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Pastor's Message

By Pastor Chu

As I bid farewell to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Cross, I do so with peace of mind and with great sadness.

I bid you farewell with peace of mind because I know that Jesus, whom we trust as Savior and worship and serve as Lord, is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He will continue to bless you abundantly through the means of grace as you gather around Word and Sacrament and live out your faith in unity and faithfulness by His grace. That the Holy Spirit has called through you - the saints He has gathered at Holy Cross - a candidate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, offers some confirmation that my decision to leave Holy Cross likely was the right decision.

I bid you farewell with great sadness because I am saying "Goodbye" to you who have been family to Carol, Kimberly, Christopher, and me for the past 16-1/2 years. I will miss you greatly.

I am thankful that the Holy Spirit called me to serve you and with you, and I thank you for welcoming me into your lives to share in your joys and your sorrows. You invited me to your celebrations and allowed me to comfort you with God's Word in times of difficulty and grief. You permitted me to proclaim to you the Gospel, celebrate with you the Lord's Supper, teach you God's Word, offer you guidance from Scripture, baptize you and your children, officiate your weddings, and assure you of the hope of the resurrection and the peace of God in Christ as you mourn the passing of your loved ones.

Thank you for your kind, patient, forgiving, and prayerful support and encouragement of my ministry at Holy Cross.

While I do not apologize for the Word of God or for my preaching of the Word of God (to the extent that I have preached Scripture faithfully by the grace of God) - even if either has caused offense - I am sorry for mistakes I have made, wrongs I have done, hurt I have caused, unkind words I have spoken, and where and when I have failed to exemplify Christ-like love, patience, and service; I ask you to forgive me.

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For shared “successes” we have enjoyed, give thanks and praise to God, the Lord of the Church and Giver of all good things, because we - pastor and laity alike - are but instruments in the hands of the Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God.

You have been a tremendous blessing to my family, especially during the past 5 years that were difficult ones for us, beginning with my dad’s illness and followed by my mom’s death in 2016 and my dad’s this January. You prayed for my parents when they were ill and dying. You prayed all these years for their salvation and the salvation of my in-laws. God answered your prayers in part when I baptized my mom in 2013 during one of Holy Cross’ Sunday divine services and my dad 11 days before he past away. All praise and glory to God for His goodness and mercy, but thank you for your prayers! (We’re still waiting for God to answer our prayers for my in-laws’ salvation.) Your compassion, concern, and love expressed in words and tears of joy over my parents’ baptism and salvation moved us deeply. Your comfort and tears of sadness over my parents’ passing touched us in a most profound way.

During my ministry among you, I said goodbye to your loved ones whom the Lord called to their place in the Church Triumphant, but I know that I will see them and my parents again, as will you, because of God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. They, as we, look forward to the day of the Lord’s return and resurrection.

By His grace, continue in the faith and to be faithful as you await that the Lord’s coming.

By His grace, continue to be faithful in learning God’s Word and plant His Word in your hearts through the hearing of the Word preached, reading of the Word, and studying of the Word with your fellow redeemed.

By His grace, continue to be faithful in receiving the Sacrament of Christ’s true body and blood for faith in Christ and faithfulness to Christ.

By His grace, trust the Word of God and live the Word of God.

By His grace, nurture your relationships with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

By His grace, faithfully serve your Lord Jesus Christ by serving - with the love of God in Christ in words and deeds - one another and others whom God has put in your lives.

By His grace, continue to share the Gospel of Jesus within the body of Christ at Holy Cross and with those who do not yet know Jesus.

Lord willing, I will see you again, though we can’t know, and we don’t know, what tomorrow holds. We can know, however, and we do know who holds our tomorrow and who holds us: the Lord Jesus, with nailed hands pierced for our salvation, and He will continue to bless us with the means of grace and with the fellowship of His people.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2Corinthians 13:14)



7/2	Gerda K.	8/2	Clark W.
7/3	Peggy O.	8/3	Kayleigh C.
7/5	Carol C.	8/7	Scott S.
7/10	Aimee S.	8/10	Marilyn N.
7/12	Luca M-F.	8/14	Carrie K.
7/18	Eric R.	8/14	Cassey S.
7/18	Diana M.	8/20	Clayton M.
7/20	Pat E.	8/21	Chris R.
7/20	Dwight G.	8/21	Bill M.
7/25	Michael G.	8/23	Jan W.
7/29	Philip A.	8/23	Savannah S.
		8/27	Michael O.



