

## **Cross Currents**



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## Did Christ really arise from the dead?

Did Christ really arise from the dead?... A question with profound ramifications for our Christian faith. If Christ did not arise from the dead, Christianity stands on nothing. Take away Christ's resurrection and our faith in Christ is useless and there is no salvation for sinners. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, we worship a dead guy and our faith is in vain, Paul says in 1Corinthians 15:14.

However, if Christ did arise from the dead, His resurrection confirms His incarnation, life, message, and atoning death, and we have the hope of life beyond the grave by God's grace (undeserved love) through faith in the Risen Christ as Savior.

Was Christ raised from the dead? St. Paul, to whom the Risen Christ appeared (Acts 9:1-5), says "Yes!" <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep, Paul writes. What does this mean for sinners? Paul continues: <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1Corinthians 15:20-22)

Paul testifies in 1Corinthians 15:3-8 of the Risen Lord's appearance to him and to numerous others: <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in ac-



cordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

The Bible leaves no doubt: Christ Jesus arose from the dead, just as we confess in the Creed and sing in our hymns. The evidence is overwhelming. His resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament (Psalm 16:10; cf. Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37), foretold by Jesus (Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:9-10; John 2:18-22), evidenced by the empty tomb (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10), and attested by numerous eyewitnesses who saw Him, talked with Him, touched Him, and ate with Him (Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 1:2-3; 1Corinthians 15:5-7).

All the naysayers had to do to disprove the resurrection was produce Jesus' corpse and Christianity would never have been born, but there was no corpse to produce because Jesus had arisen. And no amount of doubt today can erase the fact that Christ is risen.

It would be difficult to imagine that the same disciples who had denied and

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abandoned Jesus during His trial and crucifixion could have or would have given their lives to proclaim what they would have known to be a lie had they stolen Jesus' corpse as was perpetrated by the religious leaders and soldiers (Matthew 28:11-15). Yet they preached Christ crucified and risen with fearless conviction and joy as the Risen Lord had commanded them to do (Matthew 28:18-20) because they had seen with their eyes that Christ had arisen.

Did Jesus really arise from the dead? The Scriptural evidence is overwhelming: Christ is risen!... and you and I and all who trust in the Crucified and Risen Lord for salvation by God's grace through the testimony of Holy Scripture are witnesses — in words and deeds — to the world that He is risen indeed. ⊕



The Second Annual Palm Sunday Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 13 about 11:45 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin board. There is a suggested donation of \$10 with all proceeds going to the Parking Lot Fund.

Come and enjoy some fellowship during this time. We will recognize Dorothy Taylor's 99th birthday that day also. Bring a card if you so desire.

## **April Choir** Schedule



April 1- 7:15 pm April 8 - 7:15 pm April 15 - 7:00 pm

(No rehearsal April 22 & 29)

(note the time difference for Apr 15)



## April Birthdays

- Richard Liedtke
- 5 Muriel Strieter
- 13 Dorothy Taylor
- 17 Ron Gamble
- 21 Kathleen Engle
- 23 Kaytlyn Coyne
- 24 Trudy Huenninghaus
- 26 Herbert Neumann Diane Oatis
- 29 Timothy Hintz

#### **Anniversaries**

- Dave & Ann Caruso
- 16 Mike & Joyce Liebe
- 29 Ken & Sue Reiter



#### Those who are in need of our prayers:

Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter, Lloyce Logan (Judy West sister-in-law), Joy Parker (Gayle Bothe's sister), Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor (Karen Gamble's mother), Robert & David Grandt (Liz Aduan's brothers) Pauline Fudge (Liz Aduan's Aunt -heart failure), Inge Stone, Elizabeth

Bothé (Gayle Bothe's granddaughter-non-churched), Abbi and Alex Roman, June Stewart (Judy West's friend), Jan Tammiste (Roman's friend), Betty and Cal Kallsen, Billy Godsey (healing), Jeannine Godsey (inner peace), Karen and Gary Cox (Judy West's friends-cancer), Bill Kreitz (Cheryl's brother -cancer treatments), Steven Liedtke (healing), Esther Lacey and Bernice Aiman (Violet Griffin's sisters -elder care), Matt Goodshaw (Brueckner's family friend -continued multiple melanoma treatments), Philip Aduan (hand-healing, surgery), Ken and Kathy Horneck (Ann Caruso's brother in -law-proper treatment, salvation), Gayle Bothe (healing-shoulder), Maddie Conklin (Judy West's friend-lung, pancreatic cancer), Bob Oliver (surgery-healing), Herbert and Clara Huppert (healing, guidance), Don Roman (physical and spiritual healing), 1 yr. Blake Francis (Bill Luker's grand nephew-cancer), Adeline (Carol Chu's co-workers premature baby-medical problems), Trudy Huenninghaus (healing-knee surgery), Bill Bothe (elevated PSA), Herb Borchers (restoration, strength).

