

# Holy Cross

## *Crossroads*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JUNE 2023

### From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

June is looking to be an exciting time at Holy Cross as we once again host our Camp Kairos – Vacation Bible School from June 26-June 30. The mornings (From 9am-noon) will be bustling with activity as we welcome kids who are pre-school age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come and join us “At the Farm” this year. You’ll start to see some new decorations going up in the next couple of weeks to help us get ready.

Each day the kids will have a Bible story that helps them to discover more about growing in their faith as we have Bible stories, crafts, science experiments, games, snacks and more. Time with the kids as they discover new things and grow is always a sacred and holy time, and we treasure it each year.

If you are interested in helping, there are some ways that we could use your help!

- 1) If you know any children who would like to come, please invite them! We have some flyers available that you can take and share with them!
- 2) There are items on the Giving Tree that we will be using for VBS, and if you would like to sign up and bring something, it would be greatly appreciated. While we do take an offering during the week, we do not charge families for VBS. If you would rather not shop, but want to make a donation to off-set the cost, that is also appreciated.
- 3) We are still looking for volunteers to help during the week and if you would like to come and help, there is plenty that you can do. Currently, our biggest need is for people who would be willing to lead small groups of kids around from activity to activity!
- 4) If you have farm experience and would like to come and share with the kids about what you remember about life on the farm, it would be fun for our “city kids” to hear your stories. Let me know if you would be interested.

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- 5) We are going to be starting our decorating on Friday, June 16, and if you would like to come and help, we would love for you to! We expect we will be doing more decorating throughout that weekend, so please be in touch if you would like to help.
- 6) If you are planning to volunteer, we will be having two volunteer meetings and we would ask that you attend one of them as we will be going over the week as well as our Child Protection Policy. One meeting will be after church on Sunday, June 11 and the other will be Thursday, June 15 at 6pm in the evening. You can choose which meeting will work best for your schedule and come to that one.
- 7) Please keep our VBS ministry in your prayers. Pray for the children who are coming (many of whom are not from our congregation), pray for our volunteers, pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work!

I appreciate all of your support for this important ministry. It is such a blessing that we welcome children and help them create wonderful foundations and memories of faith and church.

If you have any questions about our VBS ministry, please feel free to let me know! In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone "At the Farm!"

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy

*As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him*

## Service Committee

The Northern Nevada Food Bank barrel is back and located in the vestibule. Your continued support is appreciated.

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.

## Wednesday afternoon Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study is moving through Exodus, learning the significance of the parts of the tabernacle and all the shadows of Jesus in it. Continuing our journey through the desert. Getting ready to build the tabernacle (and the golden calf - oops). Come join us for the journey!

Note: On 6/28 we will have class by Zoom ONLY due to Vacation Bible School that week. Otherwise, we meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm-2:40pm 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

## Fellowship Committee News

The Annual Church Picnic on May 21st was a big success. Thank you EVERYONE. Lots of delicious food and fellowship. Also, thanks to those who helped with the set-up and clean-up - many hands make light work.

## Sewing Class for Kids



The quilt group is offering a sewing class for kids. They will be making pajama/lounge pants. They will learn to cut out the pants from a pattern, to sew up the seams, to run elastic through the top, and how to hem the bottom. Sewing is a skill that will they can rely on for the rest of their lives. We will be offering this class on Friday, July 7 at 9:00. Please see Diane Torry or Sandi Christman if you are interested. There is one seat/sewing machine left in the class.

## Music Program News

The music program will be performing a concert on Sunday 7/16 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 1:30pm-3pm. 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.



## Close Knit Friends News

The past few months, **Close Knit Friends** faced a multitude of requests for items of warmth and comfort from several local organizations. The cold and snowy winter months lasted longer than usual this year so more hats, scarves, socks, mittens, blankets, shawls, and coats were needed. **Close Knit Friends** asked the congregation and the quilters if they could help us meet some of these requests. The response was extraordinary! Over **1,000** handmade and donated items were collected and delivered between January and April to the *Women and Children's Center of the Sierra, Marvel Way Complex, Ronald McDonald House, Women Veterans Program, and Catholic Charities*. Thank you, Holy Cross! You are a generous and supportive partner to us and the community! Proverbs 3:27 reads, "*Don't hold back good from those who are worthy of it. Don't hold it back when you can help.*" What a wonderful witness of kindness and generosity to experience!

