

# CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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*He's  
Risen!*

In our March newsletter, I quoted extensively Dr. Albert Mohler's article, *Moralism is Not the Gospel (But Many Christians Think It Is)*, in which he wrote of false gospels, based on Paul's words in Galatians 1:6-9<sup>(1)</sup>; Dr. Mohler offered moralism as a prime example of a contemporary and particularly seductive false gospel. In my article, I encouraged you to read the Scriptures in order to know the true Gospel so that, beyond knowing and being certain that you are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, you will also:

1. Be able to recognize false gospels
2. Be prepared to give a reason for your hope in Christ because of the Gospel<sup>(2)</sup>

Continuing the same theme, I encourage you to read the Gospel accounts of Christ's resurrection. Read also 1 Corinthians 15, 1 Thessalonians 4, John 11, Acts 2, Romans 6, etc., and look up other passages that speak directly of, or allude to, Christ's resurrection and our future resurrection so that you would be ready to share the Good News of resurrection.

Then think about Christ's resurrection and what His resurrection means for us. For example, consider:

What is Christ's resurrection?

What testimony do we have in Scripture that Jesus arose from the dead?

How did Christ's resurrection changed the way His followers lived?

What hope does Christ's resurrection give to us for what comes after death?

What difference does Christ's resurrection make in the way you live?

How does Christ's resurrection and His promise of your resurrection through faith in Him

inform and help you face challenging circumstances in your life and the life of others dear to you, for example, illnesses, grief, even death?

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:

*<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*

*<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

People might question us about the resurrection and challenge us to prove that Christ arose from the dead. We might fail to answer adequately their challenge and so to avoid such failure, we shy from sharing the Gospel.

Share the Gospel as God gives opportunity. Tell people about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and what they mean for you, them, and all people, and not just for the future but in the here and now. And then let the Holy Spirit do what He has promised to do, that is, to work through his Word to bring people to faith.

- (1) *<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — <sup>7</sup>not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:6-9)*
- (2) *Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15b)*

## April Bible Study Opportunities

**Sunday Bible Class—"Jesus: Legend or Lord?"**

*April 8, 15, 22, 29*

**Wednesday at 7 pm Evening Bible Class**

*April 4, 11, 18*

**Women's Bible Study**

*Monday at 12:30 pm (NO meeting 4/2)*



### *April 2018 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President*

In March we had our General meeting, which included elections and bunco. This year President and Secretary were on the ballot. Even though I was hopeful someone might step up to take on the President position, that was not to be this time. So, I will continue as President.

I am grateful for such a supportive group of women that assist me in this role, so all is good! Speaking of stepping up, Jan Walker agreed to be our Secretary!

This is an important position & since Grace, our current Secretary, has been having some vision issues, we are very happy Jan will take over.

After a quick election, Cherylene led a short devotion about prayer, then on to bunco.

We had enough players to fill 3 tables, so the action was high level!

Thanks to all who joined in on the fun, laughter, & fellowship!

### Upcoming WoHC activities:

**Friday-Sunday, 4/27-29 LWML CNH Convention, Newark, CA**

*At least 5 WoHC plan to attend, including our delegate, Gayle Bothe. It is not too late to sign up. See flyer on page 5. I have registration information too.*



**Sat., 5/19, Zone 7 Spring Rally, First Lutheran, Concord 9am**

*Mark your calendar & plan to attend our Zone Spring Rally. It's just a few miles away, at First Lutheran, Concord! There will be continental breakfast, speaker, worship, fellowship, & lunch. Flyer with details due to us the first week of April. JOIN US!*

## Dear God,

Thank you for the woman reading this prayer right now. Thank you for her heart. May you bless her right now. Fill her with your incredible peace. Wrap her in your love. May she feel confident and worthy. I pray that she would grow closer to you every day. Fuel a desire deep within her to seek after you. I pray that she would lead a life by the example Christ set. May she face everything with courage and may she walk in integrity. Help her with anything she is struggling with, surround her with encouragement, and give her your precious wisdom. May she experience joy today in Jesus name AMEN!

