

CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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³...He who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Within Psalm 121 are these beautiful words of promise, that the God who watched over His people in the Old Testament and who watches over us does not fall asleep on the job. (The psalmist is using anthropomorphic language that is, ascribing human characteristics to God.)

Idiomatically, we refer to people who are inattentive or delinquent in their duties as “falling asleep on the job.” People also can and do literally fall asleep on the job if overcome by fatigue of whatever source. Either way, falling asleep on the job — literally or figuratively — could result in tragic consequences.

A soldier who falls asleep at his post (or abandons his post) in time or war could be subject to the death penalty for obvious reason: he puts his fellow soldiers at risk.

For example, Article 113 of the U.S. Uniformed Code of Military Justice states:

“Any sentinel or look-out who is found drunk or sleeping upon his post, or leaves it before he is regularly relieved, shall be punished, if the offense is committed in time of war, by death or such other punishment as a court-martial may direct, but if the offense is committed at any other time, by such punishment other than death as court-martial may direct.” (www.ucmj.us/)

During the time of the psalmist, a watchman/sentinel who fell asleep on the job would have put the city at great risk; he would not have had the benefit of a court-martial; death would have been a foregone conclusion.

The One we — the people of God through faith in Jesus Christ — look to for help and trust to keep watch over us does not sleep, neither lightly nor deeply. He is the Almighty God who made heaven and earth; therefore we know that He has the power to help us. But will He help us? Will He guard us? Will He be vigilant in His watch over us? Psalm 121 answers with an unequivocal and unqualified “Yes!” —

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

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⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

I encourage you to take time to read this psalm meditatively and devotionally; pray these promises back to God and boldly hold onto His Word!



CONDOLENCES

Muriel Streiter passed away Monday afternoon (May 2, 2016). There are no plans for a memorial service.



June Anniversaries

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| 5 | Randy & Aimee S. |
| 8 | Cal & Betty K. |
| 17 | John & Sandy C. |
| 24 | Walter & Nancy H.
Don & Marlene R.
Bill & Eleanor T. |
| 27 | Ken & Carole C. |
| 29 | Bill & Carol C. |
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June Birthdays

2	Michael P. Jordan B.
7	Aroon W.
9	Carol L.
10	Tom O.
11	Nancy H.
13	Abigail R.
15	Jack E.
16	Shinta S.
17	JoEllen R.
20	Jessica A.
22	Kiley W. Noah W.
24	Bill T.
25	Gayle B.
27	Kenneth C.

Holy Cross Choir on May 22, Pentecost



A huge thank you to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Choir for another beautiful choir season. Thank you for your continued dedication of giving your time and sharing your musical talents for this fulfilling ministry. Your contributions in "singing a new song to the Lord" and "making a joyful noise to the Lord" in thanks to our most gracious God are immensely appreciated! ~ Diana Meux

Enjoy singing? If you can join the choir next fall, we could sure use a few more voices! Please prayerfully consider. It is a sacrifice of some time, but we are singing about the Lord who gives us everything and we do have fun together!

Know a pianist? The choir is in need of a piano accompanist for next fall as well. If you know someone who could volunteer, please let Diana know (dianamcm02@yahoo.com or 510-526-3294). Thank you very much!



June 2016 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President

We did not have a general meeting in May to allow gals to "save up" time to hopefully attend our Spring Zone Rally on May 21. Resurrection Ministries in Brentwood is hosting this year. They don't have an active society & this is their first time hosting a Rally. They are truly excited & energized to do so - & we are pleased to be able to get to know them.

