



Cross Currents

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Mother's Day By Pastor Mundinger

Even though the celebration of Mother's Day is a relatively recent addition to our calendars (compared to Easter or Christmas), Scripture has been celebrating the wonderful gift of motherhood even from the very beginning starting with Genesis. There are many faithful biblical mothers that should be recognized this Mother's Day, but I can't think of a better example for us than Timothy's mother, Eunice.

Not much is known about Eunice except from what the apostle Paul writes in his second letter to Timothy. He has nothing but shining words for Eunice. ***"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*** 2 Timothy 1:5-7

When we think of the vocation of motherhood and all that it entails we tend to think of the physical care which mothers offer for their children; feeding them, changing their diapers, cleaning up after them, and showing nothing but unconditional love. These are all wonderful things but we tend to forget about the greatest gift that a mother has to offer, to be able to fan to

flame the gift of faith in their children's hearts. This was certainly the case for Timothy, who grandmother and mother passed down this faith which burns in Timothy's heart. This is the spiritual care which mothers have been entrusted by God to fulfill with their children, to pass down the good news of Jesus Christ and teach them to walk in ways of our Lord!

I thank the Lord every single day that I had a mother like Eunice, who read to me the Scriptures at an early age and continued to pray for me even after I grew up and moved away. It is only looking back that I realize what a blessing this really was.

If your mother is still with you, give her a call and tell her how thankful you are for the love that she has shown you. Thank her for all the care she has given you, including passing down the faith through the Gospel of Christ. If your mother has been called by the Lord, offer up praises and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for her faithful witness to you as she helped you grow and mature in the faith much like Eunice did for Timothy.

God's richest blessings,
Pastor Mundinger

***"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it."*** Proverbs 22:6



May On-Line Activities

(Virtual) Bible Study Continues! Thursdays, 7pm, via Zoom (mark your calendar)

We continue our discussion on the Augsburg Confession, found in the Book of Concord. This is a great study of what makes us Lutherans. You will learn something regardless of how long you have been Lutheran. It is also a very interactive, informal study, with serious discussions AND humor. Everyone is welcome!

The Zoom link remains the same for each study.

I will send a reminder with the link to join the zoom meeting via email, or you can check a previous email for details.



**PLEASE READ
IMPORTANT
NEWS**

Pastor's Sunday Devotional Videos

Starting Sunday, 5/3, Pastor Mundinger will post his Devotional video on YouTube, with it going "LIVE" at 9:30am. Think of it as coming to church & worship starts at 9:30am. However, a bonus these days, if you are late, you can watch anytime. I will send a link to the video before 9:30am. If you try to view it early, it will show "private".

1 Year Ago, 4/30/2019

Holy Cross members -

Do you remember what many of us were doing a year ago? We were having a Call Watch Party! Here is a picture we took when we learned that we were assigned a pastor (Andrew Mundinger)! That was a wonderful moment for us! And so much has happened since then! God is good!

Going down memory lane, below is the announcement about this great event. The prayers are a little different now, however still important!

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

Dear Holy Cross Church Family,

Yesterday afternoon members of our Holy Cross church family gathered to watch the live streaming of the Ft. Wayne Seminary worship service and call placement announcements. With thankful hearts we are pleased to share with you the Holy Spirit has called Andrew Mundinger to serve as our new pastor at Holy Cross.

In Philippians 4:4-7 Paul tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Together we have prayed...and the Lord has answered our prayers. Thanks be to God!

But we are also called. Called to be steadfast in our prayer as we welcome Andrew Mundinger as our new pastor, and bid farewell to Pastor Chu as our pastoral leader here at Holy Cross:

- Pray for Pastor Chu and family as he transitions to retirement.
- Pray for Andrew Mundinger as he begins his ministry at Holy Cross.
- Pray for each other as we welcome a new shepherd.
- Pray for yourselves...how can you use your God given gifts to build up the body of Christ, encouraging one another and assisting our new pastor.

Give thanks in all things to the Lord, for he is good!

Your Holy Cross Vision and Call Committee





5/2 Janet
 5/7 Brycen
 5/8 Cherylene
 5/13 Pastor Munding
 5/17 Nick
 5/21 Joyce
 Amy
 5/24 Finnley
 5/26 Josh



5/19 Jack & Pat
 5/22 Howard & Judy
 5/26 Eric & Chris
 5/30 Mike & Amy

HOLY CROSS VIRTUAL WORK PARTY

from Facility & Maintenance Committee

After seven weeks of sheltering in place are you feeling cooped up?

Here are some ideas for tasks and projects at church that can get you out with some exercise, and can really help out with some needs around our church and campus.

And it's a virtual work party because you can pick times convenient for you while maintaining social distancing (no chainsaws in the middle of the night...)

