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On the Basis of Holy Scripture Alone

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Any Lutheran worthy of the name "Lutheran" — for that matter, any Christian worthy of the name "Christian" — believes in *sola Scriptura*, which translates to "By Scripture Alone." Along with the other "solas" of the Reformation, *sola Scriptural* deals with our salvation: we are saved by God's unmerited/undeserved love or grace alone (*sola gratia*) through faith alone (*sola fide*) in Christ alone (*solo Christo*) and this we know and believe by Scripture alone (*sola Scriptura*)

Our Lutheran Confessions affirm Scripture as the authority by which we judge all doctrine and truth and that it is the only rule and norm for faith and life. The Formula of Concord states the following:

We also believe, teach, and confess that the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New

Testaments are the only rule and norm according to which all doctrines and teachers alike must be appraised and judged (Formula of Concord, Epitome Rule and Norm, 1).

And Holy Scripture remains the only judge, rule, and norm according to which as the only touchstone all doctrines should and must be understood and judged as good or evil, right or wrong (Formula of Concord, Epitome Rule and Norm, 7).

Our Confessions teach what Holy Scripture teaches about itself.

St. Peter wrote: ²⁰*Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit* (2Peter 1:20-21).

And St. Paul wrote: ¹⁶*All 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 competent, equipped for every good work* (2Timothy 3:16-17).

Holy Scripture, as the rule and norm profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ought to inform, influence, and dictate our worldview and how we approach issues. To be sure, Holy Scripture does not deal with every issue in our world but it does address every kind of spiritual and moral issue.

Holy Scripture also deals with many issues we think belong only in the secular and political arena. Since January 22 was the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court

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Scripture

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decision in Roe. v. Wade that made abortion on demand a right, the abortion issue serves as a timely example of this.

Abortion is a politically and emotionally charged issue. As such, the debate even among Christian is often fuelled by emotions and politics and each side's arguments sound equally powerful, equally strong, and equally compelling, and they run parallel. However, abortion is first and foremost a life issue on which Holy Scripture speaks loudly, clearly, and unequivocally. The basis for our stand as Christians on this or any issue on which Holy Scripture speaks should and must be Holy Scripture itself without which we have no objective standard to judge right and wrong as God sees it.

People might argue, "You have your interpretation of the Bible, I have mine." A "ministerial" approach and reading of Holy Scripture where we place our reason under God's Word allows God's truth to transcend our politics, emotions, and personal interpretation and us who are called "Christian" to arrive at a God-pleasing resolution of the issues. 🌸

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in."
—George Washington Carver

Listen to your heart
For within there is an "ear"
Attuned to God's voice. —Peggy Ferrell

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it's what you are expected to give — which is everything." —Vittorio Alfieri



If any of our home bound members would like a cassette recording of the Sunday service please contact Bill Riechmann, at 935-3391 or e-mail: honest_william@yahoo.com



Wilma Burch, Eyona Pargman, Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter, Bob Richards, Gary Cox, Lloyce Logan, AJ and Caylin Stanley, Charles and Chuck Johnson, Brennan and Devin Helmer, Christine Helmer, Joy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. McDavid, Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor, Laurence Grandt, Robert Grandt, Inge Stone, Luca Nishimori, Sienna Lee, Elizabeth Bothé, Kathy Kinser, Linda Martino, Abbi and Alex Roman.



Birthdays

- 3 Jim Martino
- 4 John Coyne
- 5 Don Roberts
- 8 Lance Boettcher
Kay Garrett
- 11 Rhonda Liedtke
Sue O'Malley
- 12 Mike Seidel
- 13 Bill Koch
- 15 Virginia Highsmith
- 18 Nathan Maurer
- 19 Maxine Albino
- 20 John Beutel
Mike Voss
- 22 Trina Godsey
Tina Voss
- 27 Justin Beutel



February Schedule

Choir Rehearsals
will be on Febru-
ary 8, 15, and 22

No Rehearsal on
Feb 1.

Christian Symbols



This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).

