

HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

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Pastor's Message

Above and beyond the indispensable gifts of the means of grace — namely God's Word and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion — the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each of you. These gifts meant to be used for the benefit and common good of the body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:7). St. Peter writes in 1Peter 4:10: *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

As Andrew Munding's ordination and installation draw near and you prepare for the transition to, and welcome of, a new pastor, I encourage you again to consider prayerfully how you will use your Spirit-given gifts to serve your Lord by serving, supporting, encouraging, and building up one another as, and within, the body of Christ at Holy Cross and to assist the new pastor. Pray the Spirit to give you the willingness to render such service in Jesus' name.

Andrew has been placed by Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, and called by the Holy Spirit to serve you. He has received one of the finest theological educations available, which included a full year of in-the-ministry training (vicarage) in addition to three years of instruction in, and study of, the Biblical languages, exegetical theology, historical theology, practical theology, and systematic theology. He is well-versed in Scripture and Scriptural theology, and the Holy Spirit has given him gifts that will serve him well as he serves His Savior, the Good Shepherd, by serving you as your shepherd.

You will know where he stands theologically and doctrinally because during his ordination and installation, he will confess unequivocally what is the norm for his preaching and teaching and will promise to conform his preaching and teaching to those norms, namely Holy Scriptures (the norm that norms) and the Lutheran Confessions.

During Andrew's installation of as pastor of Holy Cross, you, members of Holy Cross, will be asked, *"Will you now receive him, show him love, honor, and obedience in the Lord which you owe to the shepherd and teachers placed over you in your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him with your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, answer, 'We will with the help of God.'"* By answering in the affirmative, implicitly you will be promising to use your gifts to minister to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Seeking to inspire the people of the country to public service, President John F. Kennedy famously said in his inaugural address on January 20, 1961, *"Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."*



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God will bless each and everyone of you through Pastor-elect Andrew Mundinger's ministry among you as he preaches the Word and administers the Sacraments. That much is certain, because God promises His blessings where and when the means of grace are present.

What is not certain is whether and/or how each of you will use your gifts to build up each other in the faith, because that is for you to decide.

Many of you are serving in multiple capacities. Prayerfully consider adding one service more to your list; ask the Spirit to lead and enable you to do so.

If circumstances have been such that you've been unable to commit time and effort, ask the Lord to enable you to be able. If rather than a matter of ability, it has been a matter of willingness or thinking that somebody else can do it, pray the Spirit for willingness to serve and remember that you are that "somebody else" to everyone else.

Wherever a need arises within this body of Christ, ask what you — a redeemed child of God and member of the body of Christ gathered by the Holy Spirit at Holy Cross — can do to serve your Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, by serving each other and supporting your pastor's ministry with the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you.



6/2	Jordan B.
6/7	Aroon W.
6/10	Tom O.
6/11	Nancy H.
6/13	Abigail R. Kartini P.
6/15	Jack E.
6/16	Shinta S.
6/17	JoEllen R.
6/20	Jessica A.
6/22	Noah W.
6/25	Gayle B.
6/27	Kenneth C.



6/5	Randy & Aimee S.
6/17	John & Sandy C.
6/24	Walt & Nancy H. Don & Marlene R.
6/27	Ken & Carole C.
6/29	Pastor Bill & Carol C.

Congratulations Graduates!



On June 5, 2019 Abby will receive her Certificate of Completion from the Antioch Unified School District and Spectrum Center where she has attended since December 2013. Abby is going to spend the summer relaxing and begin an adult day program in the fall. We look forward to what God has in store for her.



Philip has completed his two year California Credential program at San Jose State University. He is now qualified to teach music at the middle school and high school levels. He has been student teaching since fall in the south bay, primarily in the Santa Clara and Campbell districts and since January at Amador Valley High School. He also has been assistant coaching marching bands in the south bay. Next stop...finding a full time teaching position. We will accept all prayers in that direction!! His future plans are to teach for a few years and then actively pursue his masters and doctorate with designs to conduct and teach at college level. We are very proud of him...it has been a long road but well worth the trip!