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

Cpl. Michael Dawers (Bill Koch's grandson-Afghanistan), Taylor Bothe-Yates (Gayle Bothe's grand-niece, 2nd tour Afghanistan), Jordan Bennett and Capt. Richard Hill (Violet Griffin's great nephews), Cadet Megan Gemar, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl (P.O.W. in Afghanistan), Warrant Officer Donna Cheek, (Carrie Kroeger's cousin -Afghanistan), PFC Kevin Hayworth (Glenda's grandson-Hawaii), P.O.W. and M.I.A.'s.

# April Special Events at a Glance

April 2, 9, 30 Wednesday Bible Study "Genesis" 7:00 PM

April 6, 27 -Confirmation class, noon

April 6 - Baptism

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April 13 - Palm Sunday

Worship, 9:30 AM
Palm Sunday Dinner, 11:45 AM
Receiving of Members

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Worship w/ Communion, 7:00PM

April 18 - Good Friday

Noon Service, 12:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service, 7:00 PM

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast, 8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 AM

#### **CHURCH PARKING LOT UPDATE - MARCH 23, 2014**

by Jean Eissner

The parking lot committee as met to discuss and develop the plan for the parking lot improvements.



Joe reported to the Church Council March 17 to advise of the progress.

The Council approved the removal of the recycle bin located at the far end of the current parking lot since this no longer provides a financial benefit to the Church and truck traffic damages the parking lot surface. THE REMOVAL WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 15, 2014.

Research is being done to:

- identify qualified contractors
- Assure that the plans are in line with City of Concord requirements
- Develop the "scope of the work"
- Determine the best location for trash and recycle bins

The available funds as of February 28, 2014 designated for this project are \$25,906.02 in the parking lot fund and \$24,901.53 in memorial funds that have been recommended for transfer to the parking lot fund.

The committee members are: Allen Brueckner, Jean Eissner, George Oatis, Joe Odrzywolski, and Gregg Syrovatka. Feel free to contact one of them if you have questions or concerns.

## **Trustees at Work**







#### Nifty Fifty's April 2014 Outing

# Lunch at Speiskammier German Restaurant April 24th

We have, as you all know, a German Contingency that Sings at our Christmas Sing A Long and I feel it's warranted to schedule lunch at a German restaurant for those (myself included) that like German food. Speiskammier Restaurant is an upscale restaurant with excellent food at a fare price. Dinner Entrees such as Braised Beef Tri Tip aged & Marinated in Red Wine & Secret Spices served with Red Cabbage & Spatzel cost \$19.50, half \$11.50; Wiener Schnitzel Von Schnitzel Cost \$17.75, half \$10.75; 2 Pork Cutlets breaded & Pan-fried served with Roasted Potatoes and many more items on their menu. In some cases it's better to get half a dinner like at D. J. Bistro in Concord then just the specials offered. They also have a lunch menu mostly Sandwiches on a toasted Baguette for around \$9.50. Whatever you choose I'm sure you will enjoy their food...They have Beer on Tap (six different kinds) available in 1/2 liter or almost any German beer in a bottle. We should plan on car pooling as it's quite a distance to Alameda and there is a real problem finding a place to park. It's located at 2424 Lincoln Ave in Alameda CA 94501. Reservations have been made for 1:00 Meet at Church at 12:00 leave at 12:15 this should be a fun outing....(.Also it's Trudy's Birthday.)

#### **The Historic Grand Island Mansion Brunch**

We had four (Marv Kreitz, Wilma Burch, Bill Reichmann and Terry Hawkyard) that went to the fabulous Sunday Champagne Brunch at the Historic Grand Island Mansion located near Walnut Grove in the Delta. What an absolutely delightful outing starting with a beautiful day as we crossed over the Antioch Bridge through the beautiful Delta.



There is always something new; this time we noticed there were more fishermen along the Sacramento River. Nearly every turn, we saw cars with fishermen trying their luck. About forty five minutes later, we could

see the historic
Grand Island Mansion which is the
largest private estate
in northern California. It is a four story
24,000 square feet
villa with 58 rooms
and five marble fire-



places. It is situated on Grand Island in the lush delta region. The Mansion has recently under gone extensive restoration so it is elegantly new, but still has a feel of days gone by.

We were seated in the main dining area. The place seemed very home like as if you were really attending someone's mansion as a guest. The room was very impressive with it's vaulted ceilings and multitudes of windows looking out to gorgeous views of the countryside.

The Buffett was loaded with goodies, salads and all sorts of entrees. I took a slice of French toast made with sourdough bread and real maple syrup (I like something sweet and it was so good I went back the second time for another slice), some homemade fries and Eggs Benedict followed by the Oven Roasted Herb Seasoned Prime Rib. That was sooooo tender and juicy. You could cut it with a fork! There was Champagne to be had by just lifting your hand....and of course there was a scrumptious gourmet dessert Bar. Most of us went back two or three times, and there were a multitude of other delightful items we didn't sample.

