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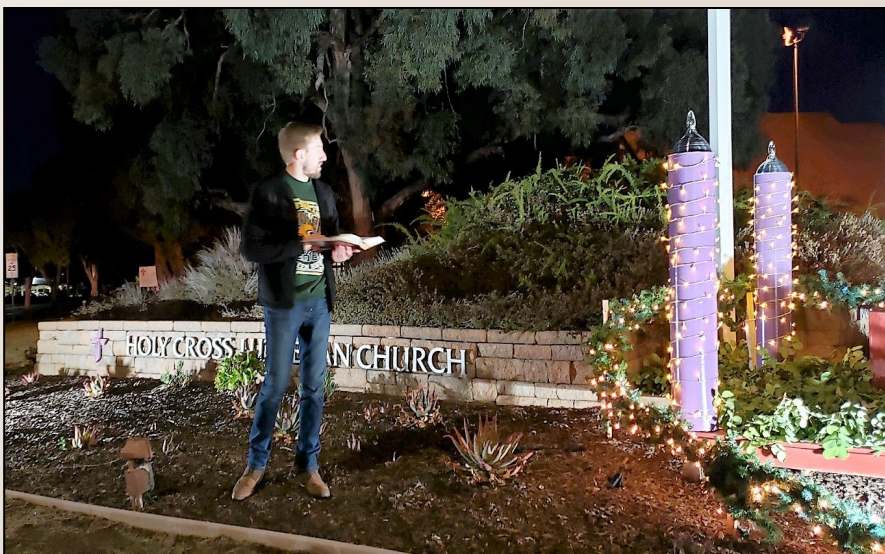
Start of Advent Gathering

Sunday, 11/27/22



Fellowship BBQ

Short devotion & lighting our Advent Wreath!



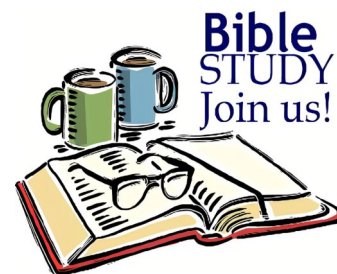
December Bible Studies

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

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

Pastor's Wed. Evening Bible Study, On Hold Until January

** Zoom links are the same each week/listed in the Friday Announcements email.



Reformation Sunday Music Makers



Guest Musician: Nick Kaye

Organist & Choir Director: Ruth Tindugan

Choir: Nancy Hoffman, Annaliesa Liedtke, Connie Batchelder, Grace Gin, Kaytlyn Coyne, Cheryl Syrovatka, Gail Baker



Randy	12/2	Susan	12/16
Peter	12/6	Jenna	12/17
Anke	12/8	Bill	12/18
Kevin	12/9	Allen	12/21
Emily	12/12	Mindy	12/22

Herb & Marilyn

12/10

Here are two photos of Grace Gin's new granddaughter, Arabel Long Gin, born November 10th. Parents are her son Brian and his wife Salina.





JOIN US DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Prepare your heart for Christmas.

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, & 12/21 at 6:30pm

We will begin at 5:45pm with an Advent Supper & time of fellowship.



Please sign up to host
an Advent Supper
AND to attend.

Cookies and Caroling!

Warm up your taste buds and vocal cords for the return of Cookies and Caroling on December 18.

During our coffee fellowship, after worship, we will have a friendly cookie bake-off and enjoy some favorite Christmas carols.

You are invited to bake a batch of seasonal cookies or your favorite secret recipe to share, and possibly win the coveted "Kris Crumble Champion Crown".

Our many tasters (everyone) will choose the champion and runner-up by placing votes for favorites.
Yum!



Join us December 18
during Coffee Fellowship

WoHC (Women of Holy Cross): Happenings at the Corner Cafe



News Release: LWML CNH Mission Grants

- Mission Grant #4, Hmong Lent Family Retreat – \$13,000, Redeemer Lutheran, Fresno & St. Paul, Merced, California has been fully funded!

We are now working on Mission Grant **#5. Outreach Ministry to Homeless - \$8,000, Bridging Initiatives International and Town and Country Lutheran, Sacramento, California**

This ministry partners with Mercy Holistic Ministry's shower outreach by providing counseling (mental health, rehab) and connecting with other services for the homeless (shelters and housing). After the shower session, each individual is seen by a caring individual working with Bridging Initiatives. During these one-on-one sessions the life-changing gospel of Jesus is shared. The grant funds are for: brochures, transportation, gift cards, temporary motel vouchers, educational materials, food, blankets, and clothes.



Submitted by Cherylene Brueckner

Marlene and I want to thank everyone who volunteered and or donated items for our Corner Café this year. We truly missed Melarie but were very thankful she shared her recipes. We had many compliments on the food. Our final total for the two days was **\$1,171.30**. This money will be split between Mites and the LSS Christmas Gift giving. Thank you again to all who helped this year.
Linda Pass



LADIES —

Starting next month, we will play Mexican Train Dominos every 3rd Thursday, 1pm, in the Parish Hall. Yes, this is the same day as the Men's Mandatory Formation. This way we have something for everyone on that Thursday!



Being Thankful in “All” Things by Debbie McDaniel (Crosswalk Devotion)

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I must be honest, sometimes it's the "all" in that verse that gets me. Most of us can be thankful, for lots of things, at lots of times, but in "all" circumstances? That can be tough.