Sunday , February 13th

"Be My Valentine" -

Sandwiches and Dessert Buffet

At Noon in the Parish Hall

The Women of Holy Cross invite the congregation to a Valentine's Day luncheon on Sunday, 2/13.

Look for the yellow-up sheet hanging to the office door.

Be sure to sign up!

Take your *special* loved ones out for: a Valentine Lunch, and fun, kiddies table, inspirational speaker, music, prizes and entertainment. The price is right! You won't want to miss this one! All ages are welcome, bring the whole family!

ATTENTION ALL SECRET PALS

We have chosen our new "secret pals" for the year 2011-2012. Please drop them a note by snail mail or in their mail slot in the narthex and wish them a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

THE OBJECT OF A SECRET PAL is to let them know that someone is thinking of them ; praying and hopefully get to know them; possibly making a new friend. Don't be afraid to start up a conversation, "hi" with a big smile doesn't cost a thing!

Don't forget **Valentine's Day**, buy a card or make one, sit at their table at the **Valentine's Day Buffet Lunch**, many things that don't cost. You will be blessed and so will they!



The family of Phyllis O'Leary would like to thank the many members of Holy Cross who sent cards and spoke personally with us after the loss of our mother. Your warmth and caring have been a wonderful blessing to us. A special thanks to Pastor Chu who ministered to Phyllis and our

entire family throughout her illness, who traveled to Lake County to officiate at the graveside service, and who helped us plan and officiated at the Memorial Service. And thanks also to all the church members who assisted at the Memorial Service and prepared and served the meal afterward. What a beautiful witness of Christian love and fellowship, both for us and for the family and friends of Phyllis who attended.

NIFTY FIFTY SENIORS CORNER

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader Nifty Fifty Outing

What a just delightful movie 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader' turned out to be. It started out in a room with a large painting of the ocean when the water started gushing out of the painting and they emerged from the water transported to the magical land of Narnia aboard the Royal Ship the Dawn Trader. While aboard ship they encounter dragons, dwarves, menfolks and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world. Eustace goes from a whiner to a fire breathing dragon that saves the day when the ship is stranded without wind and he ties a rope around the bow of the ship and tows the ship to an Island. The show was in 3D with great graphics and scenery. Lunch at Mimi as always was excellent and we did indeed handle the problems of the day. I had a pulled pork sandwich including a salad french fries and coffee for around \$12.00 including tax and tip. Join us on Feb 23rd



Kay Garrett, Trina Godsey, Doris and Jack Mortenson, Marv Kreitz, Trudy Huenninghaus (l-r)

Bunco Party Bash Feb. 23, 2011

Repeat performance! Back by Popular Demand! The Nifty Fifty Seniors invite you to attend a Bunco Party Bash in the Social Hall on Wednesday Feb. 23rd (note the change to the 4th Wed. or the month from the 3rd Wed.) Lunch will be served at 11:30 after which we will play Bunco. Melarie and Mike Seidel will again "run" the games and explain the easy rules. Malerie has graciously consented to bake her delicious bread so all of you big winners could be the recipients of her generosity. The meal will be provided by the Senior Board with a basket donation to help defray the cost of the lunch. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall so an accurate amount of food can be prepared. Invite a friend and join the seniors in a fun-filled day of "chance" and camaraderie.

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you;
Be honest anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous of you;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.
—"The Paradoxical Commandments," Kent M. Keith

FEBRUARY EVENTS**Sunday 2/6****Mite Box/Hat Sunday****Monday 2/7****Board Meeting, 2:15pm**

Conference Room

Put together college student care pkgs. *Coordinator:* Carol Lau**Sunday 2/13****"Be My Valentine"-****Sandwiches and Dessert****Buffet At Noon**

in the Parish Hall

Look for the yellow-up sheet hanging to the office door. Be sure you sign up!Take your *special* loved ones out for: a **Valentine Lunch**, and fun, kiddies table, inspirational speaker, music, prizes and entertainment. The price is right! You won't want to miss this one! All ages are welcome, bring the whole family!**UPCOMING EVENTS****Saturday 3/5 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.****CNH DISTRICT LWML Women's Conference** Grace Lutheran Church, Modesto

Know the Hope...Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:18)

"Be Joyful In Hope" Featuring Inspirational Speaker: Ruth Koch

car pool from church,

price \$40 (after Feb. 21)

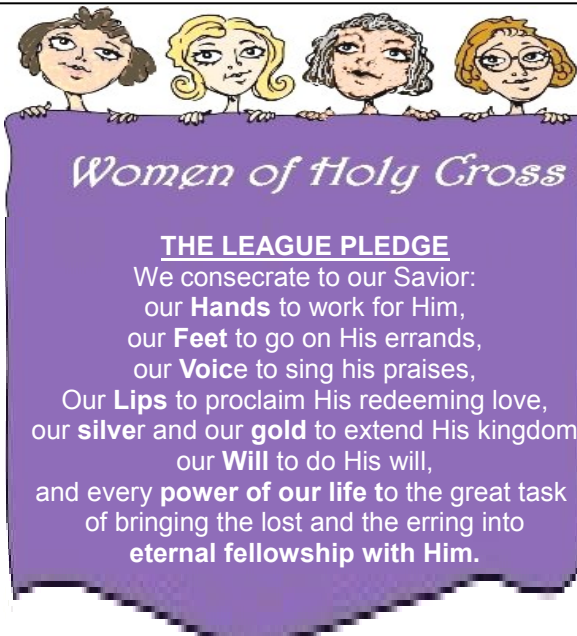
Monday 3/14 6:30PM**GENERAL MEETING: SPECIAL SPEAKER**

get items together to send to our

troops -MORE INFORMATION will FOLLOW

Saturday 4/9 Zone Spring Rally**Saturday 4/16 Spring Clean the church**

Serve Lunch- kids welcome

Sunday 6/19 Father's Day**Pancake Breakfast and Antique Car****Show****Bunco and Potluck Night Report**

Thank you to the women who came out on Monday evening, Jan. 10th, for a potluck supper, general meeting, revealing secret pals, Bunco night. We had a good variety of hot dishes and of course, jello salads. Thank you ladies! We especially thank our gracious hostesses, Melarie Seidel and Idalene Stadler.

We filled two long tables for supper and three card tables for Bunco. Everyone was a winner as we shared much laughter and fun rolling the dice. The two biggest losers at Bunco were Carol Lau and Joyce Liebe who tied and were rewarded with fresh loaves of bread. The two biggest winners were Pat Easby and Crystyl Rose who also tied and were rewarded with fresh loaves of bread. Thanks Melarie.

Sometime in the evening, those who participated in the secret pal yearly event, were asked to reveal themselves. Most everyone was surprised and excited about finding out who their pal actually was and then in turn, surprising and revealing themselves to their pal as well. We hope it was a positive experience and that we can all get to know one more person more closely. Then we drew names for this year and reviewed the guidelines. God's blessings. Consider getting involved next year and we appreciate all who participate.

Thanks to Cherylene Brueckner for our informational general meeting. It's good to go over what's coming up and also gather our mites together. We share our ideas and input and then, on to the Lord's work. Our college care packages are being collected and organized at our Feb. 7th board meeting. The donations are going well and coming together. The Valentine sandwich and dessert buffet will be on Feb. 13th-Sunday at noon in the parish hall. Everyone is invited and our focus is love, please remember to wear red. Thanks again for supporting our events and in-gatherings. In March we will have a chance to give to our service people-details to follow.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Lau.

Motto: "Serve the Lord with gladness." Ps: 100:2

OUTREACH SUNDAY January 23, 2011

Another Good Trip To The Shelter to feed the less fortunate

By Pat Easby

At 10:30 a.m. the Holy Cross kitchen was full of people making sandwiches with a variety of rolls and breads. We had four **huge** trays, stacked 3 and 4 layers high; with one platter of ham sandwiches, another of turkey, one of salami, and the last tray, cheese sandwiches. The condiments were put on their tables. In addition, we also served them a **huge** bowl of potato salad topped with sliced hardboiled eggs (thanks Melarie for your personal touch) plus homemade chili, a bowl of fresh fruits, Melarie's pea salad, and pineapple and melon chunks.

