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***'You will seek me and find me,
when you seek me
with all your heart.'***

This verse from Jeremiah is part of the prophecy of hope and promise given to God's people who would be taken into exile in Babylon for their unfaithfulness to God. God had sent to them prophet after prophet to call them again and again to repent and to warn them of exile unless they repented. The people refused. Judgment was coming. But through the prophet Jeremiah, God also prophesied of Good News. The LORD (LORD with small caps is the translation of the covenant name of God in the Old Testament) would restore a remnant of His people to the Promised Land.

¹⁰"For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³**You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your**

heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile (Jeremiah 29).

We like to speak of people seeking God, but in reality, only Christians can and will seek the one true God, the LORD, the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and the salvation He offers by grace through faith in Jesus the Savior. Unbelievers may seek, but they do not and they cannot of their own free will seek the LORD or forgiveness in Jesus' name because they are spiritually dead; only the Holy Spirit can and will bring sinners to life through faith in Jesus Christ who died to atone for the sins of the world (Ephesians 2:1-9; Romans 5:1-11) and it is they, believers in Christ, who seek the LORD.

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart may be read as a warning perhaps, but it is an invitation and promise more than anything else. The LORD invites us to seek Him and He promises to be found when we seek Him wholeheartedly. The Good News is that we don't do this by the strength of our own will but the Spirit

helps us to seek the LORD in this manner as He works in us through the means of grace (His Word and the Sacraments) to sustain and strengthen our faith.

Seeking the LORD with all our heart is not just a longing or emotional response; it's a life anchored and centered on the LORD; so first and foremost, seeking the LORD with our whole heart is trusting in Jesus as Savior. We seek the LORD with our whole heart also by giving Him priority of our time, treasures, and talents. While the daily life of the Christian is the life of worship, we set aside special time for to worship with fellow redeemed in the Di-

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June Voter's Assembly Meeting

Our June Voter's Assembly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, immediately following our worship service and coffee fellowship. We will be voting for open Council positions as well as getting some updates on operational items. Mark your calendar and plan to attend and participate. If you are interested in making a nomination or being nominated for an elected or appointed position, please contact Mike Liebe. This is your opportunity to get involved, whether in a Council position or in another capacity. Possible Council positions include Vice President (or President if you prefer), Elders, Trustees, and Council Secretary. Other appointed positions include areas of evangelism, education and missions. And you can also serve as a volunteer without being elected or appointed. There are many opportunities to fit your skills and desires. Find one for you.

Please note: To be an eligible voter at a Holy Cross, you must have attended and signed in as a non-voter for at least one previous Voter's Assembly.

Bon Voyage!!!

Join the fun and fellowship on Sunday, June 13 by boarding the Holy Cross "Love Boat" right after our Voter's Assembly to celebrate the many years of membership and service of Al and Melinda Swan, and give them a loving Christian send-off as they make their move to the Seattle area. Our Bon Voyage will include special foods and beverages, reminiscing and well-wishes, and some surprises.

Al will retire (finally) from his long-term (and captive) position of Council President. His steadfast service through challenges and triumphs has left his mark on our assembly, his most recent accomplishment being successfully adding our valued new tenant, Trinity, through his many hours of planning, negotiation and preparation.

And we will miss Melinda's joyful voice and skillful recorder-playing as a senior choir member, not to mention her ever-present smile.

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vine Service, hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. We set aside time for Bible study (corporate and private), prayer, and service in Jesus' name. We set aside the first fruits (first portion) of the blessings the LORD have given us to return to Him as an offering of thanksgiving. Perhaps this is best summarized by Jesus' word in Mark 12:30: *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

May the Holy Spirit move and strengthen all of us and all believers in Christ to seek LORD with all our heart.

"Thank You!!"

My sincere thanks and God's blessing to: Pastor Chu for his very special attention to me by visiting me and giving me Holy Communion. I also like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, numerous well wishes by cards and telephone calls. Special thanks to Gracie, Ann Caruso, Terry Hawkyard, Marvin Kreitz, Eleanor and Bill Tyson, Jack and Doris Mortenson, Erna Beutel (I hope I did not forget anybody.) for visiting me in the hospital.

