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## Note from the Pastor



*The Greatest Generation, Baby Boomers, Gen-X (also Baby Busters), Gen-Y (born ~mid/*

late 1970s to ~mid-1990s, also Millennials) and Gen-Z (born mid-1990s to present and counting)... Experts quibble over the dates and names but generally agree on the values that define each generation, particularly up through the Boomers and perhaps Gen-X (though there are regional differences). The later generations, especially Gen Z, are less well defined for obvious reasons; even the oldest of Gen-Z are not out of their teen years.

As a "Boomer" with 2 Gen Y kids, I've wondered what these demographics mean not just for my kids but also for kids in general and kids in our church. Sociologists, demographers and other researchers develop profiles that characterize the likes and dislikes of each generation, how they view their world, and what is most important to them. Implicit in all this research is that parents, educators, and even churches could use such data to develop new methodology or adapt old ones to teaching and raising Gen Y and Z kids.

These profiles provide helpful lenses and paradigms through which we can view and perhaps

understand better the Gen-Y and -Z cultures. Perhaps they are even useful in helping us define how we ought to "do church and worship" and best relate to members of these generations in our churches. To be sure, we should avail ourselves of various helps as we fulfill the Lord's Great Commission to us of making *"disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20). However, just because our kids fall into a particular demographic category does not mean they are slaves to what that particular profile or paradigm says they are.

Parents are the primary and most important influence on their kids. Demographers may define their generation by a particular set of values, mores, music genre, or way of "doing church," etc., but that doesn't mean that my Gen-Y kids must be that way. For example, many people think we ought to get rid of traditional hymns or liturgy because they use outdated language and music and our young people cannot relate to them, yet my kids (17 and 20) love the traditional hymns as well as contemporary Christian songs. If we shouldn't "force" our kids to worship, read the Scriptures, or participate in

fellowship groups when they find these "boring," why don't we apply the same reasoning and standard to school work, chores, or anything else we think is important (of course, this assumes we think God, faithful worship, hearing and reading of the Scriptures really are important).

Our kids are pressured by many influences from the media, educators, fellow students, and friends that will challenge their faith and encourage them to question God and the Bible. Neither faithful worship nor attending a "Christian" immunizes them from such attacks on their faith in Christ. However, we can equip our kids to

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## October at a Glance

### **October 4**

Mite Box / Hat Sunday

### **October 10, 9:30AM**

Altar Guild Meeting,  
Conference Room

### **October 11, LWML Sunday**

WoHC Bake Sale, 10:00AM  
Parish Hall

### **October 19, 6:30PM**

Church Council Meeting,  
Conference Room

### **October 21, 9:30AM**

Nifty Fifty Seniors Outing to SF

### **October 24, 4:30PM**

Oktoberfest, Parish Hall

### **October 25, 11:30AM**

Outreach

## **Care Corner**

Please remember our Homebound and Hospitalized Members with cards and Prayers:

Glorine Brown, Herb Burroughs, Virginia Highsmith, Herb and Clara Huppert, Hannah Johnson, Marv Kreitz, Red Lundgren, Phyllis O'Leary, Suzanne Saafeld, Inge Stone, Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor



*Our Condolences*

To Ruth Kreitz's family  
Ruth passed away on August 27, 2009 after a long illness.

She was active with the Nifty-fifty Seniors and regularly contributed articles to the Cross Currents. She was also a member of the Monday Morning Bridge here at Holy Cross. She was a skillful player and benefitted many junior players with her bidding skill. We will miss her. Ruth's memory service was held on Sept 3 at Holy Cross.

To Lew Koldewey's family.  
Lew passed away on September 21, 2009. He and his wife Lois were long-time members of Holy Cross until their move to Santa Rosa in the late '90's. His memorial service is on October 3, 2009 at St. Mark His memorial service will be on October 3, 11:00AM St Mark Lutheran Church, 4325 Mayette Ave, Santa Rosa CA

Lois' address is  
333 Golf Court, Santa Rosa, CA 94509  
phone number is (707) 538-8523.

