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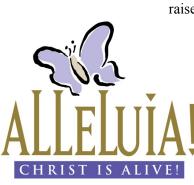
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Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!...

Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!... no matter what anyone says, "Christian" or unbeliever.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (St. Paul, 1Corinthians 15:16-19)

Paul's words in 1Corinthians give us the "so-what" of Christ's bodily resurrection. Because Christ is risen, we too shall be raised from death to life. Paul is talking about the resurrection of the body when Christ returns in glory, the time of which no one knows. However, through baptism and God-given faith in Jesus Christ as Savior through the Gospel, we've already been raised from spiritual death to spiritual life and given eternal life, which has already started but which will fully realized at Christ's second coming.

If Christ has not been raised, then our faith in Him for salvation is futile, because we would not have been raised from spiritual death to spiritual life nor would our bodies be raised on the last day. Perhaps this is why

Satan attacks the resurrection with such fervor. Shockingly, you can find pastors and theologians who claim to be "Christian" yet reject the resurrection of Christ. Almost every year, often around Easter, "new discoveries" are made that supposedly disprove or at least cast doubt specifically on Christ's resurrection and on Scripture in general, and if

Scripture as the Word of Cod is called into question, then whatever Scripture says is also

called into question,



including Christ's resurrection and His promise that He will raise us from the dead

Cicero's words regarding the greater danger of attacks on a nation from within serve as a warning to the church of the danger of attacks on Christianity with within: "A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murder is less to fear. The traitor is the plague." (Cicero Marcus Tullius, 106-43 BC)

We can expect atheists or people who claim no faith in Christ to dismiss Christ's resurrection; what poses the greater danger — and what we don't expect — is when those who claim faith in Christ do the same, because they couch their unbelief in the language or Christianity but contort the meaning of Scripture to fit their agenda and to confuse.

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The true church, consisting of all true believers — also called the "invisible church" because it transcends physical walls and denominational boundaries — will stand. Against this church, of which the Crucified and Risen Christ is Lord, the gates of hell shall not prevail. (Matthew 16:18)

However, individual churches, i.e., congregations, can fall, and many have fallen in the past and many will fall in the future. Even churches that are thriving numerically are fallen — spiritually — when they reject the teachings of Scripture, including the bodily resurrection of Christ, without which faith in Christ is useless.

St. Paul's warning in 2Timothy 4 calls Christians today to be spiritually vigilant and to stand on the Word of God: ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2Timothy 4:3-4)

Paul also offer encouragement in 2Timothy 3: ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

No amount of skepticism or unbelief will change the fact that Christ is risen, and because He is risen, we too will be raised bodily to life eternal. Hold onto God's Word and His promises of resurrection through faith in Christ and let God's Word answer the skeptics and unbelievers:

Matthew 28:5-6a ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

<u>1Corinthians 15:3-4</u> ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

John 11:25-26 ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

1Corinthians 15:51-58 ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. [‡]

Those who are in need of our prayers:

Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter (hospice care), Joy Parker (Gayle Bothe's sister-healing), Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor, David Grandt (Liz Aduan's brother), Elizabeth Bothé (Gayle Bothe's granddaughter, nonchurched), Abbi and Alex Roman, June Stewart (Judy West's friend-fainting), Jan Tammiste (Roman's nephew-brain injury, healing), Betty and Cal Kallsen, Jeannine Godsey (inner peace), Steven Liedtke (healing), Esther Lacey and Bernice Aiman (Violet Griffin's sisters-elder care), Matt Goodshaw (Brueckner's family friend-continued multiple myeloma, Maddie Conklin (Judy West's friend-lung, pancreatic cancer), Bob & Lauretta Oliver (healing), Herbert and Clara Huppert (Herbert- heart, kidney healing, guidance), Bill Bothe (successful radiation treatments), Julie Oback (Diana Meux sister-cancer, healing), Andrew Gamble (Gamble's grandson-juvenile arthritis), Bob Hartman (healing), Blake Frances (Bill Luker's grand nephew-chemo, brain cancer), Helen Wehmeyer (Kroeger's family friend-stroke/heart attack, healing), Adrienne Marchand Brown (Carrie Kroeger's friend-successful chemo treatments), Suzanne Stadler (chemo treatment, healing), Lorna Meintzer (Eyona's daughter-physical therapy, healing), Michael Mewhinney (Ann Caruso's brother-prostate cancer-wisdom, treatment and healing), Linda Pass (healing), Jack Mortenson (healing), Herb Neumann (healing), Eyona Pargman (healing), Christine Roesch (Trudy's sister in law-hip surgery, healing), Pastor Koch, John Gainer (Marilyn's nephew, cancer-soft

