



Dear Friends,

I had an interesting intersection of ministry over the weekend. On Saturday morning, I received a text from the pastor I worked with at my first church in Maryland. He was attending the memorial service for the first pastor I had worked with at that church. When I arrived in the summer of 2001, fresh from seminary, it was clear that, Fred was THE senior pastor at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and had high expectations for excellence in worship. There were moments when I wondered how I fit into the well-established ministry he created. When he left to take another call the following summer, he had been there for a total of twenty-eight years and to put that in context, his farewell party was on my twenty-ninth birthday.

I went on to have ten more years of ministry at that congregation and very much enjoyed working with the new senior pastor, who was the one who texted me on Saturday letting me know I was missed. Truthfully, I think I had heard Fred had died back in February, but I had no idea his memorial service was happening that particular weekend, but my heart felt the tug thinking of all the people I had loved for so long who were mourning the loss of someone who was so foundational to their faith.

It happened to be the weekend that I was in Las Vegas with my daughter and since we had decided to stay over on a Sunday, we attended our old church, New Song in Henderson. We attended there for two years before I joined their staff and then I worked there for a little over four years, again, being with them through a really tough pastoral transition. I wasn't expecting their pastor to invited me to help him serve communion, but of course, I said yes and was surprised at how emotional I was as I shared the bread with people that I had carried in my heart and had loved so much and it surprised me that some of them had tears in their eyes, celebrating the connection that just doesn't seem to go away between pastor and people.

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by Pastor Kathy Morris

Being reminded of the two congregations I served of course made me think of you all at Holy Cross and how blessed I've been to have the opportunity to work with three really amazing congregations. And also, what a joy it is to share ministry with you. I know I'm not perfect, but I just want you to know how much I appreciate you and all the gifts you share that make our ministry together so special and such a blessing for each other and for our community.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy

Worship News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

We continue to be in the Easter season throughout May, so we'll be focusing on the ACTS of Faith as we explore the stories of the early church forming!

- ⇒ May the 4th is Sunday, so your crazy pastor plans to have some fun blending her love of Jesus and her love of Star Wars all together in a sermon.
- ⇒ May 11 is Mother's Day, so we will be remembering the impact the women in our lives have made on us.
- ⇒ May 18 will be our last Sunday with two worship times.
- ⇒ May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend) we will move to our Summer Schedule with ONE SERVICE at 9:30. Our service will begin a few minutes early with a special tribute to our fallen soldiers.

Vacation Bible School News

Enrollment is OPEN!

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!

We are looking for youth and adult volunteers who can help during the week of June 23-27, so if you are interested and available, please contact Pastor Kathy as soon as possible.

Later in the month of May and into early June, we will be posting items you can donate to help us keep the cost of VBS down, so stay on the lookout! And thank you in advance for your help! we will be having a **planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 pm**. You can use this link to register:

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



Let us

Pray
for you



**DAWN - PEGGY WHITNEY'S FRIEND'S DAUGHTER
FRED FORD**

**JAN MANN'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ADELYN GRIMES' FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GAIL NEMY AND TOM
KAREN FORD AND FAMILY
NELLIE NAMESTKA**

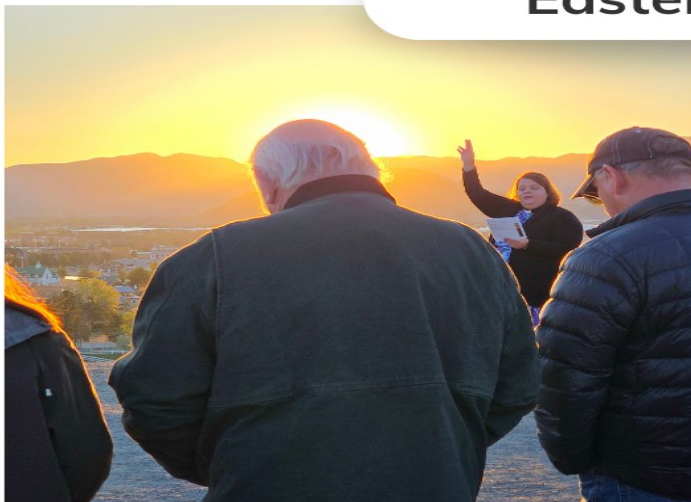
**BONNIE - JODY MORRISON'S SISTER AND HER FAMILY
LARRY RITTER**

**STEVE - LINN BLEGGI'S BROTHER-IN-LAW
DOTTIE - CONNIE BARNHART'S MOTHER-IN-LAW
PEGGY WHITNEY**

**LANAI, LANAI'S DAUGHTER LACEY, AND DON FISHER
NURA CALISE
ANTHONY AND JANICE FELIX**



Easter 2025



Youth News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Friday Night, May 30 6:30 – 9:00pm – Join us for Crazy Game Night!

