



**Official Newsletter
of the
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
CROSSROADS**

Dear Friends,

“God’s Work, Our Hands.” For those of you who have been hanging around ELCA churches, you probably recognize the tagline of the ELCA. You also may be aware that the second Sunday of September has become known as “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. There are some years when we as a congregation try to have a special project or two that we can do in service to the community. Some years we try to coordinate with other ELCA churches in the area to do something together.

This year, God’s Work, our Hands Sunday happens between two events that we’ve been planning for a few months. The first one happens on Saturday, September 7. We and the other ELCA churches in Reno and Sparks are hosting a booth at the Pride Festival. Our goal is simple, to remind people that God loves them and letting them know that there are churches who welcome them, just as they are. By doing this jointly with the other congregations, it highlights who we are as ELCA Lutherans.

The second event is our Rummage Sale. Starting on September 8, you are invited to bring the treasures that you want to have sold at the Rummage Sale, which will be on Saturday, September 14. We are looking for help to set up on Friday, the 13th and to help work the event on the 14th. The primary goal of the rummage sale is to serve the community around us. We open our doors and we let people find things they need for inexpensive prices, and in this time period, inexpensive is good, right? It also lets the community know that we are here, and we strive to be a safe place that welcomes everyone.

There’s a third event that we’ll do later in September (the 29th), and that is the blessing of our quilts and knitted and crocheted items that will be shared with the community. While the items that we bless are certainly a blessing to so many, it’s always a marvel to me just how God works beyond our quilts and handmade items ... for more about that, you’ll have to hear a sermon in a couple of weeks that I’m already working on.

The reality is that we do God’s work with our hands all the time. Our congregation is blessed by so many wonderful people, with huge servant hearts and that enables us to bless so many others. And even those who are unable to help as they want to keep us going with their encouragement, support and prayers. I am so grateful to minister with you.

Love in Christ, Pastor Kathy

YOUTH NEWS

by Pastor Kathy Morris

September 21 – We are off to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo!

If youth in grades 6th-12th are interested in going, they need to sign up by Thursday, September 19, so we can make sure we have enough chaperones and drivers. We'll meet at the church at 8am and be returning late that night. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

SAVE THE DATES:

by Pastor Kathy Morris

- ⇒ Sunday, October 20 - Youth Hike
- ⇒ Thursday, October 24 - Trunk or Treat
- ⇒ Sunday, November 24 - Youth Movie Day
- ⇒ Saturday, November 30 - Silver Sage Dinner (Youth are asked to help serve)
- ⇒ Friday and Saturday, December 13-14 - Holy Cross Live Nativity
- ⇒ Friday, December 27 - Youth Pool Day (hopefully at the new pool in Reno)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Confirmation Classes have resumed! Classes are meeting on Tuesdays this year at 4:30. This month we'll be meeting on September 3rd and 17th. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you have any questions or want to learn more about our program. Classes are designed for kids in 6th-8th grades.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES!

by Pastor Kathy Morris

We are looking forward to having First Communion Classes for kids at some point in October. If you are interested in having your child or grandchild attend, please talk with Pastor Kathy to see what dates and times would work best.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHANGES ON SEPTEMBER 8

by Pastor Kathy Morris

Worship Schedule Changes on September 8

Please don't forget that we return to our two-service worship schedule starting on September 8. We will have our traditional service with liturgy and hymns at 9am and our contemporary service with praise music at 10:30am.

Choir practice resumes on the 8th at 8am and Godly Play resumes on the 8th at 10:30am.

CONNECTION LUNCH

by Pastor Kathy Morris

If you are interested in getting better connected and more involved with the ministries of Holy Cross, we invited you to join us for a lunch and conversation on Sunday, September 27 after the 10:30am service. It's always a wonderful time to get to know people and learn more about Holy Cross. Please contact Pastor Kathy or Diane Torry if you are interested in attending.

DEFY YOUTH OUTING



Prayer List

Evenly Goetz

Earl Whitney

Greg Cooper's family

Joy Gauthier

Barb Kramer

John Kulp, wife Joyce and family

Richard Warwick and family

Sherry H.

Carol Ritter

Helen Thompson

Ritter and Bonnet families

6th grade Cold Springs Mid School girl

Hurricane Debby Victims

Linda Schlosser's Friend - Leigh



Confirmation Class

4:30pm

9/03/2024 - "Baptism"
9/17/2024 - "The Lord's Supper"



September Birthdays

Russel Tegion - 9/2

Laine Christman - 9/5

Susan Bjorn - 9/7

Mark Jaillet - 9/12

Jody Morrison - 9/15

Deseree Carper - 9/20

Travis Mills - 9/23

Kimberly Lintz - 9/27





SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP NEWS

by Linda Schlosser

Service

- A special thank you to the congregation for your generous support of our Back-to-School Supply Drive for the community and snacks to support Eddy House. All were delivered this week and very much appreciated! Paper was delivered to many of our neighborhood schools and so much appreciated as many teachers mentioned they run out of paper towards the end of the school year.
- There are many service projects coming up this Fall such as the Turkey Tree in November and so much more. Stay tuned.

