



## We Believe....

An explanation of the Nicene Creed By Pastor Mundinger

***For us men and for our salvation came down from heaven***

The next section deals with the salvation of mankind, the very reason Christ came in the flesh in his incarnation. The church has always said that to be a Christian one must believe in the incarnation, the virgin birth, the death of Christ, his resurrection, his ascension, and his final coming on the last day. These things that are listed out in the creed are not optional, we must believe them, for this is God's own salvific plan for us sinners.

***"...and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end."***

The first truth that we confess is the virgin birth. There are many churches out there that allow their members to believe or flat out teach that the virgin birth did not happen. Scientifically speaking it is impossible for such an event to occur without divine intervention. Logically, (at least according to human standards) it makes more sense that Jesus was born just like everyone else in the world. But as Paul rightfully says, ***"Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise."*** While the world may think believing in the virgin birth is foolish, so be it. Let them call us fools, for in our "foolishness" we are truly wise because the Holy Spirit has revealed to us the truths of scripture.



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First off, It is necessary to believe that the virgin birth is a real event because this is what Scripture tells us happened. This is what God has revealed to us in his Holy Word and that is enough for us. To say otherwise makes God a liar. Second, Jesus had to be born of our flesh in order to redeem our flesh. The author of Hebrews speaks of this matter when he writes, ***“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”***

In order to be born of our flesh he had to be born of women, as we all are. To be fully human he had to be born like the rest of humanity so that he could redeem all of humanity. But unlike us, who are born in sin, Jesus has no sin in Him. This is because he is born differently than us in respect to His father. He had no earthly father (biological father) thus the spread of sin to father and child did not occur as it did for all of us. This is essential if Jesus is to be the perfect spotless sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He needs to be born of the virgin Mary; this is God’s plan for us. In order to be the redeemer of the world he needs to come in the flesh, but sinless flesh. If the virgin birth did not occur, then Jesus' sacrifice and death is useless and inefficient for how can a sinful being make propitiations for the sins of the world. Jesus had to be born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit so that no sin would touch his flesh.

And lastly, this is what the church has taught since the very beginning. Scripture clearly speaks of the virgin birth, there is no dispute here. Some claim that the virgin birth was a later invention by the church, that they adopted other cultures' mythology centuries after the fact. So what did the early church believe when it came to virgin birth? They believed it, end of story. Here are a few church fathers who clearly show that the church believed in the virgin birth early on.

“He was truly born of a virgin” Ignatius of Antioch 35-117 A.D.

“Christ Jesus, the Son of God, because of His surpassing love towards his creation, humbled himself to be born of the virgin. Thereby, He united man through Himself to God.” Irenaeus 115-202AD

“Jesus, whom of the lightning flash of Divinity the virgin bore.” Clement of Alexandria 150-215AD

What a joy it is for us to confess, along with the whole Christian church, the virgin birth of our Lord and all that it means for us sinners! Jesus shares our flesh because he was born of woman but remains spotless and perfect because his Father is God. Let us thank our Father for sending His Son in such a way that defies human expectation and by doing so His son redeems our flesh and takes away the sin of the world!



Clara	11/1	Dwight & Claudia	11/9
Joe	11/4	Gerhard Neumann & Shinta	11/20
Judy	11/8		
Liz	11/10		
Andrea	11/10		

The Holiday Hutch Boutique is back in our Parish Hall! Details:

Holiday Hutch Boutique 2021

- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 4...Preview Night Party (yes, you are hereby invited!). 6-8 pm
- ◆ Friday, Nov. 5... 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 6... 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Our Holy Cross **Corner Cafe** will be open on Friday & Saturday! Melarie will lead the kitchen team with proceeds going 1/2 to Mites & 1/2 to our LSS Christmas families. She will have her delicious fresh baked cinnamon rolls, homemade chicken soup & chili, and MORE! Plus we will have the Coyne's tasty brownies & Joyce's biscotti.

Here's how can YOU help:

- ◆ Stop by for snack(s) or meal(s)
- ◆ Check out the Holiday Hutch handmade treasures
- ◆ Invite your family & friends

We will try something new this year—a Thanksgiving Eve worship service.  
Plan to join us as we give thanks to the Lord.



We will coordinate rides for those that want them.



# November Bible Studies

The Zoom links for each are the same each week  
& are in the Friday Announcements. Email.

