

Official Newsletter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church

CROSSROADS

April 2025



Dear Friends,

We are just about halfway through the season of Lent, and we continue to make our way through the alphabet as we have been discovering the A, B, C's of the Bible, the people, places, and themes that maybe we hadn't thought about in a while. We've made it through the Old Testament, and now we look to spend the rest of Lent with people, places, and themes from the New Testament.

I want to remind you that we've got Soup Suppers and Worship on Wednesday evenings, April 2 & 9, with soup being served around 5:30 pm and worship starting at 6:30 pm and we've been enjoying using the Holden Evening Prayer service for worship.

As we approach Holy Week, I encourage you all to take some time and walk through the week with us. We have some very special worship services planned.

Sunday, April 13, is Palm/Passion Sunday, where we will begin our worship services outside with a procession of palms and then move through the story of Jesus' passion. Our choir will be singing at both services. Following the 10:30 am service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. If you would like to donate eggs or treats, please bring them to the church by Saturday, April 12, at 9 am.

Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm, we will have a Maundy Thursday service to remember the Last Supper and the last bit of teaching Jesus did with his disciples. We'll have communion.

Friday, April 18, is Good Friday, and there are two services planned, both will focus on the last words Jesus spoke from the cross. One will be at noon and the other at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, April 20, is Easter Sunday. Sunrise Service will be at Windy Hill at 6 am. Traditional Worship Services will be at the church at 9 am and 10:30 am.

We hope that you will be able to come and walk through this important week with us.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy

Crossroads April 2025

Vacation Bible School News

Enrollment is OPEN!

June 23-27 from 9am-noon

We are looking forward to a great week of learning and fun for the kids and the volunteers. We will “Blast Off in Faith” June 23-27, from 9am-noon. Please spread the word and invite your family, friends and neighbors! If you are interested in volunteering, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

For those who are interested in planning VBS, we will be having a **planning meeting on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm**. By the end of April, we'll have a wish list of items that we'll need for the week, so please be on the lookout!

You can use this link to register:

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



BLAST OFF IN FAITH!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-27, 2025
9AM - NOON

For kids who have completed at least one year of pre-school through 5th grade

You may register online or by using QR code:
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Youth News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Sunday, April 6 – Youth come and join us as we build our teamwork with an Escape Room. We need everyone who is planning to come to let Pastor Kathy know by Friday, April 4. We'll have lunch at church before we head out. This is for youth in 6th -12th grades. Friends are welcome, but they have to sign up! Contact Pastor Kathy with questions.

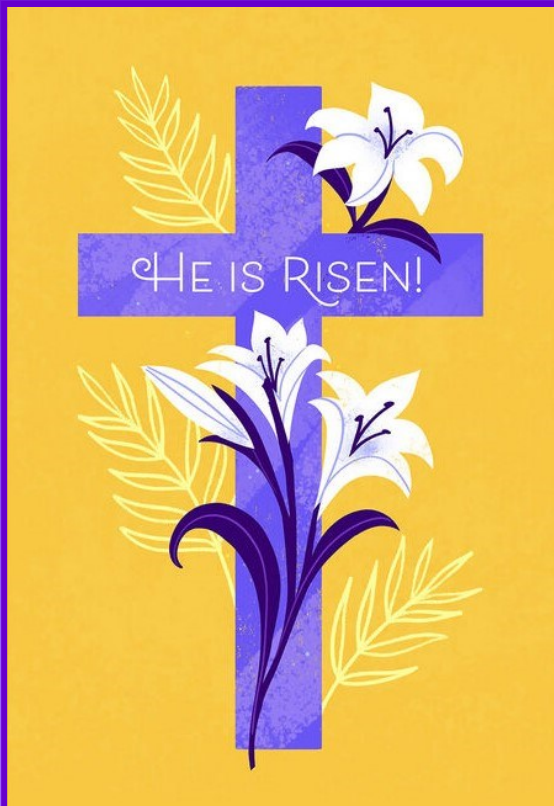
Confirmation Classes are soon wrapping up! We have two classes this month on Tuesday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 15. Classes start at 4:30pm.



Music News

By Becky Bradley

The choir is getting ready to finish up Lent and enter Holy Week. We will be singing the special on 4/6 at the 9am service. On Palm/Passion Sunday, we will be at both services for the special service taking us from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion in lessons and song. And then on Easter, the choir is joined by a brass quartet to help us celebrate The Resurrection at both services. We look forward to contributing our gift of music to make this time of the year especially meaningful for the congregation. We look forward to seeing you there!



Hello Holy Cross Family,

Here we are getting ready for Easter again! Lots of upcoming events to be aware of and getting ready for including a youth easter egg hunt, another full bellies, full minds potluck, and, of course, our Palm Sunday and Easter Services. Don't forget to please sign-up for our final soup supper and lenten service still happening every Wednesday after until Easter.

