

CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

Pastor Chu

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PENTECOST

June 4, 2017

A Virginia man recently made news for having painted on the tailgate of his pickup (though he had done this five years ago): “1Cor. 14:24 WOMEN SHALL BE SILENT AND SUBMISSIVE.” He also added, “READ YOUR BIBLE” and “GOD SAID IT BELIEVE IT” along with Christian fish symbol and three crosses.

Though it might appear that the man is trying to send a Biblical message, he is an avowed atheist and says that his goal is to show that the Bible is offensive, that “it’s a hateful, hateful piece of work which Christians try to turn around and they talk about love.”¹ He hopes that people would read the Bible and learn for themselves that “these preachers and priests and ministers, they’re making stuff up.”¹

Daniel Patrick Moynihan used to be fond of saying, “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts.”

The man with the “Biblical message” on truck is entitled to his own opinion and, sadly, many share his opinion that Scripture is offensive and a “hateful piece of work.”

However, the man is not entitled to his own set of facts contra the facts of and about Scripture. He takes words of the Bible out of context to present his own message that is incomplete and contrary to Scripture. The words he painted on his truck come from a verse that is part of St. Paul’s instructions for proper order and conduct during worship (1Corinthians 14:26-40).

1Corinthians 14:34 in its entirety, along with the preceding verse, read: ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. Paul neither relegates a woman to second-class citizenship nor commands women to be subservient.

In his commentary, *1Corinthians*, Dr. Gregory J. Lockwood explains Paul’s command: “Paul’s injunction for women covers any kind of authoritative teaching of God’s Word — the leading role in speaking or teaching when the church assembles for worship... Here in 1 Corinthians 14, Paul may be focusing primarily on women’s participation through tongues-speaking or prophecy.” (p.508)²

In the context of the rest of Scripture — that is, taking all that the Bible says — one could hardly argue reasonably or convincingly that Scripture is misogynistic

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or hateful.

Some Christians might be offended by what the man is trying to do, though his attitude and posture toward God and Scripture are to be expected from one who does not know or trust Scripture for what it is, the Word of God.

So rather than be upset...

1. Pray for the man and other unbelievers; pray that by God's grace they be led by the Holy Spirit to search Scripture and to know and trust Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life (John 5:39, 14:6).
 2. Read, hear, and study Scripture so that we guard ourselves against misquoting, taking out of context, or otherwise misusing or misapplying God's Word but rather be equipped to articulate God's Word clearly, particularly the Gospel that reveals and points people to God's love in Jesus Christ.
- 1 "Why there is a Bible verse about silencing women on this man's truck" <http://wtvr.com/2017/05/15/bible-verse-truck-sparks-outrage/>
- 2 Lockwood, Gregory J. *1Corinthians*. Concordia Commentary series published by Concordia Publishing House. St Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2000.

A HUGE NOTE OF THANKS to the Holy Cross Choir for another year of praising the Lord with music! Thank you all so much for your dedication of time and talent. You are greatly appreciated! God's blessings for a wonderful and relaxing summer. -Diana Meux



Upcoming Special Services



Sacrament of Holy Baptism:
June 25, 2017



Rite of Confirmation:
July 2, 2017
Pray for those who will be Confirmed.

June Anniversaries

- 5 Randy & Aimee S.
- 8 Cal & Betty K.
- 17 John & Sandy C.
- 24 Walter & Nancy H.
Don & Marlene R.
- 27 Ken & Carole C.
- 29 Pastor Bill & Carol C.

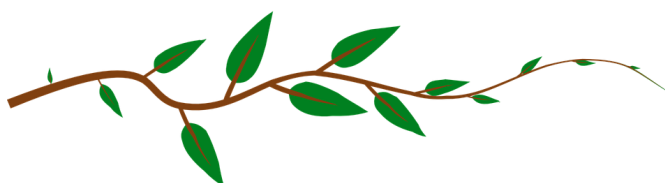
June Birthdays

- 2 Jordan B.
- 7 Aroon W.
- 9 Carol L.
- 10 Tom O.
- 11 Nancy H.
- 13 Abigail R.
Kartini P.
- 15 Jack E.
- 16 Shinta S.
- 17 JoEllen R.
- 20 Jessica A.
- 22 Kiley W.
Noah W.
- 25 Gayle B.
- 27 Kenneth C.



NEW OUTREACH SCHEDULE FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

- 8:30 am** Parish Hall kitchen help
- 9:30 am** Worship
- 10:30 am** Parish Hall kitchen help
- 11:30 am** Leave for shelter
- 12:00 pm** Devotion, Serve food,
Visit
- 1:30 pm** Back at Holy Cross for
dishes and cleanup



BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN

ATTENTION LADIES OF ALL AGES

Choices, Messages, and Principles

As Christians, we believe there are fundamental principles that can serve as a foundation for the way we live and affect the choices we make.