Please remember their families in your prayer.

## **Generations**

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meet these challenges by helping them nourish their faith through regular and faithful use of Word and Sacrament.

The profiles of our kids' generations from experts notwithstanding, we parents can be, and we should be, the determinant influence on our kids' values, beliefs, mores, and behavior rather than cede that responsibility and privilege to others.

Teach your children the Word of God. Equip them with the armor of God.

Arm them with the Sword of the Spirit (Eph.6:13-17) Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Help them continue in what they have learned from Sunday school, V.B.S., sermons, and from you – namely the Word of the God, the Holy Scriptures, that has made them wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2Timothy 3:14-15). *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.* (2Timothy 3:16-17).



## **this Month**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Shelby Oatis
- 3 Erna Beutel  
Glenn Stenson
- 6 Herb Burroughs  
Claudia Gemar
- 13 Mike Liebe
- 14 Walter Hoffman
- 18 Kimberly Chu
- 24 Anna Liedtke
- 26 Erin Boettcher
- 28 Betty Kallsen
- 29 Sandy Coyne
- 30 Cheryl Syrovatka
- 31 Gregg Syrovatka

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 Gregg & Cheryl Syrovatka
- 19 Joe & Peggy Odrzywolski
- 20 Ken & Liz Ballard
- 30 Tom & Sue O'Malley

Back by popular demand:  
**LWML Sunday, October 11, Bake Sale.**

**To those that love to enjoy home baked goods** - plan to purchase some delicious goodies. All proceeds will go to Mites & fund our 2008-2010 Mission Grants.

**To our Holy Cross bakers** - please see sign up sheet on Women of Holy Cross board in Parish Hall. Please help by:

- package in/on disposable containers/plates
- 1-2 servings each (4-6 cookies/bars, 2-3 cup cakes/muffins or homemade candies in small amount and small breads are also good.)
- label (especially if contains nuts)
- drop off in kitchen before church on Oct. 11th



Dear Holy Cross Family,  
 We want to thank you for your love, support, and many prayers during the past twelve years of Abbi's life.

Without your help and God's guidance our job would be much harder. On October 7<sup>th</sup> our family is traveling to Canine Companions for Independence's (CCI) Northwest Region Campus in Santa Rosa. At CCI we will complete an intensive two week training course where Abbi will be matched with a special assistance dog. This dog will enhance Abbi's life by lowering her anxiety with constant, predictable companionship, and practical task functioning.

Please keep in mind that working dogs can be distracted from their jobs. Therefore we ask that you always ask before you pet the dog and never feed it any kind of food or treat.

Love and blessings,

Eric, Chris, Alex and Abbi Roman



**Fall Altar Guild Meeting, October 10 at 9:30AM** in the conference room. We are in need of new members and families to help prepare the sanctuary for worship.

This is an easy way to serve our Lord, and all ages are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Andrea Beutel at 672-9605, or [andbeutel@gmail.com](mailto:andbeutel@gmail.com)

## Great Turnout on Rally Day

By Trina Godsey

What fun it was to gather together for our Rally on September 13 after church. The Fellowship Hall was filled with lively conversation as we found our elders at those great round tables that really encourage visiting. Lunch followed with hot dogs, all the trimmings, potato salad, sauerkraut, etc. and of course dessert (cookies plus). Then came the entertainment...The Variety Show !!!!

Bill Reichmann did far more than Show and Tell as he played his spectacular turn of the century music box, a beautiful, cherished keepsake from the Feltons. We didn't get to hear all 60 disks but certainly enjoyed what we did hear. Next came Jason's Magic Card Show - still wondering, how did he do that? The Choir entertained us next with Songs and Chimes...to mixed reviews, from the choir members themselves. And then we did have a lively Ping Pong match between pros Kathryn Gin and winner Jim Johnson.

