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Stick your nose in the Bible

by Pastor Chu

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"Stick your nose in the Bible" was arguably the most valuable but certainly one of the notable and memorable sound bites from the 69th convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) in April 2012, as LC-MS President Matthew Harrison encouraged the convention to read and study the Word of God.

To fully appreciate the impact of that statement, one had to see President Harrison standing at the lectern speaking on the Synod's theme, "Witness, Mercy, Life Together," with his frayed and worn-from-use Greek New Testament in hand, repeatedly urging pastors and laity, "Stick your nose in the Bible!"

It was obvious from the physical condition of his Greek New Testament that President Harrison had had his nose in that Bible innumerable times — reading it, studying it, learning it. If President Harrison had used a new copy of the Greek New Testament, some of the impact of his statement would have been lost on me; in contrast to his Greek New Testament, my copy sits on my shelf, almost in mint condition from lack of use.

I'm guessing that a number of you have a primary Bible (the copy of the Bible that you normally use) that is in "like new" condition because it has not seen much use (assuming it's not a recent purchase). If this is true of you, I encourage you with President Harri-

son's words: "Stick your nose in the Bible." Read the Word of God. Hear it. Study it. Learn it.

We all stick our nose (to continue with the metaphor) into all kinds of business and places where it doesn't belong. In the Word of God is one place where our nose — and our heart and mind — does belong. The Word of God gives life — life in the full / spiritual and eternal life — by giving faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, and, as does the Lord's Supper, it enables our life in Christ by sustaining and strengthening our faith in Christ.

"Stick your nose in the Bible" is not just some notable, memorable and valuable sound bite from some convention that will soon be forgotten were it not for the convention minutes recorded for posterity. "Stick your nose in the Bible" are words to live by daily, for when we stick our nose — and our heart and mind — into the Word of God, there we find Jesus, the Word of Life made flesh, along with God's revealed will for our life in Christ.

St. Paul writes in 2Timothy 3, the Scriptures ^{15...} are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work — what more reason do we need to "Stick our nose in the Bible?"

Sunday June 24, 2012



after Service

followed by:

BBQ Luncheon and Games

(PICKLE BALL, PING PONG, CARDS and conversation with each other)

If you can, we will need help with clean up.





July 16 - 20

Volunteers needed Mark your calendars More information coming soon!



NFS June Outings

Saturday, June 9th Black Diamond Mine Wednesday, June 20th Lunch at Mac's Old House

(Note: details on page 4)

Oon't cook - Join us for the
Women of Holy Cross
Annual Dinner Out
with Family & Friends
Monday, June 25, 6:00 pm

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant

4633 Clayton Road, Concord

"mark your calendar" note: more details and signup sheet will be coming out.

Questions? See Joyce Liebe

CHURCH LIBRARY News

It's great to see how many have been checking books, etc. out of our Library!!! Now that summer is near and the political season in full gear, you will find some new things on that table. Check it out! —*Trina Godsey, Librarian*



Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 12:30-2PM We will be taking a

break June and July. Watch the bulletin for August plans. Thanks for sharing God's Word.

Quarterly Treasurer Report

January 1 through March 31, 2012

	Actual	Budget		
Income	\$ 59,784.88	\$ 58,700.01		
Expense	\$ 54,338.72	\$ 62,210.66		
Net Income	\$ 5,446.16	\$ (3,510.65)		



Birthdays

- 2 Michael Pass
- 7 Aroon West
- 9 Carol Lau
- 11 Nancy Hoffman
- 13 Abbi Roman
- 15 Jack Easby
- 20 Jessica AduanMartin Brown
- 23 Denise Joy Brown
- 25 Gayle Bothe

Anniversaries

- 8 Cal & Betty Kallsen
- 17 John & Sandy Coyne
- 24 Walter & Nancy Hoffman
 - Don & Marlene Roberts
- 27 Bob & Diana Butterfield
- 29 Pastor Bill & Carol Chu



Those who are in need our prayers:

Wanda Armstrong, Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter, Ellen Stenson (Glenn Stenson's granddaughter), Gary Cox, Lloyce Logan, AJ Stanley, Joy Parker (Gayle Bothe's sister), Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy **Taylor** (Karen Gamble's mother), Robert & David Grandt (Liz Aduan's brothers), Inge Stone, Elizabeth Bothé (Gayle Bothe's granddaughter), Kathy Kinser, Abbi and Alexandria Roman, June Stewart (Judy West's friend), Vivian Hock (Trudy Huenninghaus's friend), Clint Lau (Dennis's father), Leslie Bowman (Ann Caruso's friend), Jan Tammiste (Roman's friend), Shirley Theobald (Tim Hintz's Aunt), Diana Butterfield, Alice Mikolasek, (Violet Griffin's friend).