We will have dinner, some wild and crazy games, time at the park, and lots of fun!

Sign up with Pastor Kathy or at the table in the narthex. Bring your friends and let's welcome our graduating 5th graders to youth group! This is for students in 5th-12th grades!

Parents, let Pastor Kathy know if you can help!

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Zoom Bible Study returns at 4pm on Monday, May 5! We'll be looking at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so come and join us as you are able! Follow the link and we'll see you online!

Topic: Monday Bible Study Time: 4:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155940851?pwd=yQxEad7aBhx9zldoiGHYtd9r4qlkP3.1>

Meeting ID: 841 5594 0851 Passcode: 225990

Wednesday Bible Study

By Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study has watched the Israelites finish their initial conquest of the Promised Land. They've had a few years' cease fire from those battles, and have been cleaning up and starting to occupy and live in The Land. But oh oh, it's not going well - over and over the Israelites fall away from God (even so soon after entering their inheritance), then being oppressed by others because of this, then they repent to God, and THANKFULLY God continues to take them back under His wing. What is God going to do with His people who are having such a hard time holding their faith together? Come find out! 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 bekyb485@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=dUVaYVZaQ2hwUEExQRVY5eIBXbHJ4dz09>

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: #

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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



Senior Lunch

MAY 21ST @ 12 NOON

BRING A SACK LUNCH



Service Committee News

by Linda Schlosser

Thank you to everyone who supported the ELCA chick drive. Your contribution helps the ELCA to support families around the world by not just providing them food but it also helps families start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

The Giving Tree is up through May 18. The service committee will 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 challenged individuals in recovery. Please check the Giving Tree (in the Narthex) for items that are needed.

Next Service Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Committee News

by Linda Schlosser

June 1 – PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC! Service Committee will supply: pulled pork and/or chicken, hot dogs, buns, lemonade and condiments. Sign-up sheet for side and desserts is in the narthex.



Music News

by Becky Bradley

What a wonderful Holy Week and a festive Easter celebration! The choir worked so hard to perfect the songs needed for Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter. So many people to thank, as it's really a team effort:

HCLC Choir - for their extra time and rehearsal to provide quality music for the services.

Brass quartet - for joining us on Easter to add to our celebration.

Jan Looney - for the beautiful depiction of the tomb, as well as keeping up with Pastor's alphabet meditations during Lent.

Lanai Strawn - for the extra work involved for bulletins and PowerPoints for all our extra services.

Altar Guild - for their consistent work behind the scenes.

Cleve Bjur and Deseree Carper - for the extra attention to Fellowship Hour to be sure our musicians were well fed while leading both services both Sundays.

Brittney May - for the musical vision to choose music that is so meaningful to the theme of our services.

Pastor Kathy - for her overall vision for our church and her creative ways to enhance our worship and our walk with God.

And to the HCLC congregation who supports our music ministry so wholeheartedly and appreciates our efforts. We couldn't do all this without you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



A decorative banner for Mother's Day. The background is a solid light blue. At the top, there are delicate pink flowers and green leaves. In the center, a white rectangular banner with a slightly distressed edge contains the text "Happy Mother's Day" in a black, elegant cursive script. Below the banner, the bottom half of the image is filled with a variety of flowers: pink tulips, red carnations, pink carnations, and large pink daisies with green centers. The flowers are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, creating a vibrant and celebratory look.