BLESSINGS, CELEBRATIONS AND CHANGES AT HOLY CROSS

Dear Holy Cross Church Family,

On May 1st we shared the exciting news of our blessing in the Holy Spirit calling Andrew Munding to serve as our new pastor at Holy Cross. Through the summer several activities and events are being planned:

- June 15- 16: Pastor-elect Munding is visiting Holy Cross for worship, fellowship and to get acquainted.
- July 14: Celebration of Service fellowship banquet with Pastor Chu and family; a gathering of our Holy Cross Family and guests in celebration of Pastor Chu's service.
- August 4: Pastor-elect Munding's Ordination and Installation service here at Holy Cross; a joyous event of worship and thanksgiving for the blessings we receive individually, as a family and ministry, and as members of the body of Christ.

In our Call to Action earlier this year, we reached out with our message that, "Now is the time for all of us to act in preparation for ... our transition here at Holy Cross" by **Praying, Planning and Participating**.

- Be steadfast in our prayer as we welcome Andrew Munding as our new pastor, and bid farewell to Pastor Chu as our pastoral leader here at Holy Cross:
 - Pray for Pastor Chu and family as he transitions from our pastoral leadership at Holy Cross.
 - Pray for Andrew Munding as he begins his ministry at Holy Cross.
 - Pray for each other as we welcome a new shepherd.
 - Pray for yourselves...how can you use your God given gifts to build up the body of Christ, encouraging one another and assisting our new pastor.
- Prepare and plan for how you will use your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to support God's ministry here at Holy Cross and further the Great Commission in our community. We all have gifts to contribute.
- Be active in your church family now. Worship weekly and bring family members. Greet friends and visitors. Visit missing members in person or by phone.
- Join Bible studies - Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Exercise your fellowship at our events. Lighten the load for your church family by volunteering. Greet, read, and welcome - no special skills needed. Share in your own special way.
- Accept invitations, extend invitations, but do not wait for invitations. All are welcome. Now is the time to act.

In Philippians 4:4-7 Paul tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Together we have prayed...and the Lord has answered our prayers. Thanks be to God!

Give thanks in all things to the Lord, for he is good!

Your Holy Cross Vision and Call Committee



SPECIAL MOVING FUND

You are invited to participate in a special stewardship fund to assist Pastor-elect Munding with his moving expenses as he joins our Holy Cross Church family and gets settled here in California. Please identify contributions you make to be used for the "Moving Fund". Donations are appreciated by June 30.

Thank you for your consideration and participation. Holy Cross Call Committee



Thank you!

Cherylene Brueckner and Joyce Liebe want to thank everyone that supported our team, "Led by the Spirit", as we participated in the 5th annual HOPE WALK on Saturday, May 19th. *Your prayers and donations were very much appreciated!* Joyce walked and Cherylene, a member of the Hope Walk Committee, manned one of the registration tables on Saturday morning. Allen Brueckner also completed the walk. **Cancer Support Community** was the recipient for all funds raised by the Hope Walk. The tally is not complete yet, as some mail-in donations and employer matching funds are still coming in, but here are some statistics that you will find impressive.



HOPE walk

- \$178,264 of the \$150,000 goal has been raised so far.
- Our team has raised over \$800. Our goal was \$500!
- The top team raised over \$8,000.
- There were 1,065 walkers, 3 from Holy Cross.
- There were 99 teams.
- There were 70 vendor tables with lots of information and giveaways. Some of the vendors were: UCSF Health, John Muir Health, the Oakland A's, and Kaiser Permanente to name a few.
- Sponsorship dollars for 2019: over \$58,000 (2018 was \$38,000)

This event was a wonderful, well organized experience. We met many caring people, and hugs were plentiful! Many cancer survivors participated in the walk, wearing their dark purple Hope Walk 2019 shirts. There were families, couples, work groups, children (some in strollers), many well-behaved dogs, grandparents, parents, siblings... We even had a big white "unicorn" and a swarm of six "butterflies". There was music playing for the entire event, and along the walk route there was entertainment: line dancers, ukulele players, a banjo group, high school cheerleaders and Oakland A's cheerleaders. Water stations were set up along the way and Sprouts contributed fresh fruit for the walkers. AND...we were dry for the entire walk!

