

CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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The Word of God? Or the priorities of the world?

Pastor Chu

During the Memorial Day weekend in which Harambe the gorilla was killed by Cincinnati Zoo staff in order to save the life of a child who had fallen into the gorilla enclosure, 69 people were shot in Chicago, 6 of whom died. (1)

If the disproportionate news coverage of these respective tragedies were an indication, our society values the life of one gorilla above the lives of 69 human beings and their families. Many people were more upset about the gorilla's death than about the loss of human lives. An analysis by the Media Research Center showed that the gorilla's death received 54 times more coverage than the violence and murders in Chicago. "ABC, CBS and NBC... dedicated 55 minutes and 7 seconds of coverage to the death of Harambe, but only 1 minute and 1 second to the Chicago shooting spree." (2)

Headlines and articles from just the first half of June hint at the absurdity and the suspension of reason, common sense, and truth toward which political correctness and tolerance of just-about-anything-except-Christianity have pushed and continue to push us. For starters:

- * "Firefighters Called 'Terrorists' For Putting American Flag On Truck" (3)
- * "Elementary School Calls Police on 7-Y-O Boy for Sharing Bible Verses" (4)
- * "Transgender Track Athlete Makes History as Controversy Swirls Around Her" (5). Another headline on this same story clarifies the issue: "...Boy Wins Honors In Girls All State Track and Field" (6)
- * Blaming Christians for the Orlando mass murder of 49 people by a Islamist / ISIS sympathizer while ignoring the murderer's self-professed religious affiliation and allegiance (7) (8)

The unbelieving world believes and does what it wills, but what will God's people believe and do? How we will we respond to what goes against God's Word or even just common sense?

We don't want to fall into the trap that Paul warns about in 2Timothy 4: *³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

But as Paul encourages, *As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry (2Timothy 4:5) and Do not be con-*

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formed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

And we remember and, by God's grace, live by the words of Jesus in Matthew 5: ¹³*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?... ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁵In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

- (1) chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-chicago-shootings-memorial-day-20160530-story.html
- (2) washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jun/2/media-dedicate-54-times-more-coverage-gorilla-chic/
- (3) dailycaller.com/2016/06/02/firefighters-called-terrorists-for-putting-american-flag-on-truck/
- (4) christianpost.com/news/elementary-school-calls-police-7-year-old-boy-sharing-bible-verses-164792/
- (5) usatodayhss.com/2016/transgender-track-athlete-makes-history-as-controversy-stirs-around-her
- (6) redstate.com/brandon_morse/2016/06/06/will-made-lose-boy-wins-honors-girls-state-track-field/
- (7) washingtonexaminer.com/aclu-lawyers-blame-christian-right-gop-for-orlando-terrorist-attack/article/2593679
- (8) campusreform.org/?ID=7699



CONDOLENCES

Michael Pass, Linda Pass' husband passed away, Friday, June 10th. Michael Pass' memorial service was held here at Holy Cross, Saturday, June 25th at 2:30pm. Please pray for comfort for Linda, Katie, and Nathan .



July Birthdays

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

23 Peter & Annaliesa L.

26 Mike & Tina V.

30 Allen & Cherylene B.

Pastor Chu will be gone June 30 through July 10 (Sun).

For spiritual/pastoral care during his absence, members can contact either their elder or Pastor Peter Woodward (Faith Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hill, CA).

Pastor Woodward's contact information:

pastor@welcome2faith.com

925-685-7353 (Office number)

925-998-7420 (Cell phone)

Pastor Chu's Bible class on Sundays will **not** meet during July.

Wednesday evening Bible study will meet on July 20 and 27.

JUNE CONGREGATIONAL PICTURES—Check page 11 for more pictures



Holy Cross OutReach at the

Concord Shelter

The Concord Shelter used to be where the homeless could go and spend the night or a few days or more, and then be on their way again. The shelter has gone through several good changes. We've watched it go through many phases over the years. It is now up to the point where this shelters' homeless clients receive a paycheck for serving in the military, Social Security, disability, and so forth. They must save money for their first deposit on an apartment.

This is where the shelter comes in. It gives them a place to eat and sleep while the final paperwork is being done for them, and to move into their own apartment. This can take up to three months or more. Different churches and organizations have a certain Saturday or Sunday to feed at the shelter. Holy Cross' time is the 4th Sunday of each month when we feed them a complete meal at Noon .We plan for 100+ servings to be dished out

HC has been serving the homeless for over 20 years. We started serving at Baldwin Park and fed there about 10 years. We then moved on to the Shelter to serve, when the "City of Concord" passed a rule that there was no longer any feeding the homeless allowed at the parks.