**Adult Sunday School, 11am, Parish Hall & Zoom**

**Monday Women's Bible Study, 10am, Zoom**

**Pastor's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7pm, Zoom (starts 11/17)**

## Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Join us  
on Zoom,  
Monday's  
at 9am

The Women of Holy Cross continue to meet every  
**Monday, 9-9:45am, (on Zoom) for**  
**Coffee & Conversation.**

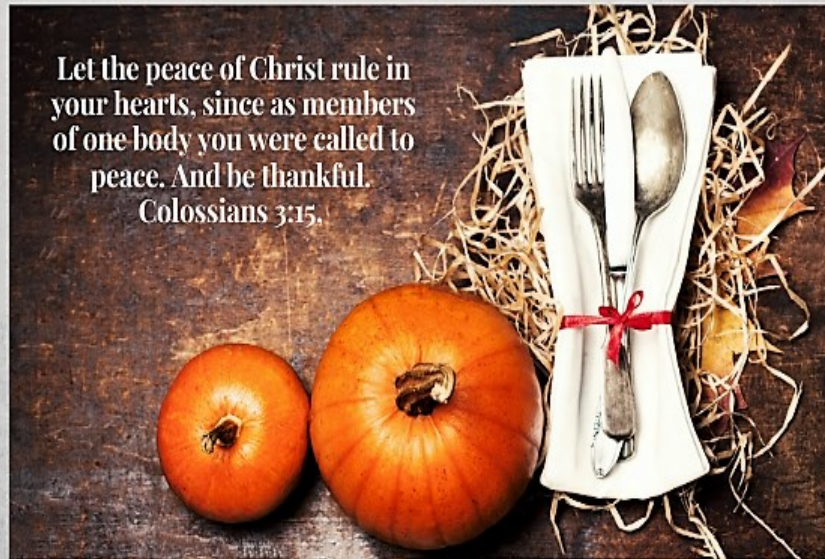
**JOIN US ANY MONDAY AT 9AM!**

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## Holy Cross Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 14, 11:45am  
In the Parish Hall

*Join us for our annual, traditional  
Thanksgiving meal.*



Let the peace of Christ rule in  
your hearts, since as members  
of one body you were called to  
peace. And be thankful.  
Colossians 3:15.

**Please sign up so we have a seat (& food) for you .**

\$15 suggested donation,  
with proceeds going to the Holy Cross Kitchen fund.

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Food Drive  
for Hunger



## Second Annual Food Drive

. . . . In partnership with . . .

Last year we filled  
over **four** barrels  
with food for the  
hungry.



**FOOD  
BANK**  
of Contra Costa & Solano

Let's try for **six** . . . or **eight** barrels this year!

### Food Drive Shopping List

- ☐ Natural Peanut Butter
- ☐ Whole Grain Cereals
- ☐ Hearty Low Sodium Soups
- ☐ Beans and Lentils (dry or canned)
- ☐ Canned Tuna and Chicken in Water
- ☐ Canned Fruit in Juice
- ☐ Nonperishable Low Sodium Ready-to-Eat Meals (chili, ravioli, etc.)
- ☐ Low Sodium canned Vegetables
- ☐ Brown Rice
- ☐ Whole Wheat/Grain Pasta
- ☐ Canned Tomato Products

**NO GLASS CONTAINERS**



This year we  
are trying to fill  
the Food Bank's  
"Most Wanted  
List", so - here is a handy  
shopping list for you.  
Remember, **NO GLASS**  
containers accepted!

**Food drive runs from  
Halloween thru  
Thanksgiving**  
(10/31-11/25/2021)



## Food for thought . . . How is a Christian like a pumpkin?

A lady had recently been baptized. One of her friends asked her what it was like to be a Christian. She was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer; but when she looked up, saw a jack-o-lantern in front of her, and answered: "It's like being a pumpkin!"

Her friend asked her to explain that one!

"Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. Then he cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to shine for all to see. So, you can either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Can you ever look at a pumpkin the same way again??

Author unknown. Submitted by Cherylene Brueckner 2021



## WoHC (Women of Holy Cross)

### A note from Melarie Seidel:

The WoHC once again are leading the Christmas gift giving outreach. As we have done in the past, we will work with Lutheran Social Services (LSS). We have about 7 kids & 43 adults.



**Lutheran  
Social Services**  
OF NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA



The Christmas tree, with the tags & envelopes (for those that prefer to give money than to shop) will be up on Sunday, 11/7. Please sign the list so that I know that the gift has a donor.

The LSS Angel Tree Holiday Gift Drive offers the opportunity to create a happy, joyful holiday season for children, families and former foster youth in our supportive housing programs.

All gifts must be returned by Sunday, 11/28. DO NOT wrap the gifts as we will have a gift wrap session on Saturday, 12/4.