Ladies, you are welcome to join us in the CONFERENCE ROOM on **Mondays @ 12:30pm-2:00pm** (we start & stop on time). Bring yourself & your Bible for only 1 1/2 hrs. of light discussion & easy Bible reading.

Praise God! Our new Bible Leader is Annaliesa Liedtke. She has a wonderful relationship with the Lord and her Bible. We learn from her and each other-which is very interesting with lighthearted conversations & laughter. Please drop by on any Monday and check this out. We look forward to our time with the Lord, and new friends.

Try it, you might like it. See you Monday! Guiding God, teach us how to listen as we study your word and contemplate our lives. Amen. Submitted by Pat Easby

Sunday Bible Class: June 4, 11, 18, 25

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 1 John—June 7, 14, 21, 28

Human Care Collection Reminder by Pat Easby

We are still saving: used glasses, frames, lens. They don't have to be intact or matching, loose lenses are ok. Do you want to save your old frames? That's ok, just donate the lens. Save the fronts of your greeting cards: Easter, Get Well, Birthday, Thank You, etc.

Also, save cancelled postage stamps - leave at least 1/4" border around stamps for them to remove the stamps for their projects.

All our Human Care collections are listed on page 19 of our WoHC Program & also listed on our WoHC bulletin board. The collection bins are on the table as you enter the Parish Hall door coming from Church. THANK YOU!



We have two GRADUATIONS for the Aduan family!

Jessica has graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts Dance degree. She will do the walk on May 25th at AT&T Park. She has been teaching at COVAH charter school in Oakland and coaching color guard at Northgate High School. Future plans include credential program gearing toward teaching. We are very proud of her accomplishments and wish her well in her future career!

Philip is graduating on May 26th from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Music-emphasis on Music education as a Deans Scholar and cum laude. He has been active in Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity (Music) throughout college. He has been very active with the music department and has been pursuing teaching and conducting. He will be continuing with the credential program at SJSU in the coming year. He has also been giving private lessons and working at music camps in the summer. We are very proud of him also and wish him well in his future career as well... We are very, very proud parents of these talented two! They have followed their passions and we believe only good things will come for both of them. Submitted by Liz Aduan

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

Our All Congregation Potluck & Birthday Party was held on May 7. It was well attended & as usual, we had a great assortment of tasty salads, main dishes, sandwiches, etc.

THANK YOU to all who participated - especially those who prepared some of their family's special recipes for us to share! Also to Grace for our devotion, Cherylene for our "what do we have in common" activity, & the choir leading us in "Happy Birthday".

We received the same feedback from many "this was a great way to sit with those we don't normally sit with & get to know them".

It was fun to celebrate each other & share the good food & laughter!

Our next

CONGREGATIONAL

event is on

Monday, 6/12,

Dinner Out with Family & Friends,
6pm.



This annual event is always popular.

We are going to Buttercup Diner & Bar this year (corner of Clayton Road & Treat Blvd). Many members recommend this restaurant; however I have not been to a Buttercup location for 25+ years. So, I did a little research. Here is what I found online:

The story of Buttercup begins in 1988, when David & Debbie were just starting their family. At the time, David worked for an upscale dinner house. They had a hard time finding a restaurant that offered fresh food, yet was casual enough to bring their children. They dreamed of owning a family style restaurant where they could get fresh homemade food at an affordable price. Fast forward 28 years later, and you can find David, Debbie, and their 3 children working at the 5 locations in the Bay Area. Buttercup has truly become a family restaurant.

- Our goal is to serve our guests hearty, high quality food at a reasonable price.
- The kitchen makes pretty much everything from scratch from Debbie's personal recipes.
- Dessert is a must here. When in doubt, order the signature upside-down apple-walnut pie, topped with a crunchy brown-sugar-and-walnut glaze.

We are proud to employ a loyal staff many of which have been with us for over 20 years. Together we are committed to providing you with old fashioned and friendly service.

Their menu includes homemade soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches on sour dough rolls baked in house daily, pasta, steak, ribs, chicken, salmon, pies..... OH MY!!!

Family & friends are welcome, so please extend the invitation!

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.