We miss our park friends, but it's refreshing to see the homeless getting into their own apts.etc. We are blessed by God every time we serve the less fortunate. Anyone can join us on Outreach Sunday. Just show up in the kitchen after the church service and we'll take it from there.

> Be sure to bring a smile on your
> Face and love in your heart!
> Let the Love of Jesus Shine through You.

We miss our contact with the totally homeless, but shelter feeding also has its rewards. It is so comforting to reach out of our comfort zone. To help someone, by serving them a good home cooked meal and conversation. I'm so thankful to those that have devoted many 4th Sundays to Outreach Holy Cross for so many years, by helping & serving others.

THANK YOU. Pat Easby

OUTREACH SUNDAYS. Mark your Calendars

JUNE 26. Sunday after church. Kitchen.

July 4, Monday-Independence Day

JULY 24th .Sunday after Church

AUG. 28th. Sunday after Church



Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

August Birthdays

2	Clark W.
3	Kayleigh C.
4	Tim E.
6	Dave C.
7	Scott S.
10	Marilynn N.
14	Ann C. Carrie K.
16	Eyona P.
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 2016 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President

We held our annual Dinner Out with Friends & Family at Oakhurst Country Club on Tuesday, 6/14. The attendance was lower than usual, for various reasons some of our regulars were not able to join us. However, those that attended were treated to a delicious buffet and dessert. Even better was the time to socialize and get to know better (& catch up with) our Holy Cross family members. Thanks to Marilyn Neumann for once again coordinating the dinner this year. NOTE: The service was very good, we had waiters taking our drink orders this year!

p.s. Thanks for my headband "ears" (see picture)!

I'm guessing many of you are like me - I sign up and plan to go to various events, then the day comes and I think, "I'm tired.... I have a lot to do.... I don't want to get dressed up...." But since I made a commitment (& often am one of the folks in charge), I go. Then what always amazes me - I come home after the event feeling like I have more energy.... That I want to do more... That I'm happy I dressed up (in my best khakis J). I can be somewhat introverted (yes!) - these events give me the opportunity to easily talk to those that I may not usually. We all have something in common and something to learn from one another. Please consider signing up and coming to some of our events!

Speaking of signing up - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our only summer event on Saturday, 7/23. The Council & WoHC are working together on a **Congregational BBQ. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER for Angel Tree. It's easy:**

1. You sign up yourself
 2. You invite family and friends
 3. Sign them up
 4. Show up at 4pm on 7/23
 5. Bring money
 6. Enjoy a BBQ meal, beverages, games, & purchase some baked goods to take home
- Go home knowing you supported a good cause (& no dinner dishes to wash)

Upcoming Zone & District activities:

Sat., 9/24, Zone 7 Fall Rally, St. Phillip Lutheran; Dublin Details will be communicated 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.

Meet the 2016 - 2017 Women of Holy Cross Board:

Board as Elected:

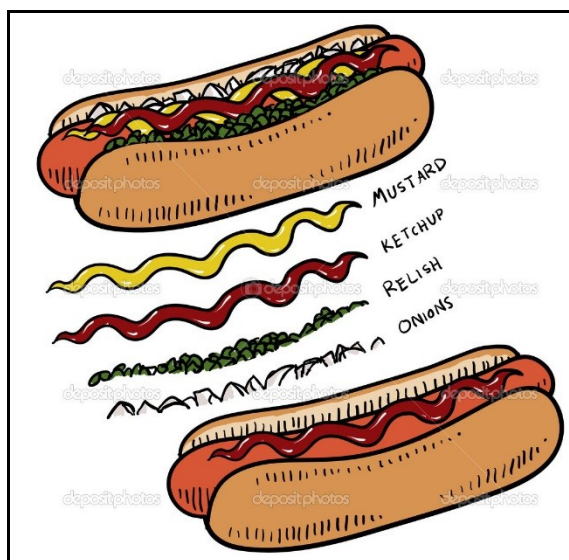
<i>President</i>	<i>Joyce Liebe</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Cherylene Brueckner</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Grace Gin</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Melarie Seidel</i>

Chairpersons:

<i>Birthday Gifts</i>	<i>Idalene Stadler</i>
<i>Christian Life</i>	<i>Pat Easby & Annaliesa Liedtke</i>
<i>Gospel Outreach</i>	<i>Gayle Bothe</i>
<i>Human Care</i>	<i>Sue Reiter</i>
<i>Membership Dev.</i>	<i>Carol Lau & Pat Kroeger</i>
<i>Servant Resources</i>	<i>Ina Dekker</i>
<i>Sunshine/Cards (B'day)</i>	<i>Idalene Stadler</i>
<i>(Get Well/Anniv/Sympathy)</i>	<i>Chris Roman</i>

Thanks to all the women who have stepped up to offer their time & talents! I truly appreciate it & know members of our congregation & those that benefit from our outreach efforts do too!