The Coyne family brought down the house with their Gilligan's Island presentation. Now there is a talented family, each and every one! Big coins went into the mite box as Women of Holy Cross reminded us of their valuable contribution. Who were those Mystery Comedians? Drew Oatis and Jim Johnson of course, and they did keep us laughing. After that we were ready for the Elders' Serenade. I think they were ready too. Definitely ready to perform were Kathryn Gin and Chris Chu with their Violin & Piano Duet. We hope to hear much more from them in the future.



### Oktoberfest...

is once again upon us...come out and join in the festivities on Saturday, October 24...great food...great friends...just great being out. The festivities will start at 4:30PM with dinner

served at 5:00. There will be a \$7 per person suggested donation.

Sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

— Melarie Seidel



## Nifty Fifty outing to Travis AFB Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

By Marv Kreitz

Information on how the day went.....

We had reservations for 12 (needed 10 to have a docent and had only 5 sign up. I called and cancelled the docent because we only had five. On the day we were to go three of those signed up cancelled. Only Glen Stenson and I were left. So we decided to leave a little later... 10:00 rather than 9:45... When we got to Church Bill and Trina Geodesy were waiting.....so now we had four...We all piled into Glens' car (he is retired Navy so he could get on the base by just showing his identification) and off we



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Bill and Trina Godsey, Marv Kreitz, Glenn Stenson

went. What a beautiful day and what great fellow Christians to travel with. When we arrived at the base there was a docent ready and waiting for The Holy Cross Group. What an outstanding individual as he gave us a tour, tailored to our group, even if there was only four. The Jimmy Doolittle Air

and Space Museum was jammed with over 30 aircraft including bombers, fighters, helicopters, rescue planes and more. It was quite warm so we didn't spend much time viewing the larger planes outside after the tour we had lunch on the base at the Delta breeze Club. Individuals can visit so if you are so inclined and like airplanes all you need is a to have a Driver's license and photo ID.



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Trina Godsey

## Day on the Bay Trip to San Francisco

On Oct 21<sup>st</sup> the Nifty Fifty Seniors will board a ferry at Jack London Square in Oakland and journey to San Francisco pier 41. Relax and enjoy the aquatic scenery along the Estuary and on the bay. Expect to see huge cranes and container ships loading and processing containers.

Lunch will be at the Rain Forest Restaurant located next to the Wax Museum in the Fisherman's wharf area. Among the dinning companions will be elephants, cheetahs and monkeys to name a few.

Meet at church at 9:30 and leave promptly at 9:45. The ferry leaves Oakland's Jack London Square at 11:00 and arrives in San Francisco at 11:45 lunch will be at 12:30. Cost of the ferry round trip is \$7.50 Parking is free at the Ferry Terminal at Jack London square. Be sure to get your parking ticket validated aboard the ferry. We plan on leaving on the 3:45 ferry, which will arrive at 4:40 in Oakland. Join us for a fun filled day on the Bay...Bring a FRIEND!

### BRIDGE PLAYERS

Interested in playing or learning bridge? Come join us on the first and third Mondays of the month, at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. Please let Jean Eissner or Grace know so we can add you to the roster.

### **Tomorrow**

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow.

The same God who cares for you today Will take care of you and yours tomorrow and every day.

Either God will shield you from suffering Or God will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then and put aside All anxious thoughts and imaginations.  
—St. Francis de Sales



## **WELCOME BACK BRUNCH-** **"FREE TO SERVE" BIBLE STUDY**

By Carol Lau

The Women of Holy Cross, on the Saturday of September the 12th, gathered together on a rainy morning to share God's Word and learn of the plans for the year, on our calendar of events. We had a fun icebreaker to guess "What's in your apron pocket?" Lauretta read a devotion that tied it all together. Many shared the stories that went with the aprons they brought. We had two people bring quests. Birthdays were shared, good food, and we nourished our spiritual growth through our Bible study. Thank you to the many people who brought it all together. The decorations were awesome, the fruit was delicious, the breads were yummy, and the main dish was tasty. The planning was so much fun... Come to our next event and learn with us.