- Prune low hanging branches all over our campus: in the courtyard, in the parking lot and outside our perimeter fence...your choice.
- Prune the tree in the courtyard that is overhanging the Ed Building and AC unit.
- Weeding, weeding, weeding: anywhere needed, using tools of your choice.
- Super Duper weed eating/mowing with Luker's lean mean weed eatin' machine.
- Sprinkler testing and troubleshooting (tag-team with Allen).
- Plant trees in one to three of the parking lot planters (crepe myrtles?)
- Troubleshoot and fix the water fountain leak in sanctuary (this involves some plumbing expertise).
- Fence repair on the perimeter fence (adding gang posts to support rotted posts).
- Rake and remove debris on edges of the parking lot (carob pods, etc.).
- Repairs to fence behind Parish Hall.
- Swap monument sign lights for LED.
- Add fence section and gate between portable and Parish Hall
- Rake and level backfilled trench.



If you're able to complete a task, please let Mike or Joyce know so we can update the list. Thank you!



Rejoice, our Mighty Mites have paid all the 2018-2020 grants!!

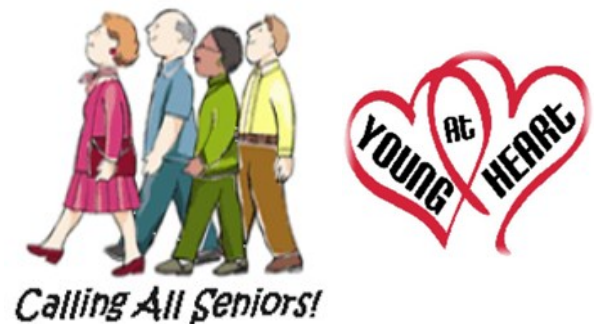
- ♦ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless His name. Psalm 100:4
- ♦ Being enriched in very thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor 9:11
- ♦ Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. Psalm 95:2

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom His world rejoices.

--Catherine Winkworth

Thank you dear LWML Ladies

Easter tidings, *Miss Penny* (VP Gospel Outreach)



Do you remember our
Nifty Fifty Senior group???
Here is a picture from their
last lunch at D J Bistro
on Thursday, March 12.

We all will lunch again!

The Effect of Covid-19 Shelter in Place (SIP) on Me by Grace

Coronavirus SIP doesn't affect me very much since I'm retired and doesn't mind staying at home. What bother me most are: 1) not being able to visit with my family, especially grandchildren and parents. Even though I see them often on FaceTime, it is not the same as in person. 2) not being allowed to grocery shopping per my kids' order. Every other week or so, they will call and take my orders and have them delivered to me, whatever I get, I get and whatever I don't, I don't. 3) watching news and seeing the rising daily death tolls and not knowing when life will resume normalcy.

On the other hand with so much time alone sheltering in place, I have to come up with different projects to amuse myself. My first project was to make face masks for anyone who needs them. I made about forty so far. Thanks to Joyce, Cherylene and Pat K. for providing extra fabrics when mine's ran low. Do you recognize everyone in these photos donning their masks?



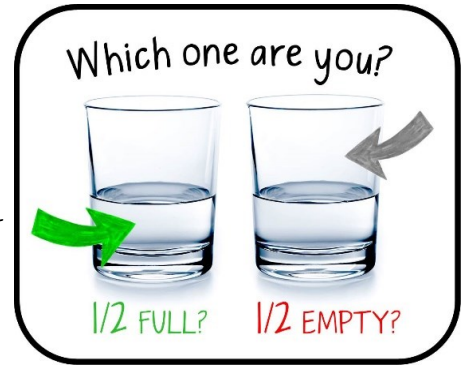
SIP provides me lots of opportunity in my garden to smell the flowers and enjoy God's gorgeous creations. I make flower arrangements and take photos of them. I post them on FaceBook, hopefully they will lift one's spirit a little. I just put in a small vegetable garden and waiting anxiously to harvest my spring mix for fresh salads! Since I haven't gone out to eat, I make simple healthy meals to eat. I'm thankful for modern technology for enabling us to view Pastor's devotional videos on YouTube and Bible study via Zoom and for audio books which make housework tolerable.



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1

Which cup do you claim? Submitted by Cherylene

Wow! When things are going well, we are half full and on our way up. When life takes a turn for the worse, it is easy to slide down the empty side. Which cup do we claim during this time of isolation and fear? Pastor encourages us to use some of our empty time to increase our time with God. . . read our Bible, do **daily** devotions, and PRAY. Any of these exercises will help us keep our cups on the **full** side. Put them all together and our cups can overflow. That means more for sharing! ❤️



For most of my adult life I have found great solace in Psalm 121 ESV. Moving to Concord 41 years ago and having a daily view of Mt. Diablo seemed to always remind me of this Psalm.

My Help Comes from The Lord

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **2** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **4** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **8** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

But we still have this "Shelter-in-Place" to deal with! Why is my cup sometimes half full and yet other times half empty? I have used some of my free time to work on family pictures. I found a few things that might help put things in perspective:



How many of you remember this? My mom never had an electric washing machine. I took over the family laundry from her on a machine just like this. It took me all day to do the laundry! I am so **thankful** that I can now do the laundry any time I feel moved to do it (or an empty sock drawer mandates). *Free Time!*



And what about this? I used to make my clothes. A new dress took several days to purchase fabric and notions, cut, sew, fit and finish. A trip to the mall only takes an afternoon now. More choices, and *Free Time! Thankful!*

Now I don't think that Allen ever drove a tractor like this, but I think that the farmers of today with their fancy rigs fitted with air conditioned cabs and GPS are **thankful** for the *Free Time* that technology has brought to their lives!