NOTE: The Board will meet twice over the summer to plan our upcoming year's activities. We would love to have input on what YOU would like to participate in. Drop us a note, give us a call, or stop us to let us know your thoughts!



Holy Hot Dog!

A BBQ to benefit Angel Tree Christmas

Join us for our only Congregational summer event!

Saturday, July 23, 4-6pm

We will have a **HOT DOG & NACHO condiment bar** – have it YOUR way! Plus, salads and beverages.

There will be an assortment of **indoor and outdoor games** for all ages – participate or observe!

Plus a **BAKE SALE!** All products baked by the chef instructors at Huckleberry Kitchen. Buy something for dessert and/or to take home!



This is a fundraiser; free will offering for meal & bake sale. If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to this worthy cause.

Sign Up NOW!

Nifty Fifty July Activities

Red Lobster Restaurant July 7th 2016

The first outing is to the Red Lobster Restaurant located at 4095 Century Blvd Pittsburg, CA. We went there in August of 2012 and I was impressed with the assortment and quality of food. The Shrimp Jambalaya, tender shrimp, sweet roasted peppers, onions, celery Andouille sausage and spicy creole seasonings over rice was scrumptious and as I recall only \$8.25. The Shrimp and Wood-grilled chicken was \$8.99. Farm Raised Catfish, \$9.50. Shrimp Linguine Alfredo was only \$10.75 and that was of course in 2012. I brought the Red Lobster in Pittsburg up on my computer to get an idea of the pricing and they don't show the prices so we will have to just play it by ear. I do remember that you received a salad with every entry and that we all enjoyed the food and of course the company. The restaurant is located in the shopping center just off Summerville Rd (it's now Auto Row). Lunch is as always planned for 1:00 so plan on meeting at Church at 12:00 and leaving at 12:15 or you can meet us at the restaurant. Signup sheet is in the social hall. Just come, you don't have to ask anybody, just sign up and come and I guarantee you will enjoy being with friends for an afternoon.

The New Lim's Chinese Restaurant Friday July 22, 2016

The second outing is again to a restaurant we have been to, and is the New Lim's Chinese Restaurant located at 4340 Clayton Road Concord CA. Their menu was loaded with such items as Walnut Prawns, sauté asparagus with squid, stifed eggplant, steamed fish and Hong Kong Style Noodles. The deep fired sole is one of their specials. One of our group had it last time and stated it was nicely fried and the sauce was delicious. Eberhard and Anka Weiss and Bill Luker go there all the time for their Chinese food and highly recommend it. I had suggested the Jade Garden here in Walnut Creek and was voted down. As I recall when we received so much food that I couldn't help but spill some on the side and the price was something like \$6.00. Sounds exciting. Meet at church at 12:30 if you want to ride with someone or just meet at the restaurant. **Bring a friend, lunch is at 1:00. Marv Kreitz**



AUGUST NIFTY FIFTY ACTIVITIES

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant Thursday, August 11, 2016

Our first outing is to the Olive Garden Restaurant located at 4195 Century Blvd Pittsburg, CA and is well known for its delicious Italian food. I have gone there many times but it seems that every time I went I had all you can eat Soup & Salad and never ending bread sticks. I can only say it was great. They had three different soups, two loaded with meat and one without. I think the price was like \$6.00, anyway it was great. In reading the write ups some of the new offerings Mozzarella appetizer-light, cheesy and delicious, the chicken Picatta is a flavorful chicken and zucchini dish that is filling but not too heavy, a must try, the Ricotta Cheesecake. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on. Live it up! Try Something different. Lunch is at 1:00 as always. Meet at Church at 12:15 leave at 12:30.

