

Official Newsletter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church

CROSSROADS

March 2024



Dear Friends,

I was reminded the other day of a story I heard about a child who heard about the season of “Lint.” The child thought during the season of “Lint” people were supposed to be sure and clean out the lint traps in their dryers.

After some patient explanation by his parent (no, this wasn’t my kid), he came to understand that the season of “Lent” was about cleaning out our hearts. It was about clearing out some of the gunk that we hold onto, so that we can embrace the new life that Jesus gives to us. Lent is about cleansing our hearts so that we can be renewed as we remember the sacrifice of Christ and the gift of love and forgiveness that he gives to us through the cross and the new life and grace we receive through the resurrection.

There are ways that we do this – through worship, acts of service, prayer, additional devotions, reading of Scripture, receiving communion, giving of our treasures, fasting, music, walking through creation, sharing time with friends that uplift us spiritually – there are endless ways that we can experience cleansing and renewal in our relationship with Christ. We don’t do any of these things to find extra favor with God. We do them because they help us live into the relationship that God desires to have with us.

We are two weeks into our Lenten journey to the cross of Christ. We have begun our Wednesday night soup suppers and worship and re enjoying the time of friendship and worship together. If you’re looking for something to do in the middle of the week to stay mindful of this holy season, come and join us. Dinner starts around 5:30, and worship around 6:30. And as we get to Holy Week, there are more worshipful moments planned around the Last Supper and Jesus’ time on the cross on Good Friday. All are welcome to come!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kathy Morris

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March Birthdays

- 03/12 Frank Schenk**
- 03/18 Peggy Whitney**
- 03/19 Trent Schenk**
- 03/19 Leslie Jaillet**
- 03/21 Cary Lindstrom**
- 03/24 Dakota Carper**
- 03/26 Suzanne McDonald**
- 03/28 Linn Bleggi**



Prayer List

Patricia Wilson - Keri Schlosser's mother in law

Brynlee Jo - The Ford's great granddaughter

Becky Bradley

Richard Warwick

Pastor Kathy's Nephew

Ron - Pastor's family friend

Linda - Pastor's Godmother

Marta - Sandi's friend, Maria's cousin

Peggy Whitney

Diane Torry

Sarah Borton

Ryan Bonnet

Lori - Jeff's godsister

Linken Braunel

Audrey - Karen Ford's friend

Helen Thompson

Ellen Pfafs - Madeline Murray's sister

Service Committee News

By Linda Schlosser

During January and February we have been collecting hygiene kits, underwear, and socks for the Eddy House. Hygiene items will be packaged up and clothing delivered to Eddy House the first week in March. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

March 17- April 21 - ELCA GOOD GIFTS – Barnyard animals help stop hunger! These animals are an important source of food for many families. They also help people earn income needed to obtain the basic necessities for their families. Through your Gifts of Hope to God's Global Barnyard, you will help break the cycle of hunger and poverty and inspire hope for families in desperate need.

June through August – Pantry items for Eddy House and School supplies of the Women and Children's Center. Reams of paper for our local elementary schools

Fellowship Upcoming Events

By Linda Schlosser

Annual Picnic – Watch for more information

Faith Night – August 9 – please watch for a signup sheet in the narthex. Do not need to make a firm commitment until two weeks before the game.



Quilt Group News

By Diane Torry

The quilt group has been doing good work for over 15 years at Holy Cross. Through our quilts, we try to expand the reach of God's love—at Holy Cross and into the world.

As we look at the recent past, we have been “busy bees” every Thursday—designing, pressing, sewing, tying, binding quilts to be given away to all of “God's children” in our community and around the world. As we work together around our Quilting Table, sharing our joys and challenges we strengthening our relationships with one another.

Over the past while, we have come to understand more deeply that in doing this work we are also expanding the reach of God's love—in old and new and different ways.