I am getting stronger everyday, and thank God for my miraculous recovery. Trudy Huenninghaus

June Events

June 6

Mite Box / Hat Sunday

June 7

WoHC Board Meeting,
6:00PM

June 13

Voters' Assembly
Bon Voyage Party

June 15

Nifty Fifty Seniors Outing to
Martinez

June 9

Elder's Meeting, 6:30PM

June 10

Senior Board, 1:00PM

June 20

Father's Day

June 27

Outreach

June 28

WoHC Dinner Out with Family and Friends, 6:00PM

Confirmation Sunday

By Jason E. Gullidge

On May 23rd, Nathan Pass and Drew Oatis pronounced their faith in the Triune God and agreement with the teachings of Martin Luther found in the Small Catechism. For me, this service brought back memories of my own Confirmation and my fiancé's Confirmation. I remember standing up in front of my family and my congregation professing my faith with my sweating palms. This is a big day for the individual being confirmed, and all those present.

Both these young men chose their very own verse to be read. Drew picked Romans 6:23, which says "For the



wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." When I asked him why he had chosen this verse he replied that this was one of the first verses he ever memorized. Nathan chose John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This is one of Nathan's fa-

vorite passages. These two young men were also given Leviticus 19:2 by Pastor Chu as their overarching passage. It says "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." This is was a great passage to preach upon both Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday because it touches both topics. The Holy Spirit makes us holy and gives us the ability to come to faith in Jesus as our Savior.

A lot of people look at Confirmation as a graduation day from church. But that is a wrong way to view it. Confirmation is just another road marker on your faith journey of life. The classes are to help you along the way by growing your faith by reading the word of God, examining the Small Catechism and being able to talk about it with others. Once confirmed, the information you learned is a valuable resource to talk with others about what you believe as Lutherans.

Congratulations to those who were confirmed! I pray Jesus Christ continue to bless them as they continue on this journey with God and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and may our church be a blessing to them as they grow in their faith in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday

- 2 Jordan Ballard
Michael pass
- 3 Emilie Greenwell
- 9 Carol Lau
- 11 Nancy Hoffman
- 13 Kartini Pratiwi
Abbie Roman
- 15 Jack Easby
- 16 Shinta Susanty
- 20 Jessica Aduan
Martin Brown
- 22 Kiley Wirtz
- 23 Denise Joy Brown
- 24 Bill Tyson
- 25 Gayle Bothe
- 29 Debbie Boettcher

Anniversaries

- 8 Cal & Betty
Kallsen
- 17 John & Sandy
Coyne
- 24 Walter & Nancy
Hoffman
- Don & Marlene
Roberts
- Bill & Eleanor
Tyson
- 27 Diana & Bob
Butterfield
- 29 Pastor Bill & Carol
Chu



Congratulations, Holy Cross' High School & College Graduates!!



Jessica Elizabeth Aduan will graduate on June 10th from Northgate High School. During her high school years she has been active in the Symphonic band playing the flute and also the Marching band. The last two years she has

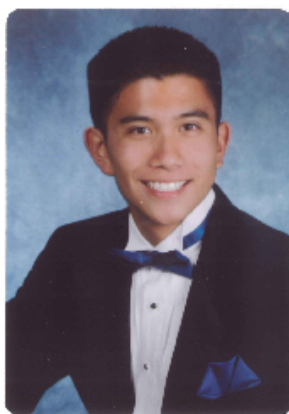
been a member of the Marching band auxiliary, this last year being the captain. Her main passion through these years has been dance. She has been dancing for 13 years. The last two years she has been in the Dance Production at Northgate. Upon graduating from high school, she will be an assistant coach with the auxiliary this summer. Jessica will attend DVC in the fall to embark on her road to a dance degree. Her parents are very proud of her and have been truly blessed with such a wonderful daughter!