Close Knit Friends

By Peggy Whitney

You are invited to attend a guest speaker opportunity presented by the Service Committee at *Holy Cross Lutheran Church*. Liz McFarland from *Project 150 Reno* will be speaking on Tuesday, May 13 at 10 am about this non-profit organization. This organization is committed to providing homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students in Washoe County with food, school supplies, clothing, and toiletry items. "High school is tough enough without worrying about basic needs." Learn how you can help through your church, community group, or as individuals. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in joining the Service/Fellowship Committee in future projects at HCLC, please see Sandi Christman or Linda Schlosser.

This month, **Close Knit Friends** meets on Monday, May 12 from 1-2:30pm. We have completed our knit and crochet baby projects for the *Women Veterans Baby Shower*. Thirty mom-to-be and new moms will receive baby hats, booties, and blankets for their little ones. We will donate shawls for moms who are clients at the *Domestic Violence Resource Center* for Mother's Day. Most of our work is done at home knitting and crocheting items for warmth and comfort, even when the temperature warms up. Many individuals and families face the challenges of hunger, homelessness, poverty, sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, rehab/recovery, and hospitalization. These life challenges continue through all seasons and in all communities. We encourage you to participate with us or in other opportunities to be an instrument of God's grace and love. Be a blessing bearer! For more information about **Close Knit Friends**, please see Peggy Whitney or pick up one of our brochures at the church.

Quilting News

By Diane Torry

The Artown Quilt and Music show will be held July 20. 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 20 th show are now available from any quilter or in the Church office. Mark your calendar for this wonderful event—quilts and music. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Quilts bring comfort and warmth to those in need of a loving touch. If you or a loved one or friend would appreciate a gift of a quilt, to support them as they are going through health/medical issues, loss of a dear one, or just a very difficult time, please let Pastor or a quilter know that a quilt from the quilt group would be appreciated.

The Blue Basket is available in the Fellowship Hall. In the Blue Basket you will find quilt top kits that you can take and complete on your own schedule. The kits have ready cut blocks that will make a 60 by 80 inch quilt top. When you have completed the top, return the top and the quilt group will finish the quilt. Your help contributes significantly to our quilt donations to people in need in our community and around the world. Thank you.

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

In Remembrance **Memorial Day**



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our
Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship services!
Throughout the season, we enjoyed a variety of
delicious soups!



Artown
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Quilt Show
Sunday, July 20, 2025 from 12:30-4 pm
4895 South McCarran Blvd.
Reno, NV 89502
775-827-4822

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Phone Number _____
Email Address: _____
Name of Quilt: _____
Pattern/Designer: _____
Pieced/Appliqued by: _____ Quilted by: _____
Year 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 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, 2025. 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 89502

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 19 by 9:00-10:00 am.
5. Quilts will be available for pick-up at approximately 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 20.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Thank you to all of our Easter Bunnies for the wonderful treats and eggs that were hidden for the kids to enjoy finding! The baskets runneth over! We appreciate your generosity and the fun ways you support our children and youth!





Shared Harvest



**Thank you
for your
continued
support**

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We are looking to collect the following items:

- (28) Boxed Cereal
- (42) Canned Fruit
- (42) Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tuna
- Shampoo
- 1-Quart Ziplock Bags

See Peggy Ince for more information.



Church CLEANING DAY JUNE 7TH @ 8AM



Church Cleaning Day is being planned for June 7th!

**Whether you can spare an hour or a day,
your help will be greatly appreciated.**

Turning the Garden Boxes

May 10, 2025

9:30 am

Bring your gloves, we'll provide the tools.
Have questions? Contact Eric Gieseke.

Want a garden box this year?
Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



MOM'S NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, MAY 10
4:30-8:30PM
FREE WILL DONATION

ROCK PAINTING
4:30-6:30PM
FREE PIZZA & SNACKS

SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX
QUESTIONS...SEE KATIE TORRY OR CONNIE BARNHART

Attention Parents:

Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 4:30 - 8:30 pm we will offer a drop-off for your kids and go free night with a free will donation to our Youth Fund. We will have Rock Painting from 4:30 - 6:30, then we'll have a movie and/or game time (No Electronics). We'll have pizza and other tasty goodies to be enjoyed by all in attendance. Please RSVP to Katie Torry at 775-276-9720 or Connie Barnhart at 775-250-3220. We need a headcount for the Rock Painting and the Pizza. We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to make it easier for you. Thank you in advance for all that you do to help our youth.

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