

# CROSS CURRENTS

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## Message from the Pastor



### ITCHING EARS

***<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2Timothy 3)***

***<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.***

***<sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2Timothy 4)***

St. Paul wrote these words to Timothy, a younger pastor and his “dear son in the faith” (1Tim.1:2; 2Tim.1:2), to encour-

age him in his ministry. But every generation has seen the fulfillment of Paul’s prophetic words and needed to hear Paul’s encouragement and to heed his commands.

The time has come again, in our time, when many within Christendom do not and will not tolerate the sound teaching of Scripture. For example, many Christians subscribe to “Deeds, not Creeds” and argue that the Church’s focus ought to be what we do rather than what we believe and teach. The irony is, “Deeds, not Creeds” is also a doctrine, just not a Scriptural one. Others take a utilitarian approach to the Scriptures: whatever promotes their agenda and goal is good, otherwise disregard. And at times, all of us have fallen into this trap of accepting those parts of Scripture we agree with and discarding those we take issue with as “outdated.”

To those with itching ears who pick and choose which part of Scripture to accept, and who will listen only to teachers and preachers who suit their passions, and turn away from the truth and wander into myths (this refers to some Christians most of the times, and probably all Christians some of the time), Paul com-

mands: <sup>2</sup>*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* Will these words guarantee that people will listen? No! In, fact, they may think we are fools. Still, they, just as we, need to hear Scripture preached and taught for what it is: God’s Word, which is *profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.* They, just as we, need to hear God’s Word both of Law, that warns and condemns us for

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## March at a Glance

### **March 3, 10, 17, 24**

Midweek Lenten Service

Supper: 5:45 PM

Service: 7:00 PM

### **March 1**

WoHC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Conference Room

### **March 4, 18**

Men's Group, 7 PM

Conference Rm

### **March 7**

Mite Box / Hat Sunday

### **March 8**

WoHC General Meeting,

6:30PM, Parish Hall

### **March 9**

Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

### **March 10**

Senior Board, 1:00 PM

**March 14**—Daylight-Saving  
Time Begins

### **March 14, 28**

Youth Group:

High School 11:30 AM

Middle School 12:30 PM

### **March 15**

Church Council, 6:30 PM

### **March 17**

Senior Excursion to see 'Avatar'  
12:30 PM, meet at church

### **March 20**

Altar Guild Spring Cleanup

9:00AM—Noon

### **March 28**

**Palm Sunday**

Outreach 11:30 AM

## *God's Word*

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our sinful disregard of His Word, and Gospel, that points us to Christ Crucified and gives us faith to trust Him as Savior.

It is God's Word that will convict sinners of their sins and sinfulness and bring them to see their need for a Savior; it is God's Word that will bring them to faith in that one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. So *preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*

## CARE CORNER



Beckie Jones (Ricky Liedtke's mom), Steven Liedtke, Mike Meintzer (Eyona's son-in-law), AJ and Caylin Stanley, Phyllis O'Leary, Charles and Chuck Johnson (Carla Johnson-Neer's brothers), Brennan and Devin Helmer (Linda Sheppard's grandchildren), Christine Helmer, Joy Parker (Gayle's sister), Mr. and Mrs. McDavid (Linda Sheppard's parents), Wanda Schwartz, Georgia Eissner (Jean's sister-in-law), Dorothy Taylor, Burma Grandt; Laurence Grandt; Robert Grandt; Luca Nishimori (Liz Aduan's relatives) Inge Stone, Sienna Lee, Elizabeth Bothé (Gayle's granddaughter), Kathy Kinser, Abbi and Alexandria Roman



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

## **BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Terry Maurer
- Idalene Stadler
- 6 Cal Kallsen
- 11 Kamryn Coyne
- 12 Rev. Bill Chu
- Linda Sheppard
- 15 Florice Germann
- 18 Rachel Gemar
- 23 Jean Eissner
- 24 Jack Mortenson
- 25 Nathan Pass
- 30 Doris Mortenson

## **ANNIVERSARY**

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

• "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."  
—Richard Bach

• "You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work."



Join your brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Cross for midweek dinner and evening worship every Wednesday during Lent. Dinner starts at 5:45 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

The dates for the Lenten Dinners and Worship are:

March 3, 10, 17, 24.

The theme for the Lenten services will be “**Catechism, Lent, and Daily Life.**”



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Calling all volunteers interested in helping with the 2010 Holy Cross VBS: We are going to have planning meetings in the upcoming months. Please keep looking for announcements regarding meeting dates and times. VBS this year will be held between the dates of June 21-25. If you are interested in getting involved, please sign up on your way to the parish hall or contact Jason.

