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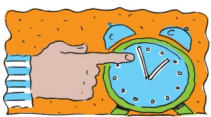
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

March 2013

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## Daylight-Saving Times Begins on March 10



# Ahead!

Be sure to set your clock ahead before you go to bed on March 9.

## It Matters that Christ HAS Been Raised From the Dead!



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 1Corinthians: *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 historical 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 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,*

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resurrection (Continued from page 1)

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...

Our theology is based on historical reality. The church is built on historical reality, not simply theological ideas. The truth of the gospel is based on the historical testimony of the first-century eyewitnesses.

The same Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and buried in 30 A.D. was also bodily raised on the third day in April 30 A.D. He did all this for you. The narrative does not stop there. God raised this man from the dead and made this man Lord over all. Now this same Jesus of Nazareth rules over all things not only as God but also as man. He rules over all things to the benefit of his church, to your benefit. Now through his gospel, this same Jesus of Nazareth gives you the blessings of his victory, the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and his Holy



### March Events at a Glance

**March 6, 13, 20 Lent Mid-week Bible Study** — "The Ten Commandments: God Is Speaking to Us" — 7:00 p.m.

**March 24 Palm Sunday**  
Worship — 9:30 a.m.  
Dinner — Noon

**March 28 Maundy Thursday**  
Worship w Holy Communion — 7:00 p.m.

**March 29 Good Friday**  
Noon Service — 12:00 p.m.  
Worship (Tenebrae Service) — 7:00 p.m.

**March 31 Easter Sunday**  
Worship with Holy Communion — 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast — 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt — 9:30 a.m.

### Spirit.

And this same Jesus of Nazareth, now exalted over all, will one day visibly come in glory to judge the living and the dead. Everyone who ever lived will have to stand before Jesus of Nazareth as their Judge, Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, your neighbor, you yourself. And that day will be a wonderful day for all who belong to him by faith. On that day Jesus will say to you, "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom." On that day he will transform your lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3). Wow. What a historical narrative. What a promise. What a future. And it is all because He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. (<http://concordiatheology.org/2010/04/historical-for-you-not-wishful-thinking-an-easter-devotion/>) ☩



### March Choir Schedule

Rehearsals at 7:15PM  
March 5, 19 and 26



### Birthdays

- 1 Terry Maurer
- Idalene Stadler
- 6 Cal Kallsen
- 11 Kamryn Coyne
- Sue Reiter
- 12 Pastor Chu
- Linda Sheppard
- 18 Rachel Gemar
- 23 Jean Eissner
- 24 Jack Mortenson
- 25 Nathan Pass
- 30 Doris Mortenson

### Anniversaries

- 7 Rev. Bob and Gerda Koch
- 19 Glen and Susan Stenson
- 23 Gary and Denise J. Brown
- 26 Jack and Doris Mortenson



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

**Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter, Ellen Stenson**

(Glenn's granddaughter), **Lloyce Logan** (Judy's sister-in-law), **Joy Parker** (Gayle's sister), **Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor** (Karen Gamble's mother), **Robert & David Grandt** (Liz's brothers), **Pauline Fudge** (Liz's Aunt-heart failure), **Inge Stone, Elizabeth Bothé** (Gayle's granddaughter Non-churched), **Abbi and Alex Roman, June Stewart** (Judy's friend), **Jan Tammiste** (Roman's friend), **Alice Mikolasek** (Violet's friend), **Herb Borchers, Stephanie Woolley** (Lauretta's daughter-migraines), **Brian Fawcett** (Diane Oatis' brother), **Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Betty Kallsen, Marjorie Keisling** (Pat Kroeger's sister), **Nora Encinas** (secretary-First Lutheran) **Audrey Augilar** (Nora's niece-remove paralysis), **Pastor Phil Scharnitzke** (Our Savior Lutheran-Livermore), **Bonnie Holmer** (Gayle's aunt), **Pastor Paul and Cathy Meyer** (retired Pastor-Trinity Lutheran W.C.), **Maria Delit** (Susan Stenson's mother), **Bill Godsey, Eric Stanley** (Amber Reiter's friend-recovery heart surgery), **JoEllen Roesti** (pregnancy), **Karen and Gary Cox** (Judy's friends-cancer), **Bill Kreitz** (Cheryl's brother-cancer treatments), **Lucas and Jessica** (Reiter's unborn grandson and mother), **Joyce and Jon Dils** (Don Robert's Aunt and son-kidney transplant surgery), **Steven Liedtke** (healing).