Chaplains among the armed forces and those serving in the military:

tissue sarcoma).

Taylor Bothe-Yates (Gayle Bothe's grandniece, Texas), Capt. Richard Hill (Violet Griffin's great nephew), Cadet Megan Gemar, PFC Kevin Hayworth (Glenda's grandson-Hawaii), Lt. JG Aaron Bell, Navy Chaplain CB Unit, Gulport, MS (Rev. & Sherry Bell's son), Joshua Gonzales (Carol L.'s neighbor-Iraq), P.O.W. and M.I.A.'s.

April Choir Schedule

Choir rehearsals are on April 14 and 21.



No rehearsals on April 7 and 28.

April Events at a Glance

Easter Sunday

- *Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
- *Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.
- *Worship Service with Communion 10 AM

Dorothy Taylor's 100th birthday - April 13 Wednesday evening Bible study - April 15, 22, 29

LCMS-CNH District Convention - April 17-19 in San Jose, CA

LWML CNH Zone 7 Spring Rally at Holy Cross - April 25 (Sat)

Parking Lot Update March 23, 2015

The parking lot committee has developed a "Scope of Work" which will be presented to the Church Council at their April meeting for their approval. A special Voters' Meeting will be called in May for final approval by the Church Membership. A contract will then be confirmed and work should be completed mid-summer.

In preparation for the resurfacing a work party will be scheduled to:

- Remove the yellow painted curbs in the main parking lot.
- · Remove dirt from tree planters.

Equipment to remove the concrete will be donated by a contractor and there will be a donated backhoe for dirt removal.

It is important to have sufficient labor to complete our part of the work so please mark your calendars once the date is set.

We are nearing the time this work will take place so please continue to support the project in any way you can.

Nifty Fifty Seniors Plan Two April Activities

Friday, April 10th - Lunch at D.J Bistro

The Bistro is located at 1825 Sutter St in Concord. The food there is outstanding especially if you like German food such as Wiener Snitzel, Sauerbaten, Red Cabbage and of course the glass of beer for those of you that want to imbibe. The beer comes in half liters which is more than a half pint, a great stimulus for lively discussions. I have always asked for the small Yager Snitzel which almost covers the plate along with red cabbage and spratzel and its almost all I can eat. I asked Jack Mortenson the difference between Wiener Snitzel and Yager Snitzel and he said with Yager Snitzel you get red cabbage and Spratzel and with Wiener Snitzel you get Potato Salad so now we all know. I don't think I need to explain how to get there as we have gone many times. If you have never been there, try to ride with someone as its very difficult to find. Meet at church at 12:15 and leave at 12:30: lunch is at 1:00PM. A really fun outing at a very interesting place. Bring a friend. Sign up in the Social Hall...I know you will enjoy it.

➤ Thursday, April 23rd - Presentation on Wastewater Treatment at Church & Lunch at Mimi's

Our second activity was to be a visit to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (wastewater treatment plant). But after talking with Kit Ohlman in Public Relations, I learned that there is quite a bit of walking and isn't always odor free at the plant. We decided to have her make a presentation at church instead of visiting the plant. The presentation is set on Thursday April 23rd at 11:30AM at the Parish Hall. The talk will be on how the Contra Costa Central SAN handles our waste. We will learn about Odor Control, Pretreatment, Incineration, Water Recycling, Pollution Prevention, Hazardous Waste Collection and a host of other interesting subjects. Central San Serves more than 467,500 residents and thousands of businesses within a 144 square mile area of Central Contra Costa County that includes 13 cities, towns, and unincorporated areas: Alamo, Concord, Clayton, Clyde, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek. Wow!