## **WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS** **OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

Sunday, 10/4 Mite Box Sunday  
 Monday, 10/11 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Conf. Room  
 Sunday, 10/11 LWML Sunday "Look to the Hills  
 A Gift for the Ladies!"  
 PLUS:  
 WoHC BAKE SALE all profits will go to **MITES**  
 Purchase your freshly Baked goodies immediately after service  
 Saturday, 10/17 Zone 7 Fall Rally, St. Phillip's Lutheran, Dublin  
 Speaker: Lynette Campbell  
 MEET AT CHURCH - We'll Car Pool - watch for the time -

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDARS  
 WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS ANYTHING!**

**"A Friend Loves At All Times" Proverbs 17:17**



## **Wheat**

Wheat is used to represent the bread (the body of Christ) in Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48).

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30). Jesus uses wheat to represent believers, while weeds, or tares, represent unbelievers.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Attention all Scandinavians! St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, will be the site of a Lutefisk Dinner from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday < November 15, 2009. It's a "once in a lifetime" meal you just have to try. You will never forget the traditional food dishes, sights and sounds that will take you to another land on a trip you will never forget! We are seeking able-bodied people to help prepare, set up, serve and clean up for the dinner. All proceeds go to Lutheran Social Services. Matching funds will be requested from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Come one and all and bring your friends, too! For more information contact Cheryl Cunningham at 99250 787-6459 or chrybln@aol.com.

## OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY

By Pat Easy

**September 27, 2009,** We (Holy Cross) drove down Port Chicago Hwy./Arnold Industrial the Shelter in North Concord to feed needy/homeless; (less than 150 people) that leaves many, many, more on the streets. is the **only** shelter Concord has, contrary to what many people think.

In order to stay (& be fed) at the Shelter, they have to be a **registered resident there**. must be drug free & attend drug abuse classes every day throughout the week they leave & have their own place. can take up to a year or more. is a slow process & doesn't leave many openings for more needy people to get into the program. The residents are on a waiting list for their apartments; & when one becomes available they move with only the clothes on their backs. must find their own furniture, linens, beds, etc. this point **only men & women are allowed to stay at the Concord Shelter**. Families & Children must to city get help & register for a place; they are then put on a waiting list.

When you see homeless/hungry people on the streets it's because most of them have no place to go. great majority of the homeless are **Veterans with PTS** from past conflicts, But, they are becoming & more prevalent to the fact so many have been returning home from Iraq!

**Loaves & Fishes** no longer feed in city of Concord, because they lost their 20 yr. lease next to Baldwin Park; continue to check buildings-looking for place to serve food to the needy.

Please keep all of these people in your prayers.

**Thank you** to all of you that donate to the needy program at Holy Cross.

If you think you are too important to help someone in need, You are only fooling yourself. 're really a nobody. 6:3

The generous prosper & are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. 11:25

## Letter from Jason

Dear Families and

Friends of Holy Cross,

Last week my apartment complex received a letter about limiting the amount of water consumption due to the drought. As the weather is suppose to reach over 100 this week starting on Tuesday, it reminds me how vital water is to life. A human body alone is made up of 60% water. This is why doctors and researchers keep sharing the importance of staying hydrated. Even the Bible mentions the importance of water in such stories of Moses tapping a rock for water and Jesus talks about being the water of life. In the Gospel of John, chapter 4:13-14, "Jesus said 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" Us humans need water in order to live because it helps keeps our body functioning properly. Water helps plants grow as well.

Last couple years my family and I have been living on a farm. A couple summers ago I had a garden. One of the items I grew were radishes. I tested what would happen if I mixed lemon juice with some of them. Those with pure water grew healthy and well, meanwhile those with lemon water grew partial and those who were feed lemon juice alone died within the first week. We are much like the radishes in this story.