March was another month full of extra events for fellowship, including a youth pancake breakfast at the church, an intergenerational game night and a celebration of women's history with a full bellies, full minds potluck. Let us know if you would like to help out with future events or run one of your own!

Do you know who the council representative is for your committee? If not please reach out to me or any other member of the council to find out. As a church council we want to be sure that we are supporting all church systems, all church members, and our community at large. Please let your representative know if you need extra financial or person-power assistance, so that we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet in our community. Not on a committee? Talk to me or any council member if you want to help out with a committee or even start your own. Whether you have five minutes or five hours to give, we heavily value your time and contributions!

Spring has sprung! Breathe in that fresh warm air and take some time to smile in the sunshine.

Thank you to all members for continuing to show Christ's light in thought and action through this Lenten season. Let us all continue to be the hands and feet of the living Christ as we prepare to celebrate Easter!

With God's warmth and love,

Eric G.

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Pastor's Monday night Bible study will resume on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm. 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

We are finishing up our study of the book of Joshua as we see Joshua's leadership in organizing the Israelites in the land of milk and honey. And then the second phase of settlement begins as we move into the book of Judges.

Note: There is no Bible Study during Holy Week, 4/16.

We meet on each Wednesday afternoon (except 4/16) from 1:30pm-2:40pm in a "hybrid" format: we meet in person in the Fellowship Hall, but you can also join in by Zoom. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or becky485@gmail.com for more information.

1. Here is the Zoom information in case you need to join remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633009098?pwd=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

2. Or join us by a phone call to bypass needing the Zoom app:

Dial either number: 346 248 7799 or 669 444 9171

Enter the meeting ID: 896 3300 9098#

Then confirm the meeting ID: #



April Birthdays

4/03 - Abigail Morris
4/08 - Susan Volinkaty
4/09 - Jaydin Koch
4/13 - Mary Edman
4/26 - Torry Tegio
4/26 - Joey Ginnetti
4/27 - Karen Ford



Prayer List

Sue Roberson - Laurel's friend

Ellis Christman

Madeline Murray

Jan Schultz

Steve - Sandi's friend

Susie Mason - Sandi's friend

Anonymous person for healing from cancer

Marlene - Heather's grandmother

All those traveling for spring break

John - Tyler Wilson's friend

Laurel Lindstrom's brother

Orlyn Schenk's brother Terry

Service Committee News

By Linda Schlosser

Beginning March 2 through April 6, the Giving Tree will be in the Narthex supporting the ELCA Gold's Global Barnyard or as we call it – Buy a Chick. What happens when you buy a chick??

Help a family spread their wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, but they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world. Place your check or money donation in the envelope attached to the tree.

During the Spring (date TBD) we will also be collecting household items for the Marvel Way Complex (located directly across the street from the church). Marvel Way works in conjunction with the Empowerment Center to provide an affordable, sober living apartment complex for individuals and families, supporting homeless or financially changed individuals in recovery. More information will be provided soon.

Fellowship Upcoming Events

By Linda Schlosser

Mark your calendars!

June 1 – Annual Church Picnic

October 19 - Oktoberfest



Senior Transitions: Supporting Aging Seniors

By Diane Torry

What a great group of 20-plus members and friends who participated in the three-week Supporting Aging Seniors Program which concluded March 1. We were blessed with great speakers and engaged participants sharing information and talking about the issues, joys and challenges and decisions we face as we age. Together we learned and explored options for life transitions, helping us to maximize our independence.

A follow-up tour of 5 Star Senior Living was conducted on March 18. A follow-up one-day workshop on Hospice and Funeral Planning is tentatively scheduled for July---stay tuned for exact time and date.

Thank you to everyone who attended and all the speakers who shared their time and knowledge. A special thank you to Pastor Kathy who opened each session with prayer, deepening our prayer life.

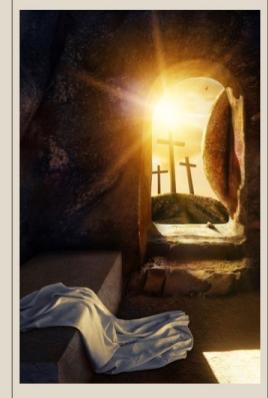
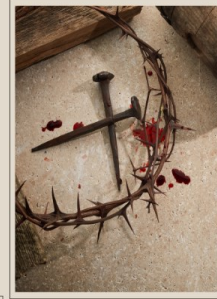
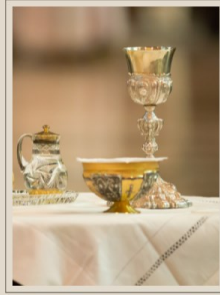
Diane Torry, Senior Transitions Coordinator

