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Rev. Isaac S. Schuller

He is risen...April fools

This year, the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus on April 1, known as April Fools Day. To many people, the resurrection is like an April Fools joke because they believe it did not happen. How can someone rise from the dead? What many people do not understand is that, "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17

No one really argues whether Jesus really existed or not because if they did they would be going against what is recorded in history. Not just Christian history, but also Jewish History, Pagan history, and I would be as bold as to say even world history acknowledges that Jesus Christ existed. History also acknowledges that Jesus claimed to be God. History states that God took on flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. Why? So that He would live the good life, also known as the perfect life, for us because we are not good. We are not perfect. All the bad things we do

don't just disappear, but there are consequences for them. Jesus Christ received those consequences. For this reason, He was crucified for us. Now if Jesus claimed to be God and dies and stays dead, we are all doomed. "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17 There would be no point in loving or helping anyone because it would be "the survival of the fittest, a dog eat dog world."

The church is in the Lenten season right now. We are preparing our hearts for Holy Week when Jesus was hailed as a King and then He instituted His supper that Christians should celebrate as often as they meet. The next day, He was crucified on the cross. Easter morning does not make much sense unless you make the journey through Holy Week. I encourage you to attend service during Holy Week so that you might appreciate our Jesus Christ's resurrection even more. Yes, life is busy, but we give thanks to God that He does not think that way toward us. Instead, He made the journey during Holy Week for us. Let us remember Holy Week by coming together to receive His Word and Sacrament. Then praise Him for all that He is doing for us. In doing so, we will be able to proclaim all the more on Easter Sunday. He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



LWML CNH Convention

April 27-29, 2018

Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Newark/Fremont

39900 Balentine Drive, Newark, CA 94560



Plan Now To Attend!



LWML CNH Convention
Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29

REGISTRATION opens at 12:00 pm, **Friday**

SWAP 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Friday
Study, Worship, And Prayer

COMMUNION WORSHIP 7:30 pm, Friday



Prayer, Music, Bible Study, Speakers, Ingathering



WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am, Sunday

- **Reverend Tom Zelt**, Prince of Peace, Fremont will lead us in the opening worship Friday evening.
- **Pastoral Counselor Rev. Stewart Crown** - SWAP Bible Study Leader
- **Don Wharton** – Convention Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker
- **Dave Anderson** – Convention Music Leader

C.O.M.E. NEWS

After being vandalized several times, the COME truck was damaged to such an extent that it was no longer worth being repaired. The vandals always work late at night or early morning usually to steal the battery for recycling money. The final act destroyed the engines electrical system.

We have found a replacement at a reasonable cost and are working to dispose of the old truck. Not only was the loss very inconvenient but also an unexpected financial set back.

Please keep us in your prayers, asking that the precautions we are taking with the new truck are effective. If you find in your heart a desire to help us defray the financial cost, your donation of any amount is very welcome and can be left with the Church office or with any of the volunteers at the COME building itself. There are COME envelopes in the Narthex and some in the pews too. Please make any checks payable to COME.



Your servant and His,

The CLOTHES CLOSET is in need of men's shoes and underwear for both men and women. Sleeping bags and blankets are also needed. If interested in volunteering in the Clothes Closet, preparation time is from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with distribution from 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Thursdays, preparation time is 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and distribution is 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The FOOD part of the ministry could use extra help with prep time/bagging groceries especially on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and doing data entry when clients come during the food distribution from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday evenings.

C.O.M.E. recently received a grant for \$5,000 and will match those funds up to that amount. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

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2018



Ash Wednesday Services
February 14, 2018
Noon & 7:00 PM

Midweek Wednesday Services for Lent 2018

February 21 - March 21

12:00 Noon Lenten Service
6:00 PM Soup/Salad Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service

Palm Sunday 9:00 AM, March 25

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM, March 29

Good Friday Service 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM, March 30

Easter Sunday Service 9:00 AM, April 1

Easter Brunch 10:15 AM



Congregational
Pot
Luck



Saturday, March 17, 2018

Noon - 2:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, March 17th 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

We will be having a congregational pot luck, *come get your Irish on!* Corned beef, cabbage, sides and desserts. We will need help with set up, clean up and take down as well as bringing dishes. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

“Get your Irish on!”



Forget Me Not Prayers

If you have an opportunity, please reach out with a call, a visit or a card!

Those in need of prayer for health and healing:

- **Patty Tim** (*Veda Connor*)
- **Nancy Perkins** *Yvonne Wagener's daughter*
- **Virginia**, *mother of Myriam Valdivia*
- **Debbie**
- **Sara Mello**
- **Corey Renella**
- **Lucia Vivas**
- **Teresa Cuevas**
- **Brandon**
- **Robert**
- **JP**

Those unable to make it to our worship due to health or other issues:

- **Rosemary Thode**
- **Joan Barnes**
- **Wayne Frazier**
- **Elaine Payne**

Those receiving treatment for cancer:

- **Gao**, *friend of Beatrice Scott*
- **Jin**, *friend of Beatrice Scott*
- **Angelena**, *friend of Rena Torres*
- **Pastor Ron Kusel** (*Veda Connor*)

All those serving our country in the Military including:

- **Dimas Jr. & Veronica Cuevas**
- **Benjamin Brighton**
- **David Newton**

We pray for God's protection on our missionaries around the world and especially:

- **Pastor & Gema Schuller**

We pray for God's strength and protection for:

- **Mario & Christy**
- **Abby Reyes & Family**



- 3/1 **Donnie White**
- 3/5 **Karen Deichmann**
- 3/6 **Julia Montano**
- 3/7 **Rachel White**
- 3/7 **Olivia Elizabeth Schuller**
- 3/10 **Danielle Castleberry**
- 3/16 **Jean Schieber**
- 3/17 **Dee Dee Cardenas**
- 3/17 **Rena Marie Torres**
- 3/21 **Emma DeMay**
- 3/21 **Austin Rodriguez**
- 3/22 **Kathleen Thode**
- 3/23 **Lucia Vivas**
- 3/25 **Viviana Martinez (Izucar)**
- 3/28 **Roberta Marcus**
- 3/31 **Priscilla Newton**

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