Chaplains among the armed forces and those serving in the military:

Jabriel L,vont White-Bynum, Jon and Mike Dawers (Bill Koch's grandsons), Matthew Seeger, Derek Patterson and Dustin Philips, Taylor Bothe-Yates (Gayle Bothe's grand-niece), Capt. Richard Hill, Navy Spec. David Aiman, Joel and Jordan Bennett (Violet Griffin's great nephews).



Kevin Chau Luker

College Graduation

Kevin graduated from Northgate HS in 2007 and then attended Diablo Valley Community College. On meeting requirements for transfer he attended San Francisco State University. Grades aren't in yet, but there is a high probability he has met all require-



ments to graduate with a degree in criminal justice studies. He recently attended graduation dinner with department professors and classmates. Kim (mom), Gregory (brother) and Trisha (sister-in-law) are all pictured and attended the dinner thus helping to provide photographic evidence that Kevin attended at least one school function while enrolled. Benjamin (brand new nephew) also attended, but is not pictured. Evidence of his proximity to the dinner and DNA were found on dad's shirt. Benjamin was caught in the act by innocent bystanders. Kevin will be looking for work in law enforcement. —Bill Luker

Annah Marie Reiter High School Graduation

Annah will be graduating from Clayton Valley High School on June 14th. All through high school she has set a great example to everyone around her, to work hard, to show kindness to everyone no matter who it is and to be of "service to others". We are very proud of her accomplishments, both at school, and in the work field. She will attend DVC in the fall for 2 years, earning General Education requirements, then transfer to a university to finish and receive her teaching credentials. Her goal is to teacher elementary school age kids. "You are such a wonderful blessing and your parents couldn't be more proud!"—Sue & Ken Reiter



Both Kevin and Annah are very active in the church's outreach ministry. Congratulations and blessings for a bright future, Graduates!!—Ed

NIFTY FIFTY SENIORS CORNER

Black Diamond Mines Saturday June 9th

The Nifty Fifty main outing for June will be to the Black Diamond Mines located at 5175 Somersville Road Antioch Ca. 94509. The main underground Great House Visitor Center, which closed in 2007 is open, but only on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM till 4:30 PM and is free. Parking is \$5.00 and cost of entering the Mine is \$5.00. It's about 1/4 mile from the parking area to the Mine Entrance. They have a van that will take people up, but reservations must be made for the ride.. Docent led tours (10 or more) are at 1:00PM and 2:00PM and Drop in tours (less than 10) are at 12:00 and 3:00PM From the 1860s Through the turn of the last century nearly four million tons of coal (black Diamonds) was removed from the earth. The mine we will visit is the Hazel- Atlas Mine that produced silica sand to make jars, bottles and other glass items. Besides the Mine there is the Rose Hill Cemetery, which serves as a monument to the lives of the former residents. Buried here are children who died in epidemics women who died in childbirth and men who died in mining disasters and of other things. The park, which is over 6,000 acres, is an ideal location for hiking, picnicking and nature study... For a real view of local history visit this park. We should car pool as parking is \$5.00. We should plan on being at the park at 11:00AM if less then 10 sign up and 12:00 if we have enough for a Docent. Those that want to go can decide if they want to pack a lunch, or eat out then we can plan accordingly. Signup sheet will be in the social hall. I know this sound a little mixed up but we can work it out when we know who is going...Should be a great outing, so bring a friend...

MAC'S OLD HOUSE Wednesday June 20th

Our 2nd outing for June is lunch at Mac's Old House located at 3100 18th St Antioch Ca. If you think Al the Wop's is rustic wait till you visit a real historic house made into a restaurant. The food is great, portions are Huge and the prices are even better. Bar Drinks are \$2.50, \$3.00 for a double and \$3.00 for a big Triple. Lunches menus are part of the place mats and run from Prime Rib for \$10.95, Rib eve Steaks \$10.95, Calamari Steak (One of my favorites "You get 3 large pieces") \$9.95, Red Snapper \$9.95 and another of my favorites is Ground Round for \$6.95. Lunches are served with Minestrone soup (a big bowl) or salad, Pasta and a Vegetable. That along with great basket of bread makes it hard to beat. CASH ONLY! In order for us to eat in the front room we should be there when it opens at 11:30. We may have to sit at different tables even then. Gratuity is 20% I will post their lunch menu with the signup sheet in the Social Hall. Meet at church at 10:45 leave at 11:00 For more info on Mac's Old House go to your computer. This is a great outing to bring a friend...

