

The background of the newsletter header features a photograph of a church interior. In the center is an altar with a white cloth, a green stole, an open book, and a single lit candle. Behind the altar is a wooden panel with a floral arrangement. On either side of the altar are tall, thin candles in black holders. The background is framed by colorful stained glass windows with abstract and figurative designs in shades of blue, green, and white.

Official Newsletter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church **CROSSROADS**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this as I'm coming down from the crazy good busyness of last weeks' Vacation Bible School. Our theme was "Under the Big Top of God's Love" and we learned throughout the week about some circus performers, and we connected them to God's people in the Bible. The Ring Leader, who gathers and welcomes everyone like Jesus did, The Fire Show, who reminds us that God is mighty and powerful, like the prophet Elijah, The Lion Tamer who trusts in God, like Daniel, the Strong Man, who gets his strength from God, like Samson, and the clown who spreads love and joy, like Paul. (And while not everyone likes clowns, not everyone wanted to hear Paul's message.).

Each day throughout the week, we asked the kids what their favorite part was and usually, it was a mix of things – snack, games, snacks, crafts, snacks, science, snacks, water days, did I say snack? It came up a lot last week as the kids seemed to really enjoy the work of our kitchen crew. The weeks is busy and full, and I've been told that more than one of our volunteers and helpers went home and took naps some days.

My journey with Vacation Bible School goes back to my childhood as I remember going, and then as a teenager, it was one of the first places where I got to really do ministry and it's a place where I was able to grow and develop leadership skills. This year was our fourth year of doing Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross, and what's become a really special side benefit is to watch some of our youth who came as campers that first year or two grow as they have become helpers. We end up not just planting seeds in the children who attend, but we're also planting seeds of ministry skills and leadership in our youth. It really is a miraculous thing to see.

I want to thank you all for your help, your generosity, your donations, your prayers, your encouragement and your excitement as you have supported another year of our Vacation Bible School ministry. You are a blessing to me, to the church, to our children and our youth and I am so grateful for all of you.

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by Pastor Kathy Morris

While we were at the circus this year, it seems that next year we may be journeying to the “final frontier”... space. We'll be announcing our blast off dates soon!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kathy Morris

Music News

by Becky Bradley

Is your talent dramatic reading? We're still looking for people who would like to provide a special during these summer months, whether musical or a dramatic reading of a poem or however you can contribute. Show us your stuff and offer your talent to the Lord. This opportunity is actually available at any time during the year, but particularly during the summer when Choir is on break. Contact Brittney or Becky - we'll find a place for you in whatever capacity.

Youth Group

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Join us Sunday, July 21 after church for a special project, some pizza, Gaga Ball and more! We'll have some fun hanging out and being together! Let Pastor Kathy know if you can attend!

Service Committee News

by Linda Schlosser

The Back-to-School Supply Drive for the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra has officially started! Your contributions can make a big difference in helping children start the school year off right. Visit their [Amazon Wishlist Link](#) to choose the supplies you would like to donate. All items selected will be shipped directly to the center, making it easy to support this important cause. Together, we can make a positive impact in our community. Your donations will make a big difference. Thank you for your generosity! July 19th at 5 pm is our deadline for back-to-school donations.

Community Donation Drive We need your help to support Eddy House and our local schools! How to Help: Visit our Giving Tree. Choose an item you'd like to donate. Sign up on the sheet to indicate your donation. For the **Eddy House** (Shelf-stable snacks and drinks)

- * Jerky (individual packs)
- * Crackers (peanut butter, etc.)
- * Gatorade
- * Juice
- * Granola Bars
- * Nuts
- * Popcorn (individual packs)
- * Laundry pods

For **Local Schools**: Reams of white paper 8.5 x 11





ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE



CRAFT TIME



KITCHEN CREW





Eddy House Donations

Suggested items:

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED	• Gatorade
• Jerky	• Juice
• Crackers (Peanut Butter)	• Nuts
• Rice Crispy Treats	• Popcorn
• Granola Bars	• Laundry Pods

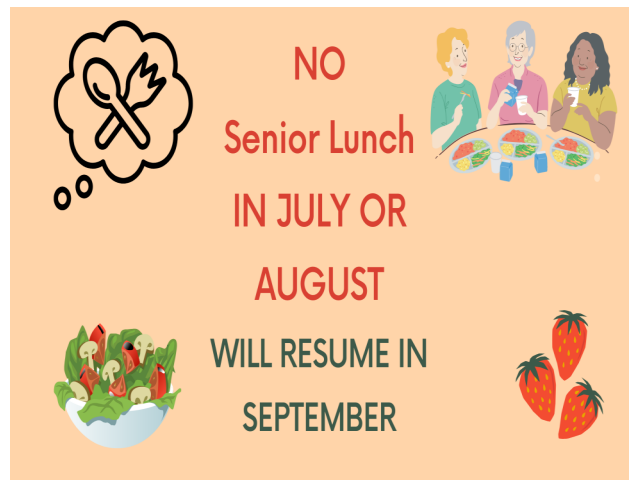
2024



Giving Tree
SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

Reams of white paper
8.5x11

Your donations will make a big difference. Thank you for your generosity!



