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Pastor's Message

It's here: the advent of the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ who, as we confess in the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, "*was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*" This article of the Creed concludes with the confession and anticipation of the Lord's Second Coming: *From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.*" Meaning...

It's not just the celebration of Christmas that is coming but also the Day of the Lord, that is, the day of our Lord's return for the judgment of both the living and the dead.

The preparation for the celebration of the Lord's incarnation and birth and looking forward to His second coming — the two-fold focus of the Advent Season.

The birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ mean salvation for the world, bought and paid for with the blood of the Incarnate Son of God at the cross, whose resurrection overcame death itself so that we have the hope of resurrection upon His return. God offers this salvation as the gift of His grace, that is, His forgiving, undeserved, unconditional love, and is to be received by faith in Jesus as Savior — faith that God gives in and through Holy Baptism and His Word.

For believers in Christ, the Lord's return will be good news. It will mean resurrection to life in the new heaven and new earth and the reunion with all the saints of God. During the Advent, we continue to rejoice in the Gospel of the Christ who has come, who is with us in the Means of Grace (Word and Sacrament), and who will come again.

For those who die without faith in Jesus or will be caught in unbelief were the Lord to return in their lifetime, there will be no second chance; the Lord's return will be horror and eternal judgment.

Hence the urgent need to share the Gospel. Hence the call to tell those who do not yet know Jesus the Good News of salvation by God's grace through faith in the Christ of Christmas, the cross, the empty tomb, and the Second Coming, that means hope and life, not just for the Advent Season but for every season of the Church year and every day of our lives.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,
¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all,
as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before
our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (1Thessalonians 3:11-13)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/1	Liz B.
12/2	Marla K.
12/2	Randy S.
12/6	Peter L.
12/8	Anke W.
12/9	Kevin L.
12/12	Emily S.
12/16	Alex R.
12/16	Susan S.
12/18	Bill L.
12/21	Allen B.
12/30	Christopher C.



Thank you for all your prayers for both of us. Don continues to slowly improve which will be ongoing. I am so blessed to be with so many caring people. ~Marlene

Thanks to all who set up, clean up and helped in the kitchen serving. Many hands made work light!

Melanie



Happy Anniversary

12/10 Herb & Marilyn N.

CHOIR REHEARSALS for December will be on December 4, 11, and 18. The Dec. 18 rehearsal will begin at 7:00 pm.



A message from Sue:

As most of you know Tom and I will be retiring on December 14 and will be relocating to Gilbert, AZ.

My phone number and email address will remain the same. Our son Brian will be living in our Concord home so we will be back and forth during the year and plan to spend most of next summer in CA (to escape the AZ heat!). Please feel free to keep in touch and if you are ever in AZ please be sure to give me a call.

I've enjoyed worshipping with all of you over the years and will remain in contact with you.

*God's blessing to all.
Sue*





Upcoming Fellowship Activities



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Monday, December 24, 7:00pm

*Christmas Day Worship with Communion: Tuesday, December 25,
9:30am*



December Sunday School and Bible Study Schedules

Sunday Bible Class 11:00AM

Sunday School 11:00AM

Monday Ladies Bible Study 10-11:30AM

Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00PM 12/5, 12/12



Christmas Decorating: Please join the Altar Guild to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas on Dec 8th at 9 am. We will put the tree up, put the poinsettias out, hang advent banners, and put the garland up. Many hands will make it go fast.



Thank you!
Andrea

Christmas Holiday Celebration

By Marv

Want to join a great group of Seniors for a fun filled afternoon of signing good foods and comradeship? Then plan on attending the Sign-A-Long put on by the Nifty Fifty Seniors at Holy Cross Church on Wed. Dec 12th at 11:30 am. There will be signing of Christmas Carols and a Potluck lunch with Annaliesa Liedtke reading a synopsis of Jack Mortenson's presentation of the true meaning of the birth of Jesus and the miracles involved.



