

# CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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St. Paul encourages Christians to pray and to give thanks *"<sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

To that end, printed below is the prayer offered by Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the seminary's chapel service on March 1, 2016. Although the prayer was offered during the "Super Tuesday" caucuses/primaries, the substance of His pray is applicable at all times:

*Almighty Father, we do come before you aware of the fact that government is not an accident nor is it our invention, but rather it is your gift to us in the very structures of creation as you have given us — that which will lead to righteousness and justice and human flourishing. We understand that you have created government and given it to us, to your human creatures, in order to restrain evil and uphold that which is good.*

*And Father, even as we recognize that here in our own state, with the caucus and around the country, with so many primaries and political events today, Father, we mean to pray in a way that is honoring to you. Father, you have set forth in Scripture a model of the kind of leaders we should aspire to have, and the kind of leadership that we should be—as a people aspiring to be—in order that leaders who uphold righteousness and justice would emerge from us. So we pray this day that you will bless this people. And with a horizon far beyond what takes place today, but with today very much on our minds, Father we pray that you will give us leaders, eventually a president of the United States, who will uphold righteousness and do justice, whose personal character will befit the office, and whose convictions and understanding will lead to flourishing amongst this people.*

*Father, we pray for the sanctity of human life to be upheld. We pray for the dignity and sanctity of every single human life to be valued. Father, we pray for the goods you have given us to be honored. And Father, we pray for the least of these among us to be protected. And Father, we pray for a government that we acknowledge we do not deserve, but we pray this in confidence that it is not we who rule, but you, and we commit this to you as your thankful people. In Christ's name we pray, Amen."*

Every presidential election is consequential, this year's being no different. Including the current vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court — and depending on whether a

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*He's  
Risen!*

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justice is nominated and confirmed before the start of the next Presidential term in January 2017 — the next president likely will have an opportunity to nominate 3-4 new Supreme Justices, which means that his/her policies, ideology, worldview will influence this country far beyond his/her presidential term(s).

Most of are passionate about politics, but whether we align ourselves with one of the two main parties or count ourselves among the Libertarians or Independents — and whoever wins the White House in this election — as Christians, we give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow, including the gift of government, and whether our candidates wins or loses, we pray for our leaders and thank God that He is Lord of the nations and that He is in control.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Holy Cross,

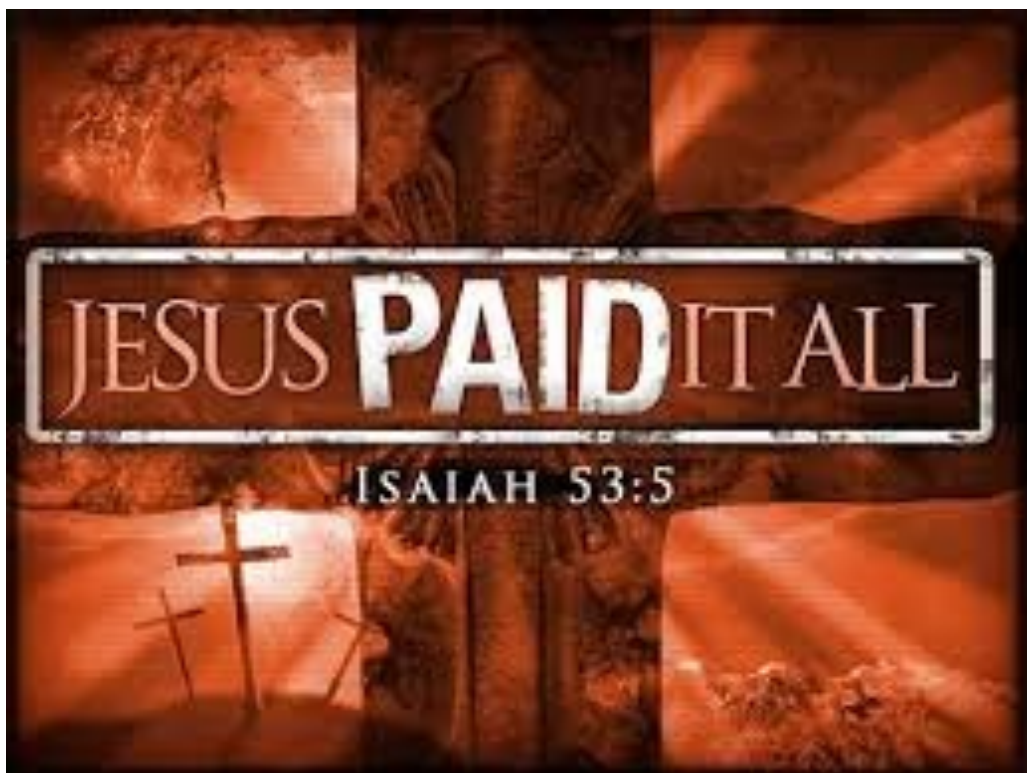
Thank you for your condolences, cards, emails, kind offers, words of encouragement, and prayers during my family's time of grief over my mom's rather sudden and unexpected death. We are grateful for, and were touched by, your expressions of Christian love.

