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Youth Bake Sale Recap

by
Sandy

Holy Cross youth recently hosted our 7th annual bake sale fundraiser on December 1st. This year we applied to Thrivent Financial and received approval to be recognized as a "Thrivent Action Team", which is a group



working on a project to make a positive impact in the community. We are grateful to Thrivent for providing "seed money" for our project which allowed us to purchase a wonderful selection of packaging supplies and baking ingredients that kept us busy in the kitchen for 19 hours the day before the bake sale! We are also appreciative of those in the congregation who assisted by baking items to contribute.



Through the generosity of Holy Cross friends and family, we raised nearly \$1200! What a blessing! A portion of the funds will be donated to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California in support of their "MiCasa Program," which is described on their website as follows:



"MiCasa is a transitional housing program for homeless, former foster care youth. The program provides supportive services and housing for ten youth, and housing for up to 24 months. Youth are provided with assistance in completing their high school diploma or GED, and enrolling in college courses. They are provided with employment skills training and mental health services. This unique program helps youth acquire the life skills they need to become self-sufficient, and to grow and thrive into their adulthood."

The remaining funds will be divided among three LCMS missionary families.

We wish to support the Lawson family, as they serve in Russia. You may remember Rev. Jerry Lawson and his daughter Cosette's visit to Holy Cross. We find their travels to be interesting, and love that Rev. Lawson is teaching Lutheran theology in Russia!

In addition, we appreciate the work of Carl & Karen Cecil in Germany, who are involved with support of Middle Eastern refugees seeking the love of Jesus. Outreach activities are designed to encourage networking and support in the midst of hardship and persecution. The Cecil's also work with the local pastor to help with Biblical instruction.

Also, we recognize the efforts of the Hanson family. Rev. Carl, his wife Chenhsi, and three daughters are currently in Hong Kong. Rev. Carl serves as a

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professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, and helps support the LCMS mission team in the Asia region. Chenhsi teaches Sunday School and leads a Christian club for elementary school children.

We pray that the contributions given by Holy Cross will be a blessing both physically and spiritually to those who receive them. Thank you to everyone for baking, donating, praying, and supporting our efforts!



Please see page 6 for more pictures from the youth bake sale!

Coming Soon!
Keep an eye out for Pastor Mundinger's New Years Message!



1/7	Brittany O.	1/24	Addison O.
1/15	Josh C.	1/26	Grace G.
1/16	Christl R.	1/27	Britney L.
1/17	Ricky L.	1/28	Marc A.
1/22	Pat K.	1/29	Samantha L.
1/24	Bill R.	1/31	Bob O.

Happy 95th Birthday Marv!



happy anniversary

1/10 Peter & Liz A.

Spicy Sausage Kale Bean Soup

- * 1# hot Italian sausage
- * 1/2 medium onion chopped
- * 3 cloves garlic
- * 1-32oz can chicken broth
- * 2 cup cream
- * 1-14oz can cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
- * 1 sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- * 1 potato, peeled and cubed
- * 1 bunch Kale, chopped
- * 1/2 cup orzo

Brown sausage and drain (make sure sausage is finely chopped). Add onion and garlic. Add broth, kale, and potatoes and cook 20 minutes. Add cream, beans, and kale and cook 20 minutes until kale is softened.

Enjoy,
Melarie

CHOIR REHEARSALS will

resume in January on

Tuesdays January 14th and

21st at 7:15 pm.

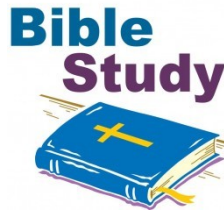
(No rehearsal January 7th

or January 28th).

Upcoming Fellowship Activities

January Sunday School & Bible Study Schedules

- ♦ Sunday Bible Class 11AM: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
- ♦ Sunday School 11AM: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
- ♦ Monday Ladies Bible Study 10AM
- ♦ Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM



*Please join us
Saturday, 1/4/20,
at 9:00AM to
take down the
Christmas decorations.*



ATTENTION MEN!

Thursday, 1/16, 8:30am

Holy Cross Men's
Kaffeeklatsch, Mel's
Diner



Nifty Fifty

By
Mary

We plan on two activities for the month of January. The first is to Koon Thai Kitchen at 4743 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521 on Thursday, January 9th, at our usual time 1:00. I have never eaten there but Christi highly recommended it so we all agreed to try it... Here are some of their online reviews:

"Came for lunch and was seated immediately. The crispy cheese wontons are some of the best I've had. They don't feel greasy and are light and airy. They also came with a good dipping sauce. The Thai Tea was good, as was the Pad Thai with chicken. The tea and Pad Thai tasted similar to other Thai food places, nothing really stood out."

"This place was amazing the Beef Pad Thai was full of flavor really really good. I can't believe how much flavor was in this dish and how everything works together. I couldn't stop eating a lot of food, good prices great service and a good vibe."

I'm ready to give it a try. Sign up in the Social Hall so we know how many to plan on.



The second outing is to the Greenery Restaurant located at 1551 Marchbank Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 on Thursday, January 23rd, at 1:00. The restaurant is the former Club House for the Diablo Hills 9 hole golf course. They have completely remodeled it and it is now more of a sports bar.