In June, **Close Knit Friends** will be working on baby blankets, booties, hats for the *Women Veterans Baby Shower*. We are also providing purple baby hats for the *Shaken Baby Syndrome* to bring awareness of the dangers of shaking a crying baby. If you'd like to learn a new craft or improve your skills, please stop by our Monday, June 12 or our Monday, June 26 gatherings at 1pm. Our summer schedule may have a few changes so be sure to check with the church office or call Peggy Whitney 775-622-0128. Donations of washable yarn, preferably acrylic, cotton, or blend are appreciated. Our recipients ask to avoid using wool due to sensitivities. If you prefer, you can make items at home. We offer patterns of our projects and yarn is available. Please see Peggy at the Sunday service or call for more information.

## Quilt Group News

Lutheran World Relief is delivering quilts to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Our Quilts are a Ministry of love to these Ukrainian families.

Several weeks ago, Sandi Christman saw a news story about LWR delivering quilts to Ukraine, and she recognized a quilt with fabric that we have used to make LWR quilts at Holy Cross. We believe that our quilts are reaching those in need in Ukraine.

### From a recent LWR quilt newsletter:

"Kamins'ka and her son Svaitoslav found a place to stay in a health facility turned housing center for internally displaced Ukrainians—in the west of the country. LWR recently held a quilt distribution there, thanks to the love and support of donors like you. Residents receive the quilts with joy and appreciation. They have so very little and such generosity makes them feel like the community is welcoming them with "open arms."

"Since 2022 Lutheran World Relief has been continuously supporting six centers in Ukraine, sheltering families fleeing bombs, violence, and uncertainty. In total, we are subsidizing the cost of emergency housing for more than 15,000 people. Most arrive with only the clothing on their backs. The quilts that you so lovingly make surround our neighbors in these centers with just some of the physical comforts only home can provide."

We are blessed to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

Come join us—Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. There is something for everyone to do! All are welcome!

# 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, guilty, 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**

## 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.

## Shared Harvest

20 crackers  
42 chili

**Please bring your donations to the church by June 20th.**

**Contact Veralyn Combs with questions:**

[veralyncombs45@gmail.com](mailto:veralyncombs45@gmail.com)



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

| <u>June 4, 2023</u>  | <u>Communion Assistant</u> | <u>Lector</u>  | <u>Ushers</u>                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 9:30 am              | Sue Volinkaty              | Abigail Morris | Joan Julius/Madeline Murray   |
| <u>June 11, 2023</u> |                            |                |                               |
| 9:30 am              | Pat Clem                   | Lani Moss      | Sandi Christman/Veralyn Combs |
| <u>June 18, 2023</u> |                            |                |                               |
| 9:30 am              | Linda Schlosser            | Orlyn Schenk   | Jim Alanko/Paula Featherston  |
| <u>June 25, 2023</u> |                            |                |                               |
| 9:30 am              | Paula Featherstone         | Richard Eggers | Jan Looney/Carol Ritter       |

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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

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24 | 5PM



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**PRAYERS**  
*During May*

Birdie Vario  
Linda Puckett and family  
Heather Drew  
Becky Bradley  
Tom Murray - Gail Nemy's friend  
Liam Bonnet  
Shepard - 3 yr-old boy  
Erin - Kelly Meseberg's friend  
Debbie - Linn Bleggi's friend  
Kathy Barcaskey




**HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Clyde Evert 6/3            | Emmy Rae Ferencik 6/11 |
| John Edman 6/4             | Lawrence Ritter 6/12   |
| Karen Kennedy-Weisbrot 6/4 | Richard Eggers 6/20    |
| Sandi Christman 6/4        | Madison Carper 6/25    |
| Kendra Ramirez 6/8         | Jeff Sorge 6/28        |
| Marianna Ramirez 6/8       | Charlie Vinopal 6/29   |
| Hailey Colosimo 6/9        | Janice Felix 6/29      |
| Beverly Olson 6/10         | Kayla Kunze 6/30       |



## Senior Lunch

The Senior Lunch will be held on Wednesday the 21st of June at 11:30 am. Since this will be the last one until we meet in September it will be a Pot Luck. Have a great summer.