We praise God and take comfort in knowing that my mom is now with the Lord Jesus waiting for the day of resurrection at Christ's promised return.

*<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. (2Corinthians 1:3-5)*

To God be the glory!

Pastor and Family



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Richard L.
5	Muriel S.
13	Dorothy T.
17	Ron G.
23	Kaytlyn C.
24	Trudy H.
26	Diane O. Herb N.
29	Timothy H.
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Dave & Ann C.
12	Eberhard & Anke W.
16	Mike & Joyce L.
28	Tim & Christina E.
29	Ken & Sue R.

Choir rehearsals in April are at 7:15 pm on the 5th, 12th, and the 19th.



## CONDOLENCES

The Lord called Herbert Huppert to Himself on Sunday, March 13, 2016 in the evening. Please keep Clara and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Important April Dates

Wednesday evening Bible study — April 13, 20, 27

Monday (Ladies) Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Conference Room

Sunday Bible class —April 3, 10, 24

**CNH Pastors' Conference**—April 5-7 (Rohnert Park, CA)

**LWML CNH Convention**—April 15-17 (Visalia, CA)

## Palm Sunday Dinner

Thanks to all who helped prepare the food, serve it and clean up afterwards. We now have an additional \$215 to add to the Parking Lot fund. For those of you who had asked for the Scalloped Pineapple Casserole Recipe, here it is. Melarie

4 cups fresh bread cubed  
3 eggs  
1-1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large can pineapple tidbits

Beat eggs, add sugar, salt, butter and milk. Stir in pineapple and juice. Fold in bread cubes. Pour into a glass 9"x9" greased baking dish and bake 325 degrees for 30-45 minutes. Enjoy!

### *April 2016 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President*

On 2/21 around 20 WoHC attended our general meeting that included lunch (salami & bread by Melarie Seidel), reveal/choose Secret Pals, & a visit to some of our home bound church members.

There were many surprises as we found out who had been providing small gifts & prayers for us the past year! After lunch, some of us were able to pair up & go visiting some of our members (we also took a basketful of goodies, including bread, cookies, fruit, & inspirational reading material). I heard many positive comments from the visitors & those that were visited. Thanks to Carol Lau to coordinating this outreach activity! On 3/6 we held our annual Bites for Mites Bake Sale. We also had a Used Puzzle & Book Sale. With Idalene Stadler's coordination, the bake sale raised \$315 for Mites! The puzzle/book sale raised over \$385 (split between to Parking Lot fund & WoHC general fund).

Lastly, on 3/14 about 12 WoHC attended our general meeting, which included a Bible Study/Devotion on Leadership by Cherylene Brueckner & then hat decorating by Marilyn Neumann. I will let the hats speak for themselves when we wear them on a first Sunday!

Thanks to all who participated in these events!

#### **Upcoming WoHC activities:**

**Mon., 4/11, General Meeting, The Network of Care, & Where in the World Would You Like to Go? - 6:30pm** Join us for an informative & fun evening while we assemble care bags for "The Network of Care". We did this a few years ago - if you don't remember or didn't attend, come this time & find out about this wonderful non-profit organization. From their website: Their mission is to deliver nourishing bags of snacks and meals to pediatric units, ICU nurseries and trauma centers. For families who lack the time, energy or presence of mind to look after their own needs while they are focused on their children, The Network of Care provides not just food but a lifeline of strength, support and comfort. Then we will have a group discussion: "Where in the World Where You Like to Go?". Sharing & learning about our various travel adventures.