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

**Jon and Mike Dawers** (Bill Koch's grandsons), **Matthew Seeger, Derek Patterson and Dustin Philips, Taylor Bothe-Yates** (Gayle Bothe's grand-niece), **Navy Spec. David Aiman, Joel and Jordan Bennett, Capt. Richard Hill** (Violet Griffin's great nephews), **Cadet Megan Gemar, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, Army Recruit Kevin Hayworth** (Glenda's grandson-Basic training), **P.O.W. and M.I.A.s.**



## **Palm Sunday Dinner at Noon**

The Fellowship Committee will have a fund raiser for the parking lot fund on Sunday, March 24, at noon. The menu consists of Ham, Party Potatoes, Escalloped Pineapple, Green Beans and a fabulous dessert of Pineapple Cake. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 per person. All are invited!

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board so that we can have a head count.



## **EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**

We will again have an Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 AM before the 10:00 AM service. Hard boiled colored eggs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a small breakfast coffee cake, etc. to share with others. Hope to see you there! Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

Egg Hunt starts at 9:30 AM

## **Mites for Gospel Outreach**

As I promised for this month, Here are District Grants #9 - #12:

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| #9 Free Medical Check-up Camps in rural parts of India, Lutheran Hour Ministries   | \$4,310.  |
| #10 MDBA Women's Literacy Program, Good Shepherd, Turlock with the Lutheran Church of ToGo                                   | \$21,495. |
| #11 Encountering Christ Through Scripture - Helping Women of Liberia, West Africa learn to read, Lutheran Bible Translator's | \$2,000.  |
| #12 The Bible In Pictures for Laos - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation  | \$8,500.  |

For District Grants, we have until March 31, 2014 to complete our mite collection. I don't have a recent update on the National L.W.M.L. Mission Grants 2011 to 2013 Biennium. I know they were a little behind and their Biennium will end March 31, 2013. So if you can help, please put a few extra coins in the mite box the first Sunday of the month.

God Bless You,

Eyona Pargman, *Gospel Outreach*



## NIFTY FIFTY OUTINGS FOR MARCH 2013

### Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site

Wednesday • March 13<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

We again are planning two outings for the month of March. The first is to Eugene O'Neill Tao House located in Danville Cal 94526. America's only Nobel Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill chose to live in Northern California at the height of his writing career. Isolated from the world and within the walls of his home, O'Neill wrote his final and most memorable plays. The Iceman Cometh, Long Day's Journey into Night, and A Moon for the Misbegotten. The view of Mt Diablo from the house is breathtaking. As you look directly unobstructed at the mountain...you'll be pleased. Visitors are not allowed to drive to the house, so they will meet us at 10:00 AM with a shuttle at the park directly below the house at 205 Railroad Ave Danville Ca. 94526. After the tour, we plan on eating at the Brass Door located at 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon Ca 94583. The Restaurant is very elegant with linen table cloths etc. great food and is reasonable if you know what to order. They have senior dinners available for lunch. I like the ground round steak 9oz with gravy and mushrooms etc., comes with soup or salad mashed potatoes vegetable and dessert (Chocolate Sunday or just plain Ice Cream) for \$13.50. They have other senior entrées too. Lunch is at 1:00 in case you go astray. You will receive directions when we meet at church at 9:00, and we leave at 9:15. The visit to the Historic House is Free. A great chance to invite a friend....

