

Official Newsletter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church

# CROSSROADS

February 2024



Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday is early this year! It actually falls on February 14, Valentine's Day, which means that Easter is on March 31. As we prepare for the season of Lent, I find myself drawn to Psalm 51, a Psalm of confession from King David. It is these words that tend to focus me in the season of Lent:

***Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. – Psalm 51:10***

Lent is the season of the church where we focus on preparing our hearts to once again, hear the story of the sacrifice of Jesus and contemplate how that gift of grace impacts our lives.

Some refer to Lent as a time for spring cleaning, clearing out the dust and the grime that has built up on our hearts so that we can experience renewal and new life. Some think of Lent as time to fast and “give something up” and join in the sacrificial nature of Jesus. Some think of it as a time to do penance for sins that we’ve done. Some add spiritual disciplines to help them grow in their faith and understand more deeply the love of God that is for everyone. Some prepare for baptism. Some find new ways to give back to God through acts of service. Some take more time for their prayer life.

There is no one way to “do” Lent. How you take time to reflect upon the cross during this season is ultimately between you and God. As a church, we’ll be offering some “extras” during this season which include:

- ◆ Wednesday, February 14, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday with two worship services, one at noon and the other at 6:30 pm. We will have Holy Communion as well as the imposition of ashes.
- ◆ Sunday mornings, we’ll be highlighting some of the ministries of Holy Cross, learning more about what they do and how you can get involved.

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- ♦ Wednesday nights – Feb. 21, 28 and March 6, 13, and 20, we will have soup supper starting at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. This year our Wednesday night worship will be focused on going “behind the music” as we learn the stories behind some of our beloved hymns and praise songs. (If you would like to help with the soup/suppers, please sign up!)
- ♦ You may also notice some videos of hymns and songs being posted periodically with reflections on our social media platforms.
- ♦ We encourage everyone to pick up the “Christ in our Home” devotional books as well as other materials that may be available throughout the season and pay attention to ideas and suggestions of things that you and/or your family can do that will be coming between now and Easter.

I pray that you all have a blessed Lent. May it be a season of cleansing and renewal!

Love in Christ,  
*Pastor Kathy*



**Rock Painting Class**  
February 19, 2024  
1pm-3pm  
All Supplies Provided  
\$20 per person  
Questions contact Katie Torry  
Sign up today in the Narthex



## Quilt Group News

By Diane Torry

### Quilt Tying Party!!!

**Saturday February 3, 9 a.m. to noon.**

You've always wanted to learn to quilt—or see what quilting is all about—here is a great opportunity to check out quilting.

In addition to our regularly scheduled Thursday quilt days we are having a Special Quilt Tying “Party” on Saturday February 3 —9 am to 12 noon. We have close to 15 quilt tops to tie! --the Thursday quilt days and Blue Basket quilters have been “very productive” in completing creative, beautiful and useful tops. Please come help—no experience required—quilters will be there to teach all how to “sandwich” and “tie” quilts—we look forward to another fun, creative and productive day—working together to make quilts for people in need in our community and around the world. The coffee pot will be on—so just come by to participate, to see what we are doing –and visit with us!



## Close Knit Friends News

By Peggy Whitney

It has been a busy start to 2024 for **Close Knit Friends**. Hand knit and crochet blankets, hats, and scarves were mad for *AWAEN* and *Women and Children's Center of the Sierra*. Several thrift store finds and sale items were added to the delivery of over **100** items of warmth and comfort for children and adults. At the end of January, the group offered a workshop to make *Octopus for Preemies* for Renown's NICU led by Becky. Come join us on Monday, February 12 and Monday, February 26 at 1pm as we continue our mission work. No experience necessary! We have talented knitters and crocheters to help you get started. On February 12, **Close Knit Friends** will collect finished hats and scarves for elementary school age children and for women living at *Marvel Way Complex*. Later in the month on Monday, February 26, we will collect finished shawls for the *Women Veterans Program* and hats, scarves, and blankets for the older children (ages 5-teen) at the *Ronald McDonald House*. Claudia Arellano-Gonzalez, Program Coordinator, will be our guest speaker. For more information, please pick up a **Close Knit Friends** brochure on the credenza underneath the large bulletin board or see Peggy Whitney at the Welcome Table.



## Youth News

By Pastor Kathy Morris

February 11, our youth will be collecting spare change and money for the Souper Bowl of Caring during our worship services! Everything that's collected will be donated to the Northern Nevada Food Bank! Also, our service and outreach committee challenged us to fill the food barrel by February 11! Can we do it! It would be a huge help to local families dealing with food insecurities. Thank you!