Christopher Chu graduated from De La Salle High School on the 23rd of May, 2010. He received many honors and awards. To further his education, he will enter the University of California, San Diego as a Regent's scholar in the fall. He plans to

major in Bio-engineering.

On top of his heavy academic loads in high school, Christopher served dedicatedly at church. He folded service bulletins weekly. He helped Allen Brueckner with yard work every summer and whenever he had free time. He recorded Sunday services for shut-ins and served as pianist whenever the organist was absent.



Marc Albano graduated from Clayton Valley High School in May 2010.

All through his high school years, Marc did exemplarily in academics as well as participated in many school activities such as speech, school plays, and tennis. He played year-round tennis throughout four years of high school and was captain of his team. Because of his dedication, he was one of the major forces in help-

ing his school in claiming a share in the Diablo Valley Athletic League championship.

Marc wants to be a physical therapist. He plans to attend DVC for 2 years, then head on to a four year college.



Michael Gemar graduated from Las Loma High School in Walnut Creek. He will be attending Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo in the fall studying business.

All through high school, he had been active in track and was an outstanding athlete. He also serves as an usher every fourth Sunday of the month for years at Holy Cross.



Shelby Oatis

attended Berean Christian High School where she was in choir all four years and advanced girls choir for three years, member of the bowling club, and created the Ygnacio Valley Christian School yearbook 2009-2010. She earned the Amemptos Award for perfect conduct throughout high school and received the Life

Membership Award for the California Scholarship Federation and is a Gold Seal Bearer. This fall she will be attending Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego where she will major in Graphic Design with an emphasis in Advertising and a minor in Business.



Kimberly Chu graduated from the **University of California, Berkeley** with a **Bachelor of Art's Degree**. She majored in Public Health and minored in Education.



Troy Brown graduated from the **Sonoma State University** with a **Bachelor's Degree** in Business with emphasis in Wine Management in December 2009.



Brian Gin was conferred the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry** at the **University of California at Berkeley** on December 19th, 2009. His work was in the field of theoretical chemistry specializing in protein folding. He enjoyed mentoring his undergraduate students. Currently, he is back at the

University of California at San Francisco completing his fourth year of medical school.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

June 21-June 25
9:00AM - Noon

Registration forms are in a large brown envelope posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board and on the table in the back of the Narthex. Please pick up a few copies for your children and/or give them to your neighbors and friends.

You may also call or e-mail the office for them.



Andrew Swan graduated from the **University of Denver, Sturm College of Law** in May as a Davis Scholar. Andrew specialized in constitutional law, natural resource law, and legal writing. While in law school, Andrew excelled academically, and was the only student to have been selected by three professors to jointly author articles and books. Andrew served as a teaching assistant in Constitutional Law and in Legal Writing and Research, and was recognized for his teaching in both classes. In addition to competing on the law school's national appellate advocacy team, Andrew served as coach of the first year intramural trial competition. Since January of this year, Andrew has successfully tried a case in district court and has argued appeals before the Colorado Court of Appeals and the Colorado Supreme Court.

Outside of law school, Andrew first coached the debate team at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and then was recruited to coach the nationally successful debate team at the United States Air Force Academy. For two years, he judged the final round of the national debate tournament. Andrew's textbooks on speech and debate remain in publication.

Andrew had been accepted into the postgraduate programs for advanced legal study at both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the George Washington University. He is now deciding whether he intends to spend yet more time in school, or become a productive member of society by practicing law. Regardless, Andrew will take the Washington Bar Examination in Seattle this July.

NFS Lunch at D. J's Bistro Restaurant

By Marv Kreitz

Nine seniors attended the lunch at D. J. and it was difficult to get a word in edgewise.... The food was outstanding: Wiener Snitzel, Yeager Snitzel, Sauerbraten Red Cabbage and of course the glass of beer for those who wanted to imbibe.. Several of us had half a liter of beer--the discussion went that's 1.55 pints not quite 16oz or something like that....then it shifted to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and to our dependence on oil. Jack Mortenson, formally Head of the Clean Bay in Oakland, and Bill Godsey, Geologist formally with Standard oil, kept the discussion lively.