Hey guys, want to take your honey out for a real enjoyable brunch in a really beautiful mansion, in a really beautiful location, with a really beautiful drive?! Here is your chance!! Also...this is the place to show your out of town guests the Delta and what it was like to be well to do in those days.... Price \$29.95 plus tax and tip....Opens on Sunday only from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

## Women of Holy Cross

### **General Meeting, April 14, 6:30pm. "Show and Tell"**

Join us and get to know more about our WoHC Sisters in Christ. We invite you to come and share something about yourself: your interests, life experiences, your faith story, unique talents, whatever you feel moved to share. Or if you prefer - come, listen, and learn something new about the other WoHC. Plus afterwards, we all will share dessert!

#### **APRIL ACTIVITIES**

Monday, April 7 ~ Board Meeting, 2:15 PM, Conf. Rm

**Sunday, April 13** ~ Hat/Mite Box

Sunday, April 14 ~ General Meeting, "Show and Tell" & Dessert

Sunday, April 27 ~ Put all INGATHERINGS for LWML CNH Convention in marked boxes and gift cards to Cherylene by this day. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for additional information, or contact a board member.

#### Looking Ahead

**Saturday, May 18** ~ Congregational Birthday Party

Monday, June 17 ~ Dinner out with Friends & Family at Oakhurst Country Club



Come See What's New at a

Pampered Chef Cooking Demo
Sat., April 19
10-11am
Holy Cross Parish Hall Kitchen

# Help earn <u>free and highly discounted</u> <u>products</u> for our <u>Holy Cross kitchen!</u>

Come see and try out the new Spring/Summer 2014 products!

Just like the Food Network but you get to try the food ©.

Whether you have gifts to buy,
want something for yourself,
or just want to enjoy a fun, tasty hour - come join us!

Do you have a friend that likes to cook (or eat)?

Bring them along!

Men are also welcome!

See Hostesses Sue O'Malley or Joyce Liebe for more info.



# What a Wonderful Time of Food and Fellowship

Thanks to The Reiter Family for hosting the "Presidents Day Potluck" to Pastor Chu for the mini Bible study before lunch, and to all who helped with the clean up. Thanks for the delicious, variety of foods that covered three 8' tables, plus another for desserts. All thanks & praise to our Heavenly Father for our loving & generous church family—We are truly blessed!

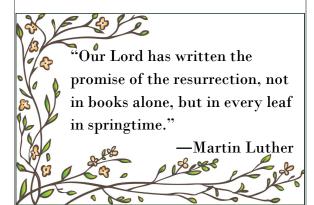
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My Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful cards, phones calls and personal visits when I had my knee surgery. You have no ideas how much see your faces, receiving those beautiful cards and phone calls of encouragement meant to me when I was feeling down.

May the Lord bless you and your family!

—Trudy Huenninghaus



# LEAGUE LEAGUE

submitted by Pat Easby

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**Mission Grants** --Mite Box Offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars of mission grants, selected by women every two years at LWML convention.

**The Mite Box** Based on the story of the Widow's Mite from Luke 21:1-4 "She gave everything she had." Adults & children give generously & regularly. Mites add up to millions of dollars for missions

NOTE: Mite Box Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, your donations may be left in the Narthex as you enter or exit service. Also - Pick up an empty Mite box, (in the narthex) take it home & place it where you'll see it often, Fill it & bring it on Outreach Sundays. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MISSIONS.



Lenten Ornament

Craft from February General Meeting by Cherylene Brueckner



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	2 7p Bible Study (H)	3	4	5
6 Mite Box / Hat Day 9:30a Worship / Baptism/ Communion 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 12p Confirmation 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	7 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 2:15p WoHC Board Meeting 7p Boy Scout (L)	8 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	9 1p Senior Brd (L) 7p Bible Study (H)	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship 11am Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45a Palm Sunday Din- ner/ Receiving of Members 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	6:30p WoHC General Meeting	15 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	16	17 Maundy Thursday 7p Service with Com- munion	18 Good Friday Worship <u>Noon &amp; 7PM</u>	19 10-11a WoHC Pamper Chef Demo Parish Kitchen
20 Easter 8:30a Breakfast 9:15a Children's Easter Activity 10 AM Worship w/ Communion 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	21 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 1p Bridge 6:30p Church Council 7p Boy Scout (H)	<b>22</b> 6:30p Elders	23	24 Noon Senior Lunch at Speiskam- mier	25	26
27 9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School/Bible Study 11a Outreach 12p Confirmation 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	28 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 7p Boy Scout (H)	29	<b>30</b> 7p Bible Study (H)	Notes: cl= Choir Loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg, H=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room		



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Office Hours: M-F 9 AM-12:30 PM

#### Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Communion 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Adults Bible Studies 11AM (Library & Conf. Rm)

Sunday School 11AM

#### Holy Week Service Schedule:

Palm Sunday 9:30AM Maundy Thursday 7:00PM

Good Friday Noon & 7:00PM

Easter Sunday 10:00AM

#### Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 12:30PM Conference Room

Wednesday (all) 7:00PM Parish Hall

**Choir Rehearsal:** 

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

Publication Deadline:

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