NOTE: there is a change this year; all adults were given a choice of a fleece jacket or a blanket & the children in the household wished for a gift of their choice.

**SHARING  
BRINGS JOY**  
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# WoHC

## (Women of Holy Cross)

*Serve the Lord with gladness.*

Psalms 100:2

"Kingdom people produce KINGDOM FRUIT" was the theme of our *LWML Sunday* this October. "The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits." (Matthew 21:43) After church we shared fellowship, cake, and Mission Grants, both National LWML and California – Hawaii – Nevada LWML. We also shared information posters for the LWML CNH Mission Grants that remain to be funded. Thank you for your generous Mite giving the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month.

At convention, every two years we select mission grants for the new biennium. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on funding our CNH Mission Grants for 2020-2021. Of those twenty-two grants totaling \$124,000, we have just this month funded #10. That adds up to \$63,925 in grants funded over 19 months. The remaining 12 Mission Grants total \$60,075, and we have 5 months remaining! We can use your help!

For every Mite \$1 give, 50 cents fund our CNH Mission Grants, 25 cents fund the LWML CNH General Fund (providing conventions, workshops, retreats, and scholarships, and overhead expenses), and 25 cents fund National LWML Mission Grants (28 Mission Grants totaling \$2,150,000 selected at the June 2021 convention in Lexington Kentucky).

Visit the LWML CNH website [www.lwmlcnh.org](http://www.lwmlcnh.org)

for more information about the LWML CNH 2020-2022 Mission Grants. There is a poster for each grant with pictures and descriptions.

Visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for a listing and funding information of the National LWML 2021-2023 Mission Grants.

## Mighty Mites!

### LWML CNH MISSION GRANTS 2020 - 2022

Sewing Machines for Kenyan Deaconesses - **\$8,800**

Loving Retreat for the Lord's Disabled - **\$ 7,075**

Bringing Children to Jesus Christ with Noah's Ark - **\$6,340**

Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-Op - **\$2,500**

Hmong New Year Celebration Outreach - **\$6,710**

Establishment of Deaf Outreach Training - **\$7,000**

Seminary Training for Local Church Planters/Pastor - **\$10,000**

Nursing Student Mercy Medical Team Scholarships - **\$3,000**

Leadership Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty - **\$5,000**

Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prisons - **\$7,500**

Faith Connections for People with Disabilities - **\$5,000**

Food Pantry of Bethlehem - **\$3,000**

Support for Lutheran Family Services, Jacmel Lutheran Home for the Elderly - Haiti - **\$5,000**

Wheels on the Bus - **\$10,000**

Wheels for the Gospel - **\$10,000**

Mary Martha LWML CNH Pastoral Care - **\$2,500**

Lutheran Lambs Pres-School Curriculum - **\$3,500**

California to Kenya - **\$3,000**

Food Pantry - **\$1,075**

Lutheran Books for Eritrean - **\$7,000**

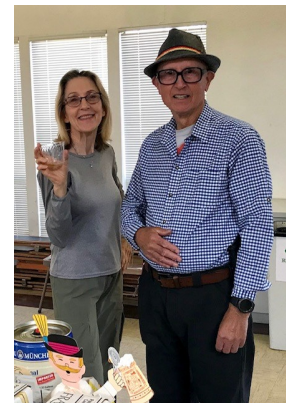
Social Ministries Outreach Expansion - **\$5,000**

Gospel Outreach in Malaysia - Bible Radio Project - **\$5,000**

**Total Mission Grants for 2020-2022 Biennium:**  
**\$128,000**

**For the current biennium, April 2020—October 2021,  
Holy Cross has donated \$3,141 to Mites. Praise God!**





**The profits from the dinner were \$119 , which went in the donut fund.**





# Holy Cross Oktoberfest 2021





## Oct. 24, Pastor Appreciation Day at Holy Cross



Neither heavy rain nor strong winds (or being in backed up in traffic due to an accident) will keep Pastor from preaching the Word! And that's one reason we showed a little extra appreciation today. Part of it came in the form of home-made pumpkin bread & deep dish pepperoni pizza. Since there was a few pieces of pizza left, he could have his favorite breakfast on Monday (cold pizza ).



Pastors aren't more important than the other members of our church; however, they are the human leaders of it. The pastor's job is to take care of his church, and it's the church's job to take care of their pastors. Thank you Pastor Mundinger for taking care of us! *Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.* Galatians 6:6



They shared this pix of them enjoying a CA Escape Room victory: Dinger (his nickname), Bethany, Kosy (Sarah), & Danae. Danae also shared a photo compilation from their camp days . See next page (yes Pastor, reluctantly approved) .