The point is our help does come from the Lord. Improvements in technology have given us free time and less toil, but it is the way we use that time that keeps our cup half full or half empty. Let us give thanks unto the Lord from whom all blessings come. Share your free time with others, pray for them and with them. Share God with them.

Does your cup overflow? ❤️

How has COVID affected my life. by Andrea

- ♦ Work? Working 100% at home, which is going fine, but I'm probably driving John nuts.
- ♦ How are you making the best of the situation? Trying not to fret/worry about things that I can't control.
- ♦ Do you have a special bible verse that is bringing you comfort? Yes - this is one I've turned to many times over the years during difficult times. Philippians 4:11 "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." Paul most likely wrote this while in prison, so I figure I am always better off than he was.
- ♦ Any TV shows, movies, or books you recommend? Not really - nothing too deep or depressing
- Share some humor with us! Remember the "freshman 20"? we were expected to gain 20 lbs our freshman year in college. Well we might have the COVID-19 at our house since we are baking more and eating alot of comfort food!
- Have you learned anything new about yourself (that you're willing to share)? This experience has allowed us to reflect and appreciate the blessings in our life, and focus on what is most important.

REFLECTIONS ON THE VIRUS Submitted by Jean

- ⇒ Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- ⇒ I used to spin the toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- ⇒ I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- ⇒ Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ---- The living room, kitchen or bedroom.
- ⇒ Every few days try on your jeans just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- ⇒ Home schooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and the teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- ⇒ I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clock we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight zone.
- ⇒ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. When I told my dog, we laughed a lot.
- ⇒ Quarantine day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I don't know how this place stays in business.
- ⇒ My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- ⇒ Day 5 of Homeschooling – one of these monsters called in a bomb threat.
- ⇒ I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

RECALL NOTICE FROM GOD Submitted by Luker

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required..

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

- Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.
- Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

W A R N I N G: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

– GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'.

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. Submitted by Jaan

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The morning's sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

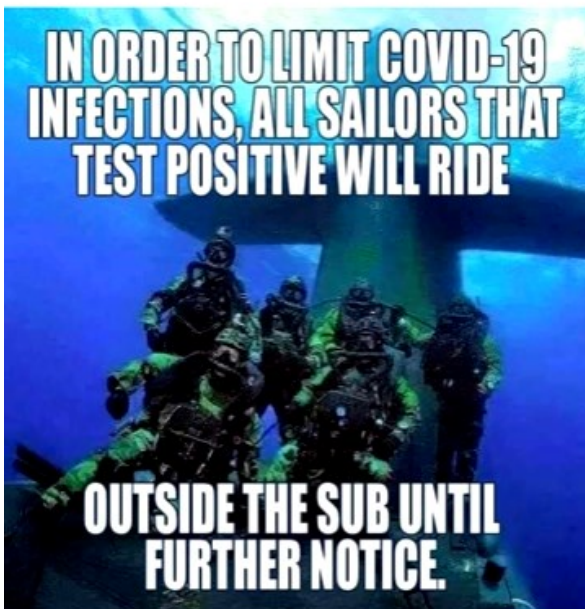
And this one just about sums them all up The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

AT&T 11:22 AM 94%
Yesterday at 5:03 PM



U.S. Veterans' Network

Monday at 5:10 PM



🤔 You and 177 others

😂 Haha

💬 Comment



And here's 2 videos:

From Gregg : Fun how to video on making virus masks. DIY Face Mask Tutorial With Kay:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4c5eo_3-y0

From Dee : 2 minute inspirational video, God Whispers. Sit back and enjoy.

http://www.youtube.com/embed/zf_0jzPQ8lo?rel=0



Submitted by Luker

(who would have guessed?)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 May Day	 2 Scrapbooking Day
 3 Garden Meditaion Day	 4 Respect for Chickens Day	 5 Cinco de Mayo	 6 Tourist Appreciation Day	 7 Roast Leg of Lamb Day	 8 No Socks Day	 9 Windmill Day
 10 Mother's Day	 11 Eat What you Want	 12 Nutty Fudge Day	 13 Apple Pie Day	 14 Chicken Dance Day	 15 Nylon Stockings Day	 16 Pizza Party Day
 17 Pack Rat Day	 18 Museum Day	 19 Devils Food Day	 20 Pick Strawberries Day	 21 Waiters and Waitress Day	 22 Goth Day	 23 Taffy Day
 24 Escargot Day	 25 MEMORIAL DAY	 26 Blueberry Cheesecake Day	 27 Cellophane Tape Day	 28 Hamburger Day	 29 Learn about Compost- ing Day	 30 Mint Julep Day
 31 Macaroon Day	<h1>DailyHolidayBlog.com</h1>					

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm
(closed now due to Shelter in Place)

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30AM
Adult Bible Study	11AM
Youth Bible Study	11AM
Sunday School	11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies)	10AM Conference Room
Wednesday	7PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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*****Above on hold until SIP is lifted*****

See Page 2 for details of our on-line activities.

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