Did you know the Williston Basin, commonly referred to as Bakken, that stretches from Northern Montana through North Dakota and into Canada is estimated to have 500 billion barrels of oil and under the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world more than 2 TRILLION barrels...To put that in perspective, that's 8 times as much oil as Saudi Arabia, 18 times as much oil as Iraq, 21 times as much as Kuwait etc.. Bill said they would need in some cases to drill horizontally at a huge expense....Come join us and learn more. What a really great group of Christians.

Superior Court Jury Case

The Nifty Fifty outing for June will be to observe a court case in session at the Superior Court in Martinez. We have been working with the director of Juries at the Courthouse to enable our senior group to sit in on a case. Unfortunately I have no (clue!) as to what case we will sit in on. The tentative date is June the 15th. We plan on eating at Louie Bertola's a well known Italian restaurant located at 611 Escobar St in Martinez...We should know about a week in advance, so watch for information in the weekly bul-

2010 CNH LWML Convention Report

The convention was held at the Wyndham Hotel in San Jose the weekend of April 30 with Cherylene Brueckner, Joyce Liebe, Melarie Seidel and Chris Romen in attendance.

Friday night's session began with a Worship Service with Communion with 300+ people in attendance.

Saturday two Bible Studies led by Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker for the Lutheran Hour focusing on HOPE...One session focusing on Have Our Priority Eternal life and Help Others Pursue Eternal life.

The following Mission Grants (this is where your MITE money goes) were voted on for the 2010-2012:

Ø Chico State/Butte College Student Outreach	\$ 3,350
Ø Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 6,000
Ø Good Shepherd Developing Religious Life, Capitola	\$ 15,000
Ø Seminary Student Tuition Assistance, LCMS	\$ 5,000
Ø Light of Life Radio Program, St. Paul, Merced	\$ 10,000
Ø St. Mark Lutheran Church Food Pantry Renovation, Hawaii	\$ 15,000
Ø Hmong Ministry, St. Andrew's, Stockton	\$ 6,350
Ø Mt. Cross Adult Ministry Expansion, Felton, CA	\$ 25,000
Ø Worship Equipment, Sierra Lutheran High, NV	\$ 7,760
Ø LBT Computers for Missionaries, Aurora, IL	\$ 5,000
Ø Chinese Seminary Field Worker, Fremont, CA	\$ 2,500
Ø Lutheran Deaf Outreach, St. Louis	\$ 4,000
Ø Holy Cross Preschool, Rocklin, CA	\$ 6,000
Ø St. Mark Walk Through Bethlehem, Santa Rosa	\$ 5,500
Ø Deaconess Carol Halter Support, LCMS World Mission	\$ 8,500

The Saturday evening banquet with Keynote Speaker, Heidi Floyd, a breast cancer survivor, had all in attendance totally focused on her energetic speech. She was pregnant with her son at the time of her chemotherapy treatment... her son joined her on stage to show that there were no lasting effects on him.

Melarie Seidel, *Delegate to the Convention*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF-Earthquake help for Haiti and Chile-May 16th-speaker, Susanne Contreas from Livermore enlightened those who attended the luncheon hosted by Women of Holy Cross. Special thanks to all who prepared delicious salads and the great ham donated. It was a lovely feast. The speaker handed out pamphlets and had a display of pictures to go with the many stories she shared. The talk was made complete by homemade cookies and ice cream-a good time was had by all. Our collection was totalled at \$350.00 which was sent directly to LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. Many thanks again to those who came and learned and listened and donated to this worthy cause. God's blessings. Carol Lau/Servant Resources

**Don't cook - Join us for the
Women of Holy Cross' Annual
Dinner Out with Family & Friends**

Monday, June 28, 6:00 pm

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant

*New location in Concord
(4633 Clayton Road)*

Menu: 2 item combo plate, choose from:
enchilada, tamale, taco, & chile relleno.
*Meal comes with soup or salad, rice, beans, & a
non-alcoholic drink.*

Price: All for \$16 a person
(tax & tip included).