Again, we are thankful for your prayers and donations. Joyce and I hope to do this again next year. Consider joining us for a fun day raising funds for the support of cancer victims and their families in our community.



GIVE. WALK. HOPE. Cancer Support Community

Blessings,
Cherylene

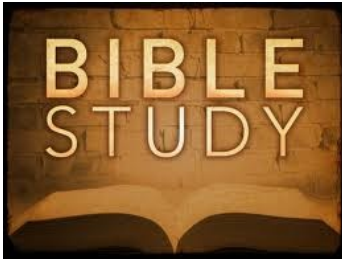
A HUGE NOTE OF THANKS to the Holy Cross Choir for another season of "making a joyful noise to the Lord!" Thank you for offering your time and talents to embellish the worship services with music. Your contributions are ever so much appreciated! Have a wonderful summer!



-Diana



Upcoming Fellowship Activities



June Sunday School & Bible Study Schedules

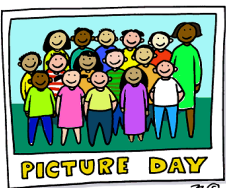
- ♦ *Sunday Bible Class 11:00AM: 6/2, 6/9, 6/23, 6/30*
- ♦ *Sunday School 11:00AM: 6/2, 6/9, 6/23, 6/30*
- ♦ *Monday Ladies Bible Study 10-11:30AM*
- ♦ *Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00PM: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/23*

Nifty Fifty

We are planning two outings for June. The first is to Mac's Old House located at 3100 18th St., Antioch on June 6th at 1:00. As most of you know Mac's Old House is just that, an old house turned into a restaurant, and it certainly isn't anything fancy but it has great food. Drinks are \$2.50 for a single, \$3.00 for a double, and \$3.50 for a - as they state - really big triple. Needless to say the bar is always packed, as is the restaurant. They have fabulous mine-strone soup and a selection of hot food that won't stop. I usually have the ground round steak luncheon, still \$6.50, which includes soup or salad and hot sourdough bread. Calamari, red snapper, prime rib, and a host of other great lunches are still \$10.50. When we used to play golf at Bethel Island we would always stop for lunch at Mac's Old House. Most of you have been there so you know how great it is. The only problem is we have to be there when they open at 11:30 or we cant sit together. It's cash only, 20% tip, and no separate checks. Meet at church at 10:45 to leave at 11:00 or go directly.



Our second outing is to another favorite, Peter's Steak House, in Isleton on Friday, June 21st, at 1:00. I always like to go there as it involves a drive through the Delta along the Sacramento River. The foliage on the fruit trees and farm crops always remind me of what a beautiful area we live in. The town consists of old metal buildings, as a fire precaution, and the town is dramatically lower than the river you drive down from. The steak house has been completely remodeled so the inside is inviting and clean. They have prime rib, fish and chips, and a host of sandwiches. All lunches are served with a choice of green salad or steak fries. I like to have a bowl of their clam chowder and the fish and chips. Sign up in the parish hall so we know how many to plan on.



SMILE



Grace will be available the next 2 Sundays, 6/2 and 6/9, to take your picture for a new picture directory. See her after church or email a picture to the office by 6/9.

WORK PARTY

June 1st at 9AM the Facility & Maintenance Committee will meet to work on several outdoor projects. If you are able, we would appreciate your help.



Sue is back in town, let's have a Pizza & Game Night!

Hosted by Sue O. & Joyce L.

Thursday, June 13, Parish Hall **NEW TIME: 5:30 pm**



Pizza & Dessert will be served.
Bring your own beverage.
Sign Up Now! Friends Welcome!