Peter & Annaliesa L.	7/23
Mike & Tina V.	7/26
Allen & Cherylene B.	7/30

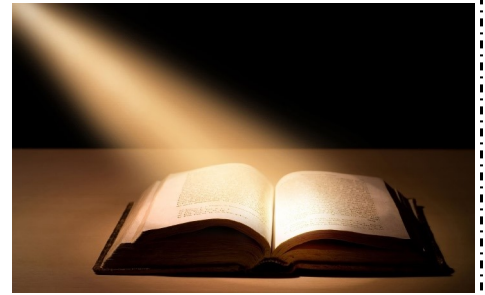
Larry & Maxine F.	8/1
Scott & Idalene S.	8/26
John & Andrea B.	8/28



Upcoming Fellowship Activities

July and August Sunday School & Bible Study Schedules

- ♦ Sunday Bible Class 11:00AM
- ♦ Sunday School 11:00AM: 7/7



NOTE: Monday Morning Women's Bible Study on summer break until September

Ladies' Game Nites

Thurs., July 18th & August 15th at 6:30PM



Invite your friends to join us
for a fun night of fellowship!
Bring your own beverage.
Dessert will be served.



ATTENTION MEN!

7/18 and 8/15 at 8:30am

Holy Cross Men's Kaffeeklatsch, Mel's Diner



Nifty Fifty

We're planning four activities for the next two months.

The first is to the Bronze Buddha, located at 5434 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Suite 90 in Concord on Thursday, July 11th. We have been there several times and it's very popular with our group. Frankly the first time we went there I was very disappointed, as I didn't know Thai food, and just ordered what I thought I would like and I was disappointed. The second time Bill L. sat with me and helped me order, it was great to sit with someone who knows Thai food. Most of the reviews are 5 stars; a sample review, "If you love Thai and Indian food, you will enjoy this place. I am addicted to their rice clay pot, which comes packed with chicken, prawns, ginger, green onions, shiitake mushroom, and carrots served on top of sticky rice. If you are dining there, it comes in a take out tray. Either way, it is delicious..."



Our second is a picnic on Mt Diablo. We have to work on the details. Last time we went we had a ranger give a presentation on the mountain and its inhabitation and we bought



Kentucky Fried Chicken and the fixings. Some on our senior board thought it might be nice if we made sandwiches and had potato chips, etc. If you have any thoughts on this talk to one of our board members: Bill L., Bill R., Eberhard W., Christl R., or Marvin K. More to come in the church bulletins.

The third activity is a champagne brunch after church at the Lone Tree Golf & Event Center located at 4800 Golf Course Rd., Antioch, on Sunday, August 11th. They have remodeled the Club House and it is even more elegant than the Oakhurst Country Club here in Clayton. When we last went there we were seated and they were there immediately with mimosas and champagne. We relaxed and then went to fill our plates, each to their desires. There were several stations serving different foods: seafoods, meats, salads, desserts. They had about 8 to 10 covered food containers containing every type of eggs, bacon, potatoes, etc. They even had one with BBQ ribs. The cost for seniors is \$26.95, regular price is \$29.95. We plan on leaving right after church at 11:30 and we should be there by 12:15, they stop putting food out at 1:30. In the past we've had plenty of time. Invite a neighbor or friend to this truly great outing.



The fourth outing is to Fiore's Italian Restaurant at 5100 Clayton Rd., Concord, on Thursday, August 29th at 1:00. They are just off Alberta Way on Clayton. It isn't all that much to look at but step inside and it's very quiet with tables off in the corners, very stylish, the kind of place you would take your girlfriend. The food is excellent and the owner is right there to help you. They have Manila clams steamed in a white wine, butter, and garlic sauce and Italian Mezze, a mixed plate of cured meats, artichokes, mixed olives, pepperoncini, mushrooms, and cheese. Sign up in the parish hall so we know how many to plan on.