### Bridgehead Cafe

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

It was one of those beautiful days when we met at church then drove out to Ygnacio Valley Road over Kirker Pass where we saw the beautiful green hills with Black Angus Cattle grazing on them. What a blessing to live in the bay area. Lunch at the Bridgehead Cafe was just as I had written about in Feb Cross Current. It was rustic. As we entered, you could smell the home cooking. It was great and put me in the mood for a big lunch. I was a little disappointed in that we only had 5 of our group attended...Bill Reichmann, Herb and Marilyn Neumann, Bob Hartman and myself but the food was outstanding and we all enjoyed being together.

### Al the Wop's

Thursday • March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

This is a return to one of our favorite restaurants located in Lock, CA. It isn't just the restaurant but the drive through the Delta that makes it so enjoyable. I have so many times mentioned how beautiful the area we live in is and the great climate we have you can almost always counting on beautiful sunny weather. Back in Minnesota when we planned an outing, we kept our fingers crossed that we would have a nice day. I'm sure they still have New York steaks with a plate piled high with piping hot sour dough bread with a choice of peanut butter or jam and a delightful salad. Of course they have a menu with other lunch items. The drive along the river should be delightful this time of year. Wish we could have Bill Godsey as our tour guide. He and Trina lived in Rio Vista when Bill worked for Standard Oil. He rode with me and mentioned that the end of the Antioch Bridge was 10 feet below sea level and that the area we were passing through produced the largest amount of natural gas this side of the Rockies Mountains. Knowledge of the area makes it all the more interesting. Lunch is planned for 1:00 so we should meet at church at 11:45 and plan on leaving at 12:00. Just for the fun of it, try asking a neighbor to join us. ☺



## Women of Holy Cross



Prepare Inspire Nurture Go!

### LWML Zone 7 Spring Rally

Faith Lutheran Church  
Pleasant Hill

Saturday, March 16, 2013  
at 8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration

Get **fresh ideas** for your  
Women's Ministry!

Equip yourself PING others!

Enjoy fellowship and  
friendship!

#### Presenters:

**Marcia Houseworth,**  
LWML CNH District President

**Ruth Hantelman**  
LWML CNH LWML CNH  
Chairman of the Leader Development Committee

**Lynnette Campbell,** Attendee  
of Inspiration 2012 – PING

Continental Breakfast &  
Lunch are included in the  
\$10 registration fee.

RSVP to Carol Haglund, Faith  
Lutheran, (925) 372-7620

### Next General Meeting March 11 ~ 6:30 PM

There will be a short business meeting with election of officers: VP and Treasurer. We also welcome anyone interested in joining the board in one of the non-elected positions: Member Development, Human Care or Christian Life.

Highlight for the evening: Guest Speakers from Network of Care will do a presentation for us.

Our Hostesses are Eyona Pargman and Gayle Bothe.

See you there!

#### Nominating Committee:

The positions open are for Vice Pres. and Treasurer. We also have positions that are not elected, such as, Member Development, Human care or Christian Life that can be filled. Please let Pat Easby know if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in accepting one of these positions. Pat Easby @ 925-672-6388 (Lv. msg.) or cell @ 925- 872-3536. We're always happy to hear new ideas from you and the youngens. Looking forward to hearing from you ladies. Get involved~~~See results!!

BLESSINGS! Pat Easby

### WoHC UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, March 3** ~ Hat/Mite Box
- **Monday, March 4** ~ Board Meeting, 6:30p
- **Monday, March 11** ~ General Meeting, Election, speakers from The Network of Care. Hostesses: Eyona Pargman and Gayle Bothe. 6:30p
- **Saturday, March 16** ~ LWML Zone 7 Spring Rally at Faith Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hill. 8:30-9a
- **Monday, April 1** ~ Board Meeting
- **Sunday, April 14** ~ In lieu of April General Meeting, we will meet after Sunday school for lunch and visits to shut-ins. Sue O'Malley is the hostess.
- **April 26-28, 2013** ~ LWML CNH - Ferndale Event "Rooted and Grounded in Love" Eph. 3:17-19. Inspirational speaker, Pastor Tom Zelt, senior Pastor of Prince of Peace in Fremont. Registration by 4/20. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for additional information, or contact a board member.
- **Saturday, May 11** ~ General Meeting: Mothers and Daughters Luncheon...Speaker-Deanna Maroon, topic "Service to the Lord"

