



Dear Friends,

I always get excited when it's time for Confirmation Sunday. This year, we will be celebrating Confirmation Sunday on May 19, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday.

As you may remember, Pentecost is the day that we remember the rush of wind and the tongues of fire that come upon the early apostles and fills them with the Holy Spirit in Acts. Simon Peter then stands, preaches and thousands of people hear him and come to believe in Jesus. It is the birth of the Christian church.

We have two kids who will be getting confirmed, and part of the service is a prayer that the Holy Spirit will be stirred up in them. Confirmation is an ancient ritual that Lutherans and other denominations have been doing for hundreds of years. In our Lutheran tradition, we often baptize children at a young age and their parents make promises to God on their behalf, and while the promises of parents don't stop, when young people confirm their faith or participate in the official rite of the "Affirmation of Baptism", they take on the promises for themselves. They make the promises to: "live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, following the example of Jesus and strive for justice and peace." (ELW pg. 236)

These are mighty big promises to ask kids that are about to go into high school, but the truth is that many of us made these same promises (or some very similar) back in our youth. These are the same promises that we ask new members to make. It's important to remember that when we make them, we don't have to have every detail of our faith figured out. We know that life is still unfolding for our young people. We know there will still be doubts and questions, but confirmation Sunday is about remembering that each of us and especially our young people are God's beloved children, created to be unique and precious, living in forgiveness that we find through Christ Jesus and being helped and guided with the Holy Spirit.

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by Pastor Kathy Morris

Confirmation Sunday is May 19 at our 10:30 service, all are invited to come and celebrate with Hailey and Nathan. We encourage you to wear red, the color of Pentecost, a reminder of the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and through us as God's love comes to the world.

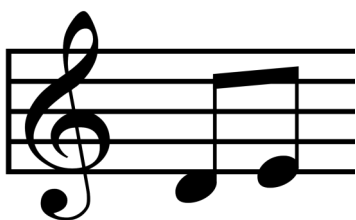
Love in Christ,  
Pastor Kathy Morris

## Music News

by Becky Bradley

Once again, Wib Namestka has served the choir and church well with his creative design and quality workmanship. The choir has been enjoying our new leather choral folders, but they didn't fit into our choir shelves like the old ones. Wib designed and made individual slots for ease in locating our folders in the choir room. Thanks, Wib! We appreciate your willingness to serve our congregation in these projects that are behind the scenes but are so central to making our choir work smoothly.

We're heading in to May, the final month that choir sings during the regular year. We're finalizing the schedule now, but our last Sunday to be worshipping in two services will be 5/19. And then we begin to prepare for the concert that is in conjunction with the quilt show for Artown 7/14.



## Community Dinner—May 4th

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Some of you have heard us promoting a Community Dinner on May 4 and may be wondering what that is about.

Over a year ago, the church council started talking about ways that we might meet some needs for people in our local community and we wondered if hosting a free dinner would be something that would be helpful to families and people in our community. We did a fundraiser last summer called "Poker for a Cause" to raise some seed money and looked to our very busy calendar and finally found a day (May 4) that works. Honestly, we aren't exactly sure what's going to happen. We don't know if we're going to get a lot of people or a few. We don't exactly know if this is something that will resonate with our community, but we thought we'd try it and see what happens. Our plan is to have some additional resources available for people and our hope is that it is something that will grow, but we will see. We will be excited to tell you what happens after the event.

By all means, the congregation is invited to come and have dinner and get to know our neighbors. Dinner will be from 4-6 on Saturday, May 4. If you have any questions about it, please talk with Pastor Kathy, Peggy Ince, Katie Torry or anyone else from the Church council. Thank you!



## “THE CHOSEN” Discussion Group

by Pastor Kathy Morris



Join us Tuesday Nights, May 7, 21, 28 we are watch and discuss Season 2 of The Chosen. It's a fascinating series that has made us wonder about what life was like for Jesus and the disciples and we have gained a lot from the conversation we have after watching each episode. We'll be watching episodes 4, 5, and 6. All are welcome!

## Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Join us Monday Nights for our **Zoom Bible Study** at 6:30pm as we take a look at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday! We **won't** be meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911569919?pwd=VUM1SUdoeWdnSnM1WUZva0dQdzBidz09> Meeting ID: 849 1156 9919, Passcode: 113211 One tap mobile: +16699006833,,84911569919#,,, \*113211# US (San Jose)

## Wednesday Bible Study

By Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study is almost through the book of Numbers. It's been 40 years in the desert and we're almost there! Come join us - lots of stories and information they didn't teach us in Sunday School, and the conflicts still continue today.

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](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=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09> Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098 Passcode: 050344



# Shared Harvest

Thank you  
for your  
continued support

(20) Cereal  
(40) Canned Fruit  
(30) Soup  
Shampoo  
Conditioner

**MONTH**  
of May



Crossroads May 2024



## Vacation Bible School News

Enrollment is OPEN!

June 24-28 from 9am-noon

If you are planning to have your kids attend Vacation Bible School, please register them using the link:

We'll be having a Vacation Bible School Planning meeting on May 8 and 5:30pm. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you are planning to help during the week of Vacation Bible School, June 24-28 from 9am-noon.

You can use this link to register:

<https://form.jotform.com/220266697951163>

Or scan the QR Code on the picture.



**UNDER THE BIG TOP OF GOD'S LOVE**  
**VBS 2024**

**JUNE 24-28**  
**9AM-NOON**

You can use this link to register:  
<https://form.jotform.com/220266697951163>

VBS is designed for kids who have completed pre-school - 5th grade.  
(Youth in middle school and high school are invited to help volunteer).

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## Youth News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Grades 6-12, join us on Friday night, May 17 for Roller Skating at Roller Kingdom! For those who need a ride, we'll meet at the church at 5:30 and join the evening session at 6pm. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you are able to come!

Youth we are also looking for help with Vacation Bible School, so please let Pastor Kathy know if you are able to help!

Our confirmation program has finished its work for the year, classes will resume at the end of August! We congratulate Hailey and Nathan who will be confirmed on May 19 at our 10:30 service!

We will be celebrating our graduates in worship on June 2! Please send graduation photos to Lanai by May 24 so we can include them in the June newsletter and in our worship service.

## Summer Worship Schedule Begins on May 26

by Pastor Kathy Morris

We will have one service at 9:30 from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend!

On Memorial Day weekend, we invite you to come a little early to worship as we will be including a special Memorial Remembrance for our fallen soldiers.





# MAY

## Birthdays

5/01 Ashleigh Faulstich

5/02 Wib Namestka

5/02 Fred Barnhart

5/09 Carole Evert

5/10 Tyson Rains

5/15 Michael Ross

5/18 Linkin Braunel

5/19 Bruno Peri

5/20 Robin Peri

5/20 Brittney May

5/29 Jeffrey Morris

5/30 Marla Hoole-Vinopal



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Joe - Jeff Morris' Uncle and Joe's Family

Barb Kramer

Mike Wood

Raymond - Carol Ritter's Son-In-Law

Doug and Ann

Jan Schultz

Helen Thompson

Lola Monge Ontiveros

Anthony Felix

Sara Hicks

Vin - Laurel's Nephew

US Military in Kuwait

Mikey - Katie Torry's Friend

Pat Schlosser

Sandi Holman's - Son and His Best Friend

Sue Borton



## Senior Lunch



May 15, 2024

12 noon



Bring a sack lunch and join us for a delightful time of fellowship!

We hope to have a speaker so join us for an exciting time.

Reno ART Town  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Quilt Show  
Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 12:30—3:30 pm  
4895 South McCarran Blvd.  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-827-4822

**Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Quilt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pattern/Designer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pieced/Applied by: \_\_\_\_\_ Quilted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry Narrative: 30 words or less; please PRINT clearly. Tell the story of your quilt. The Quilt Show committee reserves the right to edit if necessary. Please acknowledge all quilters in your story.  
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Please check one: Images of my quilt can be used on the HCLC website and Facebook pages. ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Instructions and Rules**

1. Submit a completed registration form for each entry no later than June 30, 2024. Send or hand deliver to Holy Cross Lutheran Church Office:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Quilt Show  
Attn: Diane Torry or Sandi Christman  
4895 South McCarran Blvd.  
Reno, NV 89512

2. All quilts must have a label with the person's name and telephone number securely sewn or safety pinned to the back of the quilt.
3. While precautions will be taken to protect your entry, Holy Cross Lutheran Church cannot be held liable for any loss or damage to your Quilt Show entry.
4. Please deliver all entries to Holy Cross Lutheran Church on or before Saturday, July 13-- 9:00-10:00 am.
5. Quilts will be available for pick-up at approximately 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 14.

**I have read and understand the instructions and rules contained in the registration form.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Service Committee News

By Linda Schlosser

- ♦ We want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for supporting ELCA GOOD GIFTS BARNYARD ANIMALS. Together we raised \$500.00!!! Your gifts we will help break the cycle of hunger and poverty, as well as, provide hope for families in need.
- ♦ June through August – Panty items for Eddy House, school supplies for the Women and Children's Center, and reams of paper for our community schools.