Fellowship

- Oktoberfest – 10/6 following seconding service. Service committee will supply brats and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for side dishes, desserts and attendance. Hope to see you there!
- Advent Tea – 12/8 – More information coming soon.

Service Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. We would love to have you join us.



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

by Laurel Lindstrom

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross and our mission.

Be sure and download the Church Connect App on your phone (scan the QR code) and/or go to: <https://holycrossreno.churchtrac.com/> and register for an account. You will be able to edit your profile (change address, phone, email, etc.), view and print your giving statement, and easily connect to our website and event calendar.

If you are a Thrivent member, don't forget to sign in and direct your Choice Dollars to Holy Cross. The other ways you can help Holy Cross is by using the RaiseRight program and Igive programs where Holy Cross receives a donation. If you have questions about any of these programs there are flyers in the narthex and you can always ask me!! Thanks.



The Chosen Season 3 returns September 17!

by Pastor Kathy Morris



We will be resuming our viewing and discussion of The Chosen, the story of Jesus' disciples starting on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:15pm. We'll be meeting each Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month. If you have not joined us before, you are welcome to come. The Chosen is available for viewing at this link: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3> if you want to catch up or if you want to see what it's like. Discussion guides are available each week. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

By Becky Bradley

Wednesday Bible Study is studying Deuteronomy as Moses is reminding this 2nd generation of God's law (Torah) before they enter the land of milk and honey. You can join the class at any time. 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.

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: # Meeting ID: 896 3300 9098

Passcode: 050344

MUSIC NEWS

By Becky Bradley

The Music Program is excited to be starting our regular schedule of 2 services on 9/8. Choir rehearsals resume at 8am, with our traditional format service at 9am. Praise Team warms up at 10am, with our praise format service at 10:30am. We can use musicians for both music leadership groups, and reading music is not a requirement. Brittney and Becky are excited about continuing HCLC's music program as we begin our 10th year of working together as your Music Director and Musician. Come join in on the fun!

Church

CLEANING DAY

OCTOBER 19TH @ 9AM

Church Cleaning Day is being planned for October 19th!
Whether you can spare an hour or a day, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Signup today in the Narthex.

Memorial Garden Pavers

Forms must be completed and turned in prior to September 22nd so we can get them engraved and placed prior to "All Saints Sunday". Please see Paula Featherstone, Diane Torry, or Jeff Morris if you have questions or to get a form.



PRIDE PARADE

SEPTEMBER 7

10 AM - 2 PM

We Need Your Help

SIGN UP TODAY TO HOST OUR COFFEE HOUR

FILL THE BARREL

YOU CAN HELP THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY BY DONATING UNEXPIRED & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD! YOUR DONATIONS TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND ARE APPRECIATED.

CLOSE KNIT FRIENDS

By Peggy Whitney

"*There is a season and a time for every activity under heaven*" comes from Ecclesiastes 3:3 and **Close Knit Friends** is actively knitting and crocheting hats, scarves, and blankets for local organizations. There have been requests for more than **100** items from *Marvel Way Complex*, *Ronald McDonald House*, and *AWAKEN* already! We are showing samples of our work on our display ladder in the Fellowship Hall. We offer opportunities for you to join us on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, at 1pm or to pick up some yarn and work on a project from home. We will be at the church on Monday, September 9 from 1-2:30pm for our regular gathering, and again on Monday, September 30 from 1-2:30pm for a workshop with Becky to crochet *Octopus for Preemies* and continue making hats and scarves. On Monday, September 23, the *Holy Cross Quilters* will join us for a tour at *Marvel Way Complex*. Please see Peggy Whitney or Diane Torry for more information and sign up.

All skill levels are welcome as well as donations of washable acrylic yarn. We will accept gently worn hats, scarves, and blankets (baby to twin size). Please contact Peggy Whitney (775) 622-0128 before dropping those items off at the church. Our storage space is limited! Thank you for your support for this faith-based ministry partnering with Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

QUILT GROUP NEWS

By Diane Torry

We are fast approaching the end of our Quilt Year. The Quilts we have completed this year will be blessed during Worship on September 29. The Sanctuary will be a rainbow of color and art as we display the beautiful, useful quilts and blankets we have completed over the past year. Then the "fun begins" as we distribute our quilts to our neighbors at the Children's Cabinet, Marvel Way, Women and Children's Center, Ronald McDonald House, Veterans in Transition, Children in Transition, Hosanna Home, and Lutheran World Relief. The final "count" of quilts and blankets is not in, but this has been a very productive year! We think we may set a record of quilts and blankets completed.