The Sirs that I belong to play golf there every Wednesday and most stay for lunch. One review states, "LOVE Love Love the Greenery from hostess to waiters, waitresses, cooks, kitchen staff to the Owners. THEY ARE INCREDIBLE !!! ALWAYS TAKES CARE OF ME AND MY FAMILY". Needless to say they gave the restaurant a 5 Star rating. The setting overlooking the swimming pool at Heathers Farm is excellent....Great outing to invite a guest or neighbor. Again, sign up in the Social Hall.



Blessings in 2019 and Excitement for the New Year

Dear Holy Cross Family,

What a blessed and momentous year we are just finishing; a new era for Holy Cross with the retirement of Pastor Chu from his ministry here and the blessing of receiving Pastor Mundinger as our new pastoral leader. We were beneficiaries of Pastor Chu's gracious and continued services and support as our Vision Committee, then Call Committee, worked to assess our ministry and member needs, prepare for our transition and navigate the seminary call process.

With Pastor Mundinger settling in and our start of a new year, both church and calendar, your Call Committee has transitioned back to focusing on our vision and work at Holy Cross; how we serve God, each other, and our community. The Committee continues to meet nearly every week on Sunday morning, and you are welcome to join us as we meet and also in planning and serving here at Holy Cross. While God has given us countless opportunities to further His mission in our community and beyond, we need your special gifts and ideas and support as we take steps in the growth of God's mission here at Holy Cross.

Two opportunities we would like to share, one immediate and one soon: participating in our prayer group and participating in our upcoming church family rally. Our prayer group is each Tuesday at 11:00, both in person and virtually for those persons who cannot join in person. You are welcome to use our prayer list as a guide, and also pray about other needs, desires and blessings received for yourself and others.

Watch for information about our rally that is coming early in the new year. It is an opportunity for fellowship, worship, education, and recharging our mission batteries.

As we start the new year we are so very grateful for the gifts we have received, the family we have, and the future God has planned for us.

Happy New Year from your Vision Committee

New Years Resolutions

At New Years it is traditional that people make resolutions about positive changes in their lives; possibly more healthy eating, more exercise, or revitalizing relationships. As Christians, this is a great time to make our own resolutions to feed our spiritual growth and exercise our witness muscles. Here are ten ideas for resolutions from your Vision Committee. We are sure you have some of your own you can add.

1. Participate in more worship opportunities, whether weekly services or special festival services.
2. Join a Bible study, and share your ideas for new Bible studies.
3. Participate in the weekly prayer group, in person or virtually.
4. Check on a church family member or neighbor who may be in need.
5. Use Portals Of Prayer for a daily personal or family devotion.
6. Participate in fellowship activities with your church family and guests.
7. Share your time and talents with your church family.
8. Assist in your community and with those in need.
9. Reach out to relatives, local or distant.
10. All of the above.

Blessings to you for the New Year!

December 2019 Happenings

Youth Bake Sale Continued

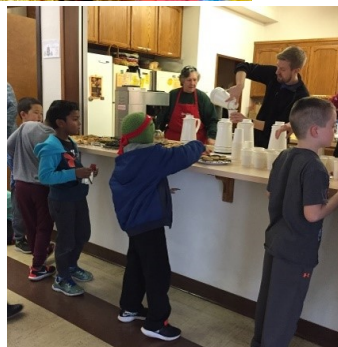


LSS Christmas

What a joy it has been to once again sponsor Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Annual Christmas Giving. We were given 50 names and all were given a gift of their choice. Then on Saturday, December 7th, several of us gathered in the Parish Hall to wrap. Lutheran Social Services sent two representatives to assist. Once the wrapping was completed, LSS packed up the gifts and took them back to their office to distribute. Holy Cross members truly are very generous! Thanks to everyone who participated in this yearly event.



Nifty Fifty Seniors Christmas Luncheon



January 2020– WoHC Happenings by Joyce Liebe, President

- ◇ We enjoyed our annual WoHC Christmas Dinner at La Veranda, Clayton, on Monday, 12/9. The food & fellowship were outstanding! Our white elephant gift exchange was quite lively, and as tradition, we ended with singing Christmas carols. Below are a few pictures (& on next page).
- ◇ We also wrapped all of our LSS Christmas Gifts on Sat., 12/7. There were only a few elves helping this year, however we got them all wrapped! See note & thank you on Page 6.

Here's a recap of our upcoming events. Please join us.

- ◇ 1/16 (Thurs.) Ladies Game Night, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
- ◇ 2/9 (Sun.) Bites for Mites Bake Sale after church
- ◇ 2/26 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday Dinner, 5:45pm, Parish Hall



Women's Fellowship





January 2020

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

YVCS School Hours: 8:30am-3pm YVCS Parish Hall use during week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir: Mon. & Wed. 12-3pm Spanish: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3pm Band: Mon. & Wed. 3:30-5pm Chapel: Friday 8:30-9:15am (family & friends welcome) 			1 OFC CLOSED 	2	3	4 9a Altar Guild Christmas Decoration Clean Up
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cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg., PH=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Sundays
Adult Bible Study	11:00 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies)	10:00 AM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00 PM Parish Hall

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