What about when you find yourself suffering illness, or defeat, or you're walking through huge loss...what about when a loved one leaves this world too soon and you still can't see past your tears...or when you've been praying for your prodigal loved one to come home and it seems like the prayers are unanswered...what about when you're discouraged, disillusioned, and struggling with disbelief...or when you're overwhelmed, overextended, and just fighting being over-stressed...what about when the needs mount high and the way doesn't look clear...or when people are cruel, life seems unfair, and the enemy's breathing down your back...what about when the storms come, and the car breaks down, or the air conditioner stops working on a holiday weekend (true story)...

Yes, these are the "all" things that can be hard to find gratitude in, whether it's huge losses or just life irritations. But God's word never changes to fit our circumstances. His Truth rises above our circumstance, so that we can too. He doesn't say give thanks "for it", but "in it all," for He knows He's building more deeply into our lives and character than He could ever build without the hard times.

We're gaining strength. We're gaining perseverance. We're being reminded that true joy is never based on how we feel or our outside situations. We're understanding that God's ways are bigger, His thoughts are higher, and we can be assured that He holds us in His hands.

And He is with us.

Always.

No matter what you might be facing, the good news is this, you woke up. He's given us today. And if we're still here, living and breathing, may our every breath bring honor to Him.

Be assured my friend, you never fight the battles alone. Stay strong. Choose joy. Choose to be grateful in it "all." For He is building greatness. He's working things out for good. He hears our prayers, He sees all, and knows all. He has purpose for our pain, and brings hope for our tomorrows...

Grace to you this day.

A Turkey Story by Ruth Tindugan, posted 11/20, on Facebook

It happened at Costco.

The parking lot was a zoo. I left, saw Food Max on the way, stopped by, and checked out the turkeys. The price tags starting at \$35-\$50+ blew me away! Up until last year, I've been buying turkeys for half the price of that. And—this was not Wholefoods. (I thought of people who won't be able to afford that and skip a turkey dinner this Thanksgiving and I felt sad). I drove away to the theater.

“The Chosen” was over by 6pm. I had an hour before Costco closes. I turned to my Unseen Companion who knew my unspoken thought, “I just need one turkey.” Of course, I wasn't that desperate, but, to be polite, “Please,” I added.

Parking was not a waste of time at this point. But all that remained was a pile of organic turkeys from \$40 all the way to the \$90s! (The economic temperature had not gone down with the autumn leaves.) To my dismay, the regular turkeys sufficient enough to satisfy less-picky, non-organic tastebuds were gone.

Except for one...dangling on a man's hand.

He, and, I presumed, his wife, were talking to a store team member about the price of the turkey he was carrying. It was THE ordinary, non-organic, fresh, guaranteed no-added-hormones bird. They were told the “price will be adjusted at the check out”. I left the area to the tune of the one that got away, and went to get my staple organic carrot juice. None. More disappointment.

I pushed my empty cart around, and, as I walked by the turkey section (again), I saw the couple walking away, and there—on the side, was the man's turkey, sitting like the last of the Mohicans, a bit apart from the rest of the organic tribe.

I grabbed the dumped bird, and saw that its price tag was wrong: it was a for a pork ham for \$32. I quickly removed it, scurried away (lest the man change his mind, it's hard times, you know) and at the checkout, said, “There's no price tag”. The cashier told her bagger to go back to the meat section and have it tagged. The bagger said I could come along. I did. It was priced for \$14.06.

I turned to my Unseen Companion and asked “Did you orchestrate this?”

I imagined Him saying with a grin, “Of course!”

—— Happy Thanksgiving to all. Blessing!

Huckleberrys, Concord , 11/17/2022

Nifty Fifty A-Z Lunch

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***Our next Nifty Fifty A-Z Lunch:
Thursday, 12/29, 1pm. We are
on the letter "I", location to be
determined.***



Holy Cross Thanksgiving Dinner



Cheryl's Hot Reuben Dip by Cheryl Syrovatka

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½ cup sour cream
2 Tablespoons ketchup
½ pound deli corned beef, finely chopped
1 cup sauerkraut, chopped, rinsed and drained
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
2 Tablespoons finely chopped onion
Snack crackers or rye bread



In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream and ketchup until smooth. Stir in the corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and onion until blended. Transfer to a greased 1-qt baking dish. Cover & bake in a 375 degree oven for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes longer or until bubbly. Serve warm with bread or crackers. Yield: 3 cups

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5pm Choir Practice cl	2	3 9am Vision Meeting
4 9:30am Worship Service After Coffee Fellowship 11am Pastor's Bible Study E	5 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study Zoom	6 10:30am Prayer Group, Brueckner's 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	7  5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship Service	8 5pm Choir Practice cl	9	10 9am LSS Christmas Gift Wrapping 9am Altar Guild Décor Sanctuary
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18 9:30am Worship Service After Coffee, Cookies, & Carols Fellowship 	19 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Council Mtg	20 10:30am Prayer Group, Brueckner's 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	21  5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship Service	22 5pm Choir Practice cl	23	24  7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
25  9:30am Christmas Day Worship	26 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study Zoom	27 10:30am Prayer Group, Brueckner's 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	28	29 1pm Nifty Fifty A-Z Dining, "I", TBD 5pm Choir Practice cl	30	31

YVCS School Daily Schedule

*Morning Care: 7:30a - 8:40a
Classes Mon-Fri: 8:45a - 3:00p
*After Care: 3:45p - 5:30p



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

CHRISTMAS BREAK 12/22-1/6



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Sunday Worship Schedule:

Worship Service 9:30am

Pastor's Bible Study 11am (In person)

Youth Bible Study 11am

Sunday School 11am

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 10am Zoom

Wednesday (Adult) 7pm Zoom

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