciting news is that our coverage for the front of the church should be installed sometime in the month of May. We are waiting for the permits as we speak. This wonderful addition to our building was made possible by a generous donor.

Next, I would like to put the spotlight on our Service and Fellowship Committee. This committee works hard at providing fellowship opportunities and service to our community. Starting in June, they will be collecting diapers, underwear, and socks for our neighbors the Women and Children Center of the Sierra, Marvel Way, and other nonprofits in the area. Finally, they are putting the finishing touches on our May 21st church picnic. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Mark your calendars for our second annual Artown Quilt Show and Concert happening on Sunday, July 16th. We would love to see everyone there.

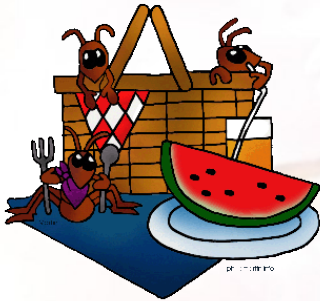
Finally, mark your calendars for September 9th Rummage Sale. This would be a great time to save some items for our rummage sale as spring cleaning happens.

Peace and Blessings, Katie Torry

Fellowship Committee News

Annual Church Picnic – May 21 – Be sure to sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and indicate how many will be attending and what side dish/salad/or dessert you are brining. Your dish should serve 8-10 people. Service Committee will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments and lemonade.

Cooking, or should I say, Baking with Gloria was so much fun, and the biscotti delicious. We will have another baking class in the near future. Think we might be making cannoli – YUM!



Service Committee News

Thank you to everyone who gave monetary donations to the ELCA to sponsor health clinics and purchase clinic supplies for children in need of health care. We collected \$379.00!

You will notice that the Northern Nevada Food Bank barrel is back. For now, the barrel is located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support.

The Giving Tree will be up June 4 through August 6 – Diapers (children-all sizes), and an Underwear and Sock drive for men, women and children to support Women and Children of the Sierra (WACCS), Marvel Way and other nonprofit organizations in our community

During the week of Vacation Bible School (June 26-30), donations of school supplies for WACCS will be requested. A list of needed supplies will be posted soon.

Quilt Group News

Quilters are “hard at work” every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall!—9:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

We design, press, sew, and tie the quilts—something for everyone! No quilting experience required. Come by and check us out! During a “typical” quilt year we make about 250 quilts and give most of them away during the fall. However, we give away quilts throughout the year. This year we have already given 9 quilts to Ronald McDonald House, 9 quilts The Women and Children’s Center of the Sierra, and 3 quilts to homeless neighbors.

Quilts are also given to members and friends of Holy Cross –when there is a need for comfort during a challenge, or to celebrate a milestone. Contact Pastor or a quilt group member for a quilt for a member of friend.

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.

Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them. Each quilt is made with love and faith.



Close Knit Friends

Close Knit Friends' Guest Speaker Series continues on Monday, May 8 at 1:30 pm when Yvette Meyer from the *Marvel Way Complex* joins us. The *Marvel Way Complex* is an affordable, sober living apartment complex for individuals and families, supporting homeless or financially challenged individuals in recovery. It is located on Marvel Way to the south of *Holy Cross Lutheran Church*. **Close Knit Friends** partnered with Holy Cross last year and provided items of warmth and comfort for individuals and families. Come hear more from Yvette on Monday, May 8. Our second guest speaker during May will be Jessica Cisneros, Program Director from *AWAKEN*, on Monday, May 22 at 1:30 pm. The mission of this local faith-based non-profit is to "increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and to provide housing and restoration for its victims". **Close Knit Friends** has made blankets, hats, and scarves for women and children in *AWAKEN*'s care for the last several years.

You don't need to know how to knit or crochet to come to the Guest Speaker Series and hear about these local organizations. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet or are interested in using your talents and skills to make blankets, hats, and scarves for community organizations, please come to our 2nd & 4th Monday gatherings at 1 pm. Yarn and patterns are available for our mission projects and our information flyers are available at the church. You may call Peggy at 775-622-0128 for more information.

Senior Lunch

Bring your lunch and join us for our monthly Senior Lunch on Wednesday, May 17th at noon. Invite a friend and come join in the fellowship.

Shared Harvest

This month we are collecting the following:

- ⇒ (28) Cold Cereal
- ⇒ Shampoo

Please bring your donations to the church by May 20th.

Contact Veralyn Combs with questions:

veralyncombs45@gmail.com

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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ARTOWN

Quilt Show & Musical Performances

July 16

Donations Accepted

FREE • Quilt Show 12 - 4 pm
• Musical Performances 1:30 - 3 pm

4895 S McCarran Blvd., Reno, NV 89502

PRAYER Requests

Lola Monge Ontiveros
Sharon Voss
Ashtian Hinshaw
Terry - Laurel and Orlyn's brother
Pastor Kathy and her family
Kennedy Landes
Jim - Linn Bleggi's friend
Lonnie - Linda Puckett's sister
Jean Bye
May Young - Veralyn's friend





May 1—Kloe Sorge
 May 1—Ashleigh Faulstich
 May 2—Wib Namestka
 May 3—Lynn Jaeck
 May 9—Carole Evert
 May 10—Tyson Rains
 May 15—Michael Ross

May 18—Riley Sorge
 May 18—Linkin Braunel
 May 19—Bruno Peri
 May 20—Robin Peri
 May 20—Brittney May
 May 29—Jeff Morris
 May 30—Marla Hoole-Vinopal



May Communion Assistants

05/07	Noelle Lentz	9 am
	Jody Morrison	10:30 am
05/14	Laurel Lindstrom	9 am
	Carol Ritter	10:30 am
05/21	Nura Calise	9:30 am
05/28	Mike Ross	9:30 am

May Ushers

05/07	Pat Schlosser/Linda Schlosser	9 am
	Veralyn Combs/Linn Bleggi	10:30 am
05/14	Paula Featherstone/Madeline Murray	9 am
	Sandi Christman/ Ashton Meseberg	10:30 am
05/21	Pat Clem/Travis Mills	9:30 am
05/28	Jim Alanko/Jan Looney	9:30 am

May Lectors

05/07	Jan Looney	9 am
	Jeff Morris	10:30 am
05/14	Orlyn Schenk	9 am
	Jody Morrison	10:30 am
05/21	Laura Grady	9:30 am
05/28	Lani Moss	9:30 am



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