Youth – We are going to need your help collecting and counting the donations after the 10:30am service! Please plan to stay, eat pizza and help!



Be on the lookout for information about making and serving dinner for the youth at Eddy House. We'll be choosing dates as we count up the donations on Feb. 11.

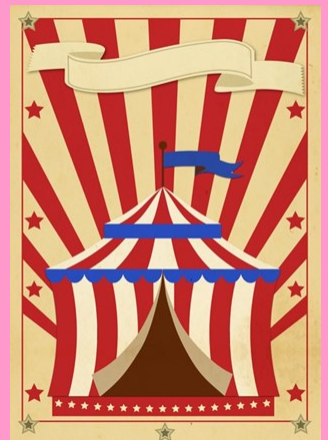
Confirmation Classes will be Wednesdays, February 7 and 28 at 5:30!

## Vacation Bible School

By Pastor Kathy Morris

Save the Date:

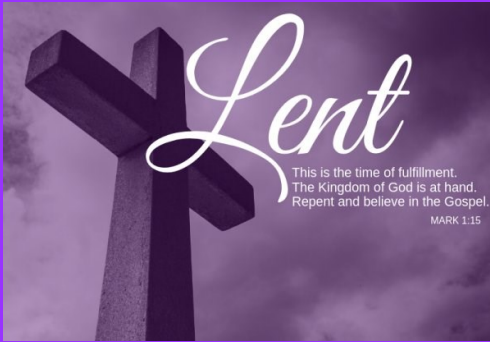
“Under the Big Top of God’s Love” Vacation Bible School is coming June 24-28! Talk with Pastor Kathy if you are interested in helping! Registration will open later this month!



## Music Program News

By Becky Bradley

Can you believe Lent starts 2/14! What a Feast of Love that Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. We would like to invite anyone who would like to join the choir for this season, specifically preparing for Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter. Rehearsals are at 8am on Sunday mornings and we'd love to have you join us for the season! Choir sings both services on Palm/Passion Sunday as well as both services on Easter along with a brass quartet!



**Services: February 14, 2024 at 12 noon & 6:30pm**

## Wednesday Bible Study

By Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study is back in full swing again. We have seven new members since we resumed after Christmas! Come be a part of the Happening Crowd as we continue to cover Numbers and the trek around the desert wilderness for 39 more years.

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.

I would also like to thank our anonymous donor who contributed to purchase 4 large print Bibles that we have available for use during class!

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

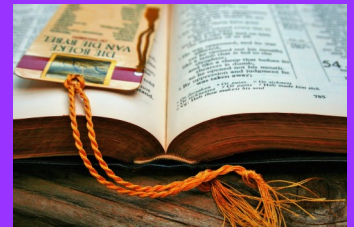
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Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Passcode: 050344

## Monday Night Bible Study

Pastor's Monday night Bible study has resumed on Monday nights, studying the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911569919?pwd=VUM1SUdoeWdnSnM1WUZva0dQdzBidz09>

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(San Jose)

# Council News

By Katie Torry

Greetings Holy Cross Family,

As a council, we spent 2023 continuing the work to increase our community presence. We are letting our community know that everyone is welcome and invited to participate. With this in mind, we added many new activities to our 2023 calendar. Thanks to an energized council, we added: Bingo/Poker Night, Ice Cream Social with Silver Sage, Cookie Exchange, participated in the Pride Parade, worked on our Welcome Statement, caroled, our mural, and added decorations to the sliding doors to the sanctuary.

I want to thank Laurel Lindstrom and Lani Moss for their help, guidance, and support in developing our Welcome Statement. This statement was put into action when a group of HCLC members attended the Pride Parade in July. At our semi-annual congregational meeting, we did a vote of affirmation that passed unanimously.

We have brought many people into our church building this year. We continue to use banners to advertise our special events. We saw a marked increase in community participation with our Rummage Sale, Trunk or Treat, and the Live Nativity. We also have a new congregation using our building two times a month for their worship.

Finally, I want to thank the dedicated members of your church council: Carol Ritter, Dakota Carper, Sandi Christman, Laura Grady, Peggy Ince, Joan Julius, Noelle Lintz, and Lani Moss. Pastor Kathy's continued leadership and vision have helped us grow in the vision and mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Lanai, thank you for all you do for the council and Holy Cross. I want to specifically thank you for the brilliant flyers that you make for all of the events at the church.

I am extremely excited about the coming year and our ability to serve as God's hands and feet in our community and the world.

Blessings to all!