We are fortunate to have the Ygnacio Valley Christian School Choir singing Christmas carols for us after lunch at around 12:30 pm. Dr. Morfeld would like to give a short talk relative to the season, Grace will sing Silent Night in Mandarin followed by our German group signing in German. So tune up your High C's page through your cookbooks and prepare your favorite culinary recipe then join us for a prelude to the approaching Holiday season. Sign up sheet in the social hall to bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. This is a great time to bring a friend!!!!



December 2018 – WoHC Happenings by Joyce Liebe, President

Here's a recap of our upcoming events. Please join us.

- ◇ 12/3 (Mon.) WoHC Christmas Dinner, 5:30pm, La Veranda
- ◇ 12/8 (Sat.) LSS Angel Tree Holiday Gift Wrapping, 10am, Parish Hall
- ◇ 1/17 (Thurs.) Ladies Game Night, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

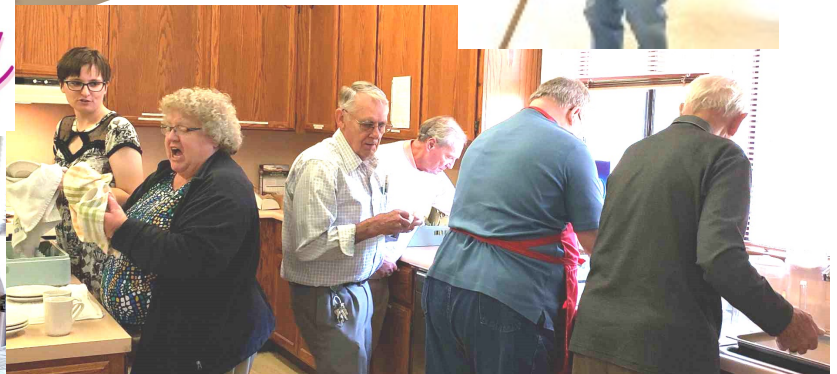
I'm also helping with 2 Holy Cross/YVCS Christmas Events

- ◇ 12/4 (Tues.) YVCS Band & Choir Music Program, 6:30-7:30pm, Parish Hall
Holy Cross is encouraged to attend.
- ◇ 12/12 (Wed.) Nifty Fifty Christmas Lunch, 11:30am, Parish Hall
YVCS Choir will give short performance after our lunch.

Our HoC Thanksgiving Dinner Prep & Clean Up



Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP



Rev Lawson Lunch & Pastor Appreciation



***Thank you Carole C. for
many of these pictures!***



HOLY CROSS' VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION



December 2018

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2 Mite Boxes 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	3 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	4 11a Prayer Group 6:30p YVCS Choir/Band Christmas Performance, PH	5 7p Bible Study (PH)	6	7 OFC CLOSED	8 9a Altar Guild Christmas Decorating 10am LSS Christmas Gift Wrapping 1p Baptism of Luca Flores (Private)
9 9:30a Worship w/ choir 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	10 OFC CLOSED 5:30p WoHC Dinner, La Veranda	11 11a Prayer Group 7:15p Choir (cl)	12 11:30p Nifty Fifty Sing-A-Long and Potluck 7p Bible Study (PH)	13	14 YVCS Dance set up PH	15 6-9pm YVCS Father-Daughter Dance, PH
16 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 11a Voters Mtg 2-6p Myanmar Christian	17 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	18 11a Prayer Group 6:30p Elders Meeting 7p Choir (cl)	19	20 OFC CLOSED 8:30a Men's Kaffeeklatsch	21 YVCS Chapel & Student Christmas "Store", PH	22
23 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	24 7p Christmas Eve Worship w/ choir 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	25 OFC CLOSED 9:30a Christmas Worship w/ Communion & choir 	26	27 OFC CLOSED	28	29
30 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Class 2-6p Myanmar Christian	31 New Year's Eve  10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	YVCS School Hours: 8:30am-3pm (Christmas break 12/22- 1/6) YVCS Parish Hall use during week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir: Mon. & Wed. 12:30-3pm Band: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3pm Chapel: Friday 8:30-9:15am (family & friends welcome) 				

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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)	10:30PM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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