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Pastor's Message

By Pastor Mundinger

David and Goliath: Where do we fit in?



The story of David and Goliath is easily one of the most recognizable stories found in scripture. I would venture to say that if you surveyed people on the street, most would likely say that they have heard the story of young David's great triumph over the giant Philistine, Goliath. In fact, many sportscasters will describe underdog victories as a modern David and Goliath story. Lowly Appalachian State going into the "big house" and defeating #5 ranked Michigan comes to mind as one such example. We know the story very well. Our children know the story very well. It is one of the most beloved tales of the Old Testament; but there is always burning question I get every time I read it,

where are we supposed to see ourselves in this story?

Often times we are all too eager to see ourselves in the role of David. After all, we have been taught from an early age that this is a story about the faithfulness of David. He trusted in the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave him the strength to face the Philistine champion head on when no one else could. Does this mean God will give me strength to conquer any obstacle that I face in my life head on? What if I told you that's not the main focus of this text.

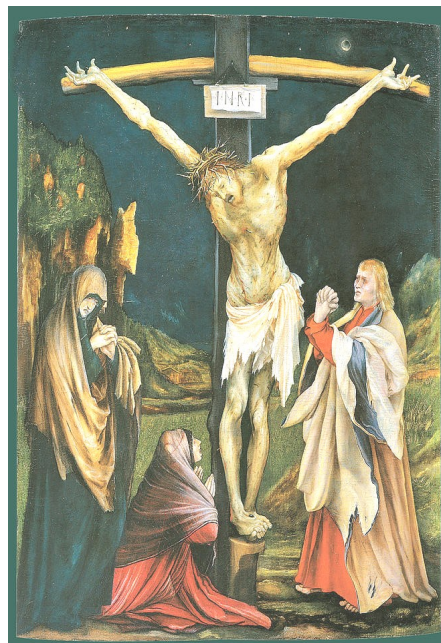
This story isn't about us conquering all the "goliaths" that get in our way in our day to day lives. Don't get me wrong, you can certainly take away a lesson about trusting in the Lord from this story, but there is so much more to this text! By placing ourselves in the role of David we are unintentional leaving out the most important character of the story, Jesus Christ. For those of you who have been attending my Bible Study, you probably know by now where I am going with this.

You see, all the books in the Old Testament have one thing in common, they all point to Christ, and that's what the story of David and Goliath is really doing. David, the mighty champion, should be seen as a type of Christ. He goes before the mighty Giant, when no one else could. In fact, we are to put ourselves in the text, it would be as the cowardly Israelites who are powerless against the mighty Philistine warrior.

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This story is foreshadowing the battle that will go on at Golgotha, when Jesus and Satan faced each other head on that very first good Friday. There was way more at stake here then when David faced off against Goliath. The salvation of mankind was at stake. Certainly Jesus looked weak and small as he hung on that cross. His body was beaten, and his blood poured out onto the ground. For the untrained eye it looked liked Satan was going to win. But Satan was no match for Jesus and death could not hold Him under for very long. He shattered death's chains that bound him and rose from the grave! He showed once and for all that he had defeated Satan!

We are powerless by ourselves to overcome the Evil one in our own lives. We are no better than the Israelites who remained behind their own line. But fear not, for Christ has gone out to battle for us and slayed the evil giant who would devour us if he could. He has accomplished the victory for all of us! This is how we should read the story of David and Goliath, with Christ as the true victor who graciously shares this victory with us, the once cowardly Israelites who have now been restored.



How Our New Holy Cross Banner Came To Be

By
Marilyn

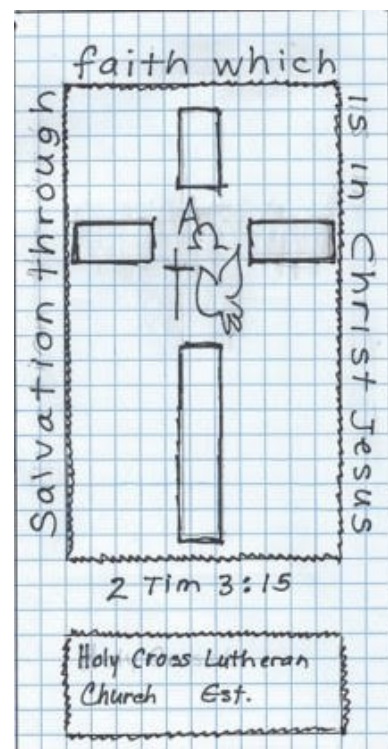
We are all still rejoicing from the afterglow of the poignant celebration of Pastor Chu's ministry at Holy Cross, followed immediately by the exhilarating Ordination and Installation of Pastor Andrew Mundinger, the man we all believe God has chosen to lead us into our future.