Thanks to Mara and Mary Edmon, we have been blessed with an opportunity to share our abundance of fabric with the PTA at Natchez Elementary School. The teachers at Natchez recently made Ribbon Skirts to wear to honor Native American women and culture. The parents and teachers then decided to make ribbon skirts for the girls at Natchez elementary, but they would need fabric. Mara asked her mom Mary if Holy Cross Quilters might have some extra fabric that they could donate to the project---Holy Cross Quilters said YES!!---what fun we had going through "our stash" to select the fabric for the skirts. We look forward to hearing about this great project at Natchez, celebrating and honoring Native American women. The skirts connect the wearer to Grandmother Moon and Earth, they are a symbol of women's sacredness, Native survival and identity.

Come join us every Thursday for Quilting---there is always work to be done, joy to be had!

COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings Holy Cross Family,

Summer is about over and at Holy Cross we are gearing up for the fall season.

I want to start off with a thank you for all the members of Holy Cross that stayed for the semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18. Good news was shared!

To start off the season, we are participating in the Pride Parade September 7 by hosting a booth along with Lord of Mercy, Faith Lutheran, and Good Shepard. This is a great way to put our Welcome Statement into action.

The next event is the third annual Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale is slated for Saturday, September 14 from 8 am to 2 pm. Donations can be dropped off starting Sunday, September 8. Donations can be dropped off during the hours of 10-2 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the following week. Set up for the Rummage Sale will happen Friday, September 13 from 8 am to 12 pm. A big thank you to all the people that have offered to help with this event.

The last event for September is the training for Godly Play teachers that we are hosting here at the church. The training will be on Friday, September 27 and 28. Di Pagel, a trainer for Godly Play Foundation, will be our on-site leader for this event.

Finally, I want to remind you that there are lots of opportunities to plug in here at Holy Cross. You can host coffee hour, read the lessons, or usher during the coming year. If you have any questions about one of these opportunities, please contact me or Pastor Kathy.

Have a great beginning to fall.

Peace and blessings,

Katie Torry

Council President



WELCOME CENTER

By Diane Torry

The Welcome Center is always open in the Narthex at Holy Cross. Welcome packets which include information about Holy Cross, our various programming, and a hand made Cross are always available, as well as Connection Cards and Prayer request cards. We give these to visitors, and all who are interested. Please feel free to give one away!

There are also various brochures about Holy Cross available on a Narthex table;

Brochures about: Holy Cross, our Godly Play Sunday School Program, The Memorial Garden, Youth Ministry, Senior Transitions, Close Knit Friends, Quilting are all available. Please take one to read and one to share—they provide valuable information about Holy Cross, our Mission to serve God by being God's hands and feet in the world.

Our Web Site: www.holycrossreno.org and Facebook page: Holy Cross Lutheran Reno provides great information, and our You Tube channel carries our weekly Sunday Worship Service.

Also—printed bulletins are available every Sunday—in addition to the Worship Service, there is always a list of upcoming events and other announcements.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

By Diane Torry

Every Sunday we have a wonderful time of Fellowship following Worship Services. A time to greet visitors, old and new friends and “catch up” with one another.

Thank you to all who host and provide the delicious food each Sunday.

We are always in need of more Fellowship Hour Hosts. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex – and there are instructions on “how to Host Fellowship Hour” with the sign-up sheet. Paula Featherstone is always available to provide additional information.

If you are able, please sign up to host a Sunday Fellowship Hour, or co-host with another friend.

HOLY CROSS CLEAN DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

By Diane Torry

Signup sheet—with information and lists of cleaning tasks—available in the Narthex—We plan a fun day of doing a deep clean of our building to prepare our “house” for all of our great activities over the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Please sign up, join the fun!

SEPTEMBER



2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 01 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship | 02 6 pm High Desert Harmony | 03 4:30 pm Confirm Class 7 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 04 1:30 pm Bible Study 2:30 pm Community Fellowship | 05 9 am Quilting Group | 06 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 07 <u>Pride Parade</u> 8 am Set Up 10 am - 2 pm Event 2 pm Tear Down |
| 08 8 am Choir Rehearsal 9 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Godly Play | 09 1 pm Close Knit Friends 6 pm High Desert Harmony | 10 5:45 pm Council 7 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 11 1:30 pm Bible Study | 12 9 am Quilting Group | 13 7:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero | 14 8 am Rummage Sale |
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Meeting Every Sunday:
 1 pm Siasi Tonga Houeiki
 5:30 pm Casa Del Alfarero

Quilt Blessing 8/29

PSALM 85:12: "THE LORD WILL INDEED GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS HARVEST."