You can pay me the night of dinner.

**Please Join Us- Everyone is Welcome
(men, women, young, & old)**

We've reserved their back room

Sign up (Parish Hall) by Wed., June 23

Questions? See Joyce Liebe

Clothing for the Needy

Many years ago Louis and Ruth Kinkead formed a group called the International Lutheran Fellowship which included Herb Burrough and sponsored LCMS programs. Herb delivered the used clothing to our sister church, First Immanuel, at 374 So 3rd Street in San Jose. When Herb was no longer able, Louis took over delivery.

First Immanuel has a food and clothing program. They are operated by volunteers and headed by 'Winnie' and her daughter and her two daughters. On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday people listed with them can pick up a grocery bag of food weekly and can "shop" upstairs. The clothes are hung by size, etc., and they are allowed (depending on availability) so many items each month per members in the family.

I think they do a great job – a wonderful Christian effort.

We desperately need clothing. If you have clothing to donate, please put them in barrels marked "Clothing for Needy" in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

Louis and Ruth Kinkead



A SPECIAL NOTE of thanks to the Holy Cross choir for a wonderful year of making "a joyful noise to the Lord." Your gifts of time and talent are very much appreciated. You also made rehearsals a time of fun and fellowship! A really BIG thank you also to Terry Hawk-



yard for being so incredibly generous to provide a wonderful special lunch for the choir on May 23. Have a blessed summer!



"The choir also bids a bittersweet farewell to faithful choir member Melinda Swan as she & Al move to Seattle. Melinda, you have been so helpful to us in sharing your special music gifts throughout the years. You will be missed, but we all pray for your happiness up north with your family!"



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Nancy Hoffmann

Office Hour: Mon - Thu

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday,
Worship with Communion
2nd and 4th Sunday,
Worship with Choir, No Communion

10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Studies

Weekly Bible Study

Sunday 10:30 AM Conference Rm

10:30 AM Library

Monday 12:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study
(Will resume in the fall.)

Choir Rehearsal (Will resume in the fall.)

Outreach Fourth Sunday at 11:30 AM

Publication Deadline:

Weekly Bulletin Announcements - Noon, Tuesday
July Cross Currents: June 21, 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study	31 7p Boy Scout (L) <i>Memorial Day</i>	1 4p Tutoring(E)	2	3 9:30a Craft (H) 4p Tutoring(E) 7p Men's Group	4	5
6 Mite Box /Hat Sunday 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study	7 6:30p WoHC Brd Mtg (C) 7p Boy Scout (H, L)	8 Election(H) 4p Tutoring(E) 6:30p Elders	9 1p Senior Brd (L)	10 9:30a Craft (H) 4p Tutoring(E)	11	12 9a RDP (wrs)
13 9a Worship 10a Voter's Assembly 10:30a Sunday School 11a Bon Voyage 11:30a HS Youth 12:30p MS Youth	14 7p Boy Scout (L)	15 NFS Outing 4p Tutoring(E)	16 3:30p RDP (wr)	17 9:30a Craft (H) 4p Tutoring(E) 7p Men's Group	18	19 9a RDP (wrs)
20 9a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study <i>Father's Day [USA]</i>	21 8:45a VBS2010 9:30a Bridge 6:30p Church Council 7p Boy Scout (L)	22 8:45a VBS2010 4p Tutoring(E)	23 8:45a VBS2010 3:30p RDP (wr)	24 8:45a VBS2010 9:30a Craft (H) 4p Tutoring(E)	25 8:45a VBS2010	26 9a RDP (wrs)
27 9a Worship 10:30a Sunday-School / Bible Study 11:30a OUTREACH	28 6p WoHC Family/Friends Dinner out 7p Boy Scout (L)	29 4p Tutoring(E)	30 3:30p RDP (wr)			

(cl= Choir Loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg, H=Parish Hall, L=Library)