This raises the question "Is our water polluted?" Do we fill our days with the world or do we make time for God to give us with living water? God wants us to make time for him on regular bases. If we fill our day with the world, we shrivel up like the radishes with pure lemon juice, but if we fill our lives with Christ we can grow closer to God. May I encourage to be watered each day by God through reading the Bible, prayer, journaling, listening to music, talking with a friend, etc. Set aside some time where you can be with the Creator of the universe. Have a blessed month ahead!

In His Name, Jason  
Romans 8

Thank You to  
**Our Rally Day**  
Volunteers

Thank you very much for all those who participated in the Variety Show, those who brought yummy cookies to share, and those who prepared lunch, helped set up and cleaned up on Rally Day. Your help and effort made this event a success!!

Hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship and had a fun time. We had more than 70 in attendance!



# OCTOBER 2009

| Sunday                                                                                                            | Monday                                                         | Tuesday                                                                  | Wednesday                                                         | Thursday                                                | Friday            | Saturday                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27<br>9a Worship<br>10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study<br>11:30a OUTREACH<br>11:30a Confirmation                  | 28<br>7p Boy Scout (L)                                         | 29<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)<br>7:15p Choir                                   | 30<br>12p TORCH (E)                                               | 1<br>9a CC (E)<br>9:30a Craft (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)  | 2                 | 3<br>1p Boy Scout(H)<br>6:45p Carpool for Screwtape Letter |
| 4<br>Mite Box /Hat Sunday<br>9a Worship w/ Communion<br>10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study<br>11:30a Confirmation | 5<br>9:30a Bridge<br>6p WoHC Brd<br>7p Boy Scout (PH, L)       | 6<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)<br>7:15p Choir                                    | 7<br>12p TORCH (E)                                                | 8<br>9a CC (E)<br>9:30a Craft (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)  | 9                 | 10<br>9:30a Altar Guild                                    |
| 11 LWML Sunday<br>9a Worship<br>10a Bake Sale<br>10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study<br>11:30a Confirmation        | 12<br>7p Boy Scout (L)<br><i>Columbus Day [USA]</i>            | 13<br>9:30a CVWC (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)<br>6:30p Elders<br>7:15p Choir | 14<br>12p TORCH (E)<br>1p Senior Brd (L)                          | 15<br>9a CC (E)<br>9:30a Craft (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E) | 16                | 17                                                         |
| 18<br>9a Worship w/ Communion<br>10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study<br>11:30a Confirmation                        | 19<br>9:30a Bridge<br>6:30p Church Council<br>7p Boy Scout (L) | 20<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)<br>7:15p Choir                                   | 21<br>9:30a NFSeniors<br>Outing to SF<br>12p TORCH (E)<br>7p CVLL | 22<br>9a CC (E)<br>9:30a Craft (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E) | 23<br>set up Hall | 24<br>4p Oktoberfest                                       |
| 25<br>9a Worship<br>10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study<br>11:30a OUTREACH<br>11:30a Confirmation                  | 26<br>7p Boy Scout (L)                                         | 27<br>10a CVWC (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E)<br>7:15p Choir                   | 28<br>12p TORCH (E)                                               | 29<br>9a CC (E)<br>9:30a Craft (H)<br>4p UB Tutoring(E) | 30                | 31<br><i>Halloween [USA]</i>                               |

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



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9:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
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M, W 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
F 8:30AM - 12:30PM

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:00 AM 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday,  
Worship with Communion  
2nd and 4th Sunday,  
Worship with Choir, No Communion  
  
10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Studies

### **Weekly Bible Study**

*Sunday* 10:30 AM Conference Rm  
(*The Book of Ephesians*)  
10:30 AM Library  
(*The Book of Timothy*)

*Monday* 12:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study

**Choir Rehearsal** Tuesday, 7:15PM

**Outreach** Fourth Sunday at 11:30 AM

### **Publication Deadline:**

Weekly Bulletin Announcements - Noon, Tuesday  
November Cross Currents: October 21, 2009