**LADIES—  
THANKS FOR  
INCLUDING US  
IN YOUR  
VISIT!**



Pastor's old work (Camp) acquaintances were visiting from back east & joined us for worship: Bethany, Kosy (Sarah), & Danae. They wanted me to pass this on: *It was really wonderful communing with all of you and it was an absolutely lovely trip to California. Hopefully we will be back sometime soon!*





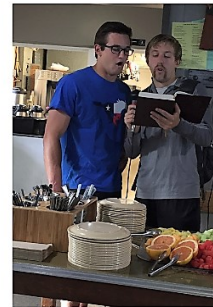
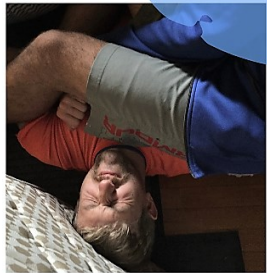
A good sense of humor will do one huge thing. It will help you not to take yourself too seriously. And that is a gift we'd like to see a lot of the Lord's children receiving.

Read full article here:

[Why Every Pastor Needs a Good Sense of Humor \(outreachmagazine.com\)](http://outreachmagazine.com)



## Andrew Munding: the camp years



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**The Cheese Curds did it on Oct. 19!!! We came in 1st place! With Pastor as our leader, John , Kaytlyn , Marlene , Mike & I (Joyce ) gathered to compete once again. Each contributed to our success. Check out the trophy:**

T&T LTE 9:27 PM  
play.geekshwhodrink.com

All teams

(12 teams)

Team	Points
The Cheese Curds	75 (1st)
Better late than pregnant	71 (2nd)
now you sashimi	71 (2nd)
Hufflepuff Puff Pass	71 (2nd)
ghouls night out	69 (5th)
Tuesday Loseday	67 (6th)
Sherlock Homies	66 (7th)
The Tabby Cats	61 (8th)
Wild Woodies	59 (9th)
Snoop the Cowardly Dogg	58 (10th)
The Goonies	57 (11th)
Quiz pro quo	57 (11th)



**TRIVIA  
TUESDAY**



**Great news on Oct. 26!!! We had some new players: Peter & Liz, Linda, Janet, Jean, plus Mike & Melarie! Since teams are to be no more than 6, we broke into 2 teams: The Cheese Curds: Pastor, the Seidels, Peter, Janet, & Mike L. A new team formed, Better Than Cheese, with Joyce reluctantly taking the lead, joined by Linda, Liz, Marlene, & Jean. Better Than Cheese was hoping for the "next to last place" prize. Let's just say both teams will be back next week to improve our scores! Lots of fun was had by all.**



AT&T LTE 9:30 PM 6%  
play.geekshwhodrink.com  
(10 teams)

Team	Points
Quizzie McGuire	81 (1st)
redrum & coke	79 (2nd)
Beware of Sorta Single Gauchos	72 (3rd)
Good With Anything	69 (4th)
Bowser's Castle	65 (5th)
Give Facebook a second chance	63 (6th)
The Cheese Curds	57 (7th)
Quiz pro quo	52 (8th)
Better than cheese	41 (9th)



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	<b>2</b> 11a Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	<b>3</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 3pm -> Holiday Hutch set up	<b>4</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 6-8pm Holiday Hutch Preview	<b>5</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 9:30am-8pm Holiday Hutch & Corner Cafe	<b>6</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 9am Vision Mtg, Zoom 9:30am-4pm Holiday Hutch & Corner Cafe
<b>7</b>  <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 9:30am Worship Service, After Voter's Meeting 11am Adult Sunday School Zoom/PH	<b>8</b> <b>OFC CLOSED</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	<b>9</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b> 11a Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	<b>10</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b>	<b>11</b> <b>PASTOR VAC</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship Service.  11:45am Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>15</b> <b>OFC CLOSED</b> 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	<b>16</b> 11a Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	<b>17</b> 7pm Pastor's Bible Study Zoom	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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YVCS School Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:45am—3:30 pm, Friday: 8:45am—2:15pm

cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg., PH=Parish Hall



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### **Sunday Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Adult Sunday School 11 AM (In person & Zoom)

Youth Bible Study 11AM

Sunday School 11AM (on hold)

### **Week Day Bible Study Schedule:**

Monday (Ladies) 10AM Zoom

Wednesday (Adult) 7PM Zoom

### **Bulletin & Cross Currents Publication Deadline:**

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

December 2021 Cross Currents: November 26, 2021