DISPLAY THE FLAG

from Sunrise to Sunset on all days

(I'm Proud to be an American)

ARMED FORCES DAY, Saturday May 19
-May 26, Tokyo bombedMEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 28
-Wednesday, June 6, D DayFLAG DAY, Thursday, JUNE 14
-Fathers day June 17 -June 25 - start of Korean WarJULY 4th - INDEPENDENCE DAY
-July 27 End Korean War-

Disabled American Veterans

So many Soldiers Living on the Street

Their Spirits Broken, With Defeat.

What Must They Think When They Look Around

Eyes Passing By, Staring At the Ground?

Does Anger Fill Them When WE Turn Away,

from The Debts We Owe That Should Be Repaid?

What If At That Moment, Just Once, Instead

We Saluted In Honor, Right Hand to Head?

To Let Them Know They Are Not Ghosts,

Thanking Them For Being Braver Than Most.

If Everyone Would Show Them Grace

We just Might Find Their Pain Erased.

For All the Heroes Still Fighting To Live

and For Heroes Like You, Who continue to Give.

If You See Someone Who is Really Lost

Please Stop And Remember

WHAT OUR FREEDOM COST!

The Flag

Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free & the brave?

One Nation **under GOD,** Indivisible, & Justice for ALL.
Our Fathers' God to thee,
Author of liberty,

Long may our land be bright, with freedoms Holy light, Protect us by thy might,

Great GOD, our KING!

With GOD we will display great strength, HE will trample our enemies. Psl.60



Riverview Lodge + May 25 2012

It was one of those spectacular days with just a hint of rain and a few scattered cumulus clouds filling a gorgeous blue sky. The hills were almost completely brown, so typical of California summers, as we enjoyed our journey to the Riverview

Lodge in Antioch.

We had planned on 15 attending and ended up with 12. When we arrived they had an area next to the windows looking out at the river reserved for us. As the menu was so extensive everyone was able to select what they liked. We fully expected to see a large ship pass on its way to Stockton, but only small pleasure boats went by. Jack Mortenson said he had seen a large oil tanker on the river just outside the Riverview Dock, reverse direction with the aid of tugs after unloading some oil in order to proceed up the river. Evidently the river is wider and deeper in that area. If you failed to join us you missed a really good time spent with Christian friends and should



plan on attending our next outings, a trip to the Black Diamond Mines on Saturday June 9th and lunch at Mac's Old House in Antioch on Wednesday June 20th Bring a friend!!.

Amtrak Train Ride to Old Sacramento • May 10th 2012

Thursday May 10th was a clear sparkling day with a slight cool breeze from the west as we

started our sojourn to Sacramento. The paper weather forecast for Sacramento was 88 degrees, so we planned accordingly. Only Trudy, Bill Reichmann and I ended up going. We all rode in one car and were able to park next to the station as I had a Handy Cap parking permit. Our

tickets, as planned, were half fare or \$19.00 round trip. (for your info this promotion for Seniors 62 or older is on Tue, Wed, or Thur. and will be in effect through Sept. Promotion code v144) We left Martinez at 11:04 stopped at Fairfield and Davis before ending in Sacramento at 12:15.. The air conditioned cars had wide windows with plenty of leg room and the ride was smooth as silk. In essence we had the enjoy-

ment of traveling by train, enjoying the scenery on our way to lunch at Fat City in Old Sacramento. We were met

at the train with a Golf Cart (a part of Amtrak Red Cap Service) which was able to take us as far as the Train Museum about two blocks short of the Restaurant Fat City. Trudy and I had Swordfish and Bill had Chicken Chow Mane The food as always was great. After lunch we walked down by the River and sat on benches on a

dock and watched traffic on the River and Fishermen as well as a tireless dog swimming after a piece of wood his owner kept throwing. The train we planned on returning on left Sac. At 3:35PM so we had plenty of time to walk back . Along the way Trudy and I had and Ice Cream Cone and Bill had shaved flavored ice We met the Red Cap Golf Cart that dropped us off next to the train we were to

board for our return trip to Martinez. What a really great outing Don't you wish you had joined us!!