## Supporting Aging Seniors: Hospice Care and Memorial & Funeral Planning A Senior Transitions Program

This one day program is offered Tuesday June 20, 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](mailto:holycrossreno@gmail.com), or Program Coordinator Diane Torry [dbtorry@att.net](mailto:dbtorry@att.net) Or sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex.



## Council Report for May 2023

Greetings!

Just a brief recap of our May Council Meeting. We were shown a possible mural design by Jan Looney. With this in mind, we are asking for donated painting supplies. We are looking for paint (primary colors) rollers, brushes, and drop clothes. This mural will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jan will also be looking for volunteers to help her paint the mural. Look for sign up sheets in the Narthex soon.

As a council, we decided to participate in the Gay Pride Parade Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is one way of putting our draft Welcoming and Affirming Statement into practice. If you would like to help man the booth on this day, please contact Katie Torry.

We are making plans for our semi-annual meeting. This meeting will be a review of our finances and discussing the Welcoming and Affirming Statement. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, after 9:30 worship.

The Welcoming and Affirming Statement is included in this newsletter. Please look for the statement along with some frequently asked questions. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Laurel Lindstrom, Lani Moss or Katie Torry

We are still looking for Synod Assembly Voting Members. There is a conference meeting by Zoom Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> that we are encouraging you to attend. The whole synod assembly is scheduled for September 15-17 in Burlingame, CA. If you would like to be a voting member, please see Pastor Kathy or Katie Torry.

The awning is almost done! We are just waiting for the rock wrap-around and the down spout. This should be done soon. Thank you all for your patience as we finish up this project.

Finally, I just want to give a huge shout out to the members of Holy Cross. Your faithfulness to our church and community is truly special!

**Have a blessed month!**

**Katie Torry**

**Council President**



# June 2023

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                       |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 28   | 29  | 30   | 31  | 1   | 2   | 3                              |
|  |   | Office Hours<br>Tuesday-Friday<br>10 am – 3 pm                                 |   | 9:30 am Quilting<br>1 pm Quilting<br>3 pm Finance Committee<br>6 pm Girl Scouts | 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero                     |                                |
| 4  | 5   | 6  | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                             |
| 9:30 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>1 pm Tongan Church<br>5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 6 pm HDH<br>6:30 pm Bible/Book Study  | 7 pm Casa Del Alfarero   | 1:30 pm Bible Study<br>2:30 pm Community Fellowship<br>6 pm Sierra High Notes Rehearsal | 9:30 am Quilting<br>1 pm Quilting<br>6 pm Sierra High Notes Rehearsal           | 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero                     | 7 pm Sierra High Notes Concert |
| 11   | 12  | 13   | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                             |
| 9:30 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>1 pm Tongan Church<br>5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 1 pm Close Knit Friends<br>6 pm HDH<br>6:30 pm Bible/Book Study                     | 5:30 pm Council Gathering<br>5:45 pm Council Meeting<br>7 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 1:30 pm Bible Study   | 9:30 am Quilting<br>1 pm Quilting   | 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero                     |                                |
| 18   | 19  | 20   | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                             |
| 9:30 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>1 pm Tongan Church<br>5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | <b>Juneteenth</b><br>6 pm HDH<br>6:30 pm Bible/Book Study                           | 10 am Seniors in Transition<br>7 pm Casa Del Alfarero                          | 12 pm Senior Lunch<br>1:30 pm Bible Study   | 9:30 am Quilting<br>1 pm Quilting   | 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero                     | 5 pm Family Movie Night        |
| 25   | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | 1                              |
| 9:30 am Family Worship<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>1 pm Tongan Church<br>5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 9 am – 12 pm VBS<br>1 pm Close Knit Friends<br>6 pm HDH<br>6:30 pm Bible/Book Study | 9 am – 12 pm VBS<br>7 pm Casa Del Alfarero                                     | 9 am – 12 pm VBS<br>1:30 pm Bible Study by Zoom only                                    | 9 am – 12 pm VBS  | 9 am – 12 pm VBS<br>7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero |                                |