

CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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LENT

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

The Lutheran Hymnal #329

- From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
My prayer let come before Thee.
If Thou rememberest each misdeed,
If each should have its rightful meed,
Who may abide Thy presence?
- Thy love and grace alone avail
To blot out my transgression;
The best and holiest deeds must fail
To break sin's dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boasting stand,
But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.
- Therefore my hope is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word
To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just;
This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.
- And though it tarry till the night
And till the morning waken,
My heart shall never doubt His might
Nor count itself forsaken.
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
Wait for your God's appearing.

Psalm 130

- ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
²O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of
my pleas for mercy!
- ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that
you may be feared.
- ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in his
word I hope;
- ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen for the morning, more than
watchmen for the morning.

<p>5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth. Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow</p>	<p>For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.</p> <p>^aAnd he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.</p>
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The hymn, "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (*The Lutheran Hymnal*, 329; see also *Lutheran Service Book*, 607, *Lutheran Worship*, 230) is often used on Ash Wednesday. It is also often used at funerals.

Based on Psalm 130, the hymn helps us see the depth of the hopelessness of our plight as sinners whose sinfulness and sins cannot be overcome even by the noblest of our works performed with even the purest of motivation we can muster. However, from the first line of the hymn taken from Psalm 130:1 and throughout the hymn, the lyrics focus on God's grace, mercy, goodness, and faithfulness and highlight them as our hope and basis for crying to Him for forgiveness and deliverance.

I encourage you to use Psalm 130 and this hymn for your personal Bible study this Lent. Go beyond just reading Psalm 130 and singing/reading the hymn; look at cross-references and let God's Word remind and assure you of His grace, mercy, goodness, and faithfulness, and strengthen your faith and hope in Christ whose death on the cross atoned for your sins and guilt.

MARCH BIBLE STUDY AND SPECIAL WORSHIP DATES

3/1 5:45p Ash Wednesday Dinner hosted by WoHC

3/1 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Communion

3/12, 19, 26 Sunday Adult Bible Class

3/8, 15, 22, 29 7:00p Adult Bible Study

3/6, 13, 20, 27 12:30p Women's Bible Study



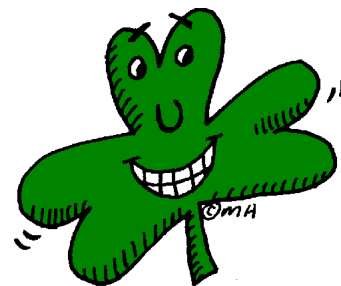
Sunday, March 12, 2017

March is a busy month for WoHC. Turn to page 4 for more information!

Ladies'
Bunco
Night for fun & friendship!

Ladies – please join us for a night of Bunco hosted by Sue O'Malley and the Women of Holy Cross on Thursday, March 9th from 6:30 – 8:30. Dessert will be served. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift – value \$10 or less – for prizes. Could be something funny or a gift that you received that you've never used. If you don't want to participate in the prizes that's fine too. We look forward to a night of fun fellowship.

SEASON OF LENT



March Birthdays

- 1 Terry M.
Eberhard W.
Idalene S.
- 6 Cal K.
- 11 Kamryn C.
Sue R.
- 12 Bill C.
- 14 Dave C.
- 18 Rachael G.
- 23 Jean E.
- 24 Jack M.
Chery C.
- 25 Nathan P.
- 30 Doris M.

March Anniversaries

- 4 Eric I. & Rayna K.
- 5 Steve & Janet V.
- 26 Jack & Doris M.



CHOIR REHEARSALS for March will be on March 7, 21, and 28. (No rehearsal on March 14.) Diana Meux

March 2017 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President

On Feb. 12 we had our General Meeting that included revealing our Secret Pals from the previous year, choosing Prayer partners, lunch, & a Bible Study led by Cherylene. I was disappointed to have missed it as I was fighting off a virus & didn't think folks wanted to listen to my coughing all morning. I heard many positive comments about the gathering; many women like having events right after church. I am hoping that we can possibly get a few more women who are willing to lead a short Bible Study (there are numerous available via LWML) during more frequent after church gatherings. It can be an informal gathering so no one must do much prep work. Fellowship is an important part of the WoHC & LWML mission. Please think about this & consider how you could help make this happen.

Upcoming WoHC activities:

Wed., 3/1, Ash Wed. Pizza & Salad Dinner, 5:45pm, Service 7pm,

Signup sheet is up. Free Will Offering proceeds go to Mites.

Thurs., 3/9, Women's Bunco with Sue O. & Mom Lilly, Parish Hall, 6:30-8:30pm

Please join Sue & her mom Lilly for a Night of Bunco! Sue will provide dessert & all attendees will contribute to the fun! If you would like to participate in winning a prize, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift (\$10 value or less). If you don't want to participate in the prizes that's OK. We look forward to a fun night of fellowship.

Sat., 3/11, Zone 7 Spring Rally, Benicia Lutheran, 9am

Theme: "The Rock Speaks". Speaker is Cindy Steinbeck - many of us have heard her before & she alone is worth taking time to go see. \$10 suggested donation includes continental breakfast & lunch. No ingathering this time, but a free-will offering will be given to a local charity or Mites. We can carpool from HC - sign-up now! p.s. the attendance plaque is given to the church with most attendees (wink-wink)!

