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It Matters that Christ HAS Been Raised From the Dead!



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Some “Christians” think it doesn’t matter whether Christ was raised from the dead, or for that matter, whether He was born of the virgin Mary, lived the perfect life of obedience to the Father, and was crucified for the sins of the world, but that what matters are the spiritual and moral lessons we can learn from these “stories.” Others deny the historicity of Christ’s incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, relegating them to the realm of faith so that reality is what you wish it to be.

But St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians: *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.* (1Cor.15:17-19) If Christ has not been raised, we are trusting for salvation some dead guy whose body is just like every other corpse that is buried. If Christ has not been raised, there is no Christianity and there is no salvation.

Dr. Paul Raabe, Professor of Old Testament at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, reminds us that Christianity is not some fanciful religion based on religious ideas and narratives that may or may not be true; rather, Christianity makes his-

torical claims, including the claim of Christ’s resurrection, claims which, if not true, would make Christianity a lie. Dr. Raabe writes:

Christianity makes historical claims. Key to these historical claims is the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth... [that] occurred in a specific historical context... as the fulfillment of a much longer historical narrative. In Acts 13 the Apostle Paul presents that narrative... that refers to real historical events. The Creator of all things chose ancient Israel to be his covenant people... delivered them from Egyptian bondage... nourished them through the wilderness for 40 years... brought them into the land of Canaan... gave them judges until he anointed David, the son of Jesse, to be their king. Of the... lineage of David... was born Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah.

This Jesus of Nazareth was baptized by John in the Jordan River. Then he began his public ministry... In fulfillment of the ancient Scriptures, this Jesus of Nazareth was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem on a Friday in April, 30 A.D. This same Jesus of Nazareth was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. And early on that Sunday morning

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in April 30 A.D., this same Jesus of Nazareth was bodily raised from the dead by God the Father. The tomb was empty. Even his opponents conceded the fact, although they quickly concocted the falsehood that his followers stole the body...

Is the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth wishful thinking? Were his first century followers gullible... starry-eyed mystics? No, they were down-to-earth practical men and women... To convince them it took the empty tomb, the announcements of the angel, the promises of the Old Testament, the predictions made by Jesus himself, and his post-death, post-resurrection appearances. For 40 days after his resurrection he visibly and bodily appeared to his followers. They were eyewitnesses. The four Gospels record many of these post-resurrection appearances: to the women at the tomb, to Peter, to Cleopas and another on the road to Emmaus, to the disciples in Jerusalem, to the disciples with Thomas in Jerusalem, to the seven by the Sea of Tiberias, to the eleven in Galilee, and to the disciples near Bethany. The Apostle Paul adds that Jesus appeared also to more than 500 at one time, plus James, and finally to Paul himself on the road to Damascus (1 Cor 15)...

As Peter says, they were "witnesses who ate and drank with him" [Acts 10:40-41]... Jesus was seen and touched, stood among his disciples, spoke, walked, blessed them with his hands, breathed on them, distributed food and drink. He even showed the marks of the crucifixion in his hands, feet, and side...



Choir Director's Note:

May Schedule -
Rehearsals on
May 7, 14, 21
at 7:15PM

Have you met our friends?



Warren and Ruth Foster of Brentwood and their grandson Austin Haven of Concord have been attending our church services for quite some time now. Austin is a member of our 2nd year confirmation class.



Tina Shull and sons, Trevor (l) and Hunter (r).

Tina and her family has been attending our Sunday services since last December. Trevor and Hunter are in Mrs. Chu's Sunday school class and Tina attends Pastor's Sunday Bible study. Her email addr: TinamShull@gmail.com

We're happy to have you in our midst!
— ED



Birthdays

- 2 Janet O'Leary
- 8 Cherylene Brueckner
- 9 Frances Maurer
- 12 Revia Maurer
- 17 Nick Syrovatka
- 21 Joyce Liebe

Anniversaries

- 18 Michael & Linda Pass
- 19 Jack & Pat Easby
- 25 Dennis & Carol Lau
- 26 Eric & Chris Roman

"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

—Abraham Lincoln



Those who are in need of our prayers:

Bill Roberts (Marlene's brother-in-law, 5-way bypass-healing), **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-7yrs. Non-churched), **Abbi and Alex Roman**, **June Stewart** (Judy West's friend), **Jan Tammiste** (Roman's friend), **Alice Mikolasek** (Violet Griffin's friend), **Herb Borchers**, **Stephanie Woolley** (Lauretta Oliver's daughter-migraines), **Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, **Betty Kallsen**, **Marjorie Keisling** (Pat Kroeger's sister), **Pastor Phil Scharnitzke** (Our Savior Lutheran-Livermore), **Bonnie Holmer** (Gayle Bothe's aunt), **Billy Godsey**, **JoEllen Roesti** (pregnancy), **Taggart** (JoEllen's nephew-healing), **Jenny** (JoEllen's sister-Taggart's mother), **Karen and Gary Cox** (Judy West's friends-cancer), **Bill Kreitz** (Cheryl's brother-cancer treatments), **Lucas** (Reiter's grandson), **Steven Liedtke** (healing), **Madison Mentz** (Katty Spiegel's granddaughter-diagnosis/healing), **Charlene Roman** (Eric's mother-spiritual and physical healing), **Esther Lacey and Bernice Aiman** (Violet Griffin's sisters-elder care), **Karen Traficante** (Gregg Syrovatka's co-worker's wife-cancer-healing/solace), **Eileen Cross** (Cherylene Brueckner's sister, healing-surgery), **Eyona Pargman** (healing-surgery).

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

Cpl. Michael Dawers (Bill Koch's grandson), **Taylor Bothe-Yates** (Gayle Bothe's grand-niece), **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-4th tour-Afghanistan), **Army Recruit Kevin Hayworth** (Glenda's grandson-Basic training), **Sgt. Aron Cottman** (Mortenson's grandson), **P.O.W. and M.I.A.s.**

Nifty Fifty Outings, May 2013

B J BISTRO RESTAURANT

Thursday May 9th

Again we plan on two outing for May. The first will be a trip to B J Bistro a German restaurant located at 1825 Sutter Street, Concord, Ca 94520. They're noted for their outstanding Wiener Snitzel, Bratwurst, Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage and of course, the glass of beer for those who want to imbibe. The beer comes in half liters a little more than a pint which most of those attending will try.

This restaurant is very difficult to find if you haven't been there in fact the first time I went I had to get out of the car and walk until I located the small sign in the window. If you went to the Oktoberfest in Clayton, you'll know that they had a food booth there and most of us ate there because their food is excellent. With beer, coming in half liters, there is no shortage of discussions and if you know Germans they are strong minded so come prepared .

Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30 Lunch is planned for 1:00. Sign up in the Social Hall so we know how many reservations to make...Bring a friend.!

RED LOBSTER RESTAURANT

Thursday May 23rd

The second outing for May is to the Red Lobster Restaurant located at 4095 Century Blvd, Pittsburg, CA. It is located in the shopping Center just off Summersville Rd (it may be Auto Row now) in Antioch.

When we went in August of 2012, we were pleasantly surprised at the excellent food we received despite the fact that they were remodeling. The Shrimp Jambalaya with tender shrimp, sweet roasted peppers , onions, celery, andouille sausage and spicy Creole seasonings over wild rice is \$8.25. It was an excellent choice. Farm Raised Catfish at \$9.50 and a host of other tempting dishes were well received.

Lunch is planned for 1:00 so plan on meeting at church at 12:00 and leaving at 12:15 .or if you plan on going direct let me know...but please sign up so we know how many to plan on...

Just for the heck of it invite a neighbor...

Al the Wops - March 28

The weather as expected in the month of March...windy, sparking and fresh with a few Cumulus clouds scampering across the sky. The beautiful green hills looked like they were carpeted. Not quite as green as they will be later but enough to know that spring has sprung and California was waking up and our beautiful state was coming alive. Since we had eight that went, we drove two cars. Tim Hintz drove by himself and



met us there. This time when Hwy 160 crossed the river by walnut Grove I kept on driving straight along the river, like Dave Caruso did when he beat me to

the restaurant. The road was very narrow and winding and on our return, I went the way I normally do, across the river. It's just too scary going straight. Get the pun! Lock, a sleepy town time has been forgotten, was founded by a group of Chinese merchants from nearby Walnut Grove who reached an agreement with George Lock to build on his land. By 1920, Lock stood essentially as you see it today with old buildings bulging out with wires pipes and leaning over the main street...very interesting. We went to that extraordinary restaurant

Al the Wops featuring New York Steak with a jar of peanut butter and its companion jar of jelly to be used either on the steak or on the piping hot sour



dough bread according to preference. Everyone enjoyed seeing the dollars and cards stuck on the ceiling and the characters at the bar. There is a choice of a 10 oz or 16 oz steak; I had the 10oz and Tim Hintz had the 16oz. It looked like he couldn't eat it all...anyway the food was excellent and a good time was had by all....

Galindo House and Gardens - April 17

There were ten signed up for our trip to the Galindo house scheduled to meet at church at 10:15 and leave at 10:30.