After her presentation, we plan on eating at Mimi's on Willow Pass Road in Concord. Most of you have eating there and have enjoyed it and the food is always good. Sign up in the Social Hall so we know how many to plan on.....Great time to bring a friend.

Marv Kreitz's Recaps on NF8' March Gutings...

Grand Island Mansion Brunch

The trip along the Sacramento River through the delta was as enjoyable as I had anticipated. Many of the fruit trees were starting to bud out and the day was magnificent. Wow, when you have a day like the day we went how can any of you not want to go! As planned, we drove on 160 along the river across highway 12 until we came to Ryde then turned left on 220 until we hit Grand Island Road where we turned right and followed the road only two or three miles and we were there. A whole lot shorter then the last time we went, as last time we went all the way to walnut Grove then back on Grand Island Road. We had seven that went Karol Reynolds, Pat Kroeger and La Von Hoelmer rode with me; Terry Bud and Chloe rode together...Next time I'm going to record the conversation as we drove as it was very informative.



Once we were there, we were ushered in and seated almost in the same location we had the last time we went in the main dinning area with white linen covered table clothes among huge pillars facing a wall of windows...very

nice. The waiter was right there serving Champaign or mimosas. (which is Champaign and Orange Juice) It was close to 12:30 so we all went to the buffet and made our selections...I had an Egg Benedict, French Italian Toast with butter and hot syrup, some seasoned fruit, Potato Hash and a slice of the most delicious Prime Rib I think I ever had...I like my Prime Rib well done and he gave me the heal of the roast and it was crunchy and just great. Of course I had a great dessert of some type of cake Chocolate loaded with a tasty filling (not too sweet) and a small piece of fruit pie. Let's say, I don't think anyone didn't have all they could eat of just a super buffet. The thing I liked about it was they kept bringing fresh food for the spread. As always the Champaign flowed all during the Brunch. We didn't spend too much time looking around the Mansion after eating. The trip home using Mt Diablo as a guide was as enjoyable as going.....

Can't Beat the Price at New Lim's

I had been looking forward to having lunch at New Lim's Restaurant as I was looking for a Chinese Restaurant that had good food as I like Chinese food. I had become disillusioned with Jade Garden. Bill Luker had suggested Lim's. Their menu was loaded with such items as walnut prawns, sautee asparagus with squid, stuffed eggplant, steamed fish and Hong Kong StyleNoodles. The deep fried sole is one of their specials. Eberhard said he eats there every week and usually has the pork chow mien, so most of us chose that. We received a plate soooo full of food that it spilled out all over mostly because the noodles were long and difficult to cut with no spoon to curl them with using just a fork...I can't eat with Chop Sticks so that's the reason for the mess....The food was very good, and I will go back.

I had asked the waitress if we could have separate checks and she came with one bill with a total amount on it for each person....She looked at me and said yours is \$6.00. I asked her if it included tax and she said yes...wow, where can you get a meal like this for \$6.00?! I gave her a ten dollar bill and said just give me \$2.00 back... It was the same for each of the eight attending our lunch...What an interesting outing we always seem to have...Don't stay home..Come join your Christian family....

April 2015 – What's Happening with the WoHC?

by Joyce Liebe

The Women of Holy Cross' March General Meeting theme was "Where in the World Have You Been?". Hostess Cherylene Brueckner set up a table with souvenirs from the many places she has lived & traveled to. After her quick "tour" of the table, the women took turns sharing their serious & hilarious stories (& pictures). You really had to be there to hear & appreciate all the wonderful tales we heard!