## Pizza + Bowling = FUN!!!

By Jason E. Gullidge

“Momma always said ‘Life is like a box of chocolate... because you never know what you are going to get.’” On the day where chocolate hearts are given to the ones’ you love, the Youth of Holy Cross had a special activity day. Following Sunday School five youth and three adult leaders headed out for some tasty pizza at the local Round Table. When waiting for the pizzas to arrive, the youth had devotion with Jason about how each day is uncertain like a box of chocolate, but were reminded that Jesus is our constant companion and is

unchanging (Hebrews 6:16-20). After eating pizza, it was off to Clayton Bowl for two games. As a tradition, the teams were youth leaders versus youth. Holy Cross Youth have some amateur pro bowlers. At one point a youth in his second game earned five straight strikes, yet other youths beat Jason every single time. After lots of fun, it wrapped up at two. I would like to thank all those who came and participated. Keep posted as upcoming events are coming your way. God bless!

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## Youth Group Schedule

**Lent Dinners** put on by the Youth Families:

**Mar. 10**—Saeedi and Shinta Families

**Mar. 24**—Neer and Chu Families

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Group\*

“Pi Day (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)”

11:30am-Senior High, 12:30pm-Middle School

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**- Youth Group\*

“The Passion (Various Gospel Verse)”

11:30am-Senior High, 12:30pm-Middle School

High School meets at 11:30 AM

Middle School meets at 12:30 PM

## NIFTY FIFTY SENIORS

### **Al the Whops—Trip through the Delta**

By Marv Kreitz

The day was sparkling and fresh, Cumulus clouds scampered across the sky and the hills were carpeted with green. The drive along the Sacramento River and the Delta

was spectacular as early signs of spring were starting to show, such as mustered plants blooming, buds on the tulip trees and Blossoms on the Almond tree. What a blessing to live in the Bay Area.

Bill Godsey a Geologist, worked for Standard Oil out of Rio Vista, pointed out that the land at the end of the Anioch Bridge was

10 feet below sea level and that several of the Islands were 20ft or more below sea level. He also pointed out numerous Natural Gas stations and stated that the Rio Vista Area was and may still be the largest producer of Natural Gas this side of the Rocky Mountains.



We arrived at the town of Lock and it was indeed a sleepy ghost town that time had forgot. Most of the buildings were built with little or no space between

them and being old bulged and hung out over the street with wires and pipes on the outsides very interesting. We took pictures in front of Al the Whops (built in 1915) before entering.

The interior was covered with old pictures, dollar Bills and mounted animals. The dining area was in the back and they did indeed have their famous

steaks with peanut butter jam and stacks of Sour Dough Bread... After eating we viewed the Lock Memorial Park & Monument as well as poked our heads into some of the other interesting area in the town. The return trip was as delightful as the trip there... What a great way to spend the day.

### **Seniors excursion to see "Avatar" March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Get out your magic cape and ready yourself to join the Avatars a group of magical beings that can bend the very fabric of time, space and reality. Hop on your broom and zoom down 680 to the IMAX theatre in Dublin to view the smash hit "Avatar" on their spectacular giant screen with intensified sound system in 3-D.

Meet at church at 12:30 P.M. and leave at 12:45 P.M. We will have lunch at Mimi's Restaurant located in the same movie complex center in Dublin at 1:30 P.M. Shortly before 3:00 we will leave for the theatre as the show starts at 3:30 and runs for two hours and forty minutes. The cost for seniors is \$11.55

Sign up in the Social hall so we know how many to make reservations for. Invite a friend and "ditch" your responsibilities troubles and aches for a relaxing and fun-filled day.

### **Sharing the Hope in San Jose**

**Have you registered for the CNH LWML Convention yet? Do it now! You won't regret it!**

Get a friend to join you and plan for an exciting time in San Jose. There are Bible studies, very special guest speakers, lots of laughter and plenty of fellowship that await every attendee. Check out the CNH LWML website at [cnhlwml.org](http://cnhlwml.org) or ask your local President, Cherylene Brueckner, for details. See you there April 30—May 2, 2010.



## WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS CALENDAR

**Monday 3/1** Board Meeting in Conf. Rm. 6:30pm

**Monday 3/7** Hat/Mite Box Sunday

**Monday 3/8** General meeting 6:30 PM Parish Hall  
Election of officers, College Care Pkgs (Joyce)  
Hostess": Terry and Marlene

**Saturday 3/20** Spring Zone Rally in Benicia

### **Trip to South Africa**

By Marv Kreitz

After enjoying a tasteful lunch prepared and provided by your Senior Board we traveled via plane from J.F.K. to Zambia in the jungles of Africa. Most of the people there live in one room Mud Brick Huts and do their cooking outside. The country there is very poor and very similar to Haiti.

There were indeed a large variety of animals such as Impalas, Crocodiles, Elephants, monkeys and the ever-present Hippos



in the Chobe River the source of Victoria Falls. The falls is three times larger and three times higher than Niagara Falls in N.Y. A must see for tourists that come to Zambia.

The eye clinic located in Zamba has preformed cataract surgery on a number of their patients. I can See !!! I can See !!! One man shouted and threw away his cane being almost completely blind before his cataracts were removed. What a blessing the team of volunteer doctors and Workers "Fred's International Vision Volunteers" provide... Thanks Fred & Lois for a very informative presentation. A great way to spend a day with Christian Friends.

## **FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY**

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days.

The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.'

Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.