Close Knit Friends

By Peggy Whitney

This month as **Close Knit Friends** continues to serve the community with hand knitted and crochet hats, scarves, and blankets, we are celebrating fifteen years of ministry and mission. We are grateful for the wonderful privilege and honor to be used by God in His work. We are blessed to be in partnership with Holy Cross Lutheran Church with a safe and comfortable environment to work on our projects and join in fellowship. We appreciate Pastor Kathy, staff, Church Council, and the congregation for their support and encouragement. We thank the Holy Cross Quilters and the Service/Fellowship Committee for opportunities to work together on projects for our neighbors in need. The participation, talent, and skills of the many knitters and crocheters of the community who answer the call to serve in this ministry are the force that provides the items of warmth and comfort. Thank you to all for helping us represent the love and compassion of Christ to the individuals and families of our community facing homelessness, poverty, hospitalization, recovery from addiction, domestic violence, and trafficking.

Close Knit Friends meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month (April 14 and 28) at 1pm. We welcome you to join us or to pick up a DIY & Donate project in the white basket by our display ladder in the Fellowship Hall. Finished projects for donation to the local charities can be placed in the basket or in a bag underneath the ladder. Our deepest thanks to all! For more information or to donate yarn or funds for yarn, please see Peggy Whitney (775-622-0128).



Holy Week



Sunrise Service

April 20th

6am

Windy Hill Overlook

Palm Sunday

April 13th @ 9am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

April 17th @ 6:30pm

Good Friday

April 18th @ 12pm & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday

April 20th @ 9am & 10:30am

EASTER FLOWERS

Art Eggers - In memory of Roneé Eggers
Barbara Kramer - In memory of loved ones

Evelyn Goetz

Frank & Cathy Sheehan

Jackie Schomberg - In memory of Brother Steve

Jackie Schomberg - In memory of Sharon & Anna

James Alanko

Joan Julius - In memory of loved ones

Karen & Fred Ford - In memory of loved ones

Lani Moss

Mary Alice McGee

Sandi Christman - In memory of loved ones

The Barnhart's - In memory of our Parents/GrandParents

The Schlosser's - In memory of loved ones

Wib & Nel Namestka - In loving memory of loved ones

Quilt Group News

By Diane Torry

March 15 was National Quilting Day. Thank you to Pastor Kathy for her recognition of our Quilt Group's Work and the world wide work of Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief has been in "the quilt business" since 1945. This year we celebrate 80 years of helping our neighbors in need around the world.

Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 following World War II. Within the first three months of 1946, 2,260 bales of quilts, bedding and clothing were shipped to five countries in Europe. By March of 1946 there were an estimated 20,000 bales of bedding and clothing available and sent to war torn Europe from the LWR warehouse. This life saving ministry has grown significantly over the past 80 years. In 2024 LWR provided 371,000 quilts to 16 countries (including the United States). Holy Cross Quilters contributed 50 quilts to this effort. Holy Cross Quilters gave away over 300 quilts in 2024—most supporting people in need in our local community---9 local agencies, individuals and families.

In Luke 10, we are asked "who is my neighbor"? Our neighbor is anyone and everyone in need, no matter what. Our neighbor is whoever needs mercy, compassion and support. We are called to help. True, we can't help everyone, but Jesus isn't calling us to do that. God places the need on our hearts, in front of us, and calls us to respond with sacrificial love, our time, talents and resources. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we care deeply, go out of our way to act to help those we can.


Holy Cross Quilters are blessed to part of this work of Lutheran World Relief—who for 80 years have put our faith in God into action by loving and serving our neighbors, no matter how near or far. For 80 years quilters throughout this country in Lutheran Congregations have shopped for supplies, scoured thrift stores, hunted for bargains, spent countless hours sewing, assembling, tying and binding quilts.

For 80 years our combined love for others has been life-changing. Since 1945 our love has grown and expanded, reaching our neighbors whether they may be across the street or across the world. Thank you to all for sharing God's abundant love and compassion.

Holy Cross Quilters meet every Thursday—9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Come and join us!

Diane Torry





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Buildings & Grounds

By Cheryl Eckert

We are currently looking for individuals to join the Buildings and Grounds Committee. This committee plays a vital role in maintaining and improving our facilities, ensuring they remain safe, functional, and welcoming. If you're passionate about helping shape the future of our buildings and grounds, we invite you to attend our **upcoming meeting: Date: April 27th Time: 11:30 am**. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please join us!



APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
		1 430pm Confirmation Class 630pm VBS Planning 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	2 1:30pm Bible Study 230pm Community Fellowship	3 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting	4 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	5	Every Sunday: 1:30 pm Tongan Church 5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero
6 8am Choir 9am Family Worship 10:30am Worship Godly Play Youth Escape Room	7 4pm Zoom Study 6pm High Desert Harmony	8 5:45pm Council Meeting 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	9 12pm Senior Lunch 1:30pm Bible Study	10 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting	11 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	12 930am Choir 8am-5pm HDH in Fellowship Hall	
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