I'm still reflecting on Pat Kroeger's stories of her & Art's travels (& pictures), Annaliesa Liedtke's emotional tale of coming to America, Sue O'Malley's Thanksgiving family tradition, Carol Lau's vacation paradise stories (minus the box of pictures & souvenirs), Cherylene Brueckner's first cruise, Marilyn Neumann's trip to European trip, AND more! After each story, we marked our story location on a map. We all agreed that this should be "Part 1" of a series of get togethers to share, learn, & laugh with each other. Make a mental note to join us next time!

We also had our election, results: Vice Pres.- Cherylene Brueckner, Treasurer – Melarie Seidel, and Secretary (1 year) – Pat Easby. Thanks to these 3 gals who are & will be such a wonderful support to me & the WoHC! Also, thanks to our Nominating Committee (Carol Lau, Pat Easby, & Gayle Bothe) & to the hostesses Cherylene & Pat for a delicious array of dessert & beverages!

Our **Upcoming activities** include:

- * Sat., 4/25 Zone 7 Spring Rally 8:30am Holy Cross Parish Hall & Church This is a great time to invite family & friends to our church! See separate invitation in the Cross Currents for details the sign-up sheet is posted on our bulletin board. Our speakers are from Futures Explored, a local non-profit that provides life skills & work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities. Please consider helping with the In-Gathering items they all will be used to support the various programs at Futures Explored. You can either bring your donations to the Rally, or put them in the box in Parish Hall.
- * Sat., 5/16 Congregational BarBQ & Games (Armed Forces Day-Honor Military past & present). This is an event for our entire congregation. Mark your calendar now & then look for details on how you can help/participate.
- ★ Tues., 6/16 Congregational Dinner out with Family & Friends, Oakhurst Country Club We had this annual dinner out at Oakhurst last year & it was a wonderful location for us to relax & share a meal with our Holy Cross family members! So we have made arrangements to meet there again this year. So make plans to take a night off from kitchen duty & invite your family & friends to join us!

Remember to check the WoHC bulletin board & Sunday bulletins for more details on these & all activities. <u>Sign up & join us</u>. Please feel free to contact Joyce or any of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions. — Blessings, Joyce Liebe

Now we know... "Where in the world they have been"!

Thirteen women gathered for our March WoHC general meeting, and they marked their destinations on the map and had lots of stories to tell! Where had they been? Redding, PA; London; Paris; Amsterdam; Holland; Belize; Japan; Disneyland (2); Ellis Island to New Mexico; and Richmond, CA

Gayle arrived in Redding, PA to help her sister only to discover that she (a sunny California gal) was the designated driver following the winter's worst snow storm! Melarie shared tales of her visit to London, and Marilyn shared a photo of herself mimicking the pose of a Paris statue. (Marilyn was more modestly dressed!

Grace went for a ride in a Ferrari in Manchester, England. Pat K. had also traveled to Holland. She shared a picture of her late husband, Art, standing in a HUGE pair of wooden shoes. Pat has traveled with Art to many business conferences, and shared pictures proving that accountants *do have more fun!*

The small Central American country of Belize has been Carol's destination with her husband Dennis many times! Sun, sand, rain, relaxation and wonderful people keep them coming back. Cherylene had tales of her first "cruise", compliments of the US Navy. The destination was a small fishing village in Japan, complete with school children seeking autographs from the American visitors, a pesky photographer, beautiful fireworks, and a treacherous journey from the anchored ship to the pier in less than calm waters!

Disneyland was a family destination for both Sue O. and Joyce. Every Thanksgiving you can find the O'Malley's in the Magic Kingdom. They have done this so many years, they have a perfect routine: Leave home by 3:00 am, breakfast on I-5 at Lost Hills,

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Please Join your Sisters in Christ at the 2015 LWML Zone 7 Spring Rally!!! Saturday, April 25, 2015

Hosted by The Women of Holy Cross 1092 Alberta Way, Concord, CA. (925) 686-2000



Reach Out & Touch!