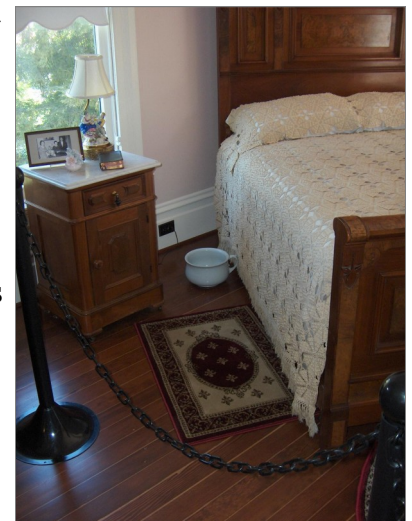
Trudy and Terry Hawkyard met me there and at 10:30 we left wondering if we missed anyone. The



rest of the signup group met us at the house, nine seniors took the tour. What a delightful experience seeing a house built in 1873 that had been restored and now is a showcase compared to its former state. Just walking through the house gave me fond memories of the two story house I lived in S.E. Minneapolis. The Concord Historical Society has ownership of the Galindo Home now and has pledged to keep it as part of the history of Concord....Francisco Galindo and his wife Maria Dolores Manuela (Pacheco) Galindo moved into the this first wood frame two story farmhouse in Concord in 1873. John Galindo expanded the house adding 4 rooms and a stairway and an additional fireplace and porch in 1875. The Galindo family was one of three founders that received the Monte del Diablo

Grant of 17,921 acres of land. We actually had two and at times three docents giving us a tour. Tim Hintz was in my group of four and had several in depth discussions

on the Mexican Governor of California and the Monte del Diablo Grant. Dave Caruso our VIP had Ruth Galindo as a teacher in High School, so we got special treatment. We went next to the Spaghetti Factory and settled all our problems and had a delightful lunch.



Women of Holy Cross

MAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 5 ~ Hat/Mite Box

Monday, May 6 ~ Board Meeting, 6:30p

Saturday, May 11 ~ General Meeting: Mothers and Daughters Luncheon...Speaker-TBA

Looking Ahead...

Monday, June 24 ~ Dinner out with Friends & Family

April Visits to Shut-ins

◆ The Women of Holy Cross organized visits to our shut-ins last Sunday after the Bible Class hour. The visitors - Marlene Roberts, Cherylene Brueckner, Grace Gin, Marilyn Neumann, Ann Caruso, Violet Griffin and Sue O'Malley enjoyed a lunch together at church before we went visiting. Kimberly Chu provided a delicious chocolate cake to go with our lunch. Marlene and Sue drove out to Antioch to visit **Pastor and Gerda Koch and Dorothy Taylor**. Dorothy celebrated her 98th birthday on Saturday so we took her a plant and a card. Marilyn and Ann visited Sue Saalfeld, Wanda Schwartz and Muriel Streiter. Cherylene and Grace visited Herb and Clara Huppert and Doreen Lanter. Joyce Liebe and Carol Lau made homemade muffins, breads and cookies that we packaged and gave to each of our shut ins. I think we all agreed that the visitors got just as much out of the visits as our shut ins. They were all very appreciative of our visits and we all enjoyed learning more about them. —Sue O'Malley

◆ After lunch, Cherylene and I, with baked goods and a pot of mums, went to **Clara and Herbert Huppert's** place first. Clara was delighted to see us. Though Herbert has forgotten much of the past, Clara, on the other hand, has fond memories at Holy Cross. She remembers all her old friends from way back when the church was in the old building where we used to sit on folding chairs. She told us about her past, her family, her accomplishments (which were many) and her regret that she and Herbert aren't able to drive anymore. Before we knew it, more than an hour had passed. We said our goodbyes and headed down to Tempico Terrace in Walnut Creek to visit **Doreen Lanter**.

I'm sure many senior members of our church would remember her. She was an active member here for years and was sorely missed when she moved to Montana more than 10 years ago. She needed an emergency knee surgery while visiting her daughter in Pittsburg, CA. We were able to visit her while she was recuperating at the Terrace. She was joyful to see us. She also reminisced about her time at Holy Cross and misses her friends here. She enjoys receiving the Cross Currents which enable her to have a connection with HC.

Clara and Doreen appreciated the bake goods we brought. All in all, these visits were blessings to us as much as to them! —Grace Gin



◆ Ann Caruso, Violet Griffin and I had a wonderful time visiting with **Sue Saalfeld, Wanda Schwartz and Muriel Strieter** last Sunday, April 14. After a delicious lunch at church prepared by Sue, we settled ourselves in Ann's car and made our way to Sunrise Assisted Living to visit with Sue and Wanda. We visited with Sue first in her lovely spacious room. What a blessing it was to visit with this gracious lady. She was interested to hear what was going on at Holy Cross and told us that she enjoys her visits, especially the ones with Pastor Chu and when he communes her. We didn't want to overstay our welcome, so after about 25 minutes we said goodbye for now and went to visit with Wanda. Wanda was very pleased that Violet had come with us, and it was so nice for Ann and I to see their interaction. Violet has such fond memories of the time when Wanda and her husband would give Violet rides to church on Sunday. After a very pleasant visit with Wanda, we left Sunrise and drove over to Montecito in Walnut Creek to visit with Muriel Streiter. Muriel was so glad to see us and show us her cozy place. We had such an enjoyable time visiting with her, that it was time to leave before we knew it. We drove Violet home to her place in Concord and the three of us reflected on what a special time we had. We pray God will bless our time with these sweet ladies. —Marilyn Neumann