We are so grateful for the donation of beautiful fabrics from members of Holy Cross and from so many people in our community—we are blessed with their generosity. We regularly receive the latest “shipment” of beautiful fabrics coming from so many different “friends”. This includes helping family members distribute the fabric left behind at their loved ones passing. We see the joy the family knows that their gifts will bless people in need in our community and around the world.

We have been blessed by friend, Margie Smith's donation of her time and talent to long arm quilt small quilts for us.

Our February Saturday Quilt Tying Party, was once again an opportunity to welcome members who have not been able to attend our Thursday gatherings and add new people to our quilting table.

Mary Edmonds has developed a “sub-group” of our Quilt Group in her neighborhood—teaching others how to crochet around beautiful fleece material, making warm lovely blankets for our community. The response from her neighbors and friends has been inspiring—other's wanting to be a part of the work Holy Cross Quilters do in sharing God's love with those in need. These new friends also have demonstrated to us, how working together to create brings us life and joy. One friend who is beginning to suffer from memory loss, has been strengthened by renewing her needlework skills. Her family who cares for her, reports that she is so much more engaged as she quickly crochets a beautiful blanket edge. God is at work through our quilting and needlework.

We are excited to begin planning for the July 14 Artown Quilt Show---where we display beautiful quilts from our members and community and the beautiful quilts we give away. Let us know if you have a quilt to enter in the quilt show.

God is at work in all that we do.

Come join us, on Thursday, take a quilt top kit from the Blue Basket in the narthex, keep us in your prayers as we all work together to share God's love with one another and all “God's children.”

Quilters in Action



Quilt Tying Party 2.2024



Quilters & Fleece Blankets

Vacation Bible School News

Registration is now OPEN for Vacation Bible School!

June 24-28 from 9am-noon

This year we have a circus theme: "Under the Big Top of God's Love" as we discover how God loves and helps us! We'll have a week of fun and games, science discoveries, craft projects, service projects, Bible Stories, snack, music and more! Don't miss out on the fun! VBS is designed for kids who have completed pre-school – 5th grade. (Kids in middle school and high school are invited to help volunteer). Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us!

You can use this link to register:

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

We are currently looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Pastor Kathy if you would like to help!



Children's Easter Egg Hunt
March 24
following the 10:30 service

We can use donations of plastic eggs as well as candy and non-candy treats and surprises to fill the eggs. If you are able to donate items, please be sure your items are to the church by Thursday, March 21. Please bring your kids and invite the kids in your family to come and join the fun!

Close Knit Friends News

By Peggy Whitney

Spring into the Close Knit Friends each month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 1pm when we gather to knit or crochet items of warmth and comfort for local organizations. We are a creative arts ministry that makes hats, scarves, shawls, and blankets for men, women and children facing homelessness, poverty, rehabilitation, exploitation, hospitalization, and abuse. In February we donated hats, scarves, and blankets to the clients of Ronald McDonald House and shawls to the Women Veterans Program. Join us on Monday, March 11 and March 25 at 1pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Beginners and experienced crafters are welcome! We also accept donations of washable yarn (acrylic or cotton) or clean gently used items. Please contact Peggy at 775-622-0128 for more information or pick up a brochure at church.

Youth News

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Thank you to everyone who donated change and funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring! We raised over \$350 this year! That will provide local families with over 1,000 meals!

Confirmation Class will meet on March 13 at 5:30!

Youth grades 6-12, please plan to stick around after the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 for a very special youth activity surprise! It will be something very special to get us ready for Holy Week!



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

March 24, 2024
9:00 am & 10:30 am



EASTER

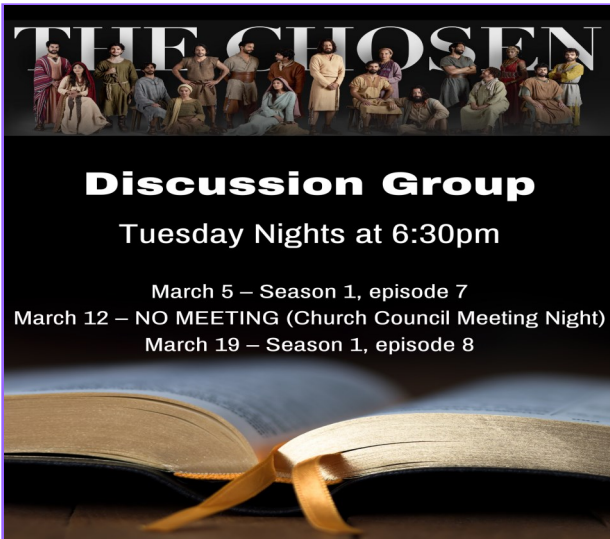
Sunday Services

March 31, 2024

Sunrise Service
6:30 am

Location to be determined

Traditional Service
9:00 am & 10:30 am



“THE CHOSEN” Discussion Group

by Pastor Kathy Morris

The Chosen Discussion Group will meet on March 5 for Season One, part seven, and on March 19, for Season One, part eight. We will then resume on April 16 with Season Two! We're meeting on our non-council Tuesday nights at 6:30pm.

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Will be taking a break! Our last class will be March 11 at 6:30 and then we will resume on Monday, April 15. 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

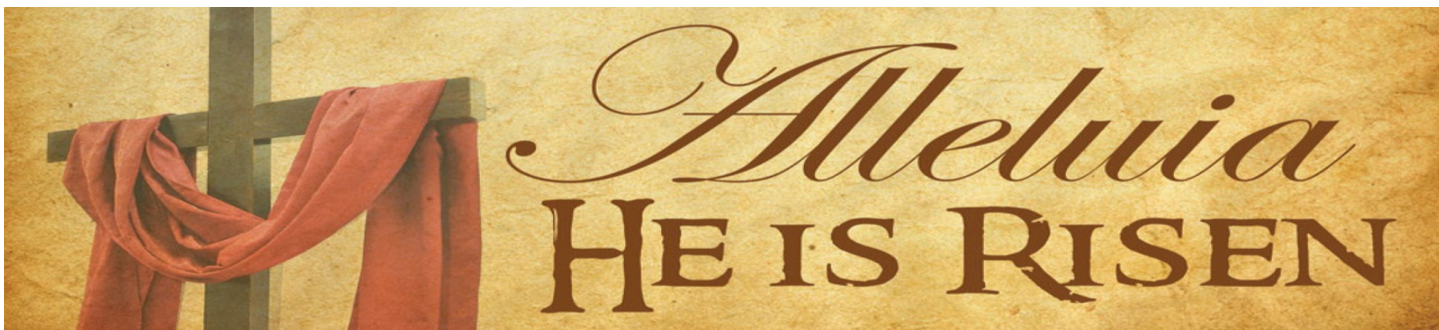
Wednesday Bible Study is roaming the desert with the Israelites! On the Road Again! Come be a part of the Happening Crowd as we continue to cover Numbers and the trek around the desert wilderness for 39 more years. NOTE: There will be no class during Holy Week, March 27, 2024.

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 for more information.

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

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

Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098 Passcode: 050344



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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Quilt Tying Party

Thursday, March 14, 9:30 am—12 pm

You've always wanted to learn to quilt or see what quilting is all about here is a great opportunity to check out quilting. We have many quilt tops to tie! 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 within our community and around the world. The coffee pot and doughnuts will be on so just come by to participate, to see what we are doing and visit with us!



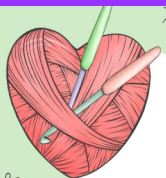
Senior Lunch

March 20, 2024

12 noon



Bring a sack lunch and join us for a delightful time of fellowship! This gathering promises to be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share stories, and enjoy each other's company.