NIFTY FIFTY SENIORS JUNE OUTINGS Marv Kreitz

We again have two outings for the month of June 2017

MAC'S OLD HOUSE

On **Thursday, June 8th at 11:30** we will be seated at Mac's Old House located at 3100 18th St Antioch, CA. That's when it opens. This is a favorite place to eat for many people and if we wait until our usual 1:00 we will have to wait and not sit together. If you think Al the Wops is rustic wait until you visit a real historic house made into a restaurant. The food is great, the portions are huge and the prices are even better. Bar drinks are \$2.50 for a single, \$3.00 for a double and \$3.50 for a really big triple. Lunch menus are part of the place mats and run from Prime Rib and Rib Eye Steaks for \$10.95, Calamari Steak (one of my favorite) and you get two large pieces, and Red Snapper for \$9.95. Another of my favorites is Ground Round for \$6.95. Lunches are served with Minestrone soup (a big bowl) or salad, pasta and a vegetable. That along with a great basket of breads makes it hard to beat. CASH ONLY and they only run one tab. Gratuity is 20%. I have a calculator on my Smart Phone so if each of you keep track of what you order I can just add 29.5% (20% tip and 9.5% tax) and that's what you owe. Meet at church at 10:30 and leave at 10:45. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on. This is a great place to eat but seating could be a problem....so if you intend to go be sure to sign up early.

PETER'S STEAK HOUSE.

On **Thursday, June 22** we plan on going to Peter's Steak House located in the Delta at the town of Isleton, CA. We have been to this restaurant many times and yet we always seem to want to return as the drive there is enjoyable especially during the spring when everything in bloom and the food is always great. Last time I was there I had a Prime Rib sandwich that came in a long roll (sub like) with the Prime Rib hanging over the sides done just as I like it. It must have been 3/4 of a pound of meat so tender I could have eaten it with my fork along with a pile of French fries for \$10.50. I was so pleased that when going to Peter's Steak house was brought up, I was all for it. There is of course steaks, great fish and chips and clam chowder etc. The last two times we were there, two men with full beards were drinking at the bar having a great time and were welcoming all that came in. There is also a delightful Chinese lady that tends the bar and is the waitress for the dining area that is there to please all patrons. All and All it's a great place to eat and the drive too. Meet at church at 11:45 and leave at 12:00. As always lunch is at 1:00. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on. It's quite a drive so we should carpool. Bring a friend!

NFS May Outing to Al the Wops Marv Kreitz

There were 6 of us that made the trip to Al the Wops in Lock, CA. on Thursday, June 11th. Karol Renolds and I road together. Bill Riechmann and Erna Beutel road together and Pastor and Dave Caruso drove separately. The drive there was beautiful as I knew it would be. They were selling cherries along the way and we decided we would stop on the way back which we did and I can tell you the cherries were great and the price for a container was one dollar. They also had beautiful apricots that actually had a sticker from a packing house on them. Beautiful and as big as an apple. I still have some of the fruit in my refrigerator. When we arrived at Lock there wasn't a place on the street so we parked in back almost a block away. As always Al the Wops bar was packed so we went directly to the dining area. see picture The six of us sat at a single table. The food as always was unique. Karol and I had the New York Strip Steak along with a stack of sourdough bread and a great salad. My steak was almost an inch thick and cooked as ordered but seemed to have been frozen so it was not tender. I ate most of it and took home enough for a second meal. Several of the others had Fish and Chips that looked excellent. I think Dave had a hamburger. Anyway, we all had what we wanted and enjoyed the trip there and back. It was a delightful outing.



HOLY CROSS (Christian Soldier) Men's Koffee Klatch Platoon (HCMKKP) (Every good military organization has an acronym) Operation 1705180830L May 2017.

After Action Report (AAR)

Chaplain Chu opened with a prayer!

The platoon had yet another highly successful operation. Coffee and breakfasts were destroyed beyond recognition at target location MEL's Diner. The operation was conducted by HC's most dedicated and fearless troops and, to be fair, the platoon is regularly augmented by loyal, selfless civilian contractors. Unfortunately, there were several "failed to make movement" no shows. Were it not for arrival of augmentees, from outside the HC family, and arrival of newly trained HC members, the platoon would have been under strength and some coffee and breakfasts would have escaped to fight another day. It appears the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Eberhard Weiss needs to counsel the troops regarding roll call and requirements to maintain personnel accountability during pending times of absence (e.g., sick call, temporary duty (TDY) to other locations, classified assignments, etc.). It is interesting to note that the CSM was a no show and initially reported as AWOL until Peter Liedtke covered for him. We missed:

Gen Jack Easby (USMC). He had his Aide-de-Camp (Pat) call in sick for him due to a routine doctor appointment. We all know generals don't do any work so we are at a loss to understand why the sick call request didn't arrive until this most critical operation was already underway.