Ladies'  
Bunco  
Night   
for fun & friendship!

**We are having Bunco each month! Next one:**

**Thursday, April 19,**  
**Holy Cross Parish Hall**  
**6:30 – 8:30pm**

Hostess: Sue O'Malley

**Bring Your Own Beverage!**  
**Dessert will be served!**  
**Prizes to be Won!**

*Invite your friends to join us for a fun night of fellowship.*



# LWML CNH Convention

April 27-29, 2018

Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Newark/Fremont

39900 Balentine Drive, Newark, CA 94560



**Plan  
Now  
To  
Attend!**



## LWML CNH Convention

Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29

**REGISTRATION** opens at 12:00 pm, Friday

**SWAP 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Friday**

**Study, Worship, And Prayer**

**COMMUNION WORSHIP 7:30 pm, Friday**

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Prayer, Music, Bible Study, Speakers, Ingathering

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**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am, Sunday**

- **Reverend Tom Zelt**, Prince of Peace, Fremont will lead us in the opening worship Friday evening.
- **Pastoral Counselor Rev. Stewart Crown** - SWAP Bible Study Leader
- **Don Wharton** – Convention Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker
- **Dave Anderson** – Convention Music Leader

## Work "Party", Saturday, April 14, 9am

The Facility & Maintenance Committee could use some help with outside maintenance. Our property is large & our volunteer staff is small. The Scouts are invited; however we can use an hour or two of your help too. There is variety of tasks, so put on your



## NFS APRIL OUTINGS

We are again planning two outings for April 2018

The first is lunch at the **Jade Garden Restaurant** located in the shopping center at Ygnacio Valley and Oak Grove Road at 1:00 on **Thursday, April 12th**. Most of you have been to the Jade Garden Restaurant so you know how really good and reasonable the food is. When I go I usually have the Kung-Po Shrimp which includes Shrimp rice (fried or white), two egg rolls, two won tons, a concoction of vegetables as well as a cup of their great soup. And hot tea as well as a fortune cookie. At a total cost including tax of \$10.15. That's the most expensive item on the lunch menu. The price is current as I was there with my scooter yesterday. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on. We can meet there at 1:00 or if you want meet at church. Everybody is on their own. Marv Kreitz

Our second outing on Friday, April 27th, will be a trip to **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 Schnitzel, Red Cabbage and of course the glass of beer for those who want to imbibe. The beer comes in half liters which is an excellent stimulus to great discussions. I usually have the small Jaeger Schnitzel which is all I can eat and covers most of the plate. That along with red cabbage and spaetzle and of course the glass of beer. Great food, great beer, what more could you ask for? The place is not quite as ostentatious as Speiskammier in Alameda but with the camaraderie in our group it would be fun no matter where we dined. B. J. Bistro is very difficult to find if you have not been there before. Their outdoor sign is nonexistent and you literally have to be on top of it to find it. So go with someone or follow someone. Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30 or go direct. Lunch is at 1:00. Marv Kreitz



The choir schedule for April is a bit different due to taking a couple weeks off after Easter.

The **CHOIR REHEARSAL** in April will be on **April 17**.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
2	Richard L.
13	Dorothy T.
17	Ron G.
20	Mike M.
23	Kaytlyn C.
26	Herb N.
29	Timothy H.
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Dave & Ann C.
12	Eberhard & Anke W.
16	Mike & Joyce L.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
DOROTHY T.,  
WHO WILL BE 103 YEARS YOUNG  
ON APRIL 13!**



## With Joy We Come Together

With joy we come together,  
Our hearts of one accord,  
Rejoicing in the blessings  
Of serving You, O Lord.  
The gifts that You have given  
Make us a mighty throng.  
With thankfulness we raise up  
Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women,  
Who've served You through the years,  
Sustaining one another  
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.  
We follow now their service,  
Devoted, Christ, to You.  
No matter what Your errand,  
We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported,  
We've seen Your love outpoured.  
With mites that You've provided,  
We've learned to trust You, Lord.  
Our many hands have served You,  
Yet much is left undone.  
Your mission must continue  
In reaching everyone.