WoHC is one of the LWML CNH (CA, NV, HI) Zone 7 Societies. Zone 7 is known as the Mt. Diablo Society & includes these churches:

Benicia Lutheran, Benicia	Messiah Lutheran, Danville
Christ Lutheran Martinez	Our Savior Lutheran, Livermore
Faith Lutheran, Pleasant Hill	St. Phillip Lutheran, Dublin
First Lutheran, Concord	Trinity Lutheran, Walnut Creek
Grace Lutheran, Pittsburg	Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood
Holy Cross Lutheran, Concord	

Our Zone has a Rally in the spring & in the fall. It's a 4-5 hour event that includes a light breakfast & lunch - along with time to visit with friends old & new. There's Bible Study &/or Worship Service, a short business meeting, & always some laughs. We usually have a speaker from a local group & collect items (Ingathering) to support them or a related group. It's always rewarding to see all the items donated & the appreciation of those that receive them. I encourage you to set aside time to attend a Rally in the near future (see below for date of our Fall Rally). Rallies, like Conventions, are always so inspirational. As our Zone 7 President, Susan Contreras wrote "*The convention allowed all of us who attended to reaffirm our commitment as missionaries for the Lord, have fun, reconnect with each other & set our faces to the work we must do. With God's help, in gladness, we will do it.*"

Please make a note:

Upcoming WoHC activities:

Tues., 6/14, Dinner Out with Friends & Family, Oakhurst Country Club, 6pm We will enjoy a relaxing meal with a wonderful view - for only \$18 per person (tax & tip included; checks made out to Marilyn Neumann). Invite family & friends to join us & **SIGN UP NOW**.

Sat., 7/23, Congregational BBQ & Bake Sale to support Angel Tree 2016, Holy Cross, 4pm Mark your calendar **NOW** for this **CONGREGATION** event. We will have Hot Dogs, side salads, beverages - along with some indoor & outdoor games. There will also be a Bake Sale, for your dessert after the BBQ, or to take home. All you need to do is bring yourself & your wallet. You

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will have a good meal, some fun, & help us raise money for our Angel Tree children this Christmas.

Upcoming Zone & District activities:

Sat., 9/24, Zone 7 Fall Rally, St. Philip Lutheran; Dublin Details will be communicated later.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

From the moment the first Lutheran settlers arrived in America, the women of the church have "served the Lord with gladness".

Those pioneers wove altar cloths and vestments, sewed for

Seminarians, and provided food and clothing for the needy.

♪♪♪ Silently now I wait for thee, Ready my God, thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Devine! "Make Me A Servant"!

Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity - One in faith, one in hope, And one in love.

According to the power at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

(Eph. 3:20-21)

Pat Easby

Cheese Ball—Marla Kuefner

(Requested by choir members at the party on May 22)

- 2 8-ounce cream cheese
- 1 4 and 1/2 ounce can chopped black olives, drained
- 2 tsp. Accent
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 package thin sliced beef, finely chopped

Mix all and shape in a ball. Refrigerate. Will keep for a long time. My brother likes to add hot sauce and jalapeno peppers for a variation.

June Nifty Fifty Senior Outings



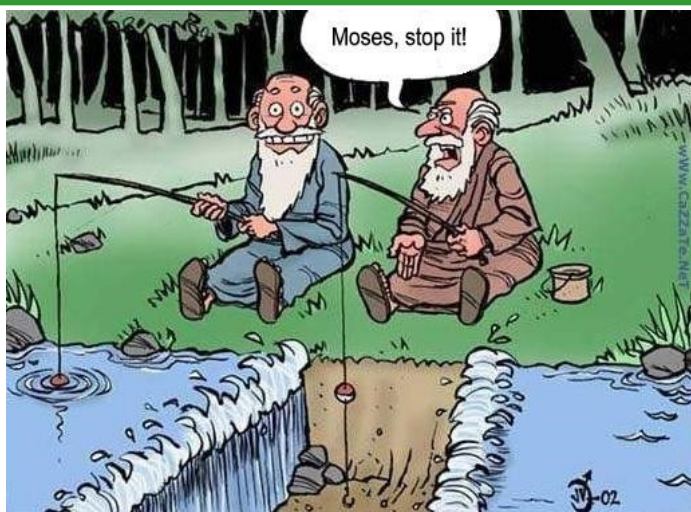
We again plan on two outings for June!