# The Bulletin Board

## REMINDER

Next Sunday, March 7, is *Hat Sunday*, join us and wear your favorite hat. Next Sunday is also *Mite Box Sunday* - feel free to deposit your mites on the table at the front of the church or put them in the little wooden church as you exit the service. Thank You for supporting our LWML local & foreign missions.

## HC Facilities Users and their Monthly Schedules:

### Clayton Valley Women:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9a-Noon, Hall

### Clayton Valley Women Craft:

Thursday 9:30a-1p, Hall

### Boy Scout:

Monday 7p-9p, Hall (1<sup>st</sup> of month) and Library.

### Clayton Valley Little League:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7-9p, Hall

### Upward Bound Tutoring:

Tuesday and Thursday 4-6p, Ed Bldg Room 2C

### TORCH (Choir Group):

Wednesday noon – 2p, 1st floor outside rooms

## Dump Cake Recipe

### Ingredients

- #2 can crushed pineapple
- #2 can cherry pie-mix or apple pie slices
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (any nuts)
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cube Oleo, melted

Pre-heat oven to 350 degree F.  
Using a baking pan, size 13" x 9" put ingredients in layers as follow:

1. dump in cans of pineapple
2. Pour 1/2 box of cake mix
3. Layer cherry pie mix
4. Pour in the rest of cake mix
5. Spread layer of walnuts
6. Spread coconut on top of walnuts
7. Drizzle melted Oleo on top

Bake one hour in 350 degree oven. (Lay a sheet of aluminum over cake for the first 40 minutes so coconut does not get too crispy.)  
Courtesy of Wilma Burch

## NOTICE to ALL Ladies!

**Saturday, March 20th, 2010 LWML ZONE 7 SPRING RALLY at Benicia Lutheran Church**, theme: *"Our Hearts to Christ, Our Hands to others"*  
Invite a friend and meet us at 8:15 A.M. in the Holy Cross back parking lot, we will car pool to Benicia. Please **sign up** on the sheet next to the office door; on the WoHC Bulletin Board.

A donation of \$5 (includes a continental breakfast & lunch), beginning @ 9:00 A.M. with registration & concluding with lunch @ noon.

Special Presentation about the **Christian Help Center**, it is considered the last safety net for the homeless.

**INGATHERING:** Since "The Christian Help Center" does not have a commercial dish washer, they have requested disposable **Heavy Duty paper or plastic plates, cups, eating utensils & napkins**. Anyone can donate to this cause, we will have a box in the parish Hall to deposit your donations and we'll take them to the Rally on Saturday, March 20. Thank you.

## Attention:

### Sunday School Kids

On the fourth Sunday of every month, we will have Sunday School opening in the sanctuary at 10:30 AM.



# MARCH 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30a Bridge 12:30p Wm Bible Study 6:30p WoHC Brd Mtg (C) 7p Boy Scout (H, L)	2 4p UB Tutoring (E)	3 12p TORCH (E) 5:45p Pre-Service Supper <b>7p MW Lenten Service</b>	4 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7p Men's Group	5	6
7 Mite Box /Hat Sunday <b>9a Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30a Confirmation	8 12:30p Wm Bible Study 6:30p WoHC General Mtg 7p Boy Scout (L)	9 9:30a CVWC (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E) 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir	10 12p TORCH (E) 1p Senior Brd (L) 5:45p Pre-Service Supper (Youth) <b>7p MW Lenten Service</b>	11 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E)	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <b>9a Worship</b> 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30a Confirmation 11:30a HS Youth 12:30p MS Youth	15 9:30a Bridge 12:30p Wm Bible Study 6:30p Church Council 7p Boy Scout (L)	16 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7:15p Choir	17 12p TORCH (E) 12:30p Seniors Outing "Avatar" 5:45p Pre-Service Supper <b>7p MW Lenten Service</b>	18 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7p CVLL 7p Men's Group	19	20
21 <b>9a Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30a Confirmation	22 12:30p Wm Bible Study 7p Boy Scout (L)	23 10a CVWC (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7:15p Choir	24 12p TORCH (E) 5:45p Pre-Service Supper <b>7p MW Lenten Service</b>	25 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E)	26	27
28 <b>9a Worship</b> 10:30a Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30a OUTREACH 11:30a Confirmation 11:30a HS Youth 12:30p MS Youth	29 12:30p Wm Bible Study 7p Boy Scout (L)	30 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7:15p Choir	31 12p TORCH (E)	1 9:30a Craft (H) 4p UB Tutoring (E) 7p Men's Group <b>7p Maundy Thursday Service</b>	2 <b>12p Good Friday Service</b> <b>7p Tenebrae Service</b>	3

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



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Grace Gin

**Office Hour:** Mon - Thu  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

DCE Intern Office Hours:  
M, W 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
F 8:30AM - 12:30PM

### **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, *Conference Room*

*1st and 3rd Thursdays*

7:00PM Men's Group

**Choir Rehearsal** Tuesday, 7:15PM, (No rehearsal March 2)

**Outreach** Fourth Sunday at 11:30 AM

### **Publication Deadlines:**

Weekly Bulletin Announcements - Noon, Tuesday  
April Cross Currents: March 22