Mon., 3/13, General Mtg., EOO (VP & Treas.), & Christmas Ornament Repair, 6:30pm, Parish Hall.

After a short meeting & election, we will have a Christmas in March craft project (repair our handmade Christmas ornaments). These ornaments were made by WoHC many, many years ago, and Andrea Buetel, Altar Guild, will help lead us to repair them. No special skills necessary, we will learn "on the job"! If you aren't sure you will be able to do the physical work, come & cheer those that can! Plus, as always, we will have dessert! Sign up & help!

Mon., 4/10, General Mtg. & Network or Care Packaging, 6:30pm, Parish Hall.

Plan to join us for this hands-on mission project - packaging items for Network of Care. They are a non-profit that relies on volunteers to put together bags of non-perishable foods & distribute them to community hospitals with pediatric wards. Nurses & social workers hand the bags out to families whose child has been suddenly hospitalized. The gift of food provides strength, support & comfort to families under an extreme circumstance. We will put together "large" meal bags. They are designed for families that have been or are going to be at the hospital for a long period. The bag has enough food to sustain a small family through one meal. A typical bag includes: cup of noodles, ravioli or stew type of item that is microwaveable, granola bars, Jello or fruit cups, cookies, crackers, & utensils. Sign-up sheet going up later.

Activity details are also on our Bulletin Board & Sunday Bulletins. As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

LWML ZONE 7 SPRING RALLY 2017



The Rock Speaks

“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

1 Corinthians 10:4

Cindy Steinbeck, Speaker

“Rocks cannot talk, but they speak of God’s mercy for us.”

Saturday, March 11th

Benicia Lutheran Church*

9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

Luncheon beginning around 12:00 noon

\$10.00 donation requested

Cindy is the owner-president of Steinbeck Vineyards & Winery in Paso Robles, California; a frequent speaker at conferences, conventions, and retreats; and the author of *The Vine Speaks: Eleven Lessons from John 15*—a book that reflects her passion for the vineyard and for the Vine, Jesus Christ; and *The Rock Speaks: Ten Lessons from 1 Corinthians 10*—a unique look at our Rock, Jesus Christ, who goes before us and behind us in our daily lives.



We will not have an ingathering at this rally but would like to have a free-will offering to be given to a local charity (to be determined) or to Mites.

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NIFTY FIFTY SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

The Brass Door Restaurant Friday, March 10th

The first is to The Brass Door Restaurant on Friday (so Bill Luker can have their Clam Chowder), March 10th 2017. It is located just off Crow Canyon Rd on San Ramon Blvd. Going south on 680 turn off right on Crow Canyon Rd and the first right is San Ramon Blvd and it is just about 6 or 8 blocks north down a little side area. Sounds complicated, but it is well worth the drive. The Brass Door has been there for more than 50 years, always under the same family, but has changed ownership in the last six months. The new owner has vowed to keep the high standards they always had which I feel they have done. As always, they have the linen tablecloths, goblets and silverware at all the table settings. I always enjoy going there because it's so refined and quiet. A real class act! Anyway, when I was there the last time they still had the same menu with the senior ground round (9oz), mashed potatoes with mushroom gravy, soup or salad with a sundae for dessert for \$13.50. I know you will enjoy the outing. Meet at church at 12:00 and leave at 12:15. Lunch is at 1:00. As always invite a neighbor or a friend. Marv Kreitz

New Lim's Chinese Restaurant Thursday, March 23

The second outing is to a restaurant we have been to and is on Thursday March 23, The New Lim's Chinese Restaurant located at 4340 Clayton Road Concord CA. Their menu is loaded with such items as Walnut Prawns, sauté asparagus with squid, eggplant, steamed fish and Hong Kong Style Noodles. The deep fried sole is one of the specials. The prices are very reasonable and both the quantity and quality is excellent. We have several members from our church that frequent New Lim's. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to make reservations for. Lunch is at 1:00. Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30. Marv Kreitz



WOHC JANUARY RECAP SERVANT PROJECT

On January 23rd, the Women of Holy Cross met at Sue O'Malley's home. The evening started off with the "Shalom Handshake", which was an interactive way to greet and bless each other. After going over the General Meeting notes, we got down to serious business: playing Bunco! This was my first experience playing, and it was great fun!

The ladies brought items they had been collecting for the "LSS Sweet Home Baskets", which are an assortment of home items that one would need when starting out on their own, after leaving foster care.

My daughter, who is a Junior at Northgate High School, helped collect kitchen items, a coffee grinder, and personal hygiene products from friends and family to contribute. It made her feel good to know she was helping others to start off on their own with a few necessities!