The first is on Friday June 10th to Peter's Steak house located in Isleton CA. Isleton is an old town that was established during the gold rush period of 1849. Actually the town was at first just a part of the delta when the Chinese immigrants lured to CA for the gold stayed on to begin the hard task of dredging and constructing levees to hold back the water and when the water was pumped out there were islands formed one of which was what Isleton residents now call home. When you come off Highway 160 which followed the Sacramento River you go down into Isleton and are very much aware that you are going below the level of the river. I always have been fascinated by the Delta, especially after visiting Al the Wop's with Trina and Bill Godsey. Bill was a geologist and they lived in Rio Vista and he stated that the end of the Antioch Bridge was 20 feet below sea level and that the delta area had more natural gas than any area west of the Rocky Mountains. The town of Isleton consists of old buildings with metal siding as a precaution against fire much the same as in Lock. Peter's Steak House serves all lunches with a choice of green salad or steak fries, Fish and Chips, Prime Rib Steak of course, and a host of sandwiches. I'm looking forward to the drive through the delta and lunch at Peter's Steak House. Lunch is planned at 1:00. Meet at church at 11:45 leave at 12:00. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on...Bring a friend.

The second outing for June is to the New Mecca Mexican Restaurant located at 324 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg CA on Friday June 24th at our usual time of 1:00. The Mecca Restaurant has been a favorite place for Mexican food since early in the 1960's and is a favorite for our president Mike Liebe as he was the one who suggested our going there to start with. Now it's where I go when I want good Mexican food at a reasonable price. I like having a Chile Verde Burrito with just pork in the burrito which is what you get at Mecca's, not a lot of rice and beans. When you first sit down they bring you a bowl of their famous bean dip and a bowl of salsa along with a big bowl of chips. It really sets the stage for a great meal. I usually have the Marcela Special (\$9.75) which is a Beef Enchilada and a Pork Burrito which comes with refried beans, cheese, and rice. I ask for a double refried beans as I don't care that much for rice with my Mexican meal. I do though like a beer which is \$3.50 for a total of \$13.75, so with tax and 20% tip it comes to about \$18.00. (I'm assuming we have more than 6 attending). Really hard to beat in this day and economy. Meet at church at 12:00 leave at 12:15 Sign up in the social hall. Get out and have fun with your Christian Friends. Marv Kreitz

NFS FUN

On Friday the 22 of April several of our group met at church at 11:45 and left at 12:00 noon for the Point Restaurant in Rio Vista. I had Karol Reynolds and Trudy in my car and all were looking forward to the journey across the Antioch Bridge, then on highway 160 out In the Delta, along the Sacramento River. I was a little concerned as the bridge across the river had been tied up with repairs but we crossed without a problem Again I had a map from MapQuest so I felt we would not have a problem after we got to Rio Vista. Wrong it was almost as bad as finding the Nantucket in Crocket. Fortunately Bill Luker was waiting and I followed him directly to the Restaurant. When we entered I felt a very relaxing experience and when I we were led into the main dining area with windows on two sides overlooking the Sacramento River I was impressed. Bill Luker had arranged for three round tables with linen table cloths and napkins that would seat six at each table in the very end of the dining room and it looked so inviting. We had sixteen attend so it was just as ordered. The service was excellent and the food was excellent and the portions were huge and the prices were very reasonable .Thanks to Bill for arranging this outing. I had and those that went had a great time. Marv Kreitz



A LITTLE HUMOR



June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p Bible Study	2	3	4 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
5 Mite Box/Hat Sun. 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian	6 7p Scouts	7 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum	8 1p Senior Brd 7p Bible Study	9	10	11 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
12 9:30am Worship 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)	13 7p Scouts	14 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum Dinner at Oakhurst Country Club	15 7p Bible Study	16	17	18 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
19 Father's Day 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School 2-6p Myanmar Christian	20 12:30p Bridge 6:30p Church Council 7p Scouts	21 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum 6:30p Elders	22 7p Bible Study	23	24	25 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
26 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11a Sunday School 10:30 Outreach 2-6p Myanmar Christian	27 7p Scouts	28 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum	29	30		

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

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th 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:

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