CSM Weiss (USA), after the fact, reported that he was providing assistance to the legal system; therefore, he is granted an excused absence. We all need to support our local government.

CAPT Marv Kreitz (USN) was initially AWOL until Bill Riechmann covered for him. He had escort duty for a dinner engagement and needed extra time to prepare his uniform? Those Navy guys have all the fun. Herb Neumann had an excused absence. He was tasked to wave the HCMKKP flag at a local community event while using one of his cars to attract attention.

LT Howard Scouten (USAF) was convalescing from illness. We hope he is better. He is very skilled at killing coffee and breakfast.

Mike Liebe (Civ Contractor) generally is excused; however, our intelligence sources reported that he wasn't working, but was on vacation. Our legal expert, Tim Hintz, suggested that it would be more appropriate for him to save his vacation days to enable participation in HCMKKP operations.

PVT Snuffy (to protect his undercover work) failed to report. Something about a sprinkler system. The PVT is encouraged to call platoon member Master Chief Al Brueckner (USN) (also highly qualified HC Head Trustee) for instructions on how to shut sprinkler systems off. Following this advice will save water long enough for the private to be able to participate in future operations. Privates need understanding and extra care and feeding.

Joe Odrzywowski (from here to forth Joe O) is a newly arrived member of the platoon. We saw a lot of potential in this person and changed the operation day to accommodate him.

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Two guests augmented this operation. The first is LtCdr David McHuron (USN). Dave was a career naval aviator and intelligence officer. He informed the commander that his arrival brings real class to the platoon. Naval aviators are like that, always exaggerating. You'd think he was a TOP GUN or something. The commander's response to his remark can't be published. The commander has the option to uninvite the TOP GUN; however, the TOP GUN has already indicated he will always be on hand for roll call unless diverted by other classified missions.

Master Chief Brueckner brought an augmentee to the operation, Mr. Gary Goodshaw. This was an obvious ploy to bolster numbers of naval personnel and supporters on hand for the operation.

FUTURE OPERATIONS

The next operation is scheduled for 170830L JUN15 (June 15th @ 0830). NOW HEAR THIS CSM, the commander will be elsewhere, on a classified operation, unless UNITED has overbooked and he loses his seat (for \$10K he won't cry). The CSM has overall operational control of this operation. Meanwhile, the commander strongly encourages everyone to participate. After all, "This is a mandatory formation!" Enjoy yourselves!

William H. Luker
LTC, USA (Retired)
Commanding



Submitted by Joyce Liebe

1. Sip an umbrella drink by the pool.
2. Make an ice cream sandwich out of a waffle.
3. Take a mini road trip just to eat something amazing.
4. Make ice cream from scratch.
5. Throw a party with a DIY Hot Dog Bar.
6. Go berry picking.
7. Have a bowl of cold soup on a hot day.
8. Drink something out of a coconut.
9. And also out of a pineapple
10. Grill a steak.
11. Freeze something fun into your ice cubes
12. Eat watermelon ON A STICK.
13. Go on a picnic.
14. Eat tomatoes when they are in season and taste like dream coming true!
15. Start an herb garden — even if you don't have outdoor space.
16. Make cold-brew coffee.
17. Eat Dippin' Dots.
18. Grill peaches.
19. Eat an unreasonable amount of guacamole
20. Eat cherries while they're in season.
21. Hang out around a fire at night
22. Eat a corn dog.
23. Grill beer-can chicken.
24. Have an early dinner party outside, and sit around talking past when it gets dark.
25. Go camping.
26. Fall asleep in a hammock
27. Make a punch bowl out of a watermelon
28. Go fishing.
29. Make popsicles.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
4 PENTECOST <i>Mite Box/Hat Sun.</i> 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Class	5 12:30p Women's Bible Class 7p Scouts	6	7 7p Bible Study	8 OFC CLOSED 11:30a NFS at Mac's Old House	9	10 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
11 9:30am Worship 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	12 12:30p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Dinner Out- Buttercup Grill 7p Scouts	13	14 1p Senior Brd 7p Bible Study	15 OFC CLOSED 8:30a Men's Koffee Klatch	16	17 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	19 12:30p Women's Bible Class 12:30p Bridge 6:30p Church Coun- cil 7p Scouts	20 6:30p Elders	21 7p Bible Study	22 OFC CLOSED 11:45a NFS Peter's Steak House LWML National Conference in Albuquerque, NM, June 22-25	23	24 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
25 9:30am Worship/ Communion/Baptism 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 8:30a Outreach 2-6p Myanmar Christian	26 12:30p Women's Bible Class 7p Scouts	27	28 7p Bible Study	29 OFC CLOSED	30	

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Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 9am-1pm

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:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

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