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Christ
is
Risen!



Because I live, you also will live! (John 14:19)

Pastor Chu

Jesus had authority to arise from the dead.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." (John 10:17-18)

He prophesied of His own resurrection from the dead.

John 2:18-22

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Matthew 16:21

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Even Jesus' enemies knew of His prophecy.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." (Matthew 27:62-64).

Over 500 eyewitnesses saw the Risen Lord.

John 20:11-18

¹¹But Mary [Magdalene] stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Because Christ is risen, we too will be raised to life in the resurrection by His grace through faith in Him and we grieve with hope over those who died trusting Jesus as Savior.

1 Corinthians 15:51-56

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of

command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



Choir rehearsals for April will be on April 2, 9, and 16. No rehearsal on April 23 or 30.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



4/2	Richard L.
4/17	Ron G.
4/20	Mike M.
4/23	Kaytlyn C.
4/26	Herb N.
4/29	Timothy H.

Happy Anniversary

Eberhard & Anke W.	4/12
Mike & Joyce L.	4/16



Upcoming Fellowship Activities

Holy Week Services

April 14 9:30 a.m. ~ Palm Sunday worship

April 18 7:00 p.m. ~ Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion

April 19 12:00 p.m. ~ Good Friday noon worship

April 19 7:00 p.m. ~ Good Friday Tenebrae service

April 21 10:00 a.m. ~ Easter Sunday worship with Holy Communion

ATTENTION MEN!

Thurs., 4/18, 8:30am

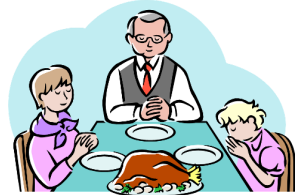
Holy Cross Men's
Kaffeeklatsch, Mel's Diner



Palm Sunday Dinner

4/14/19 11:45AM

Join us for Palm
Sunday dinner
with proceeds to
benefit the Kitchen
Fund to refurbish



the kitchen counters & replace the 30
year old appliances. Please sign up on
the bulletin board or call the office to
make your reservation. Suggested
donation \$15.

April Sunday School & Bible Study Schedules

- ♦ Sunday Bible Class 11:00AM: 4/7, 4/28
- ♦ Sunday School 11:00AM: 4/7, 4/28
- ♦ Monday Ladies Bible Study 10-11:30AM
- ♦ Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00PM:
4/3, 4/10, 4/24



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on April 21st at
9:30AM for our annual
Easter egg hunt.



YGNACIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

YVCS is hosting **Feed the
Need!** Come learn all about
it & how you can participate,
plus enjoy a pizza dinner &
door prizes at the Kick Off
Party on Thurs., 4/11, 6pm,
Parish Hall. We hope to see
YOU there!

Altar Guild Spring Cleaning, Sat., 4/13, 9am

Please join the Altar Guild to
clean the sanctuary for the
upcoming festi-
val season. Bring
a bucket & some
rags. You can
help make our
church sparkle
for Easter. All ag-
es are welcome!



Nifty Fifty

We plan on having two outings for the month of April, both start at 1:00PM.

The first is to a new restaurant called Mr. Lucky's on Thursday, April 11th, located at 2618 Pleasant Hill Rd., Pleasant Hill. I went there with a group of single men from the SIR'S and the food was excellent. To top it off they served a chocolate Sunday free in appreciation for our group of 12 eating there. I am posting the lunch menu so all can see. A 4 star write up says it all, "Say what you like - the food is fantastic! I was invited to attend a group dinner here and was very hesitant because I expected it to be more of a bar scene. I was pleasantly surprised by how clean and spacious it was. The restaurant is separated from the bar area (which is very tasteful). I'm not saying it's fancy or exciting, but if you want friendly service, reasonable prices and good food - I'd give it a try! As for me (since you care about what I like to eat...) I had the daily special of Angel Hair Pasta with assorted fish. I have to say that I'm super picky about fish in restaurants and they made this dish so well. The fish was fresh, abundant and the sauce was perfect. The rest of my table also loved their food and said they'd be back."



