



# Cross Currents



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## The Triune God is Lord of the Church and Lord over all Nations

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

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Be sure to wind your clocks forward one hour before your go to bed on Saturday!

Much excitement and apprehension hanged over the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the days prior to the 2010 Synodical Convention over the imminent election of the next synodical president along with a slate vice-presidents and board members. Also on the minds of delegates and the rest of the church body were the resolutions for major changes to our synodical structure. The prayer of the Church to God, who is the Lord of the Church, was and remains: *"Lord, thy will be done."*

The convention is over. A new president has been elected. Major restructuring to our Synod was approved. Our new synodical president, Rev. Matthew Harrison, began his response to the convention following his election with these words: *"If one member suffers, all suffer together. If one rejoices, all rejoice together. Right now,*

*there are many rejoicing, and there are many suffering."* Yet, the Lord of the Church remains the Lord of the Church and all things are in His hands.

Excitement and apprehension hang over our nation as we head to the polls for the 2010 mid-term elections. The nation is about as divided as it has ever been. The economy is stagnant. Millions are out of work. Our nation is at war. Many seek to destroy us, or at least to destroy our way of life and Christianity.

By the time all the votes are counted, President Harrison's words, *there are many rejoicing, and there are many suffering*, would prove true again. Whether we suffer or rejoice after the November 2 elections will depend on whether "our" candidates won or lost and/or whether certain ballot measures passed

or failed, though I suspect that all of us will be doing some rejoicing and some suffering, since we're interested not just in who gets elected in our cities or states, but who wins congressional and gubernatorial seats throughout the country.



### ELECTION



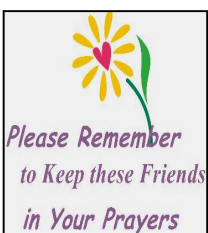
Yet the same God who is Lord of the Church is Lord of the nations. *"For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne"* (Psalm 47:7-8). *"For kingship belongs to Yahweh, and He rules over the nations"* (Psalm 22:8).

Whether you will be rejoicing more than

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"suffering" after the election results, or suffering more than rejoicing, God assures you: He is Lord of the nations and all things are in His hands. So remember to pray for our leaders, whoever they might be, whether you voted for them or not (if you didn't vote for them, more reason to pray for them!) — *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way"* (1 Timothy 2:1-2). *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God"* (Romans 13:1).



Paul Daule, Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter, Trudy Huenninghaus, Bob Richards, Gary Cox, Lloyce Logan, AJ and Caylin Stanley, Phyllis O'Leary, Charles and Chuck Johnson, Brennan and Devin Helmer, Christine Helmer, Joy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. McDavid, Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor, Burma Grandt, Laurence Grandt, Robert Grandt, Inge Stone, Luca Nishimori, Sienna Lee, Elizabeth Bothé, Kathy Kinser, Linda Martino, Abbi and Alex Roman.



## Fall Cleaning

Altar Guild will be sponsoring the annual

fall cleaning of the sanctuary on Nov 13th from 9-noon. Please bring a bucket and some rags and help us to shine the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. All ages are welcome to come and pitch in. Contact Andrea Beutel at 672-9605 or [andbeutel@gmail.com](mailto:andbeutel@gmail.com) with questions.



## JOIN US FOR THE

**Congregational  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner**

**Sunday  
November 24  
Noon**

Sign-up sheet will be posted shortly on the bulletin board by the office.

## November



### Birthdays

- 1 George Oatis
- Clara Huppert
- 4 Joe Odrzywolski
- 8 Emily Humphrey
- 10 Liz Aduan
- Andrea Beutel
- 15 Lauretta Oliver
- 21 Suzanne Saalfeld
- 23 Katharine Jondle

### Anniversaries

- 2 Mike & Gail Baker
- 5 Terry & Revia Maurer
- 9 Dwight & Claudia Gemar
- 20 Gehard Neumann & Shinta Susanty

## November Choir Schedule

Rehearsals on  
November 9, 16, 23  
(No rehearsal on  
November 2 or 30)

## NEW BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



We are studying the  
book on Proverbs.

## Commemoration of the Saints Sunday November 7, 2010

If you want to commemorate loved ones who passed away since last 'All Saints' Day' (Nov 2009), please submit their names to the church office via email or phone calls by the morning of Tuesday, Nov 2. Thanks.