Katie Torry

Council President



# February Birthdays

- 2/01 Madeline Murray
- 2/07 Lani Moss
- 2/08 Joliette Marbina
- 2/14 Shelley Rigler
- 2/16 Jan Mann
- 2/17 Jim Morrison
- 2/18 Paula Featherstone
- 2/25 Corrie Volinkaty
- 2/26 Dalton Rains
- 2/28 Arthur Eggers



## Service Committee News

By Linda Schlosser

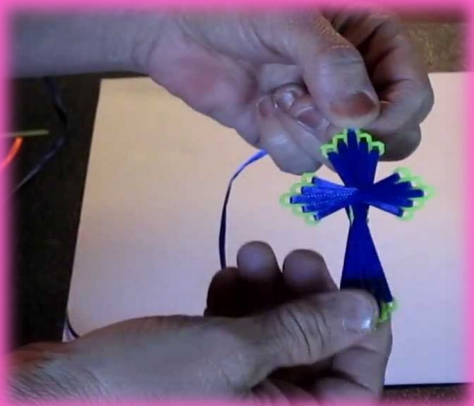
During January and February, we will be collecting socks, underwear, and hygiene items (travel size please) for Eddy House. Socks and underwear for men and women. Eddy House is a nonprofit shelter for homeless, at-risk youth, and aged-out foster youth. The next Service Committee meeting is February 13 at 10:00 am. All are welcome.



## Welcome Committee News

By Peggy Whitney

The Welcome Committee is looking for someone who likes to do plastic canvas work. We have the supplies - plastic canvas, ribbon, and beads - to make Cross Bookmarks for our Welcome Bags at the Welcome Center. Please see Diane Torry for more details!



# Prayer List

Meredith Frazier

Joshua Dougan - Lanai's Son

Lanai Strawn

Meghan & Ryan Bonnet

Earl Whitney's Family

Becky Bradley

Candice - Linda S's Friend

Catie - Linda S's Friend

Sue Borton's Brother

Carol - Sue Borton's Cousin

Terry - Laurel & Orlyn's Brother

Diane Torry

Paula Bonham

Sue Borton

Johnny & Linda - Pastor's Godfather

Ron & His Wife, Sharon - Pastor Kathy's Mom's Friend



## “THE CHOSEN” Discussion Group

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Our discussion group on “The Chosen” series will continue as we watch and discuss the series that depicts the ministry of Jesus. All are welcome to come! If you are unable to come, it is available to watch for free online at: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/season%201> and we have discussion guides available.

We meet most Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm and our viewing schedule is:

February 6 – Season 1, episode 4

February 13 – NO MEETING (Church Council Meeting Night)

February 20 – Season 1, episode 5

February 27 – Season 1, episode 6

March 5 – Season 1, episode 7

March 12 – NO MEETING (Church Council Meeting Night)

March 19 – Season 1, episode 8

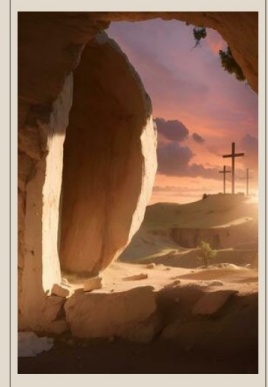
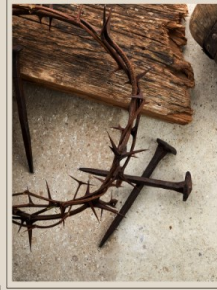
We'll take a break and pick up with Season 2 in April!

**Senior Lunch**  
February 21, 2024  
12 noon

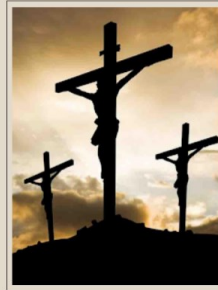
Thank you all for your support this past year  
in keeping our Sr. Lunch going...Eldora







# Holy Week



## Sunrise Service

March 31st

6am

Windy Hill Overlook

## Palm Sunday

March 24th 9am & 10:30am

## Maundy Thursday

March 28th 6:30pm

## Good Friday

March 29th 12pm & 6:30pm

## Easter Sunday

March 31st 9am & 10:30am



Join us for a Soup Supper & Lenten Service

Every Wednesday

February 21 - March 20

Meal 5:45 pm - Worship 6:30 pm

Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex for Volunteers

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am Quilting 1pm Quilting 3pm Finance Committee	2 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	3 9am Quilt Tying Party
4 9am Worship Service 10am Annual Meeting 1pm Tongan Church 5:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	5 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Zoom Study	6 6:30pm "The Chosen" Study 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	7 1:30pm Bible Study 2:30pm Community Fellowship 5:30pm Confirmation Class	8 9am Quilting 1pm Quilting 6pm Girl Scouts	9 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	10 10am Beit Yeshua Congregation
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