

Crossroads

Chris' Corner

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!” Ps 150:1-2

Surely, it is our time to praise God for his gifts to us. For those unable to attend our Special Congregational Meeting, on Sunday Jan 25th, it is my pleasure to inform you that we have unanimously called Jonathan "Jon" Yurk to be the next Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He has given us his resounding YES and will take the pulpit on March 1. We thank his wife, Jaime Souza, for her acceptance in sharing this ministry to which her husband has been called.

The Church Council and congregation extend our thanks again to the Call Committee, Corrie Valinkaty, Laurel Lindstrom, Matt Karam, Mona Warwick, Cleo Streit, and Sue Gonyou, for their dedication and commitment to this process.

In the young life of this congregation, we have seen four ministers called to serve this membership and partner with us to do the work of the Lord. Each call has been a new chapter in this church's life, and each departure has brought us a closing of that chapter. We begin anew, the fifth chapter in the life of this body of Christ.

I WONDER..... what glorious and good things will we do together that will make up the pages in this chapter, of the life story of Holy Cross, in this book of ours? I pray that you all will be with us in this journey of discovery, living out the purpose God has called us to be about in his church, in the community and world.

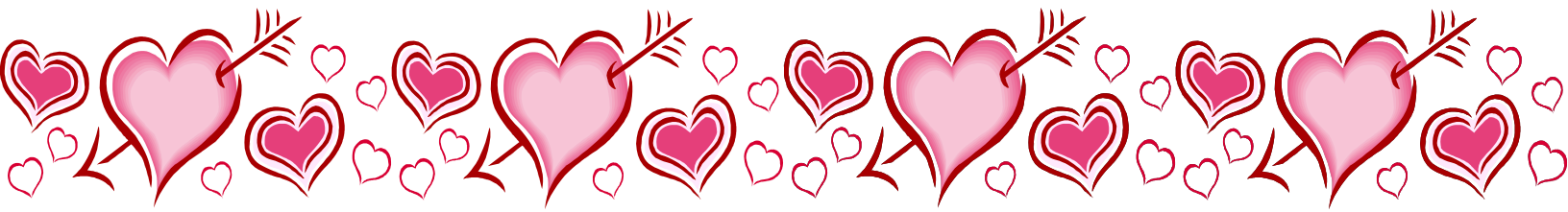
With the beginning of this new chapter, we must now say a fond farewell to our Intentional Interim, Pastor Larry Quanbeck. Please read the related article entitled "Farewell to Pastor Larry".

May the Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,



February 2009





Assigned Scriptures

February 1 -- Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

February 15 -- Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 8 -- Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 22 -- Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



Upcoming Worship Schedule

February Services

A few members will lead lay worship services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, February 14th & 15th. Please note that we will not have Holy Communion at either service.

The Godly Play Staff will direct the worship services on Saturday and Sunday, February 21st & 22nd. Please note that we will not have Holy Communion at either service.

Ash Wednesday Services

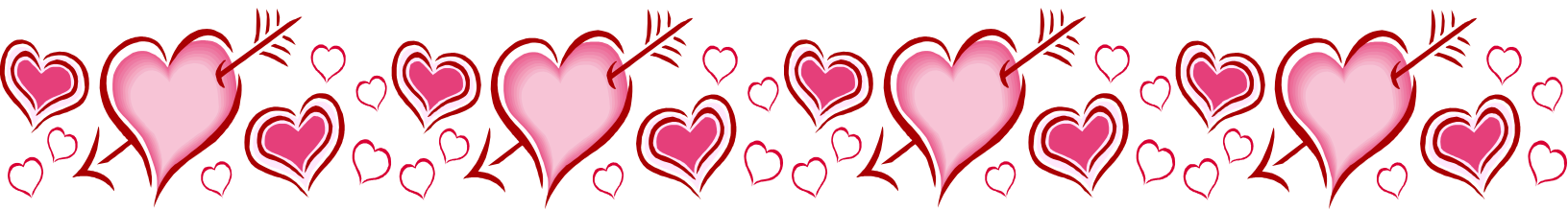
Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 25th. Because Pastor Jon will not begin his tenure here until March 1st, the church council encourages Holy Cross people to attend Ash Wednesday services at one of our sister Lutheran congregations in town. Some form of "Soup, Song and Worship" will take place at Holy Cross during the following Wednesdays throughout Lent.



Upcoming Events at Holy Cross

Chrismon-Making Class and Journaling Class

Classes for Chrismon-making and Journaling will both be held on February 6th and 20th. Chrismons-making will begin at 10:00am, and Journaling class will begin at 1:00pm. Please attend!



Fix up, Clean up, and Paint

On Friday, Feb. 13th, we could use a few strong volunteers to come to church at 5:00 pm to move furniture from the Pastor's office so that it may be painted. Also, we will be rearranging the furniture in the "Gathering Room".

Painting will begin on Sat. am. We'd like to tackle the window trim in the narthex and do touch up painting wherever required. I have the paint, some supplies for painting trim, but if you come, bring a brush.

Ladies of the Club Book Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Feb. 19th . Our selection is "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr. We meet at 6:30 pm, March's selection is "The Girls Who Went Away" by Ann Fessler.



Upcoming Synod & ELCA Events

RAIN/LAMN Legislative Event

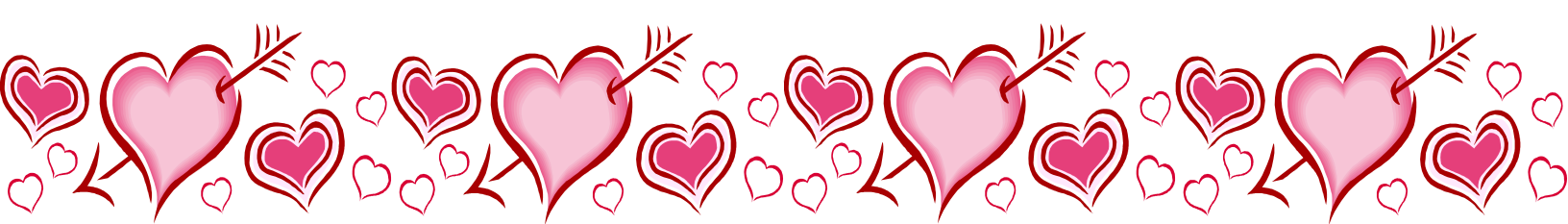
On February 2 in Carson City, the Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN) and the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Nevada (LAMN) will co-host an informational event at First United Methodist Church across from the State Legislative Building. This forum will present legislative concerns to persons in the Nevada state government. ELCA Sierra Synod Bishop Holmerud will be present. People from all denominations are encouraged to attend. Participants are invited to join in the opening ceremonies of the 2009 Nevada legislative session. Please join this historic moment in advocacy ministry.

Women of the ELCA Convention

The Sierra Pacific Synod's Women of the ELCA 2009 Convention will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Grace Valley, CA. The two-day event will take place on November 13-14 and will feature keynote speaker, Marva Dawn, who has led worship conferences throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and many other countries.

Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, Fresno, CA, May 28-30 2009

Two members of the congregation and Pastor Jon will be voting members from Holy Cross. Visitors are welcome to attend, too.



February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir Rehearsal, 8:15am ● Godly Play, 9:25 ● Worship, 9:30am ● Fellowship Hour & Bible Class, 10:40am 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bible Study, 1:30pm 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council, 6pm 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quilting Group, 6pm 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ladies of the Club Book Group, 6:30pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chrismons, 10am ● Journaling, 1pm 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Member Exploration Class, 10:30am ● Worship, 5pm ● Pastor Larry Farewell Dinner, 6pm
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