Close Knit Friends

1 pm

March 11th
March 25th



Music Program News

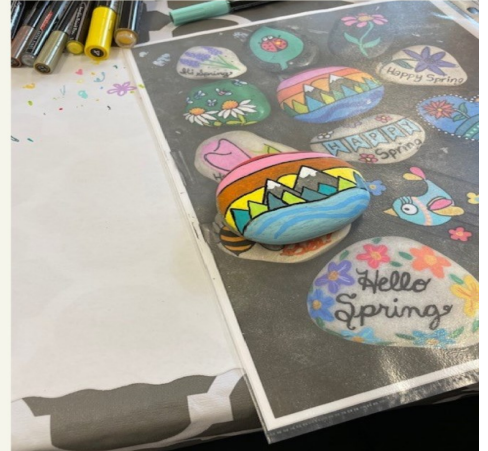
By Becky Bradley



Choir is working hard to provide a meaningful musical addition to our Palm Sunday and Easter services. Both of these services are the same for 9am as well as 1030am, and a brass quartet will be joining us on Easter! This is in addition to special music provided during the season of Lent and during Holy Week. The Praise Team continues to lead contemporary music selections appropriate for this season. Come join us in worship as we celebrate this most special time of the church year.



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Council News

By Katie Torry

Dear Holy Cross Family,

Welcome March and maybe the last snowstorm of the season!

I want to welcome Eric Gieseke and Jan Looney to the council. I also want to thank Dakota Carper, Peggy Ince, Noelle Lentz, Lani Moss, and Carol Ritter for their continued council service. At our first council meeting, we elected officers. Katie Torry as President, Lani Moss as Vice President and Carol Ritter will continue as secretary.

During this meeting we sent thank you notes to several people. We wanted to thank Andelin Farms for their donation of the sheep for the Live Nativity. Joy Engineering for donating traffic cones and the boulders in front of the church. Scott Hiam for the use of a skip loader to place the boulders. Finally, Margie Smith for quilting paraments free of charge.

Our mural is in the final stages! We are hoping the mural will be done for Easter Week. We also asked Wib Namestka to move our memorial plaques to the front entrance. We moved the plaques to give us more room for future art installations in the narthex.

We also planned a community dinner for Saturday, April 20th from 4:30-6:30. We are planning on inviting our neighbors to this event. Please be on the lookout for more information in the next few weeks.

Finally, our council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 here at the church. I look forward to working with the council on our dreams and goals for our church this year.

Peace and Blessing,

Katie Torry

Council President



GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29, 2024

Service Times:

12:00 pm

6:30 pm

He died so that you could live.

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Maundy Thursday

Remembering the Last Supper of Jesus

March 28, 2024

6:30 pm

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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

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1 9am-12pm Quilt Closet Cleaning Day 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	2 10am-5pm UNR Retreat
3 9 am Worship 10:30am Family Worsip	4 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Zoom Study	5 6:30pm "The Chosen" Study 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	6 1:30pm Bible Study 2:30pm Community Fellowship 5:30pm Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	7 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting	8 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	9 10am Beit Yeshua Meeting
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9 am Worship 10:30am Worship/Godly Play	11 1pm Close Knit Friends 6pm High Desert Harmony 6:30pm Zoom Study	12 5:45 Council Meeting 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	13 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	14 9:30am Quilt Tying Party 1pm Quilting 6:30pm Girl Scouts	15 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	16 8:30am-2pm Council Retreat 10am - 2pm HDH (Fellowship Hall)
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24 PALM SUNDAY 9 am Worship 10:30am Worship/Godly Play 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt	25 1pm Close Knit Friends 6pm High Desert Harmony	26 7pm Casa Del Alfarero	27	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30am Quilting 1pm Quilting 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 GOOD FRIDAY 12pm Good Friday Service 6:30pm Good Friday Service 7:30pm Casa Del Alfarero	30
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Every Sunday 1pm Siasi Tonga Houeiki & 5:30pm Casa Del Alfarero