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What is Baptism? By Pastor Munding

As we begin our discussion on the sacrament of Holy Baptism, it is first important to lay the groundwork of what baptism is. The word baptism comes from the Greek word βάπτισμα (baptisma) which means to apply water though immersion or dipping. In the historical Greek context, the word is often associated with washing of some kind. In Mark chapter 7, the pharisees were upset that the disciples were not washing the cups and pots as was the custom according to the law. The word used for washing is baptisma.

With that context in mind, baptism as we Christians know it, is very similar. It is indeed a kind of washing, for Paul says *"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."* Titus 3:5-7.

It is indeed a kind of washing, but it is much more than that. St. Peter writes, *"Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."* While a simple washing removes dirt, baptism removes much more than that. Baptism removes our sins which grants us a good conscience before God, that is, we are spotless before his eyes. Luke also speaks of this in the Book of Acts, *"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and **wash away your sins**, calling on his name."*



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Baptism can only do this because it is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. Simple water cannot do such marvelous things, but it is the word of God in and with the water that does these things, that works forgiveness of sins, rescues us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation. If we just baptized using water without God's word spoken than it would be no better than just giving the recipient a bath. But the same Word which caused all things to be created, the same word which caused Lazarus to arise from the tomb, this same word when combined with the water saves us!

Let us take one last look at what Paul said in Titus 3, "*He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*" This is baptism! This is God working through the water and the word so that we may be saved.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Peggy Odrzywolski	7/3
Carol Chu	7/5
Aimee Syrovatka	7/10
Luca Marcos Albano-Flores	7/12
Eric Roman	7/18
Diana Meux	7/18
Pat Easby	7/20
Dwight Gemar	7/20
Sharon Nelson	7/27
Philip Aduan	7/29
Clark West	8/2
Kayleigh Coyne	8/3
Tyler Wirtz	8/9
Marilyn Neumann	8/10
Carrie Kroeger	8/14
Cassey Syrovatka	8/14
Clayton Mourelatos	8/20
Chris Roman	8/21
Bill Morfeld	8/21
Jan Walker	8/23
Savannah Syrovatka	8/23
Judy Johnson	8/23
Brian Jackson	8/25
Michael Olson	8/27
Zachary Olson	8/27
Penny Jonas	8/28

Kevin & Samantha Liebe	7/12
Peter & Annaliesa Liedtke	7/23
Mike & Tina Voss	7/26
Allen & Cherylene Brueckner	7/30
Larry & Maxine Flores	8/1
Byron & Sharon Nelson	8/7
John & Andrea Beutel	8/28



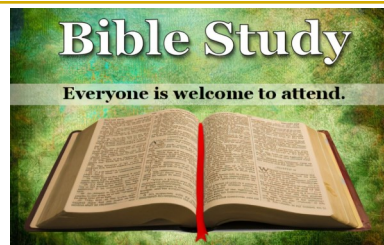
Congratulations to Josh Coyne! He graduated from the University of California Irvine on June 15, 2022, with a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. He has been accepted to Graduate School at UCI where he plans to begin working toward a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering in the fall.

July & August Bible Studies

Pastor's Sunday Adult Bible Study 11am, Conference Room

Monday Women's Bible Study, 10am, Zoom

(will take a break 8/15—9/5). The Zoom link is the same each week/listed in the Friday Announcements email.





Holy Cross Lutheran Church
CONCORD, CA
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**COUNCIL MEMBERS AND
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
June 2022**


PRESIDENT	Mike Liebe
VICE PRESIDENT	Gregg Syrovatka
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TREASURER	Cheryl Syrovatka
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Jan Walker
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	Herb Neumann
	Bill Riechmann
TRUSTEES	Alan Brueckner
	Jaan Kaigas
	Bill Luker
	John Beutel
STEWARDSHIP	
YOUTH	
WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS	Cherylene Brueckner
FELLOWSHIP	Melarie Seidel
ALTAR GUILD	Andrea Beutel
SENIORS	Bill Luker

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you


ATTENTION!

Women of Holy Cross

All aboard for an afternoon
of fun and fellowship! Join
us for **Mexican Train
Dominoes!**



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2:00-4:00 pm
In the Parish Hall
Cool refreshments will be served.

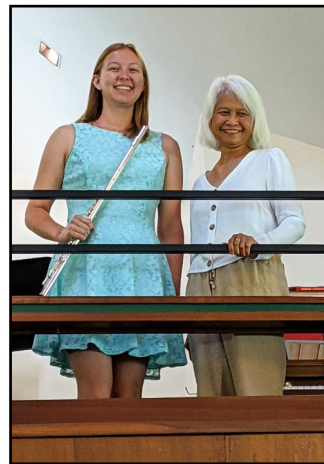


Never played before?
Played, but forgot how?
WE WILL TEACH YOU!
Need a ride? **WE CAN HELP!**
SIGN-UP in the Parish Hall!

Hostesses: Marlene Roberts & Cherylene Brueckner

AS EACH HAS
RECEIVED A
gift
USE IT TO
serve
ONE ANOTHER,
AS GOOD
stewards
OF GOD'S
VARIED GRACE:
1 PETER 4:10

"Don't ever
question the
value of
volunteers.
Noah's Ark was
built by
volunteers; the
Titanic was
built by
professionals."



Fun Father's Day Celebration THANKS to the Coyne's!

A Letter Cookie greeting and a
shirt & tie card making session!

Plus special music during worship
from Ruth & Kaytlyn.