**Tues., 6/14, Dinner Out with Friends & Family, Oakhurst Country Club, 6pm** Mark your calendar now for this **CONGREGATION** event. We will enjoy a relaxing meal with a wonderful view - for only \$18 per person (tax & tip included). Invite family & friends to join us.

#### **Upcoming Zone & District activities:**

**Fri.-Sun., 4/15-4/17 LWML CNH District Convention, Visalia, CA.** Pat Kroeger is our delegate & Pat Easby is our alternate. Pat K. will vote on the 2016-18 CNH Grants. We need to provide her our input - see Joyce for list of grant applicants; then choose 3 & return to Pat K. by 4/10. Ingathering supports "Rescue the Children/Fresno Rescue Mission & Visalia Rescue Mission...items needed: bath linens & hygiene products. Donation box is in Parish Hall! Let me know if you want more information/registration form.

**Sat., 5/21, Zone 7 Spring Rally, Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood** Details to follow, however we will have a signup sheet so we can carpool from Holy Cross.

Activity details are also on our Bulletin Board & Sunday Bulletins. As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.



**DATE:** Anytime  
**TO:** WoHC  
**FROM:** WoHC Board  
**SUBJECT:** Help Wanted

WANTED: WoHC who are willing to help out with a chair position. Do you like to send cards? Talk to people on the phone or in person? Make signup sheets (on computer or by hand)? Collect box tops/stamps/cards, store, & mail a couple times a year? Read a devotion at some of our meetings? Be another voice to share our activities & missions?

We would like to have more women sharing positions & getting more involved with the Board. We need & want your input. You do not need to attend all of our meetings.

If you're interested, please let someone on the Board know.

We promise you do not have to speak in front of the Sunday congregation (unless you really want to). Joyce has agreed to do that ;-).

"You can do  
what I cannot  
do. I can do  
what you  
cannot do.  
Together we can  
do great  
things."  
- Mother Teresa

Psalm 56:3 says, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Notice: it does not say, "I never struggle with fear." Fear strikes, and the battle begins. So the Bible does not assume that true believers will have no anxieties. Instead, the Bible tells us how to fight when they strike.

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## NIFTY FIFTY SENIOR APRIL OUTINGS

### April 8th

The Nantucket Restaurant located at 601 Port Street Crocket CA 94525 This is a Sea Food restaurant hidden under the Carquinez Bridge and is a little difficult to find. They serve delicious seafood in a friendly atmosphere. They have Italian Style Soup prepared daily with fresh crab, prawns, clams, scallops in a stew with tomatoes garlic and herbs. They also have clam chowder and a host of other seafood, all reasonably priced. I understand the Fish and Chips are the best in the bay area. A review states "Outdoor seating by the water very relaxing Pleasant place – nice salads and good soups. Many fish selections including appetizers and main dishes, great place to eat". Should be an interesting outing as you have to walk over railroad tracks to get to the restaurant. We went there in 2011 and had 18 go and all seemed to have a good time. Meet at church at 12:00 and leave at 12:15 or if you wish meet at the restaurant, lunch is at 1:00 . A great outing to bring a friend! Please sign up so I know how many to plan on.

### April 22nd

The 2nd place is "The Point Restaurant" in Rio Vista just off highway 160 on hwy 12 in the Delta. This is an upgrade from the Nantucket with white linens tablecloths and a more extensive menu and is overlooking the Sacramento River. Yea I know it's a lot like the Nantucket but it is a beautiful drive there along the river and like most restaurants they have Steak, Chicken, BBQ as well as fish. A review "We went in for lunch and enjoyed the calamari appetizer, clam chowder soup, French dip sandwich with onion rings and the fish and chips with Cole slaw. The calamari and cod had a very light breading and was not greasy. Great food good presentation, nice portions –not too much, not too little. You won't go away hungry". Plenty of parking. Most of the ratings were 5 star. We should plan on it taking about an hour which is plenty of time so meet at church at 11:45 and leave at 12:00 noon. As always please sign up in the Social Hall.