LWML CNH 2012 Convention - Extreme Service

By Cherylene Brueckner

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1Peter 4:10-11

Thirteen women from Zone 7, including five from Holy Cross, attended the LWML CNH Convention April 19-21, 2012 in Rohnert Park. We came home

inspired and fed by the Word, wonderful worship, speakers, singing, sharing, and service opportunities. We are prepared for **Extreme Service**! A total of 277 people attended the convention; 63 were at convention for the first time!

What a wonderful blessing to learn that all of the 2010-2012 LWML CNH Mission Grants were funded by the end of the biennium on March 31, 2012 with an overage of \$3,401.29 that will be applied to the 2012-2014 Mission Grants. A big "Thank you!" to our Holy Cross family for your faithful Mite giving. At the April convention, twelve new mission grants were selected for the 202-2014 biennium for a Mission Grant Goal of \$111,905.

Convention offerings:

Friday - \$2,264 for Mites

Saturday - \$1,497 for the Steinbeck Memorial Fund

This fund provides scholarships for children from missionary families.

Sunday - \$1,992.08 for the Rubin Memorial Fund — This fund provides scholarships for students preparing for professional church work. Scott Jonas, former member of Holy Cross now studying at LCMS Seminary in St. Louis, was one of the 2010-2012 School Year recipients.

The Mite Challenge totaled \$1,455.50

LWML CNH Officers Elected:

VP Christian Life - Vickie Schmidt, Zone 8 VP Gospel Outreach – Diane Conrad, Zone 6 VP Human Care – Sherry Bell, Zone 7 Treasurer – Cherylene Brueckner, Zone 7 Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Aaron R. Smith, Zone 8



L-R: Joyce Liebe, Barbara Carr, Sherry Bell, Chris Roman, Pat Easby, Cherylene Brueckner, Melarie Seidel, Bev Meyer, Liz Barriga, Diana Cuva, Lynnette Campbell, Norma North, and Susan Contreras (not pictured).

Muchas Gracias

Choir Party at Terry's

By Grace Gin

The Holy Cross Choir finished their season on Pentecost Sunday before breaking for the summer. As years past, Terry Hawkyard graciously invited the choir to her house for an end of the

season party.

Annalisa Liedtke was the only person representing the Sopranos at the party. Cherylene,

Marilyn, Trina, Diana B. and Grace were unable to attend and missed the fun and good food that Terry provided. On Sunday, June 10, the choir embark on their once a year field trip to sing at Grace Lutheran Church in El Cerrito, Diana Meux, the choir director's church. During the 2011-2012 season, two members of the choir dropped out, namely, Ann Caruso and Gail Baker, but added Cheryl Syrovatka, and she had an extremely enjoyable time. (Only my observation, do confirm with her.) So, think about joining the choir this fall, don't miss the fun in serving with your voice!



L-R Nancy Hoffman, Idalene Stadler, Annaliesa Liedtke, Otis Nicholson, Cheryl Syrovatka, Terry Hawkyard, Melarie Seidal, Diana Meux

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

by Pat Easby

The LWML Zone 7 Rally & luncheon was held at Holy Cross on Armed Forces Day, May 19. The ladies honored those serving or served in the Military. Our humorous and informative guest speaker was Chaplain Dann Ettner, CAPT, CHC, USN Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces"

Below is an excerpt of his speech.

[For the past decade, our **US Forces** have been engaged in serious conflict. They never stop training, because tensions are high in many parts of the world. These flash points do not always involve us, however some do, and the situation can escalate quickly.

Will the coming yr. be one of **peace**? All of us pray for sustained peace, especially those directly involved---namely our **S**oldiers, **S**ailors, **A**irmen, **M**arines & **C**oast **G**uardsmen. (We must not forget the families & loved ones left behind)

At any moment, however, the order may come, MOVE OUT! This fallen world seems to be fully engaged in depleting our spiritual strength. Our Lord calls all of us to be part of His mission. He has given us **His Holy Spirit to build, encourage & sustain**

More than 200 chaplains of our LCMS move out <u>every day</u> to serve military men & women. You are a vital part of ministry to the Armed Forces. *Your gifts, prayers & encouragement lift the spirits of all who serve our Military*. As we move out in faith, we are reminded by the Apostle Paul,

"We have not been given a spirit of timidity, rather a spirit of power, of love, & of self-control" (2Tim. 1:7).

It is in that spirit that WE MOVE OUT!

—Chaplain Dann Ettner]

Our rally offering was sent to: LCMS MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES.