Celebration of Ministry with Pastor Chu & Family
July 14, 2019



Celebration begins at 11:30AM
Lunch begins at 12:00PM

Ordination and Installation of
Pastor-Elect Andrew Munding
August 4, 2019 at 3:00PM



Reception to follow in parish hall
Sign Up will be up mid July

Below is our new Board, effective Sept. 1. I am so grateful to have this group of women to serve with me as we support the LWML local & global missions, support one another, & serve the Lord with gladness. I also want to thank Chris R. & Pat K. for their service for the last several years!

The Board is planning to meet on Monday, July 22, for our Summer Salad Potluck & Planning Meeting. We will finalize out plans for our 2019-2020 Program.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for these activities:

- ◇ Thursday, July 18, 6:30am Ladies Game Nite
- ◇ Thursday, Aug. 15, 6:30am Ladies Game Nite
- ◇ Saturday, Sept. 7, LWML Zone & Fall Rally, Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood
- ◇ Sunday, Oct. 13, LWML Sunday & our annual Welcome Back gathering (hand out new WoHC Program)

2019-2020 WoHC Board & Chairpersons (Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2020)

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President	Joyce L.
Vice President	Annaliesa L.
Secretary	Jan W.
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Christian Life	Pat E. & Annaliesa L.
Gospel Outreach	Gayle B.
Human Care	Marilyn N.
Membership Development	Idalene S.
Servant Resources	Cherylene B. (Council Rep)
Sunshine/Cards (B'day) (Get Well/Anniv/Sympathy)	Idalene S. Marlene R.

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Some of our fabulous Sunday Coffee Fellowship workers!



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Congratulations to Kevin L. who graduated from the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) Academy on June 14th. He begins his one year probation at Station 15 for six months before moving on to another station. He will be scheduled for work nine days each month. Kevin joins his stepbrother, Gregory, who is a firefighter captain for the city of Hayward. Congratulations Kevin and thank you for your service!

OUTREACH Sunday
June 23, 2019

A beautiful day & we are going to the shelter to feed our friends! Luker is busy loading his vehicle to take items to the shelter. Mike is off to Ranch 99 to pick up chicken chow mien & veggie rice (our friends' favorites) then to meet us at the shelter. We also served a huge fresh salad. And for dessert, Kevin handed out frozen sugar pops, all different flavors. Cute watching them look for their favorite colors. What a blessing to see happy faces & full tummies.

Our servers were Bill L., Jan & Scott S., Mike L., & Kevin L. (our SF Fireman) what a great group!

We read from the Portals of Prayer, served lunch, & talked with some - then back to Holy Cross where Luker unloaded his truck, put items away, & we washed a few pans. Thank you to those that left the kitchen SOOO clean for us.

A wonderful day, especially seeing our clients with smiles on their faces & sucking on the sugar pops. Our praise and thanks to God. It was a good day, a very good day indeed!!

God's Blessings,
Pat E.



YOU are welcome to join us at any time.
We have a good time knowing we are doing
something that makes people
& sharing the word.



Our Appreciation and Thank You

Dear Holy Cross Family,

Thank you for your prayers, kind words, cards, and support when my mom passed away, and with the loss of other family members and loved ones. We are blessed to have a church family that reaches out with care, kindness, and love for my family and so many others in times of need and loss.

Sincerely,
Mike and family

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 I la Prayer Group	3	4  Happy 4th of July! OFC CLOSED	5 OFC CLOSED	6
7 Mite Boxes 9:30a Worship w/ Communion I la Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian	8 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	9 I la Prayer Group Parish Hall floors stripped & waxed	10 Parish Hall floors stripped & waxed	11 OFC CLOSED Nifty Fifty, Bronze Buddha	12 OFC CLOSED	13
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21 9:30a Worship w/ Communion I la Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian	22 5:30pm WoHC Salad Potluck & Planning Mtg 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	23 I la Prayer Group	24	25 OFC CLOSED	26	27
28 9:30a Worship (Rev. Phillip Kohlmeyer) I la Bible Study Outreach Sunday 2-6 Myanmar Christian	29 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	30 I la Prayer Group	31			

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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

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