Joyce, our amazing Office Secretary, mentioned to me that it would be nice if we had a new Holy Cross Banner. I gladly offered to help make it happen. I started by looking at the church's website where I found what I was looking for in the statement about what we believe. We believe in the Holy Trinity and in Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

We approached Jeanine in Sturgis, South Dakota who came up with a sketch drawing for us. (see copy to the right). Jeanine is Sandy's mom. God has given Jeanine a gift to design and create banners so beautiful that they take your breath away. Jeanine often feels the presence of God as she designs and creates. Joyce met with Pastor Mundinger who gave his approval on the sketch and Jeanine went to work creating the banner. Joyce chose the color for the background. She also managed to find the date the church was established - "1957". Jeanine chose the scripture to go along with the message of the banner, 2 Timothy 3:15, "...Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus".

Joyce selected the angled wall in the Parish Hall entrance closest to the Sanctuary as the location where the Holy Cross Banner will be displayed. In preparation, Joyce has painted the lower portion of the wall and Allen graciously agreed to paint the upper half. The banner will be unveiled on LWML Sunday on October 13.

What a blessing it was to have a part in making this happen. We can't wait for all of you to see the banner which will represent what Holy Cross Lutheran Church believes. As 2 Timothy 3:15 says **"...Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"**.

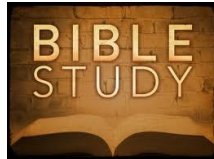


Upcoming Fellowship Activities

October Sunday School & Bible Study

Schedules

- ♦ Sunday Bible Class 11AM
- ♦ Sunday School 11AM
- ♦ Monday Ladies Bible Study 10AM
- ♦ Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM



"Spiritual Conversations"

Saturday, October 26
10AM-2PM (9:30AM registration)

Faith Lutheran Church
 50 Woodsworth Lane
 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Lutheran Hour Ministries Workshop

Gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual conversations with others. Our engaging presenters will guide you through research-based insights and give you tools that will help you more comfortably engage in Spiritual Conversations

Sign Up sheet on the bulletin board.

You must register online, or indicate if you want Joyce to do it.

\$10 includes lunch

LADIES!

Thursday, 10/17,

6:30pm, Parish Hall



ATTENTION MEN!

Thursday, 10/17, 8:30am

Holy Cross Men's

Kaffeeklatsch, Mel's Diner



Nifty Fifty

By Marv

We are planning two activities for the month of October.

The first is to the Red Lobster on 4095 Century Blvd., Pittsburg, on Thursday, October 10th at 1:00PM. I have dined there several times and have enjoyed their assortment of good food and specialties like their cedar plank seafood and shrimp jambalaya (tender shrimp, sweet roasted peppers, onions, celery, andouille sausage, and spicy seasoning over wild rice).



They have the Admiral's Feast, a four course feast on Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$15.00. They are always running specials so we need to get the current specials. The restaurant is located in the shopping center just off Summersville Rd. in Antioch. Those planning on carpooling should meet at church at 12:15PM and leave at 12:30PM. Whether you're planning on carpooling or meeting us at the restaurant, please sign up so we know how many to plan on.

The second is to DJ Bistro, a real old, special restaurant that is well liked and visited by the German cohort of our church, on October 24th at 1:00PM. I still remember Jack Mortenson explaining to me there the difference between Jagerschnitzel and Wiener Schnitzel, with Jagerschnitzel you get red



cabbage and spaetzle and with Wiener Schnitzel you get potato salad. They always have a booth at the Oktoberfest in Clayton and when I go I always seek them out for their great food. Most everyone orders half orders as the pork patty you receive is so large it covers the plate; if you order the regular size you get two patties. And beer... can't forget the ½ liter they serve. Oh yes, the nice lady, Monika, who waits on us is a good friend of Peter and Annaliesa Liedtke. It's real fun.

Sign up in the Parish Hall for both outings. Great time to bring a friend.

Fall Altar Guild Meeting Saturday, 10/5 at 9:00AM



The Altar Guild will hold our fall meeting on Saturday, 10/5 at 9AM in the Parish Hall.

We will plan for fall cleaning and the upcoming holiday season. We are in need of additional members so please consider joining us! Contact Andrea B. for more information.



Please join us!!



- We provide the brats, kraut and beverages.
- Potluck for the sides. (German, of course!)

German potato salad, red cabbage, Spaetzle, Potato Pancakes, German Apple Strudel . . .



If you don't know what to bring, Google "*German recipes for Oktoberfest*", or go to: www.tasteofhome.com/collection/recipe-ideas-for-oktoberfest for ideas.

Games, Music, Food, Fun, and Fellowship!!



Sign-up/RSVP
by Monday, October 14th

We do need to know how many are coming and what side dish/dessert you are bringing!

- Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall OR
- RSVP to the church office: 925-686-2000



Suggested Donation: \$10 per person
(Children 10 and under are free)



If you're undecided about Oktoberfest, here are some pictures of the fun we've had at past Oktoberfest celebrations!



CHOIR REHEARSALS

for October will be on Tuesdays Oct. 8th, 15th,
and 22nd. No rehearsals Oct. 1st or 29th.