Lord, with Your love and guidance,  
We'll serve You faithfully.  
Wherever You should lead us,  
We'll follow willingly.  
May we be bold in witness  
So others see Your grace.  
That we may one day worship  
Together face to face.

*Tune: LSB 527, TLH 352, LW 282  
Jean Hansen Kammerer*

With Joy We Come Together  
Written by Jean Hansen Kammerer, Stevensville, Montana  
Published by Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2017

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May you find a moment of peace and quiet tonight to thank God for all that is right in your world. May you have the presence of mind to release your cares and worries to Him. May you have the gritty faith to grab a firmer grip on His promises to you. And may you wake up in the morning knowing that you've gained ground even during your sleeping hours because God is always moving on your behalf. As you entrust your whole self to Him today, He'll get you where you need to go tomorrow. Sleep well tonight.

*susie larson*

BOTH SUBMITTED  
BY PAT EASBY





**To the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church:**

Due to circumstances that I have no control of, I am tendering my resignation as your organist. I will stay on as the Cross Currents editor for now. I have prayed about this change and the Lord has led me to believe this is the best direction for me. After serving as an organist in Lutheran churches for the past 50 years, I will probably find another congregation to serve in the future. My training and my investment in music will make it easier to find another location. My final Sunday to play will be April 15.

I have enjoyed working with Diana and with the choir in leading the worship in music as well as with Joyce in the production of the Cross Currents.

Thank you so much for opening your hearts and extending your friendships to me the past years. It is with sadness that I move on but I thank the Lord for the relationships that I have been blessed to share during this time. I hope to keep in touch with many of you during my transitions.

At this time, I have no part time organist job but the Concordia network is working for me. Within days of the knowledge of my resignation, I have received several inquiries and all have been due to the fact that I have been trained in Lutheran liturgy and hymnody by our Concordia University system. There are other graduates from our Concordia system in Northern California that are aware of my training and my experience and heard of my resignation through friends. I thank the Lord for the possibility of serving another congregation in leading the music for their worship.

In Christ's service,  
Marla K.

Note from Secretary: Marla has requested there not be an organized farewell. However she would like to keep in touch. Her information is in the new directory.

**ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\*CVCHS AP Testing in May\*\*\*\*\***

Clayton Valley Charter High School is renting our facilities again this year. They will use the **Parish Hall & Library** most days. The **Conference Room** may be used, I will know as details are finalized.

They will be here **Monday - Friday, May 7 - May 11 and Monday - Friday, May 14 - May 18.**  
Make up testing will be **Wednesday - Friday May 23 - May 25.**

There could be someone here each of those days as early as **7am** to prep.  
Testing can go to 3pm. They should be cleaned up & out by **4pm.**

**HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ACTIVITIES AT HOLY CROSS?**

On evenings & weekends we should be able to use these areas as normal. NOTE: on the 2 weekends between testing, they will push extra tables/chairs in Parish Hall off to the side. **HOWEVER, If you or your group had plans to use any of the rooms on the dates & times mentioned above, you will need to make other plans.**

# April 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Mite Box/Hat Sun.</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9a Breakfast 9:30a Egg Hunt <b>10:00a Worship/ Communion</b>	<b>2</b> 7p Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7p Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b> 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	<b>9</b> 12:30p Women's Bible Class 7p Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1p Senior Brd 7p Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1p NFS Lunch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am Fac. & Maint. Work Party
<b>15</b> <b>9:30am Worship/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	<b>16</b> 12:30p Bridge 12:30p Women's Bible Class 6:30p Church Council/District Guest Speaker 7p Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7p Bible Study	<b>19</b> 8:30a Men's Kaffeeklatsch 6:30p Ladies Bunco	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Parish Hall rented for private event
<b>22</b> <b>9:30am Worship/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	<b>23</b> 12:30p Women's Bible Class 7p Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1pm NFS Lunch <b>LWML CNH            Convention</b>	<b>28</b> <b>LWML CNH            Convention</b>
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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Wed., Friday 9am-1pm

**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> 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  
May 2018 Cross Currents: April 22, 2018