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Official Newsletter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church

From the Pastor's Pen

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Dear Friends,

Some of you may remember my Easter sermon where I shared that my teenage daughter challenged me to use some slang words that the younger generation is using. Well, the challenge has continued. She has dared me during the summer to include one word or phrase from the slang words, and she is going to give me that new word each week. However, there's a catch. I'm not supposed to draw attention to it, or tell you, the congregation what the word is, or what it means.

You may be able to tell because she'll burst out laughing because apparently when adults use the words the kids are using, it's funny, but if you can't figure it out what word or phrase it was, or what it means, you have to ask a teen or a young adult.

Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? Maybe so, but maybe more than that, it's opportunity. It's an opportunity to connect different generations to the good news of Jesus because maybe they'll hear it in a way that resonates with them. It's an opportunity for the youth to know we adults are listening to what they are saying, and we are trying to understand. It's an opportunity for different generations to engage in conversation with each other. Oh, and it's a way for me to guarantee my daughter will pay attention to the sermon... that's can't be a bad thing, right?

So yeah, I think I'm up for the challenge. So when random words pop up in the sermon, you can ask a younger person what they mean, although, I will say some of the words she's giving me aren't new. She just thinks they are.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sundays this summer at 9:30am!

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy

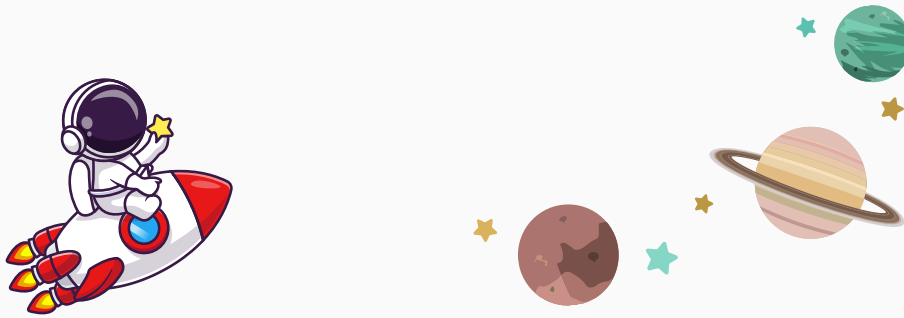
Youth News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Congratulations to Ashton Meseberg who will affirm his faith on Sunday, June 8. We are excited to celebrate his confirmation!

If youth are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, please contact Pastor Kathy ASAP!

We'll be putting together some summer youth nights at our Game Night on May 30, so keep a lookout for upcoming events!



Vacation Bible School Update!

by Pastor Kathy Morris

We are rapidly approaching our week of Vacation Bible School (June 23-27) and we are getting excited. We'll have a special kick-off worship celebration on Sunday, June 22. Some things for you to know about VBS:

- We still currently have available spots open for VBS campers, so if you know kids in your life who would like to come and join us, please encourage them to sign up online.
- We are still looking for some helpers, so if you are interested in working with a small group of kids, helping with games or Bible stories, or helping in the kitchen, please let me know.
- In the next week or two, we'll have a list of food items we'll be using for snack that we'll be posting on the giving tree, if you want to help us keep our costs down by purchasing items for us to use, we really appreciate it.
- If you are planning to volunteer, we'll be having a volunteer meeting on Tuesday night, June 17. Our youth volunteers will be at 5pm and our adult volunteers will be meeting at 6pm. If you are unable to make this meeting, please let Pastor Kathy know.
- If you are able to help decorate the church on Saturday, June 21, we will be starting at 9am.
- Finally, one more thing we ask of all of you, please keep our VBS campers and volunteers in your prayers as we get closer and during the week. Prayer might not seem like a big deal, but it truly sustains us with energy and patience and creativity as we welcome our kids and kids from the community to Blast off in Faith! Thank you for your support!

ZOOM Bible Study

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Our Monday Zoom Bible Study will be meeting on June 2, 9 and 16. We will take a short break and resume July 14. You can use the link to join the discussion of Sunday's lessons.

