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**Confirmation Day****Pastor Chu**

On July 2, four young people will go through the Rite of Confirmation during the Divine Service. I had the privilege of baptizing three of them when they were infants and watching all four of them grow in their faith in Christ by the grace and work of the Holy Spirit through the hearing and learning of the Word and God. Credit and thanks go to their parents and Sunday school teachers who taught them the Word of God and about Jesus and — along with other Christians in their lives, including members of Holy Cross — encouraged and prayed for them.

These four young people — Alex R., Brandon V., Kamryn C., and Kayleigh C. are active in the life of the fellowship of believers here at Holy Cross. They attend and participate faithfully in the divine service and Sunday school. They serve in the divine services as usher (Brandon) and acolytes (Alex, Kamryn, and Kayleigh). Along with their families, they host Christmastime bake sales to raise money for charity.

Their past three years of confirmation instruction (one year overview of Scripture and two-year study of the Small Catechism) and their life in the church from their baptism, where they were washed in what St. Paul calls the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), to the present have prepared them for their Rite of Confirmation. This “journey” that started at their baptism is a life-long journey and their Day of Confirmation is not the end but the continuation — albeit a new phase — of this journey that is their life in Christ. The Holy Spirit nourished their faith along the way with His Word; from this point, He will continue to sustain and strengthen their faith with the Word of God but also with the Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Their parents will continue to play a vital role in encouraging them in the faith by bringing them to the means of grace on Sundays. However, by answering the following questions in their Rite of Confirmation with “I do, by the grace of God,” they vow and commit to making the means of grace an integral and indispensable part of their lives:

- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

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- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

As we give thanks to God for the faith in Christ that He gave to Alex, Brandon, Kamryn, and Kayleigh in Holy Baptism and for their affirmation of that faith on the Day of Confirmation, we are reminded to give thanks for the faith He has given us and to reflect on the vows we once made to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. And as we give thanks to God for nourishing their faith with the means of grace, we are reminded and encouraged to be faithful in hearing the Word of God and receiving the Lord's Supper, the means of grace through which the Holy Spirit nourishes and strengthens our faith and faithfulness.

Please join me in continuing to support Alex, Brandon, Kamryn, and Kayleigh with our words of encouragements, examples of the life in Christ, and, above all, our prayers.



**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16.**

## July Birthdays

2 Gerda K.

3 Peggy O.

5 Carol C.

7 Ken R.

10 Aimee S.

Bob H.

12 Katty S.

18 Eric R.

Diana M.

20 Pat E.

Dwight G.

25 Michael G.

29 Philip A.

31 Megan G.

## July Anniversaries

18 George & Diane O.

23 Peter & Annaliesa L.

26 Mike & Tina V.

30 Allen & Cherylene B.

## Greeting Cards by Pat Easby

Save & bring your greeting card fronts to Holy Cross. We donate them to St. Jude's Ranch, where children create new cards that are sold to support programs for abused, neglected & homeless children, young adults & families. The children at St. Jude's receive payment for their work, learn basic job skills, & how to recycle. Thank You for supporting this Human Care Project.

## Outreach Donations—Thank You & Blessings by Pat Easby

Do you travel for work &/or pleasure? Don't know what to do with those little bottles of shampoo, conditioner? Are they taking up space at home? Bring items & place them in container under the member photo board in parish hall. They will be put to good use by our North Concord Shelter Clients that we see every 4th Sunday (or we will donate to Lutheran Social Services). Nothing goes to waste! We can also use new/gently used (preferably white) heavy socks - they walk so much they wear out quickly!

## Sunday Adult Bible Class

Informal discussions during the Coffee Hour during July and August

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Continue with the study of St. John's Epistles.

July 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16

## Monday Women's Bible Study

On recess until after Labor Day in September



## Men's Koffee Klatch

July 20 (Thursday), 8:30 a.m. at Mel's Diner

August 17 (Thursday), 8:30 a.m. at Mel's Diner



**2017 LWML CNH RETREAT**  
**Silver Spur Christian Retreat Center, Tuolumne,**  
**CA**  
**August 25-27, 2017**



This is the year our church body celebrates the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. October 31, 1517–October 31, 2017

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the Krause family on the passing of Elmer Krause on June 20. He is Ray's dad. Elmer is survived by his wife Lenore (married 62 years). Please pray for the family as they mourn his passing.



## August Birthdays

2	Clark W.
3	Kayleigh C.
6	Dave C.
7	Scott S.
10	Marilynn N.
14	Ann C. Carrie K.
18	Amber R. Kaytlin R.
21	Chris R. Bill M.
23	Jan W.
27	Michael O.
29	Ina D.

## August Anniversaries

1	Larry & Maxine F.
26	Scott & Idalene S.
28	John & Andrea B.



## *Summer 2017 – WoHC Happenings by Joyce Liebe, President*

We had 25 attend our annual **Dinner Out with Family & Friends** on June 12 - even with the "competition" of the (final, winning championship) Warriors game!

This year we went to **Buttercup Diner & Bar**. We had the enclosed patio all to ourselves (thanks to Marilyn Neumann's coordination) - the sun was brightly shining, however there was a nice breeze which could be controlled by the side doors.

The noise level reached a high level, then the food arrived. I looked around and everyone was enjoying their dinner, occasionally taking a break to contribute to a conversation. I thought the food was very good & plentiful, and the service above average.

Thanks again to all who attended. This is a great way to get to know one another a little better & also support our local businesses!

This year we did something different for **Father's Day**. We know men like to eat (well, who doesn't?). So we set up a "snack" bar of various items, including granola bars, chocolate bars, hard candies, individual bags of pretzels, nuts, cheese crackers, cookies..... We had "Dad Bags" that they could fill with whatever they liked. It was fun to see the guys going around the table, checking everything out & filling their bag. We hope you all took some time to relax & enjoy the snacks.