If you'd also like to make a donation, you may a make check payable to:

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces PO Box 790089, St. Louis, MO. 63179-9901

*or donate on line @ www.lcms.org/armedforces



Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent surgical procedure and recovery. I felt such peace at the hospital, knowing that I was in God's care and supported by all of your prayers.

Blessings, Cherylene Brueckner



BIG NOTE OF THANKS to the Holy Cross Choir for another season of sharing your Spirit-given musical gifts!

You are such a blessing and your constant dedication of singing and ringing praises to the Lord in worship is so much appreciated. God's blessings for a fun & restful summer!"

—Diana Meux, Director

THANK YOU to those of you who supported the Lutherans Women's SPRING RALLY & ARMED FORCES DAY at Holy Cross. ARMY CHAPLAIN DANN ETTNER was a great speaker, he had much to tell us about living conditions, foods, how they entertained themselves, and really neat pictures to go with his presentation stories, very interesting! WALL OF HONOR: (we recognized past & present veterans) turned out very nicely, check that out in the Parish Hall. The churches of Zone 7 brought toiletry, drink & food items that we will be shipping to Afghanistan LCMS MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES. Thank You to those that worked on the Rally; giving of their time, talents, planning, etc. God's Blessings "Watch for a re-cap in the June Newsletter ISAIAH 41:13 "FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO TAKES HOLD OF YOUR RIGHT HAND; & SAYS TO YOU, DO NOT FEAR, I WILL HELP YOU."

—Pat Easby, WoHC

LWML CNH MISSION GRANTS 2012-2014

ZION ZONE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM Zion Lutheran Church, Winnemucca, NV \$2: DREAM CATCHER YOUTH GROUP	2.050
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2. DREAM CATCHER YOUTH GROUP	2,650
North Cheyenne Reservation near Lame Dear, MT LCMS \$6,	5,000
3. PRODUCTION OF BRAILLE MAGAZINES	
Lutheran Blind Mission \$5,	5,000
4. ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SING	
Zion Lutheran Church, San Luis Obispo, CA \$1	.2,850
5. BETHANY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES OUTREACH TO	
THE HUNGRY: FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL \$7,	,600
6. EARLY CHILDHOOD CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM	
Bethany Lutheran Ministries, Vacaville, CA \$1,	,500
7. LIGHT OF THE HILLS LCMS HISPANIC OUTREACH	
Cameron Park, CA \$5,	,000
8. EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTREACH CENTER	
Redeemer, Atascadero, CA \$1	.5,000
9. FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP CAMPS IN RURAL PARTS OF INDIA	
Lutheran Hour Ministries \$4,	,310
10. MOBA WOMEN'S LITERACY PROGRAM	
Good Shepherd, Turlock with the Lutheran Church of Togo \$2:	1,495
11. ENCOUNTERING CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE HELPING WOMEN OF LIB	BERIA,
WEST AFRICA LEARN TO READ, Lutheran Bible Translators \$2,	2,000
12. THE BIBLE IN PICTURES FOR LAOS	
The Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$8,	,500
TOTAL 2012-2014 MISSION GRANT GOAL: \$111,	.905



JUNE



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Mite Box /Hat Sunday 9am Worship w/ Comm 10:30am Sunday School/Bible Study	Brd Mtg (C)	5 4pm UB Tutoring (E)	6 7p Bible Study	7 9:30a CVWC Craft 4pm UB Tutoring (E)		9 11a (?) Seniors Out- ing-Black Diamond Mine
10 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School/Bible Study	(L)	4pm UB Tutoring (E) 6:30pm Elder's Mtg	13 1pm Senior Brd (L) 7p Bible Study	14 9:30a CVWC Craft 4pm UB Tutoring (E)	15	16
17 9am Worship - With Communion 10:30am Sunday School/Bible Study	Bridge (H)	4pm	10:45a Seniors Lunch outing-Mac's Old House	21 9:30a CVWC Craft 4pm UB Tutoring (E)	22	23
24 9am Worship 10a Voters Meeting 11:30a Congregation Potluck Fellowship 11:30am OUTREACH	6pm WoHC Family Dinner	26 4pm UB Tutoring (E)	27 7p Bible Study	28 9:30a CVWC Craft 4pm UB Tutoring (E)	29	30

(cl= Choir Loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg, H=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room)

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:00AM

Communion 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Adults Bible Studies 10:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday 12:30PM Conference Room, Ladies Only

Summer Break, Resumes in August

Wednesday 7:00PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday 7:15PM-8:45PM

Summer Break, Resumes in Sept.

Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

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