Happy
Birthday



10/3	Erna B.	10/24	Annaliesa L.
10/6	Claudia G.	10/26	Carole C.
10/6	Kristie B.	10/28	Betty K.
10/13	Mike L.	10/29	Sandy C.
10/14	Walt H.	10/30	Cheryl S.
10/18	Kimberly C.	10/31	Gregg S.
10/19	Dee J.		

10/7	Michael & Brittany O.
10/12	Gregg & Cheryl S.
10/19	Joe & Peggy O.
10/20	Ken & Liz B.
10/29	Bill & Kim L.
10/30	Tom & Sue O.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

11:00 PRAYER GROUP:

Over a year ago our Tuesday Morning 11:00 Prayer Group began. While praising God, giving thanks, and praying for those on the Prayer List, we also prayed for the call process at Holy Cross, praying:

- for God's guidance for the Call Committee
 - for our congregation, prepare us for the changes ahead
 - for the man that God has chosen to shepherd Holy Cross
 - for the District leaders as they guide us
 - for all to be done to God's glory.

On August 4th we welcomed Pastor Andrew Munding to Holy Cross with praise and thanksgiving! Our prayers were answered!

Praise and **thanksgiving** are two of the key components of prayer. Do you recall the visual aid for prayer that included a hand with the fingers and thumb labeled **P, T, C, I,** and **P**, and the palm labeled **L** ?

Praise • Thanksgiving • Confession • Intercession • Petition • Listening

Our prayers continue, and so does our Tuesday Morning 11:00 Prayer Group. We offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise that God called Pastor Munding to Holy Cross, and we pray for God's presence in Pastor's life as he shepherds, teaches, and guides us. We pray for those on the Prayer List, and others in need of prayer that have been brought to our attention. We continue to pray for Holy Cross:

- for our vision of God's plans our congregation in this community
 - for all members as they pray how their talents can be used here
 - for our outreach to the hungry unchurched
 - for all that we do be done to the glory of God!

Join us Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in the sanctuary for prayer. If you are unable to be with us at church, pray wherever you may be in Virtual Prayer. God hears our prayers, He answers:

“Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.” Isaiah 65:24 ESV

Take time to pray. . . Every Tuesday @ 11:00 am . . . And *listen* . . .



October 2019– WoHC Happenings by Joyce Liebe, President

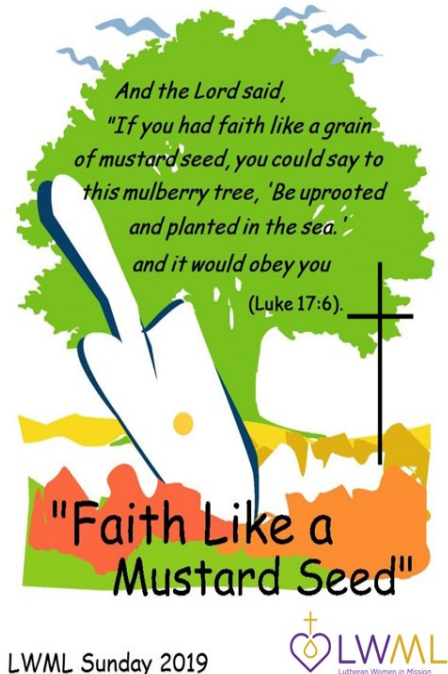
Here is what we have coming up this month:

- ♦ **Sunday, 10/13, LWML Sunday**
- ♦ **After the LWML Sunday worship service, you're invited to our WoHC Welcome Back, 11am**

Join your sisters in Christ for an hour of fellowship as we share a light meal, hear inspirational stories, & hand out our 2019-2020 WoHC Program. Pastor will also join us to learn more about WoHC & will speak a little about himself & the theme "Faith like a Mustard Seed".

- ♦ **Thursday, 10/17, 6:30pm, Ladies Game Night, Parish Hall**

COME AND JOIN US!



LWML Mite Boxes – What Do They Mean?

Over the years, many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district, and local ministries. Women all over, raise funds through voluntary offerings. Instead of "Mite Boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." Place your Mite Boxes in visible areas so that we are reminded every day to give thanks for all His blessings.

- Put your offering in the Mite Box at the end of each day.
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.
- Empty all your loose change that has gathered in your wallet each day into Mite Box.
- In thanksgiving, put a dollar into the Mite Box for every family member.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML's mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Times and Mite Boxes Change

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level.

The Widow's Mite:

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on"

(Mark 12:41-43).

October 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 11a Prayer Group	2 7p Bible Study (PH)	3	4 OFC CLOSED	5 9a Altar Guild Meeting (PH)
6 Mite Boxes 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian	7 OFC CLOSED 10a Ladies Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	8 11a Prayer Group 7:15p Choir (cl)	9 7p Bible Study (PH)	10 1p Nifty Fifty, Red Lobster	11	12
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cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg., PH=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Sundays
Adult Bible Study	11:00 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies)	10:00 AM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00 PM Parish Hall

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