NO
Senior Lunch
IN JULY OR
AUGUST
WILL RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER



Shared Harvest

of JULY

MONTH

Thank you for your continued support

- Peanut butter (28)
- Canned Fruit (40)
- Soup (14)
- Disposable razors



PRIDE PARADE SEPTEMBER 7TH

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Are you ready to volunteer?

If you are interested in contributing to the planning committee or volunteering on the day of the event please contact Katie Torry as soon as possible



Wednesday Bible Study

By Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study is studying Deuteronomy, Moses's last words and review of The Law to the 2nd generation before they enter the land of milk and honey.

When we meet, it's 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 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



Prayer Requests

PEGGY INCE
BECKY BRADLEY
LACEY FISHER (LANAI'S DAUGHTER)
FRED & KAREN FORD
DOTTIE HINES
BARBARA (FRAN MOSES' SISTER)
SUE BORTON'S COUSIN BOB'S FAMILY
JOAN JULIUS
ELIZABETH HAIL
WIB NAMESTKA
GAYLE'S MOM (CAROL RITTER'S FRIEND)
NANCY (RICHARD EGGER'S AUNT)
RICHARD EGGERS & JUAN MONGE-ONTIVEROS



Quilt Group News

By Diane Torry

The Third Annual Artown Quilt and Music Show is Sunday July 14! 12:30 to 3:30 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! Remember to vote for your favorite quilt.

There will be an “opportunity quilt” for raffle, the quilt top was pieced by Gertie Ritterbey and donated to Holy Cross by her daughter Tia Cobb.



Holy Cross quilters completed the quilt and Margie Smith longarm quilted this masterpiece.

A “treasurer’s table” will have fun and useful quilting and needlework 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.

Enter your quilt into the show! Talk to any member of the quilt group or the church office to obtain a Registration Form—we would love to have the registration forms in hand by June 30!

Close Knit Friends

By Peggy Whitney

This is a busy month for **Close Knit Friends** and we hope you will join us. We gather on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, July 8 and July 22 at 1pm to knit and crochet items of warmth and comfort for local organizations. All skills welcome! Currently, we are working on baby blankets for *Women and Children's Center of the Sierra*, hats for infants through age 5 for *Marvel Way Complex* and over 100 hat/scarf sets for school age students up to age 15 and adults also for *Marvel Way Complex*. We could use your help! See Peggy Whitney for more information or call (775-622-0128).

Close Knit Friends will be participating in the **Quilt & Music Show** at Holy Cross on Sunday, July 14. Come see samples of our mission work. Last, but not least, we will have a workshop on Monday, July 29 at 1pm at the church to work on hats, scarves, and *Octopus for Preemies* for *Renown's NICU*. Come keep cool with knitters and crocheters. Bring hooks and/or needles and your favorite pattern. We have yarn for these projects. We must use 100% cotton for the Octopus and you must be able to read a crochet pattern. Check out our new display ladder in the Fellowship Hall! This month we plan to display shawls for the *Women Veterans Program*. We appreciate our veterans!

ARTOWN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Set-Up Crew: Help arrange tables, set up displays, and prepare the venue before the event starts.
- Greeters: Welcome visitors with a warm smile, provide directions, and hand out event materials.
- Visitor Engagement: Interact with attendees, answer questions, and assist with activities.

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX



SCENES FROM THE CARNIVAL



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CROSSROADS JULY 2024

RUMMAGE SALE



September 14, 2004!!

By Diane Torry

Time to begin “cleaning the closets and garage” !!

We will have our 3rd Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday September 14.

Donations will be accepted the week before (September 8th) — (our storage capacity is limited).

Tell your friends and neighbors of this great opportunity to donate their gently used items and treasures to a good cause and then come and shop at the “Best Old Fashioned Church Rummage Sale”.

Volunteers are also needed for set up and to work the sale day. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

August 18, 2024

MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE



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CROSSROADS JULY 2024

COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Holy Cross Family:

Welcome to Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather but is keeping cool at the same time.

This meeting we spent a lot of time talking about the security grant that was sent into the state. We now know that our grant passed the state and has been forwarded to the federal government. We are hopeful! We should know more in October.