## NFS RECAP

The trip to the Space Center was one of anticipation as I had told everyone about the Ask Jeeves Planetarium Full Dome Digital projection system showing the "Tails of the Maya Skies" that I had seen last time and enjoyed the trip back in time to the beauty of the Seven Wonders of the World. As well as the experience of 360 degree viewing. We arrived about 10:45 and went directly to the theater and went in and guess what they were having a problem with the projection system and would not be able to show it until it was repaired...They had a second showing at 1:00 so we went poked around, had lunch and came back to see it at 1; 00 and we all enjoyed it. The second show Dawn of the Space Age was excellent showing of the development of travel into space with the Russian launce of Sputnik and the American Gemini. The trip there and back was enjoyed be all.

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## NFS TRIP TO THE SPACE CENTER



## NFS TRIP TO THE BLACK ANGUS

Wow Wow lunch at the Black Angus in Dublin was even better than I had anticipated. There was 10 there and I had a card that allowed us to have any listed lunch on the regular menu for \$8.99 and I was concerned that they wouldn't accept more than 6 but the most graciously accepted it for all 10. In fact, they even offered a card to anyone that wanted one. Everyone I believe had a lunch in fact one of our group even had fish and chips listed for \$13.95 and they honored it for \$8.99. We all had to have a beverage and I splurged and had a Margareta which they said would cost \$7.50 and when I got my bill they only charged \$5.00 I do like to get bargains. Especially when the food is as good as it is at the Black Angus. I had the prawns listed on the Camp Fire Feature on the regular menu, a wedge salad, and mashed potatoes. They included a small cup of melted butter that I dipped everything into and I can truly say it was great. One of our group had the market steak along with two sides and she said it was great. I have had the sirloin steak and it has been tough that's why I had the prawns. Trudy and several others had salmon alone with the two sides all for \$8.50 and said it was excellent. Just ask any of those that went how enjoyable it was. Those of you that didn't go missed out on a really great outing and should be sure you sign up for our next outing.



## NFS FUN







## YOU CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE - OR CAN YOU?

A woman was asked what she had been doing the past week, she answered,

"On Monday, I ministered to Mexicans in Texas.

Tuesday, I preached the gospel in Brazil.

Wednesday, I operated on a man in Africa.

Thursday, I taught in a mission school in Japan.

Friday, I helped establish a church in California.

Saturday, I taught seminary classes.

Sunday, I distributed Bibles in Korea."

Her friend, thinking her a bit "tetched" ask her to explain. "You see, by dropping monies in my Mite Box daily, I have been able to go to all these places where God the Holy Spirit is working."

## WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN THE PAST WEEK?

Explore God's blessings at home and abroad through [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

*Betty Dietrich*

APPLAUSE. APPLAUSE. APPLAUSE:

HOLY CROSS, you did it again!

THANK YOU for supporting our LWML MISSION FUND by

PURCHASING the baked items from our "Bites for Mites" table on Sunday!

THANK YOU TO ALL that helped set up & for all the signage that was placed in various places. What a Wonderful and delicious array of rolls, bars, fudge, cookies, breads, and healthy popcorn etc. (so lovely displayed and wrapped by Idalene). Ya'all out did yourselves to make our "Bites for Mites" successful.

The work is well worth it when we see how many are helped around the world from mites. Men, women, and children of all ages!

Don't forget to pick up your empty mite boxes (at the back of the church). At home set your box in a place that you see several times a day; The Mite Boxes fill up much faster that way! Also checks are acceptable, written to "WOHC MITES". Again, we thank you for your help and support, we appreciate it.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver! Pat Easby

The Lord our God made  
forgiveness of sins contingent on  
no work that we might perform,  
but on the great work which  
Christ accomplished when He  
died for the world, and for our  
benefit arose from the  
dead.



*Martin Luther*

House Postil, Second Sunday in  
Easter



# APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
3 Mite Box/Hat Sun. <b>9:30am Worship/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian	4 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C ) 2:30p WoHC Brd Mtg. 7p Scouts	5 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 12:00p NFS Nantucket	9 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
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24 <b>9:30am Worship/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School Outreach 10:30a 2-6p Myanmar Christian	25 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C ) 7p Scouts	26 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum	27 7p Bible Study	28	29	30 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum

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**Office Hours:** M-F 9 AM-1:00 PM

**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
Adults Bible Studies	11AM
Sunday School	11 AM

**Week Day Bible Study Schedule:**

Monday (Ladies)	12:30PM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00PM Parish Hall

**Choir Rehearsal:**

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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**Outreach:**

Fourth Sunday of each month after service

**Publication Deadline:**

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday  
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