## Fellowship Committee News

By Linda Schlosser

- ♦ Annual Picnic – June 2 - Sign-up sheet for sides and attendance located in the narthex.
- ♦ Faith Night – Reno Aces – August 9, 2024. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Firm commitment does not need to be done until three weeks prior to the games.



## Close Knit Friends

By Peggy Whitney

**Close Knit Friends** finished the month of April by donating over **160** baby blankets, hats, booties, and women's shawls to the *Women Veterans Program* (WVP) at the VA. This month the WVP is hosting a baby shower for **35** moms-to-be and new moms. For many of these veterans, this is the only baby shower they will have. Tote bags will be filled with hand-knitted and crocheted items, parenting information, infant care information, and necessities. According to the WVP manager, the handmade items are the favorite part of the shower and the women are touched that a stranger would make something so special for their little ones. **Close Knit Friends** is thrilled to be able to provide our service women with a heartfelt gift.

You are invited to join **Close Knit Friends** on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 1 pm. This month we will only meet on Monday, May 13 because the 4th Monday is Memorial Day. All skills invited! We have projects for beginners and experts. Join this faith-based ministry and bring some warmth and comfort to our neighbors in need. See Becky Bradley, Cheryl Eckert, or Peggy Whitney for more information.



## Quilt Group News

By Diane Torry

Our quilt donations to Lutheran World Relief support our neighbors in Ukraine. In a recent LWR newsletter we heard about those receiving quilts. Natalia shared: "This quilt is very important to us. Everything is destroyed, so at least we can cover ourselves. Thank you for not forgetting us". The handcrafted quilt wrapped Natalia in warmth and love when she needed it most. "Nadia and her two-year-old son Kyrylo were forced to flee their home when Russia invaded Ukraine. When they lost everything, your loving support delivered a warm quilt and lifesaving essential supplies." Lutheran World Relief has delivered over 60,000 mission quilts to the displaced Ukrainian people. Holy Cross Quilters are blessed to make and give quilts to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.



Nellie Namestka stopped by in April to show us the beautiful quilts she has completed. She had them long arm quilted by Margie Smith. Nellie's work is spectacular. She is a fabric artist. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing her beautiful quilts. She has agreed to enter them into our July 14 Artown Quilt Show.

If you would like to enter a quilt in the Artown Quilt show or have a friend who would like to show their quilts, let us know—entry forms for the July 14th show are now available from any quilter or in the Church office.

Mary Edmonds has been "spreading the fun" by teaching friends and neighbors at Fleur De Lis to crochet around the beautiful fleece we have received, making stunning blankets to be given to local agencies. This has sparked several of our quilt group members to learn "new skills". Check out Mary teaching Marla Vinopal how to crochet a blanket (or scarf) edge.

We are "hard at work" (sometimes with coffee and donuts) every Thursday. We would love to have you join us.



## COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Holy Cross Family,

Welcome to May and maybe warmer weather? I hope that this article finds you well.

As I reflect on the past month, I want to send out a special thank you to Becky, Brittney and all the musicians for their hard work during the Easter season. Their music added to the specialness of the season. Thank you!

I also want to thank Pat Schlosser and his crew for working on the garden boxes in April. They are ready for planting and looking for sponsors. If interested in hosting a box please see me or Pastor Kathy to get a box assigned to you. The cost is \$25 for the water used during the growing season.

Our first Community Dinner is on Saturday, May 4th. We need help in setting up, during the event and cleaning up. During this time, we hope to meet our neighbors and gather ideas about how we can best support them. Please reach out to Peggy Ince for further details.

We are also sponsoring a rock painting event on Saturday, May 4th from 11 am – 1 pm. All supplies are provided. The cost is \$15 for each person, but scholarships are available. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Finally, we need 2 delegates to go to Synod Assembly in Fresno June 7-9. Please see Pastor Kathy if you are interested in going to represent our congregation.

Peace and Blessings,

Katie Torry

Council President



NATIONAL DAY OF  
**PRAYER**

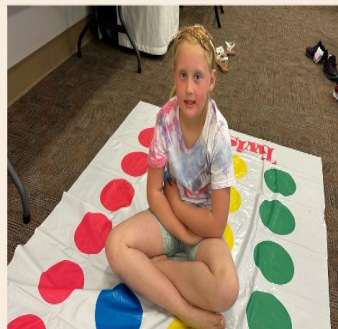
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# Family Game Night 4.20.2024







Q-Tip Wars, Marshmallow Drop & a make-shift Gagaball Court made for a fun Crazy Game Night for our Youth!

# MAY 2024

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