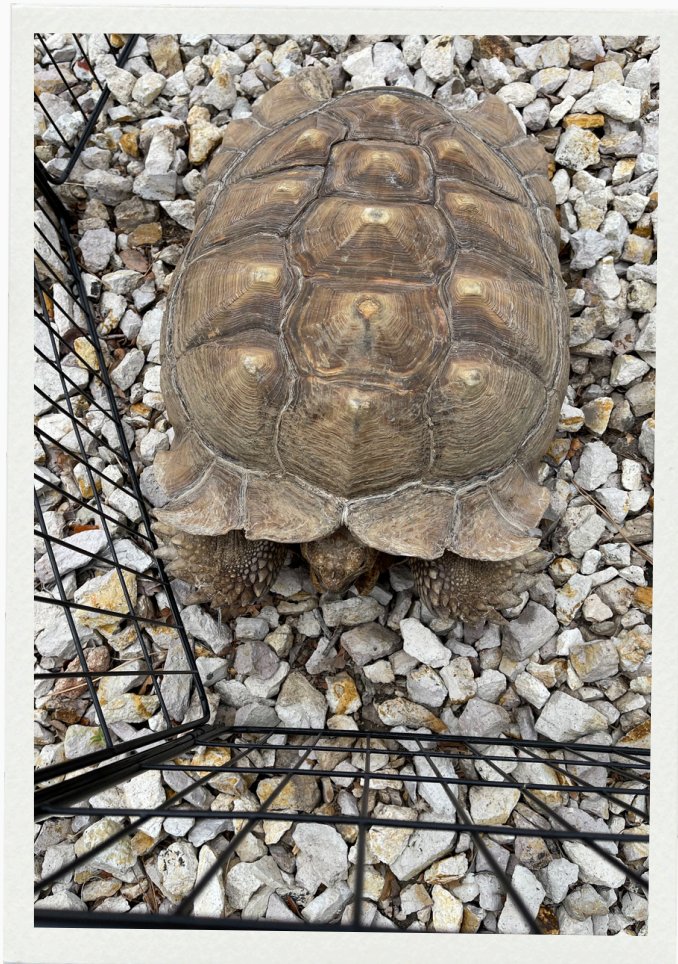
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Meeting ID: 841 5594 0851

Passcode: 225990

Pet Fair and Animal Blessing 2025

by Pastor Kathy Morris





Close Knit Friends & Guests

Nevada Interfaith Association's Prayer Breakfast

Shared Harvest

42 - Chili
56 - Canned Vegetables
42 - Crackers
42 - Tuna
Laundry Detergent

Thank you for your continued support

Quilt Group News

by Diane Torry

The Artown Quilt and Music show will be held July 20 12:30 to 4 p.m. 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 20th show are now available from any quilter or in the Church office. Mark your calendar for this wonderful event—quilts and music. Raffle tickets on a beautiful quilt will be available during the event. The proceeds support our Quilt work at Holy Cross. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

We are completing altar and pulpit cloths, in the Cathedral Windows pattern. The partially completed cloths were given to us by Tia Cobb. The quilted Cathedral Window projects were nearly completed by her mother Gertie Ritterby. At her passing Tia graciously donated them to Holy Cross. These Altar and Pulpit cloths are beautiful, they will be blessed and dedicated, shown at the July 20 Artown Quilt and Music show and then used periodically throughout the year on the Altar and Pulpit. The Cathedral Window pattern is a traditional quilt block design inspired by stained glass windows. It is created by using a folding technique where the fabric is folded to create a “window” effect with a contrasting fabric square inside the “window”. The first documented use of Cathedral Windows in a quilt appeared at the Chicago World Fair in 1933 and rapidly became popular in the US.

We are “hard at work” (sometimes with coffee and donuts) every Thursday, making quilts to give to our neighbors in need in our local community and around the world. We would love to have you join us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Martha – Anthony Felix's Mother	Mary Alice McGee	Beth & Jamie
Anthony, Janice & the Felix Family	Peggy Whitney	Evelyn Goetz & Her Daughter
Jan Schultz	Logan Kunze	Don Fisher & Lacey Fisher
Kathy Barcaskey	Larry – Jackie Shomberg's Father	Sawyer – Linn Bleggi's Grandson
Lanai Strawn	Alexandra	Ashley Dougan
Madeline Murray	Trish Riley	John – Keri Wilson's Friend's Son
Cullen Creel		

Church

CLEANING DAY

JUNE 7TH @ 8AM

**WHETHER YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR A DAY,
YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



Bible Study

by Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study will be finishing up the book of Judges in the next few weeks, and then we will take a look at the next book of Ruth. You are welcome to join this ongoing study group at any time, but often you may have a particular interest in a particular book for learning and discussion. And Ruth is a great one! If you're interested in joining when we make the switch, let Becky know so she can let you know when that happens.