They totally enjoyed every bite and were stuffed !

Our sympathy to the Phyllis O'Leary family on the passing of their mom and grandma, and our gratitude to them for donating the food for Outreach, to serve at the shelter for Sunday lunch. It was truly appreciated by all.

When we arrived at the shelter, there were only about 30 people in the dining hall (oh dear, so much food). By the time we set up, a long line had formed . Carol led us in 'The Lord's Prayer' and many men had taken their hats off while saying the prayer. That was quite touching! We ended up dishing out over 100 servings.

We fed mostly men (only 10% women) this month. The percentage changes each month as the clients graduate out of the program. The occupants at the shelter are in a program and drug-free, they're waiting to get into their own apartments. The clients rotate in and out so quickly, we don't get to know them. When we fed at the park we knew some of our friends for over 15 yrs, we knew them well and we really miss them.

In order to personalize our visit to the shelter, we take items to hand out to each individual, and we'll talk with them; they enjoy that too. We handed out socks, bags and boxes of candies, tooth paste, Portals of Prayer, and the round cookie containers, all this was donated by you from Holy Cross, thank you. We receive many "thank you's and God Bless you!" They were pleased with their lunch and goodies, and again their demeanor changes so much from our arrival till we depart. They also were talking more to each other with smiling faces as we waved good bye, "see ya next month"!

What a Blessing it is to serve!

**"DON'T TOUCH THE GLORY. IT'S NOT OURS;
THE GLORY IS GOD'S ALONE."**

Love conquers all

The love for equals is a human thing — of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing — the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing — to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy — love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

—Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."

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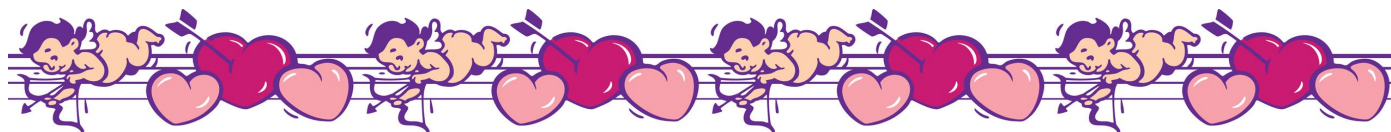
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study	31 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C)	1 4p UB Tutoring(E)	2 7p Bible Study <i>Groundhog Day [USA]</i>	3 4p UB Tutoring(E)	4	5
6 Mite Box /Hat Sunday 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study 12p Worship	7 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 2:30p WoHC Brd Mtg (C) 7p Boy Scout (PH, L)	8 9a CVWC 4p UB Tutoring(E) 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	9 1p Senior Brd (L) 7p Bible Study	10 4p UB Tutoring(E)	11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday [USA]</i>
13 9a Worship 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study 12p Be My Valentine Luncheon	14 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 6:30p WoHC General Mtg <i>Valentine's Day [USA]</i>	15 4p UB Tutoring(E) 6:30p Elder's Meeting 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	16 7p Bible Study	17 4p UB Tutoring(E)	18	19
20 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study	21 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 6:30p Church Council <i>President's Day [USA]</i>	22 4p UB Tutoring(E) 7:15p Choir Rehearsal <i>Washington's Birthday [USA]</i>	23 7p Bible Study	24 4p UB Tutoring(E)	25	26
27 9a Worship 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study 11:30a OUTREACH	28 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C)					

(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, and 5th Sundays

Weekly Bible Study Schedule*:

Monday 12:30PM Conference Room, Ladies Only
Wednesday 7:00PM Parish Hall, All
Thursday 7:00PM Conference Room Men's Group
(1st and 3rd)

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

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