May 2019 Ladies Game Night - Lots of Fun!!



Well, some had more
fun than others (see to
the right)... haha!!!!



Mighty Mites NEWS FLASH

Spring has arrived with the grants blooming in our LWML CNH Mighty Mites Garden. **Grant #10-Seaside CA Gospel Outreach via ESL Classes, Faith Lutheran, Seaside, for \$9,000 has been paid.** Faith is thrilled to be implementing a new outreach to their neighbors with English as a Second Language classes in their new Community Center building. They will also be providing child care with Bible Stories during the ESL Classes. Thank you for faithfully giving your mighty mites to plant Gospel Seeds in our CNH District.

CNH mites are now being collected for Grant #11- Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families, a LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces-for \$3,000. This grant helps Chaplains wives to attend Worker Wellness Retreat with their husbands.

ATTENTION MEN!

Thursday, 6/20, 8:30am

Holy Cross

Men's

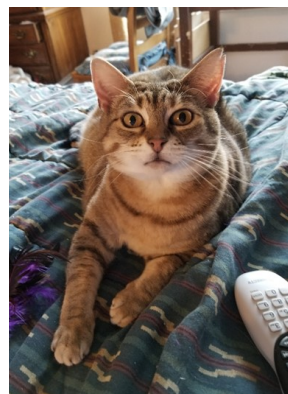
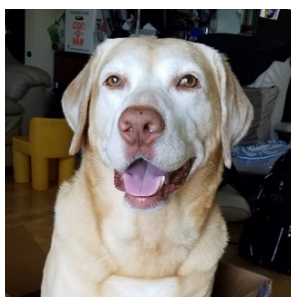
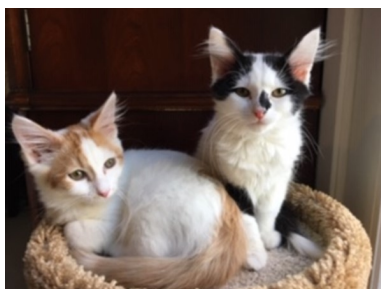
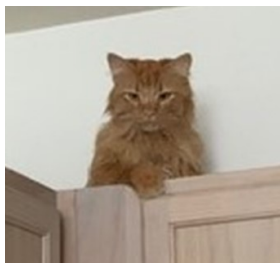
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Mel's Diner



Pets of Holy Cross

See the separate supplement with all the exciting details of these cuties & more!



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9a Work Party
2 Mite Boxes 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian	3 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	4 11a Prayer Group	5 5-7:30p YVCS K Grad (PH/Quad) 7p Bible Study (Pastor's Ofc)	6 OFC CLOSED 11:30a Nifty Fifty, Mac's Old House 6-8:30p 8Th Grad (Sanct/PH)	7	8
9 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 11am VAM 2-6 Myanmar Christian	10 10-11:30a Wom- en's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	11 11a Prayer Group	12 7p Bible Study (PH)	13 OFC CLOSED 5:30p Ladies Game & Pizza Nite (PH)	14	15 Pastor Elect Mundinger Visiting
16 9:30a Worship w/ Communion HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Pastor Elect Mundinger Visiting 2-6 Myanmar Christian	17 10-11:30a Wom- en's Bible Study (C) 12:30p Ladies Bridge (PH) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	18 11a Prayer Group 6:30p Elder's Meeting	19 7p Bible Study (PH)	20 OFC CLOSED 8:30a Men's Kaf- feeklatsch, Mel's	21 1pm Nifty Fifty, Peter's Steak House	22
23 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study Outreach Sunday 2-6 Myanmar Christian	24 10-11:30a Wom- en's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	25 11a Prayer Group	26 7p Bible Study (PH)	27 OFC CLOSED	28	29
30 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian				YVCS School Hours: 8:30am-9pm YVCS Parish Hall use during week: • Choir: Mon. & Wed. 12:30-3pm • Band: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3pm • Chapel: Fri 8:30-9:15am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 6/6		

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
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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