## Recipe for Asphalt, White and Blue Paint

By Cherylene Brueckner

What do you get when you mix asphalt, white paint and blue paint? *A parking lot with bright, white stripes and convenient handicap parking spots!*

Our parking lot at Holy Cross is in dire need of repair, and you can help! On Friday and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Women of Holy Cross have organized Café Corner to serve food and beverages at the Holiday Hutch Boutique in our parish hall. The funds raised at the café are the beginning of the Holy Cross Parking Lot Fund. The café is a congregational event, and many of you have signed up to help by donating items on the café "wish list" or volunteering to work a shift at the café. Thank you!

There is still time to support the event by coming by to **eat!** *The ladies at Holiday Hutch will be glad to have you **shop** as well.* Only the funds raised at the café benefit our Parking Lot Fund, but what a great time to get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

Watch in future issues of the Holy Cross newsletter for updates on the Parking Lot Fund and more opportunities to help it grow. Together, one step at a time, we can make this happen. Read in **Neemiah 1-6:16** about the builders of the wall of Jerusalem. Side by side, with the help of God, the wall was complete.

Fundraising  
Cafe Corner



## HOLIDAY HUTCH BOUTIQUE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8AM-8PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9AM-4PM

(Thursday evening will be preview night,  
free refreshment and sales are available.)

\*be sure to Mark your calendars

## Nifty Fifty Seniors' Corner

### Clayton Oktoberfest

By Jack Mortenson

The Nifty Fifty was represented at the Clayton Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 2nd by an enthusiastic group of Seniors from Holy Cross. Peter Liedtke led the way to the tent where a German band played. Also enjoying the music and professional dancing were Trudy Hueninghaus, Terry Hawkward, Erna Beutel, Christl Rose, Eyona Pargman and daughter,

Doris and Jack Mortenson (and probably others). Great fellowship and plentiful beer and German food from B.J. Bistro made it a real fun outing.



### Three Outings for November

#### 1. Speisekammer Restaurant

On **November 4th** we are going to lunch at a German restaurant recommended by Inga Stone in Alameda.

The Speisekammer Restaurant and Bar was opened in 2002. and is Located at 2424 Lincoln Ave Alameda, Ca 94501 Lunch is served from 12 -3.

#### Sandwiches

- Weisswurst \$8.50 (Poached White Sausage w/ Pretzel) Schnitzel Sandwich \$8.00 (breaded Pork Cutlet Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions fries roasted potatoes or salad)

- Bratwurst Sandwich \$8.00 (Grilled Bratwurst w/ Sauerkraut & Mustard on Toasted Baguette-fries, roasted potatoes or salad)
- Panini \$7.00 (Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast with Tomato and Mozzarella - fries, roasted potatoes or salad...
- There is also various Egg Dishes as well as complete dinners.

Meet at Church at 12:00 leave at 12:15 lunch is at 1:00. Sign up sheet in Social Hall.

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## Remembering the saints

When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7 NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.



*Outings (Continued from page 4)***2. Al the Whop's**

On **November 17** join the Nifty Fifty Seniors as they wind their way through the scenic Delta to the old town of Lock and visit the renowned and extraordinary restaurant "Al the Whop's". The featured New York Steak comes with a jar of Peanut Butter and its companion jar of jelly to be used either on the steak or on the piping hot French Bread according to preference.

Lock was founded by a group of Chinese merchants from near by Walnut Grove who reached an agreement with George Lock to build on his land. By 1920, Lock stood essentially as you see it today. This is a great trip through the Delta back in time to a really historic town. Don't miss this trip. Meet at church at 11:45 leave promptly at 12:00 noon. Lunch is planned for 1:00 P.M. Sign up sheet in Social Hall. We should car pool.



### *Seniors Fall Activities*

**3. Norseman's Holiday Buffet**

On **November 23rd** the Nifty Fifty Seniors will attend the Holiday Buffet at the Norseman's Restaurant at Diablo Valley College from 11:00A.M. to 1:00P.M. Cost is \$30.00 which includes tax and tip. Those of you who attended last year know what a great feast it is. Among the goodies offered last year were Pomegranate salad (mixed greens tossed in a champagne vinaigrette with candied walnuts, blue cheese and pomegranate seeds), deep fried turkey breast served with caramelized onions, Prime Rib carved to order and a decadent array of desserts.

Reservations have to be made and paid for in advance to Wilma Burch by November 16th since tickets are usually sold out long before the buffet date.