<u>Philippians 2:3-4</u> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Our speakers are from **Futures Explored**, a local non-profit whose mission is to provide life skills & work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities. They support their consumers in reaching their optimum level of individual potential by delivering a broad range of resources & ongoing guidance.

8:30am - 9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast 12:00pm Lunch

\$10 suggested donation includes refreshments & lunch

Please contact Joyce Liebe: jliebe@pacbell.net or 925-686-1037 by Monday, April 13 to let us know how many to expect

Our <u>INGATHERING</u> is for Futures Explored, Please Bring:

- Canning Jars Pint & Half Pint, Lids, & Rings (used for canning in our Huckleberry Cafe)
- **Ziploc Bags Snack**, **Sandwich**, **& Gallon** (used for boxed lunches prepared by Huckleberry Cafe)
- Colored Pencils, Markers, & Twist Up Crayons (used for arts/crafts)
- Pads of Drawing Paper or Watercolor Paper (used for arts/crafts)
- Clear Glass or Plain White Plates, Bowls, Coffee Cups/Saucers (dollar store ok) (arts/crafts)
- **Small Backpacks** (used for carrying First Aid supplies when taking Consumers on local outings)

Meet Our Confirmands





Austin Haven and Jordan Ballard received the Rite of Confirmation at Holy Cross on March 8, 2015. Congratulations!!

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arrive in Anaheim as the park opens, and stay at the Candy Cane Motel! Joyce shared two Disneyland trips – one for each son after their 5th birthdays. The second trip was without Mike, but Joyce, the boys, and friend Karen had a grand time. No time to eat – just go, go, go!

Annaliesa shared the touching story of her "coming to America" at the age of ten from post-war Germany. The joys and hard-ships of her journey touched us all. From Ellis Island to New Mexico, she and her family struggled as they made America their new home.

Idalene kept us in Contra Costa County with her adventure of a night on East Brothers Lighthouse with husband Scott, and Mike and Melarie. It is a Bed and Breakfast in the Bay west of Richmond. Ask her about the fog horn! This trip began her quest to visit as many lighthouses as she possibly can!



April Birthdays

- 2 Richard Liedtke
- 5 Muriel Strieter
- 13 Dorothy Taylor
- 17 Ron Gamble
- 23 Kaytlyn Coyne
- 24 Trudy Huenninghaus
- 26 Herbert Neumann
 Diane Oatis
- 29 Timothy Hintz

Anniversaries

- 4 Dave & Ann Caruso
- 16 Mike & Joyce Liebe
- 29 Ken & Sue Reiter



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 7p Service with Com- munion	3 Good Friday Worship <u>Noon & 7PM</u>	4
5 Mite Box /Hat Day Easter 8:30a Breakfast 9:30a Children's Easter Activity 10 AM Worship w/ Communion	6 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 2:30p WoHC Board Meeting 7p Boy Scout (L)	7	8 1p Senior Brd (L)	9	10 12:15p NFS carpool to D J Bistro for lunch at 1:00p	11
12 9:30a Worship 11am Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	13 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 7p Boy Scout (H)	14 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	15 7p Bible Study (H)	16	17	18
19 9:30am Worship w/ Com- munion 11am Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	Study(C) 12:30p Bridge 6:30p Church	21 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	22 7p Bible Study (H)	23 11:30a NFS Wastewater Treatment Presentation (H)	24	25 8:30a LWML Zone 7 Spring at Holy Cross
26 9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School/Bible Study 11a Outreach	27 12:30p Wm Bible Study(C) 7p Boy Scout (H)	28	29 7p Bible Study (H)			1
2-6p Myanmar Christian(H)	Notes: cl= Choir L	oft, C=Confere	nce Room, E=E	d Bldg, H=Parish F	lall, L=Library, ws	wing room



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Office Hours: M-F 9 AM-12:30 PM

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Communion 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Adults Bible Studies 11AM (Library & Conf. Rm)

Sunday School 11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 12:30PM Conf. Rm Wednesday (all) 7:00PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

Outreach: Fourth Sunday of each month after service

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