*Special thanks to Idalene, Cherylene, & Chris for your help!*



## **Here is the 2017-2018 WoHC Board & Chairpersons (9/2017 – 8/2018)**

✝ President	Joyce Liebe
✝ Vice President	Annaliesa Liedtke
✝ Secretary	Grace Gin
✝ Treasurer	Melarie Seidel
✝ Birthday Gifts	Idalene Stadler
✝ Christian Life	Pat Easby & Annaliesa Liedtke
✝ Gospel Outreach	Gayle Bothe
✝ Human Care	Sue O'Malley
✝ Membership Dev.	Pat Kroeger & Idalene Stadler
✝ Servant Resources (& Council Rep)	Cherylene Brueckner
✝ Sunshine/Cards (B'day)	Idalene Stadler
(Get Well/Anniv/Sympathy)	Chris Roman

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The Board/Chairpersons are meeting this summer to plan our Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2018 activities.

**Both meetings begin at 6pm &  
start off with a salad potluck! Details:**

Monday, 7/17, Joyce Liebe's home

Monday, 8/14, Ina Dekker's home

All women of Holy Cross are welcome to join us. Just let me know if you can.

**If you cannot attend, we would appreciate your input in what activities you want more of, less of, something new???**

**This is the women of Holy Cross' group, we all have input in what we do.**

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## **Please Join Us for an Evening of Bunco**

*Hosted by Sue O'Malley & the Women of Holy Cross*  
**Wednesday, July 12, Holy Cross Parish Hall**

**6:30 – 8:30pm**

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.*

**Dessert will be served**

**Bring your own beverage**

## Nifty Fifty Senior Outings for July and August

### JULY OUTINGS

The first is to a restaurant called Digger's Diner located at 1895 Farm Bureau Road in Concord, CA 94519 on **Thursday, July 6th** at our regular time of 1:00. I have never been there, but it is highly recommended for its hamburgers which are all 1/3 lb. except where you request a double which is 2/3 lb. A regular hamburger is \$3.99 and a cheeseburger is \$4.49. They have Bacon Burgers and Turkey Burgers and others as well. It's a little like Giant Hamburger because you order everything a la cart. Fries are \$2.49. They have Cajun Fries, Garlic fries, Ball Park fries and many more. They have a Rueben Special and they also have Wraps, New York Steak sandwiches, on and on. I also took a peek at their breakfast menu and was totally impressed to the point that (if I can get someone to go for breakfast) I would like to try it. Breakfast in all other Diggers is served all day except the one we are going to, it ends at 11 a.m. It looks like something worth our trying. Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30 Try something new...Marv Kreitz

Our second outing is on **Thursday, July 20th** to an old favorite, D J Bistro, a German restaurant located at 1825 Sutter St. Concord, CA 94520 where the food is outstanding, especially if you like German food. Wiener Snitzel, Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage and of course the glass of beer for those of you who want to imbibe. The beer comes in half liters which is an excellent stimulus to great discussions! The last time I was there I had the small Yager Snitzel which almost covered the plate along with red cabbage and Spratzel and it was all I could eat. Someone wanted to know the difference between Yager Snitzel and Wiener Snitzel, well with the Wiener Snitzel you get Potato Salad and with the Yager Snitzel you get red cabbage and spratzel, now you know. We have a great German contingency at our church so when we go to a German restaurant we generally have a good turnout and a good time. They have a very nice lady named Monika who is a good friend of Peter and Annaliesa Liedtke who sees that we get excellent service. If you have never been here, go with someone that knows the way as it doesn't have a big sign and you have to be on top of it to see it. Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30.

Lunch is at 1:00. Sign up in the Social Hall so we know how many to plan on. Bring a neighbor or a friend. Marv Kreitz

### AUGUST OUTINGS

On **Thursday, August 10th**, we will be going to Sailor Jacks located at 123 1st St Benicia, CA. This is the first time we will be going to this Seaside Restaurant and it looks great. Sailor Jacks is said to be the top restaurant in Benicia for seafood served with a California flair. It is located on the scenic Carquinez Straits They say their seasonally changing menu offers something for everyone. The restaurant is named for author Jack London who lived nearby and loved the area. The restaurant is located in a historic sea captain's home where the waterfront view setting is unique. It offers two floors and several charming rooms (plus an outdoor deck and patio where you can enjoy eating). I will post a picture of it on the bulletin board so you can see the view and interior. Meet at church at 12:00 and leave at 12:15. We should car pool because it involves a toll crossing on the bridge. Lunch as always is at 1:00. Marv Kreitz

The second Outing, scheduled for **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, is to an old favorite of mine, the Black Angus Steak House located at 4814 Dublin Blvd Dublin, CA 94568. I have been there with a group (I used to work at Montgomery Wards) many times and I have loved it especially when they have specials. Currently they have any lunch with a purchase of a beverage for \$9.50. Many of you have had their Campfire dinners at the Black Angus located here on North Main Street which includes an appetizer and a desert and two sides for each person for \$43:00. Well they have for lunch most of the choices offered for the Camp Fire dinners such as Prime Rib, top sirloin, salmon, chicken etc. along with two sides. It, of course, doesn't have desert and appetizer. I generally have a wedge salad and mashed potatoes and salmon for the \$9.50 and coffee which of course is extra. I think it's a real bargain. Well worth the drive to Dublin and there is no toll bridge. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on and ask a friend. Meet at church at 12:00 and leave at 12:15. Lunch is planned for 1:00. The Black Angus on North Main St is not open for lunch! Marv Kreitz

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**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
Adult Bible Studies	11 AM
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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