The second outing on Thursday, April 25th, is to an old favorite: DJ's Bistro, the German restaurant located at 1825 Sutter St., Concord. The food is fantastic, that is, if you like German food: Wiener Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, red cabbage, and of course the glass of beer for those who want to imbibe. The beer comes in liters, which helps get the conversation going and going. The place is not quite as ostentatious as Speisekammer in Alameda but isn't as friendly either. Our group would be fun no matter where we dined. Most of you have been there before so finding it is not a problem...those of you going that have never been there before should follow someone who has. Sign up sheet is in the social hall so we now how many to count on. Bring a friend...

HOPE *walk* 2019 05.18.19

8:30 AM-12:30 PM - SATURDAY
HEATHER FARMS PARK, WALNUT CREEK

Join/Support our team!



"Led by the Spirit" LWML Zone 7

Register to walk now, it's easy!

- ✓ Go to www.hopewalkbayarea.net.
- ✓ Select Register to Walk.
- ✓ Enter your name, etc.
- ✓ Select Join a Team. Our team is Led by the Spirit.
- ✓ Follow the prompts to complete your registration. Registration fee is \$25 for walkers.
- ✓ Enter your shirt size and create your personal page where you can edit and send a message to contacts, post to Twitter or Facebook, etc. Use the RSVP section on your registration page to add your spouse, kids, etc. if they do not have their own email address. They pay the \$25 fee and get a shirt, but no home page.
- ✓ **You do not have to be a walker to support our team - you can sponsor a walker!** Go to www.hopewalkbayarea.net and select Donate to a Fundraiser or to CSC. Enter the name of a registered LWML walker in the Fundraiser box and follow the prompts to make your donation.
- ✓ Questions? Contact Cherylene Brueckner at 925.685.6033 or bruecknerc@sbcglobal.net

GIVE. WALK. HOPE.

All proceeds benefit Cancer Support Community.

WotHC March Activities: Game Night



Annaliesa brought us
a new game to play!
Woo Hoo!
*Great fun
& fellowship!*



ATTENTION LADIES!
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT
GAME NIGHT:
Thurs., 4/25, 6:30pm
Dessert Provided; Bring your own beverage.



WotHC March Activities: Network of Care Packaging



Network of Care
WotHC helping
Janet & Carol
assemble
250 care bags!



Holy Cross family,

This is a brief update about our call progress. LCMS NCH District President Lange has been working on our behalf in contacting the seminaries and discussing our call needs with the placement officers. He identified a graduating seminar candidate he feels would be a good match, and on his recommendation we made a directed call for that specific person. Our request letter, along with our completed call package, has been sent to the seminaries.

The next step is the assignment of seminary candidates on April 30. Please continue to pray for God's will in this important step in our transition of pastoral leadership here at Holy Cross, in our group prayers on Tuesday mornings and your individual prayers.

Your Holy Cross Call Committee

Call
Committee
Update

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	2 11a Prayer Group 7:15pm Choir	3 7p Bible Study (PH)	4 OFC CLOSED	5	6
7 Mite Boxes 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6 Myanmar Christian	8 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	9 11a Prayer Group 7:15pm Choir	10 7p Bible Study (PH)	11 OFC CLOSED 1p NFS Lunch, Mr. Lucky's 6p YVCS Feed the Need Kickoff (PH)	12	13 9a Altar Guild Cleaning 11a-4p Private Rental (PH) 6p Palm Sunday set up (PH)
14 9:30a Palm Sunday Worship 11:45 Palm Sunday dinner  2-6 Myanmar Christian	15 Holy Week  10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C)	16 11a Prayer Group 7:15pm Choir	17	18 OFC CLOSED 8:30a Men's Kaffeeklatsch  7p Maundy Thursday worship w/	19  12p Good Friday worship 7p Good Friday Tenebrae	20
21 9a Easter Breakfast 9:30a Easter Egg Hunt 10a Easter Sunday Worship w/ Communion  2-6 Myanmar Christian	22 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	23 11a Prayer Group	24	25 OFC CLOSED 1p NFS Lunch, DJ Bistro 6:30p Ladies Game Night (PH)	26	27
28 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/Bible Study Outreach Sunday 2-6 Myanmar Christian	29 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C) 7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	30 11a Prayer Group	YVCS School Hours: 8:30am-9pm (Easter Break 4/22-4/26) YVCS Parish Hall use during week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir: Mon. & Wed. 12:30-3pm Band: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3pm Chapel: Fri 8:30-9:15am (family & friends welcome) 			

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Office Hours: Mon.-Wed., Friday 9am-1pm

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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Publication Deadline:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday
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