If you would like to attend after the cut off date contact Wilma to see if space is available. Meet at church at 10:00 leave promptly at 10:15. Parking passes are needed and will be passed out upon departure to the college. This is a great prelude to the Holiday season. Invite a friend to enjoy the festivities. Sign up sheet is in Social hall.

## **Women of Holy Cross November 2010**

**MONDAY 11/1, 2:15 pm**

WoHC Board Meeting, Conference Room

**THURSDAY 11/4, 6 pm**

Holiday Hutch Boutique - preview  
all crafts, free snacks, may purchase items this evening

**FRIDAY 11/5, 8AM-8PM**

Breakfast & Lunch --- fundraiser for HOLY Cross Parking Lot fund

**SATURDAY 11/6,****9AM-4PM**

Breakfast & Lunch, all profits will go to the Holy Cross Parking Lot Fund

**SUNDAY 11/7**

Mite Box/Hat Sunday—please support missions

**MONDAY 11/8, 6:30 PM**

WoHC General Meeting, BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Chu.

Hostess: Gayle Both'e & Marilyn Neumann

**MONDAY 11/29, 2:15pm**

December Board Meeting

## Outreach at the Concord Shelter (October 24, 2010)

By Carol Lau

THANK YOU TO All 8 people who helped serve this month's hot meal. We were so glad to be inside to serve as it was wet and cold outside this time. We were greeted by very hungry people and so thankful to have homemade hot food. We shared the booklets of Lutheran Message and shared the Lord's Prayer with them. Thank you to all the wonderful donations again this month. We passed out 7 dozen of hard boiled eggs, they loved the two huge salads of fresh greens and lots of fresh fruit. It was a feast. Many thanks to Englund's Catering for the turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots and gravy. As you can see, it takes lots of hands to put this together, thanks to everyone who helped out. We appreciate all the prayers for this blessed ministry.

### **SECRET PALS**

Have you been remembering your Secret pal?

Try to drop a note of encouragement/ thinking of you, in her mail slot. Remember your 'sister' in prayer. Prayer is really your best gift to her. Place her name in front of God & Praise God for daily blessings & opportunities.

*\* May we continue to proclaim the joy of hope in Jesus in all we do with all we come in contact with.*

## Greetings from North Dakota

Dave Thomet, living in Fargo, North Dakota, sends greetings to all of his friends at Holy Cross. Dave was a member of Holy Cross for many years, serving many hours as trustee, gardener, etc. His mom, Claribel Thomet (Sunday School teacher, secretary, organizer...), and his dad, Fred Thomet (elder, Sunday School teacher...), were faithful members at Holy Cross, and provided a firm foundation for the Holy Cross family that we are today. On a recent trip to Grand Forks, ND, Allen and Cherylene Brueckner met Dave one evening for dinner and a good visit! He said to be sure to tell everyone 'Hello!'.



### **Confirmation Youth October Outing**

On October 10, the confirmation class, along with their chaperones, dined at the New Lims Restaurant; afterwards, they went to the Clayton Valley Bowl to hone their skills.

Pictured from left to right: Kamryn Coyne, Alex, Chris, and Abbie Roman, Katylyn Coyne, Amber and Kaytlin Reiter, Eric Roman, John and Josh Coyne

# NOVEMBER

## 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study	1 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 2:30p WoHC Brd Mtg (C) 7p Boy Scout (H, L)	2 <i>Election Day</i> 4p UB Tutoring	3 7p Bible Study (H)	4 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring 6p Aduan Set up (H) 7p	5 8a Holiday Boutique	6 8a Holiday Boutique
7 Mite Box /Hat Sunday 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 12p Worship <i>Daylight Savings            Time Ends</i>	8 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 6:30p WoHC General Mtg 7p Boy Scout (L)	9 9a CVWV (H) 4p UB Tutoring 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	10 1p Senior Brd (L) 7p Bible Study (H)	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring	12	13 12p Boy Scout (H)
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21 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 12p Thanksgiving	22 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 7p Boy Scout (L)	23 4p UB Tutoring 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	24 7p Bible Study (H)	25 <b>9a            Thanksgiving            Day Service</b>	26	27
28 9a Worship 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30a OUT-	29 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 2:30p WoHC Brd Mtg 7p Boy Scout (L)	30 4p UB Tutoring				

(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

Adults Bible Studies 10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30AM

Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

### Weekly Bible Study Schedule:

Monday 12:30PM Conference Room  
(Ladies Bible Study)

Wednesday 7:00PM Parish Hall

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM Conference Room  
(Men's Group)

### Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

### Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

### Publication Deadline:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

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