### February Potluck and Secret Pals Revealed

Fifteen ladies were present. Joyce thanked Marilyn Neumann for being the hostess. Pat Easby, Carol Lau, Trudy and others helped set up and clean up. During the time we were enjoying the various and delicious dishes of the potluck dinner, secret pals revealed themselves and chose new names for the coming year. The ladies who participate always have fun and squeal with delight, mostly having not guess correctly who had drawn their name.

Sue O'Malley, a February birthday gal, was present and everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.

by Gale Bothe

## OUTREACH

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

### HOLY CROSS SERVING AT THE SHELTER

I was in the kitchen by 8:30 AM to get the water boiling to make: *white rice, chicken gravy, cheesy potatoes and fresh broccoli soup* (one of the favorites). Kenny Reiter surprised me and he was my right-hand-man this morning. He made 50 sandwiches for the hospital section (at the shelter) and for the people that come in after church. *He also cut up salad items, washed dishes and did clean up. A great helper!*

*We made a huge salad loaded with goodies, they love it. We left early for the shelter. On the way to the shelter Carol Lau picked up a **huge, huge pan of chicken chow mein and 2 huge pans of fried-chicken drumsticks**, (they were the size of turkey legs – no kidding) and tasted very fresh; some of the best chicken we have eaten!*

**Pastor Chu ordered all of this and donated it to Outreach.** When I announced that our pastor had donated the chicken and chow mein for them, they all clapped and cheered, and said to say, "thank you to the pastor". That really was a special treat for them. They absolutely loved the food and ate everything we brought. We passed out over 130 servings today.

We saw faces of people we served at the park almost 20 yrs. ago; it's good to see them in rehab. We also saw more than the usual of young "boys and gals".

The volunteers that came to the shelter to serve the food were: *Mindy Wirtz, Bill Luker, Kevin and Aliza and Carol Lau*. Many thanks to the volunteers, you truly are appreciated.

**THANK YOU PASTOR CHU and CAROL FOR YOUR DONATION OF FRIED CHICKEN and THE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN TO OUTREACH!**



Evangelism isn't a program;  
it's a Lifestyle.

Let Jesus Shine Through You!

Blessings

Pat Easby

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

—St. John of Damascus



I want to thank my Holy Cross Family for the prayers for my daughter Debra, my brother-in-law, Dale and me. Debra is back teaching again. My hand is healing nicely. The Lord took my brother-in-law, Dale, home. He suffered with so much pain and not knowing what was wrong and now he has peace.

God Bless All of You,  
Eyona Pargman





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <i>Mite Box - Hat Sunday</i> <b>9:30a Worship w/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/ Bible Study	4 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 6:30p WoHC Brd Mtg (C) 7p Boy Scout (H)	5 9a CVWC 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	6 <b>7p Lent Mid-week Bible Study</b>	7	8	9
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<b>31</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:30a Breakfast 9:30a Egg Hunt <b>10a Worship w/ Holy Communion</b>						





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Eric Roman, Herb Neumann

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**Holy Week Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday: 7:00AM (Holy communion)

Good Friday: Noon  
7:00PM

Easter Worship: 10:00AM (Holy Communion)

Easter Breakfast: 8:30AM

**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) 7:00PM Parish Hall

[Feb. 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20 Lent Season Bible study: "The  
Ten Commandments: God is Speaking to Us"]

**Choir Rehearsal:**

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

**Outreach:**

Fourth Sunday of each month, 11:30AM

**Publication Deadline:**

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday