



HOLY CROSS Crossroads

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
JULY 2023

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are in the middle of a very busy week of Camp Kairos Vacation Bible School.

Kairos is a Greek word and it means a "right time or season." When we have Camp Kairos, it is the right time for God to show up and work. I will be talking about some of the ways that I saw God at work at Vacation Bible School in my sermon on Sunday, July 2.

But I want to share a very brief VBS by the numbers recap:

- 26 Registered kids
- 23 Actual Kids
- 3 Small Groups of Kids and Leaders
- 9 Youth Volunteers
- 18 Adult Volunteers
- 14 Diet Coke and Mentos explosions
- 2 Balloon Terrarium Dirt Explosions (oops)
- 5 Bible Stories
- 350 Water Balloons
- 3 Afternoon Naps by Pastor Kathy
- Countless Prayers
- Endless Congregational Support

Thank you to all of you who donated items, time and financial support for this ministry. I am so thankful to all of you!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy Morris

Quilt Group News

The Second Annual Artown Quilt and Music Show is Sunday July 16! 1-4 pm . Beautiful Quilts will be on display modern, classic, antique and the quilts we make and give to people in our community and around the world! There will be an “opportunity quilt” for raffle, designed and completed by Holy Cross quilters and a “treasurer’s table” with fun and useful items for sale. Of course don’t miss taking advantage of the beautiful music being offered by groups and individuals during the Music Show! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us on this special afternoon at Holy Cross reaching out into our community sharing Christ’s love.

Senior Transitions

What a great group of Seniors gathered on June 20 to hear and learn about issues before us as we gracefully age. We had wonderful speakers from Circle of Life Hospice, and learned about Hospice care and how this program can be so helpful and supportive as we, family members, friends enter final times in this earthly place. Then Pastor Kathy provided great information about Memorial and Funeral Service planning and how to plan ahead what a gift for your family and friends. Pastor discussed the Holy Cross Memorial Garden, a beautiful option as a final resting place or place of memory of loved ones (brochures about the Memorial Garden are available in the Narthex).

Thank you to all who attended and presented at this Senior Transitions program.

Diane Torry, Peggy Ince,
Senior Transitions coordinators.

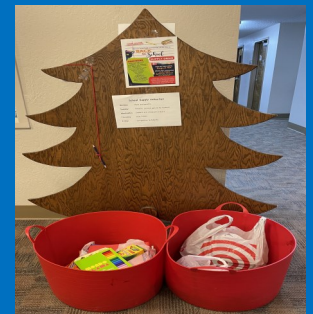
Senior Lunch

No senior lunch during the months of July and August. We will resume on September 20, 2023.

See you then!



Service Committee



The Giving Tree will be up June 4 through August 6. We are collecting diapers (children-all sizes), and underwear and socks for men, women and children to support Women and Children of the Sierra (WACCS), Marvel Way and other nonprofit organizations in our community.

Bible Study News

Wednesday Bible Study is moving through the desert with the Israelites and moving in to the third book of the Bible – Leviticus. 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 by 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09)
[pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09)

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098
Passcode: 050344

Monday Zoom Bible Study

Pastor's Monday night Bible study is on summer break and will resume in August.



Music Program News

The music program will be performing a concert on Sunday July 16th in conjunction with the quilt show as Holy Cross's contribution to Artown.

We would love to have YOU join our choir for this special event! We'll have rehearsal Saturday morning 7/15 at 9am, and then the concert is Sunday 7/16 from 1:30 pm—3 pm. This is a chance to offer your musical gifts for this special occasion.

We are also looking for people to provide specials during the worship service over the summer while the choir is on break. This is another opportunity to share your musical gifts with the congregation. You do not have to be a member of the choir to provide specials, during the summer or any time during the year!

See Brittney or Becky if you are interested.

Shared Harvest

(10) Powdered Milk Packets

(20) Peanut Butter

Disposable Razors

Shared Harvest will take place at Holy Cross in July and August. All are welcome to stick around and see what we do. Meet at 1 pm on July 23rd at Holy Cross to bag & distribute items.

Contact Veralyn Combs with questions:

veralyncombs45@gmail.com

Close Knit Friends

Close Knit Friends continues to meet throughout the summer on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 1pm of the month. On Monday, July 10 we will host guest speaker, Jessica Cisnero, Program Director from *AWAKEN*. This organization assists victims of sexual exploitation. **Close Knit Friends** has made hats, scarves, and blankets for the individuals and their children. We are also working on baby and larger light weight blankets for the *Ronald McDonald House* and the *Women and Children's Center of the Sierra*. New and clean and gently used blankets are welcome for donation. Another project we are working on is providing shawls for the Women Veterans Program at the VA Hospital. These shawls are delivered to women in the hospital or through the home visiting social worker. Donations of yarn are welcome and must be washable! On Sunday, July 16 from noon - 4pm, **Close Knit Friends** will have a display table during the ARTOWN Quilt and Music Exhibit at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We hope you will stop by to say hello and see a sample of our projects! For more information, please connect with Peggy Whitney.

<u>July 2, 2023</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
9:30 am	Kayla Kunze	Jan Looney	Deseree Carper/Linn Bleggi
<u>July 9, 2023</u>			
9:30 am	Veralyn Combs	Laurel Lindstrom	Pat Clem/Mike Ross
<u>July 16, 2023</u>			
9:30 am	Orlyn Schenk	Marla Hoole-Vinopal	Jody Morrison/Kayla Kunze
<u>July 23, 2023</u>			
9:30 am	Noelle Lentz	Noelle Lentz	Joan Julius/Madeline Murray
<u>July 30, 2023</u>			
9:30 am	Mike Ross	Liam Bonnett	Sandi Christman/Veralyn Combs

Pride Parade

We've recently gotten the question: Why are we participating in the Reno Pride Festival?