—Ina Dekker,
Servant Resources

WoHC, Sunday, Feb. 12th at 11:00 am

We met to have a soup/salad luncheon. We had fellowship time/refreshments and dessert. Our "Secret Pal Reveal" was the first order of business. Then we chose our new "Prayer Partner" for 2017. Next came our Bible Study called "The Wondrous Cross." We sang, we read Scripture, we prayed and we laughed. You could say we got a lot accomplished. Plus a short business meeting. Thanks for all who contributed food and organization and attended. It was fun. Carol Lau

Thank You! Thank You! By Joyce Liebe

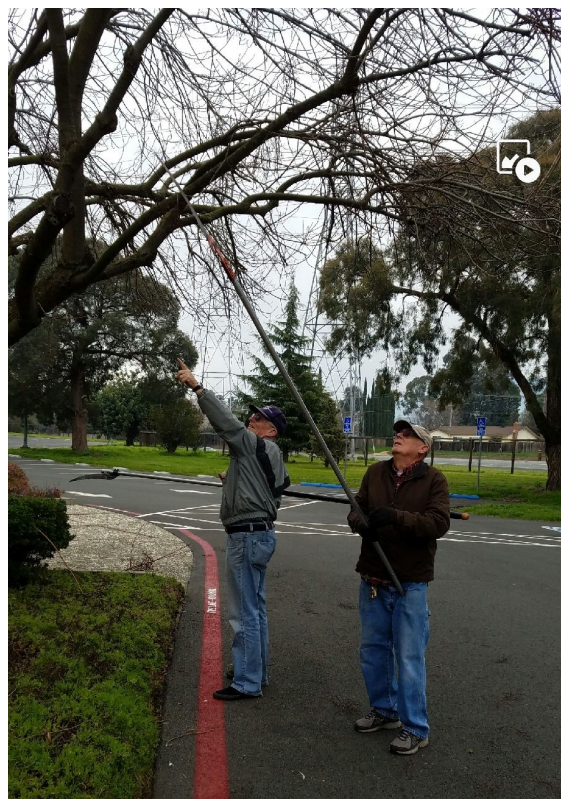
♥ Thanks to **Allen Brueckner** for leading our **Facility Tour**. Between Allen & **Mike Liebe**, we learned many interesting facts & secrets of our church. He also provided a list of statistics that gave us an idea of the scope of our Trustees' responsibilities. An example: we have 1,316 feet of rain gutters that frequently need to be cleaned (partly because of the 54 trees we have on our property). Oh, Allen offered tractor rides & lift demos (you may see some pix of those that took Allen up on his offer).

♥ Thanks to **Sue O'Malley** for hosting our **Jan. WoHC General Mtg.** at her home! After covering business, which included an interactive devotion by **Annaliesa Liedtke & Pat Easby**, we played Bunco. The usual initial confusion over rules, cheering of teammates, & laughter ensued. What a grand time! We took a dessert break (apple cake & cookies), then a little more bunco. We also reviewed some of the items donated to LSS Sweet Home Baskets-**THANKS TO ALL** who donated items & helped the WoHC do the Lord's work! Special thanks to **Ina Dekker** & her daughter **Tatiana**, for helping Sue deliver items to LSS.

♥ Thanks to **Sgt. Mike Roberts**, Concord PD, for his informative safety presentation during our **5th Sunday Brunch**. Our takeaway was to **BE AWARE** of your surroundings, & if we are ever in an active shooter situation, your options, in order of preference, are **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT**. Thanks to **Marlene Roberts** for helping coordinate her son's attendance & introducing him. And thanks to **Jean Eissner & Carol Lau** for helping lead the potluck. We had an awesome variety of food; it was great to see everyone & meet the visitors. Lastly, **thanks to all who helped set up & clean up!** Our next 5th Sunday Potluck is April 30, 11am.

♥ Thanks to **Cherylene Brueckner** for leading our Feb. WoHC General Mtg., including the Wondrous Cross Bible Study. Secret Pals were revealed & **Carol Lau** helped match up Prayer Partners. Lastly, thanks to **Melarie Seidel, Joyce Liebe, Grace Gin, & Cherylene** for providing lunch. What a special time with our Sisters in Christ.

More pictures on the next page



OUR FAITHFUL WORKERS



MUCH TOO HIGH FOR ME



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 5:45 meal 7:00p Ash Wed. service	2	3	4 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
5 Mite Box/Hat Sun. 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian	6 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 2:30p WoHC Board Mtg. (C) 7p Scouts	7 7:15p Choir Re- hearsal	8 1p Senior Brd 7p Bible Study	9 6:30p WoHC Bunco (H)	10 12:00p NFS Brass Door	11 9am Zone 7 Spring Rally, Benecia 11:00-2:00p Firecracker
12 DST (turn clock forward) 9:30am Worship 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)	13 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 6:30p WoHC Gen Mtg. 7p Scouts	14	15 7p Bible Study	16	17	18 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
19 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	20 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 12:30p Bridge 6:30p Church Council 7p Scouts	21 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir Re- hearsal	22 7p Bible Study	23 12:15 NFS New Lim's	24	25 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
26 9:30am Worship 10:30 Outreach Sunday 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	27 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 7p Scouts	28 7:15p Choir Re- hearsal	29 7p Bible Study	30	31	

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Sundays
Adults Bible Studies	11AM
Sunday School	11 AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies)	12:30PM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month after service

Publication Deadline:

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