I would like to take this time to thank Jody Morrison and Robin Peri for working on the church audit of our finances. We have a few recommendations to work on, but according to our treasurer, Diane Torry, it was a clean audit.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

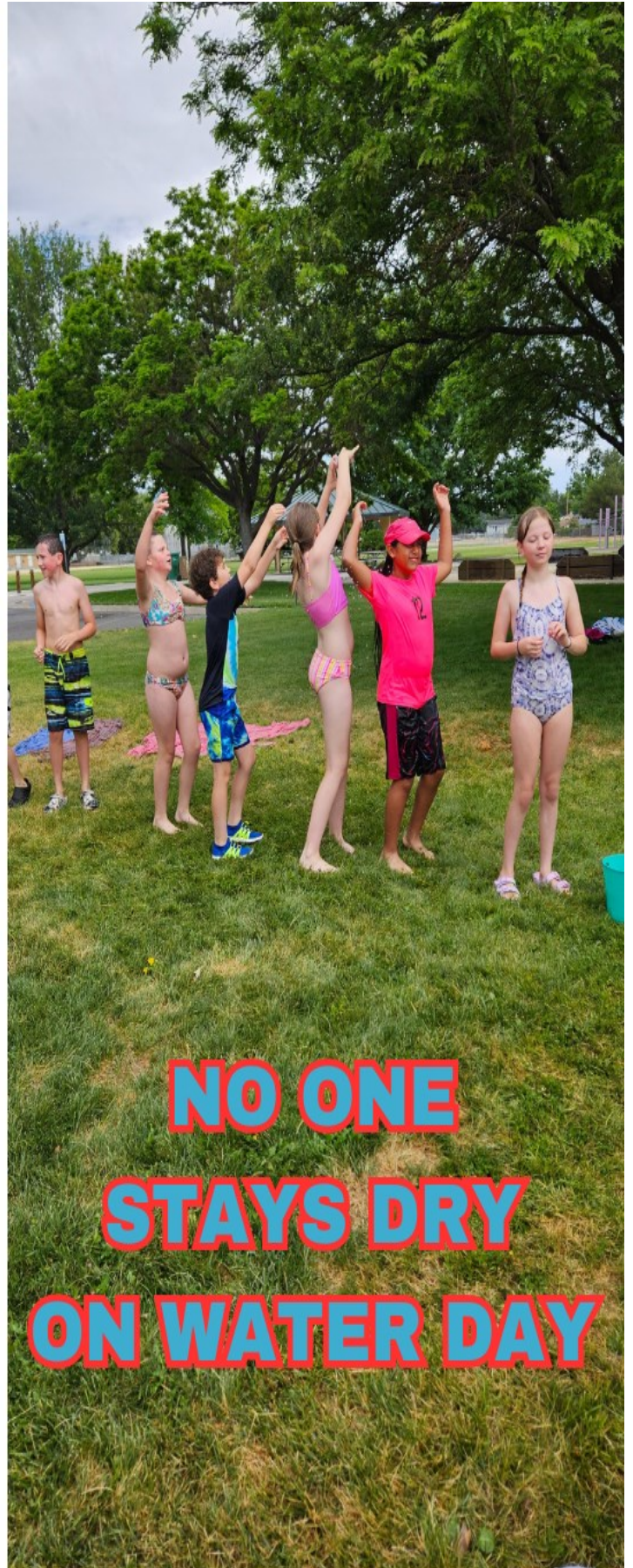
- ♦ **Sunday, July 14**, is our Artown Quilt and Music Program. Quilt show will be open for viewing at 12:30 pm with the music portion starting at 1:00 pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, August 18** will we be having our semi-annual congregational meeting as has been the practice for several years. We will be going over our financial statements so far this year.
- ♦ **Saturday, September 7** Holy Cross will sponsor a booth at the Pride Parade. Watch for further details as we get closer to this date.
- ♦ **Saturday, September 14** will be our annual Rummage Sale. Donations may be brought in starting on Sunday, September 8.

I am looking forward to this summer with the Holy Cross Family worshipping together at one service.

Have a fun and safe July!

Peace and Blessings,
Katie Torry
Council President





JULY 2024



Happy 4th of July

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

6 pm High Desert Harmony

1

7 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1:30 pm Bible Study

3

Church Office Closed

9 am Quilting

4

Church Office Closed

7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

5

6

9:30 am Family Worship
1 pm Siasi Tonga Houeiki
5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

7

1 pm Close Knit Friends
6 pm High Desert Harmony

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7 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1:30 pm Bible Study

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9 am Quilting

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7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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9:30 am Family Worship
12:30 pm Artown
5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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6 pm High Desert Harmony

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7 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1:30 pm Bible Study

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9 am Quilting

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7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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6 pm High Desert Harmony

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7 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1:30 pm Bible Study

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9 am Quilting

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5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1 pm Close Knit Friends Workshop
6 pm High Desert Harmony

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7 pm Casa Del Alfarero

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1:30 pm Bible Study

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