Member Updates:

Eyona Pargman has been moved out of the CCU and is improving day by day. She thanks everyone for their continued prayers. Please continue to keep her in your daily prayers for recovery and strength. She is really enjoying receiving cards to read when she is awake. Her address is listed below:

John Muir Medical Center-Concord
C/O Eyona Pargman
2540 East St. Rm#3103A
Concord, CA 94520



Bob Hartman's New Address & Phone Number

239 W. Buchanan Rd. #45,
Pittsburg, CA 94565
Phone #: 1-510-421-2296



Don & I would like to thank all of you for your cards, phone calls and most important prayers while he recovered from his stroke. He is almost back to 100%. Now we just have to wait for his hip replacement.

Thank you also for the prayers for his Aunt Joyce Dils for her kidney transplant. She is doing fabulous also. It is so wonderful to belong to such a caring church. Thank You.

Don & Marlene Roberts

**New Website address for
LWML/CNH:** www.lwmlcnh.org



John and Andrea Beutel announce the birth of their granddaughter **Madison Jean Mourelatos**, born on March 31st at 3:29pm. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20" tall.

Terry and Revia Maurer announce the birth of their granddaughter **Ayla Anne-Fay Moreno**, born on April 2nd at 6:30am. She weighed 9lbs. 9 oz.



Ayla Anne-Fay Moreno, daughter of Amber and Eddierey Moreno, was baptized on Sunday April 21 at Holy Cross.



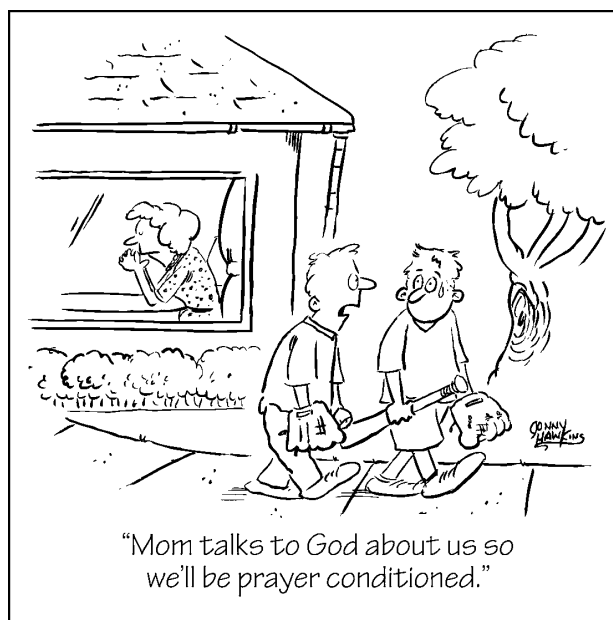
Ayla with Mom, Dad and brothers, Adam (r) and Antonio (l)

Ayla with proud grandparents, Revia and Terry Maurer and other family members taken after the baptismal Service.



if your child is graduating from high school or college this spring and would like to put an announcement on the Cross Currents, please email a photo and a blurb about him/her to Grace at

holycrossconcord@sbcglobal.net.
Thanks.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p Bible Study (H)	2	3	4
5 Mite Box/Hat Sunday 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study	6 12:30p Wm Bible Study © 6:30p WoHC Board Mtg 7p Boy Scout (H)	7 9a CVWC 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	8 7p Bible Study (H)	9  9:30a CVWC Craft (H) 12:15p NFS Lunch-BJ Bistro	10	11 WoHC Mothers and Daughters Luncheon
12 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 	13 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 7p Boy Scout	14 1p Senior Brd (L) 6:30p Elder's Meeting 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	15 7p Bible Study (H)	16 9:30a CVWC Craft (H)	17	18
19 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 	20 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 1:30p Bridge (H) 6:30p Church Council 7p Boy Scout	21 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	22 7p Bible Study (H)	23 9:30a CVWC Craft (H) 12p NFS Lunch - Red Lobster	24	25
26 9:30a Worship 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:30a OUTREACH	12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 7p Boy Scout	28	29 7p Bible Study (H)	30 9:30a CVWC Craft (H)	31	



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Regular Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30AM
Communion	1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays
Adults Bible Studies	11AM (Library & Conf. Rm)
Sunday School	11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies)	12:30PM	Conference Room
Wednesday (all) resumes: 4/24	7:00PM	Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday	7:15PM—8:45PM
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Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

Publication Deadline:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

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