2nd outing is an old favorite Al the Wops Friday, August 26, 2016

Back by popular demand is a trip to Al the Wops which is located in the Delta at Lock, featuring New York Steak with a jar of Peanut Butter and its companion jar of jelly to be used either on the steak or on the piping hot sour dough bread according to preference. Lock as you know was founded by a group of Chinese merchants from nearby Walnut Grove who reached an agreement with George Lock to build on his land. By 1920 Lock stood essentially as you see it today. Most of the buildings were built with little or no space between them and being old now bulge and hang out over the street with wires and pipes on the outside, very interesting. This is a really great trip through the Delta back in time to a really historic town. Meet at church at 11:45, leave at 12:00 noon. Lunch is at 1:00 PM. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on. As always bring a friend. Marv Krietz

2016 LCMS National Convention — Milwaukee

JULY 9 - JULY 14

The 66th Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held July 9-14, 2016, in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Center.

The LCMS national convention affords an opportunity for worship, nurture and inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information.

The convention is the principal legislative assemble, which amends the Constitution and Bylaws, considers and takes action on reports and overtures, and handles appropriate appeals. It establishes general positions and policies of the Synod, provides overall program direction and priorities, and conducts business in order to provide responsible service for and on behalf of its members. (from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's website)

Pray for our Synodical church body during this time.

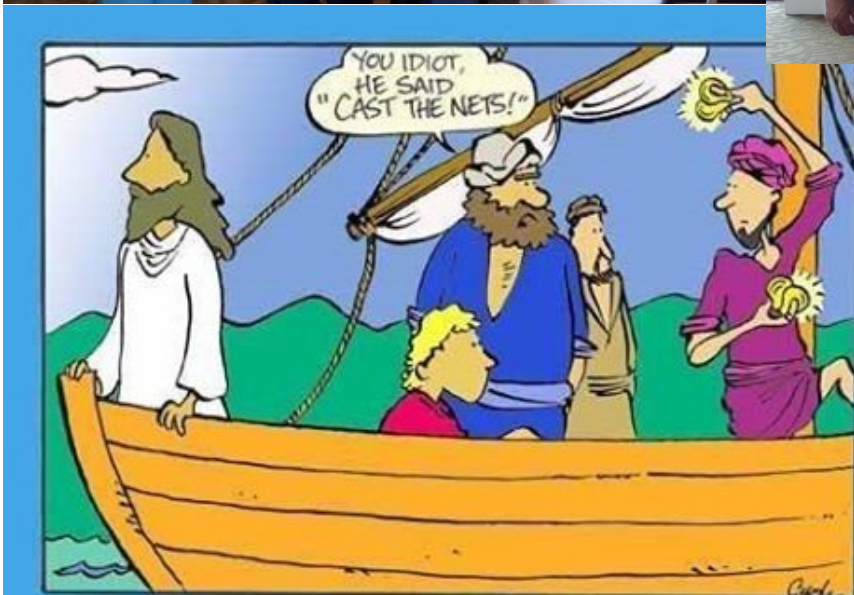
Pete's Steak House

It was a beautiful day as we met at church ready for our journey to Pete's Steak House located in Isleton, CA. Trudy, Karol and Christl rode with me and I knew it was going to be a fun trip. Eberhard & Anke decided to follow me as I take the cut off in Pittsburg Buchanan road over to Somerville Rd. then on to highway 4 to 160 then over the Antioch Bridge which ends up running along the Sacramento River and past several islands in the Delta. It's always delightful to me to see the water. It sure doesn't look like there is any water shortage and we were sailing along when all of a sudden we stopped. WE all thought there was an accident and that there was a flagman directing traffic across the river. We must have waited a half an hour and finally crossed the bridge. It seems that there is light that turns green and red to allow traffic one way across the bridge and that they were painting half the bridge so there would be a jam until they finished. I would figure several weeks. The thing that irked me was there was literally no traffic coming towards us just that all or most of the traffic was going our way and the light was timed the same both ways which meant that a large part of the time the light was green and there was no traffic crossing. (If you had your say what would you have done???). Anyway we were a little late getting to Pete's Steak House. There were eleven of us and they were very accommodating. I had a cup of clam chowder (it looked like a bowl) and fish & chips and a bottle of Bud Light. Anke had Crawdads in some melted cheese that looked good but not something I would order. Dave had a fish sandwich. Everyone was talking up a storm and seemed to have a really good time. Even with the delay. The food was good, the camaraderie was great, and the weather was warm, but not bad with the air conditioned cars and restaurant. There is always something to make our trips interesting. Marv Kreitz





**GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN,
AND WONDERFUL FELLOW-
SHIP!**



A BIT OF HUMOR



July 2016

WoSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Mite Box/Hat Sun. 9:30am Worship 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian	4 Independence Day 7p Scouts	5	6	7 <i>NFS Red Lobster</i>	8	9
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August 2016

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Office Hours: M-F 9 AM-1:00 PM

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
September Cross Currents: Aug. 22, 2016