Note: The 6/25 class will be by Zoom ONLY so that we don't interfere with our exciting VBS week. Otherwise, we meet on each Wednesday afternoon 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 beckyb485@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: #



Thank YOU!

by Becky Bradley

A big thank you to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for all this "fixings" going on around church, under the capable leadership of Cheryl Eckert. It's been wonderful to have these little tweaks taken care of. Cheryl and the committee get right on any requests to keep our church home ship shape.

Senior Lunch June 21, 2025 11:30 am

This will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share!

We'll be taking a break for the summer and will resume on September 17, 2025.

Senior Games



Young Adults Celebrating College Graduations





6/01 – Clyde Evert
6/04 – John Edman
6/04 – Sandi Christman
6/08 – Kendra Ramirez
6/08 – Marianna Ramirez
6/09 – Hailey Colosimo
6/10 – Beverly Olson
6/11 – Emmy Rae Ferencik
6/12 – Lawrence Ritter
6/20 – Richard Eggers
6/25 – Madison Carper
6/29 – Charlie Vinopal
6/29 – Janice Felix
6/30 – Kayla Kunze
6/30 – Eric Gieseke

Service Committee News

by Linda Schlosser

A big Thank You to everyone who donated cleaning supplies to our Marvel Way neighbors! They are always so appreciative of our support.

During the summer months (June 29- August 3) we will be collecting men's underwear and socks, as well as, school supplies for Project 150 and the Women's and Children's Center of the Sierra. Please check the Giving Tree for requested supplies and/or Amazon Wish List.

Fellowship Committee News

by Linda Schlosser

June 1 – Annual Church Picnic – Service committee will provide BBQ chicken and pork sandwiches, hot dogs and lemonade. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for attendance and bringing a side-dish and/or dessert to share.

Friday, August 15 – Reno Aces Faith Night – ACES VS. EL PASO CHIHUAHUAS - COST \$24.00 PER PERSON – Cost includes an Aces hat, a pre-game concert and post-game fireworks. Commitment and payment 3 weeks prior to game (July 27). Questions, please talk to Linda or Pat Schlosser.

Next Service Committee Meeting will be 8/12/25 at 10 am.

Music News

by Becky Bradley

The choir wrapped up its year with a special on May 18, and now we look forward to specials by various musicians at our services throughout the summer. Even if you are not a part of the choir, you are most welcome to offer your gift of music, dramatic reading, dance, whatever. We love variety!

Laurel Lindstrom's Double Down women's barbershop quartet took 4th place at the recent regional competition held at the Nugget last month. Check out their wonderful performance!
<https://youtu.be/KrJDDYJteKw>





Council News

by Eric Gieseke

Hello Holy Cross Family,

Summer is here already! As a council, we are also ready to vacation and have even taken some time to plan a trip to Donner Lake together! I hope you all are planning some time to get away from the stress and relax as well, whether with family, friends, or for that much-needed alone time.

As a fellowship we really helped to grow in May with extra events for fellowship, including a pet fair, turning of the garden boxes, a senior game night, a youth crazy game night, an LGBTQ+ support group, and of course our usual services featuring specials for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and that day our Pastor dressed as Princess Leia (May the 4th). Thank you so much to all of our congregation members who have made all of this possible!

Get ready for June with a church picnic, spring cleaning, confirmation, a movie night, another LGBTQ+ support group and of course, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Please sign up now and tell all your friends and family about our blast off into faith vacation bible school happening from June 23rd-27th.

Reach out to me or any council member if you have questions or want to help with any upcoming events!

You may or may not know but June is also LGBTQ+ pride month. LGBTQ+ individuals often feel heavily judged by other individuals and as a result feel the need to hide different aspects of what make them beautiful, unique individuals. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I have felt nothing but love and acceptance from the vast majority of this congregation, even as I challenge our societal standards of gender, I love that you all are leaving the judgment for Christ himself. Thank you!

Take some time this month to let all of the LGBTQ+ people in your life know that you love them and that they are loved by Christ. If you feel any LGBTQ+ person needs extra support please let them know about our LGBTQ+ support group that happens at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Continue to spread the love and joy of the risen one as we enjoy these long, hot summer days!

With God's warmth and love, Eric G.



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:
[Click here to register today.](#)

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AN LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP

6:30 – 7:30 pm
3rd Tuesday of every month
Next Meeting: June 17, 2025

THIS IS A SAFE SPACE



"Nothing can separate us from the love of God"

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS
ARTOWN

QUILT SHOW & LIVE MUSIC
JULY 20, 2025
ADMISSION IS FREE

Arts & Culture RENO
"This program is made possible by a grant from the City of Reno"

QUILT SHOW
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



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