We wanted to share with you our reply:

A suggestion came to the church council that we participate in the Reno Pride Festival on Saturday, July 22.

Council discussed and realized it would be a good opportunity to reach out to our LGBTQIA+ community with the love and grace of Christ our Lord.

As you know, the church has been talking about the creation of a welcome statement for the past several months. Council thought that having a booth at the Pride Festival is in alignment with our mission to welcome all and our proposed welcome statement.

Our booth will be at Wingfield Park on 1st St. on Saturday, July 22. If you would like to be part of the welcoming team at the booth, please contact Katie Torry.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Draft Declaration of Welcome and Affirmation:

We affirm that each person is a beloved and unique creation made in the image of God. We give thanks to God for the diversity of race, culture, ethnicities, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and neuro diversity, socioeconomic status, family structure, background, and faith journey. We see all people as God's precious children and accept and celebrate all differences and gifts. We are committed to the work of loving one another, being intentionally welcoming, and inviting all home into this faith community. Following Christ's example, we strive for racial justice, avoid hurtful speech, actions, behaviors and love one another as God loves us. Here at Holy Cross, there is a place for you!

FAQ's:

1. Why do we need to have a welcome statement?
 - a. We want to be clear about who we are and what we believe at Holy Cross.
2. Why do we need to list all the diversity examples when we already say we welcome all?
 - a. Some people have been excluded, hurt, judged, scorned, ridiculed, guilted, expected to change, and/or ostracized for who they are by others with differing beliefs. We want our visitors and members to know that this is a safe place, and we strive to love others as Christ loves us.
3. What if we leave out a category of diversity with our listing?
 - a. We have tried to be as inclusive as possible but if we have missed something we hope you will tell us! This statement can be changed as needed, just like our mission and vision statements. Our statements are reviewed on a regular basis by our Church Council. Your input is always welcome and very important.
4. What does it mean if we affirm this statement?
 - a. By affirming this statement, we are agreeing that we believe each person is made in the image of God and we accept them and love them as God loves us. We are willing to work at loving others and welcoming them into our family. We want to be caring in our words and actions and be open to conversations about differences in order to better understand one another.
5. How are we "striving for racial justice"?
 - a. We look for ways to serve the needs of our community despite any racial or ethnic differences. We also support a number of local and global organizations that serve various ethnic groups. We recognize there are always opportunities to grow.

At this point we feel we are ready to present the congregation with this welcome statement at the mid-year annual meeting for affirmation. We have met with a number of you in small groups, disseminated information in the newsletter, held a hot topic meeting, encouraged your input and questions, created educational posters. We feel there is agreement with and acceptance of the statement as a reflection of who we are at Holy Cross. Please contact us or Pastor Kathy if you have any questions or concerns.

Laurel Lindstrom, Katie Torry, and Lani Moss



Gail Nemy	7/01	Carol Ritter	7/16
Anthony Felix	7/05	Maggie Carpenter	7/17
Kathy Morris	7/07	Adaline Christman	7/22
Janet Schultz	7/09	Ellis Christman	7/22
Fred Ford	7/10	Logan Kunze	7/24
Nura Calise	7/15	Bruce Bye	7/26
Sue Gonyou	7/16	Mike Drew	7/27

High Desert Harmony Chorus
presents
★ **Harmony in the Park** ★
a celebration of barbershop music



Featuring:
High Desert Harmony
Silver Dollar Chorus
Free Range Quartet

Sunday, July 9, 2023
5:30 PM Workshop
6:00 PM Concert
Wingfield Park Amphitheater
Reno, NV



FREE
www.highdesertharmony.net
This program is made possible by a grant from the City of Reno.

HCLC HOSTS LIFELINE SCREENING

July 17, 2023

- Carotid Artery Screening
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening



ALL 4 SCREENINGS \$149

Registration Forms in the Narthex

Council News

Hello Members of Holy Cross,

It is hard to believe that June is over, and July is starting! We are heading into a busy few months here at Holy Cross.

To begin, our mural will be started Friday, July 7 between 12pm-4pm. If you would like to help Jan Looney paint the first phase of this mural, please see me or Jan Looney for sign up opportunities.

During our meeting, Peggy Ince brought a fellowship opportunity to council. She would like to do have a poker/bingo night for a cause. Our cause would be seed money for a monthly community dinner and to give Walmart gift cards to the Smithridge counselor. The date for this worthwhile event is Saturday, August 5 starting at 4 pm.

Your voting members for this year's Synod Assembly in Burlingame, CA are Sandi Christman and Katie Torry. The dates for the assembly are September 15-17. We will be electing a new bishop for the Sierra Pacific Synod.

We will be hosting an Ice Cream Social of Saturday, July 22. Please keep your eyes peeled for a flyer.

We also reviewed and approved minor changes to our Child Protection Policy. We added that non-members of Holy Cross could help in youth/children's events if they followed all other criteria. We also added in that if 2 adults were not available for supervision, 1 adult and 1 teenager will be present.

Finally, we added a sentence that states that in Nevada, pastors are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse.

Have a blessed July!!

Katie Torry, Council President



Camp Kairos

VBS 2023

"On the Farm"



Camp Kairos
Vacation Bible School
2023



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