With a
grateful
heart



5/19/22:
Huckleberry's

WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS Fellowship Meals



6/18/22:
Black Bear
Diner



WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS



Cherylene Brueckner attended the LWML CNH Convention, in Sparks, NV, June 10-12. As Zone 7 President, she was our delegate. She is pictured above caring in our Zone banner!

She prepared a detailed recap which will be sent separately from the Cross Currents. Please take time to read it & learn about our New Mission Grants & all the happenings in our CNH District!



Options Health Diaper/Wipes Drive 2022

Thank you to all that contributed to our 2nd annual Diapers and Wipes Drive for Options Health. From Mother's Day to Father's Day we gathered a substantial stack of baby supplies on the hearth in the narthex.

On Thursday, June 23, Allen and I delivered the items to Options Health. The staff was very grateful for the delivery! Every gift makes a positive impact on new families in our community. What a blessing!

Thank you for your wonderful support of this organization and the work that they do.

Cherylene †





Nifty Fifty A-Z Lunch

DJ's Bistro, Concord

6/21/2022



Kitchen Update—Progress Report

Before & after pictures of countertops (notice the new ranges)! Plus plumbing work was done to bring water to the wall behind the refrigerators.

Next major step: replace the 2 refrigerators (that will have ice makers!) & replace the range hoods/fans.



Thanks to Jan Walker for leading this project!





Prayer List as of 6/30/2022



NEW/UPDATE	Prayers for:	Relationship to HC
Penny Jonas	7/1 surgery is successful & healing without complications	
Richard Luker	Dr. diagnose/treat sepsis/infection (is fighting stage 3 Multiple Myeloma)	Luker's youngest brother
Roberta Morfeld	Successful 7/6 cataract surgery & recovery	
CURRENT NEEDS	PRAYERS: healing, comfort	Relationship to HC
Liz Aduan	Lung surgery 3/17	
Benicia Lutheran	Direction/pastoral vacancy; call process	
Noel Beutel	Cancer has returned/more treatment	John Beutel's cousin
Donna Espinal	Brother, Leroy, died 6/7; brother, Don, hospitalized	Cherylene's close friend
Jeanine Harms	Thanksgiving: cancer treatment successful	Sandy Coyne's mom
Connie Heimbigner	Breast cancer & Parkinson's	Judy Scouten's friend
Raema Helberg	Spinal cord injury; 2 nd surgery 5/6	Abbi's kindergarten teacher
Adam Hertig	Nurse assigned to COVID patients	Scouten's nephew
Joe Hertig	God's continuing provision for health challenges	Scouten's Brother-in-law
Pat Kroeger	Stabilize medication/relief pinched nerve	
Brett & Cheryl Johnson	Cheryl (wife) stage 3 colon cancer	Brett member when young
LeEllen Montoya	Cancer adrenal gland/stage 4	Pat Kroeger's niece
Bob Niemann	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Sue O'Malley's brother
Linda Pass	Chemo (every 2 weeks/6 months: Aug/Sept)	
Jon Peterson	Mini stroke/diabetes	Stadlers' nephew
Abbi Roman	Transition to new home; TB treatments	
Brandon Voss	Carpal tunnel syndrome in wrists	
Helen Wehmeyer	In hospital, short of breath/poss. heart issues	Pat Kroeger's friend
ONGOING NEEDS	PRAYERS: strength, patience, comfort, peace	Relationship to HC
April Gamble	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma/remission	Gamble's daughter
Lindsey Garcia	Cancer	Gayle Bothe niece
Don Roman	Stage 3 lymphoma	Eric's father
Joy Parker	Brain pain	Gayle's sister
Debbie Case Roark	Gastric cancer spots returned/UCSF study	Brueckner family friend
Doris Scouten	Dementia	Howard's mother
Mike & Melarie Seidel	Mike: Lewy Body Dementia	
PRAYERS: HC Members, Friends, Family: strength, patience, comfort, peace		
David Grandt (L. Aduan brother)	Jan Tammiste (Roman's nephew)	Alex Roman
MILITARY and MISSIONARIES		
Lt. Aaron Bell, Navy Chaplain, Camp Pendleton, CA (Sherry Bell's son) Britt Odemba & Family, Kenya; Rev. Jerry Lawson & family, Prague, CZ, all missionaries.		

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9am Vision Mtg, Zoom
3  9:30am Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study	4 OFC CLOSED  10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	5 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	6 2-4pm WoHC Mexican Train Dominos, PH	7	8	9
10 9:30am Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study  4pm Independence Day	11 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	12 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	13 1pm Nifty Fifty Board Mtg, PH	14	15	16
17 9:30am Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study	18 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 6:30pm Council Mtg.	19 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	20	21 9am Men's Mandatory Formation, Huckleberry's	22	23
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31 9:30am Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study						

YVCS Summer School (6/20—8/5, except week of 7/4)
Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am—3pm, Extended Care 3-4:30pm

AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	2	3	4	5	6 9am Vision Mtg, Zoom
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YVCS Summer School (6/20—8/5)

Mon-Fri: 9am—3pm,
Extended Care 3-4:30pm

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

YVCS School Daily Schedule

*Morning Care: 7:30a - 8:40a
 Classes Mon-Thu: 8:45a - 3:30p
 Classes Fri.: 8:45a - 2:15p
 *After Care: 3:45p - 5:30p



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Sunday Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Pastor's Bible Study 11 AM (In person)

Youth Bible Study 11AM

Sunday School 11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 10AM Zoom

Wednesday (Adult) 7PM Zoom

Bulletin & Cross Currents Publication Deadline:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

Sept. 2022 Cross Currents: August 28, 2022