



We
 are a fellowship
 devoted to Christ, intent on
 deepening our faith, discovering
 God's grace, and discerning God's
 purpose, that we may serve our local
 and world communities and be a
 voice of hope to all.

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With April, I'm afraid the spring rush begins: hurry to get gardens planted, hurry to finish projects and activities that have to be done by the end of the school year, hurry to get everything ready for whatever may come our way this summer.

But from the good news that Easter has brought us, we can realize something that Roxanne brings up on page 2: we are forgiven, so we're free. We don't have to be bound by the things we've been carrying that might not even be our burden. Jesus is alive, and He is more than able to take care of us, our lives, and all the rushing details of the month to come. And with that, we can realize that (as Dean points out in his review) the side effects are all beneficial.

Read on! There are so many happy opportunities on pages 4 through 8..and a number of them don't require any effort at all beyond remembering to pray, to go to something you wanted to go to anyway, and to enjoy this good world and God's good gifts (like little children, tomato plants and music).

How wonderful is that? Happy spring rush to all of us, in spite of all the things crying out to get done — because Jesus is alive and God is at work.

Mindy Anderson

Living Easter

Have you heard the story of the worship leader who overslept and failed to show up for the Easter Sunrise Service at the church where he worked? The next year, the pastor of the church called the worship leader on Easter morning at 4am saying “Jesus has risen! You had better too!”

I remember the first Easter Sunday I realized that Jesus was alive. It wasn’t as powerful as the disciples’ realization but for me, it was close.

I was a young adult, working on the staff of Young Life in Orange County. We had worked hard to get the kids excited about going to camp, finding resources to help them get there with very little success. It had kind of a negative impact on me as I was beginning to think that God had not called me to this ministry.

Then Easter!

I was in my little office that was so small that “if I sneezed I caught my own cold”, and I heard some noise outside. We were going to have a Young Life Club that evening in the big room outside my office, and the leaders were moving chairs from other rooms into the big room. I was surprised because we had never had that many kids at “club” and I was nervous that something else was scheduled in the room that was assigned to us. I asked, “What are you doing?”

One leader stopped moving chairs to say, “Roxanne, you only get one shot at these kids, don’t screw it up!” Then he went back to moving the chairs.

But I would have messed things up if Jesus had not showed up! After the “chair guy” left, I started thinking about Easter and about a dead man getting out of a grave, and, maybe for the first time in my life, it hit me that Jesus was alive! And not only was He alive, He was right there in that little office and would be there at the club meeting when I

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shared with those teenagers...many more than ever before!

That changed everything, and still does. There is something about Easter that makes a bad day good, a human wish for something better, and the sinful hopeful. “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” 1 Corinthians 15: 14, 18-19 (NIV)

That’s why I like Easter. It’s that time of year when I can sit back with my diet coke and review the basics...uh basic...that a cold, dead corpse got out of a grave and said I could, too.

Jesus says to the prostitute in Luke 7 that her sins were forgiven. He says that to us also. If we’re forgiven, we’re free. If we’re free, we’re His, and that changes everything. I don’t have to be driven by guilt or shame. I was driven before, now I’m drawn (“Draw me close to You” as the song says) to Jesus who says, “I don’t care where you have been or what you are doing, come to me. Your sins are forgiven.”

In 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul says, “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

The risen Christ isn’t bound by time and space and, as I write and you read, He is here. I pray that Jesus will make Himself real to you -- and He will. He will do that because He loves both of us. He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Who's to Blame? (Mild spoilers follow)

I suppose you can't properly call *Side Effects* from director Steven Soderbergh a whodunit, because near the beginning of the film we see it done: a wife stabs her husband, and he dies. The question becomes, "Who's responsible?"

Rooney Mara plays Emily, whose husband (Channing Tatum) was recently released from prison. Suffering from suicidal depression, she comes under the care of psychiatrist Jude Law. He prescribes several antidepressants, one of which has the side effect (title drop!) of sleepwalking.

So if one commits a crime while sleepwalking, who is ultimately responsible? Is the sleepwalker free of guilt? Is the doctor who prescribed the drug that led to the sleepwalking responsible? Or does the

Sidebar: "Big Pharma" is fairly a common villain in films such as *The Constant Gardener*, *The Fugitive*, and all those "Resident Evil" films. After all, what could be more nefarious than researching, manufacturing and distributing medicine that bring healing and comfort that would have seemed miraculous mere decades ago? (Well, perhaps providing the fuel that heats our homes, runs the vehicles we depend on, etc., but other than that...)

ultimate responsibility fall on the company that manufactured the drug?

After the husband's death, a police officer questions the psychiatrist, implying that it might be in the best interest of the doctor to testify against his patient because ultimately, "someone is going to have to pay for this death."

If you enjoy a good mystery, you'll probably enjoy the well-constructed script, competent direction and entertaining performances in the film (including a slightly campy turn by Catherine Zeta Jones as another psychiatrist). But for now, I'd like to dwell a bit on the concept of responsibility.

Medical science has proven that many aspects of our personalities, our emotional actions and reactions, and

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lifestyle choices could be driven by our bodies' chemistry. In the film, many characters turn to pills to help cope with depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, and a variety of other human ills.

If body chemistry drives our emotions, attitudes, and even our actions, are we truly responsible for what we do? Questions of chemistry stray into questions of ethics, spirituality and even theology.

Should we be held responsible for our actions if we are just tossed to and fro by hormones, dopamine and adrenaline? Or does environment controls us as much as heredity? Surely, if God is there, He can't blame us for acting as we do. He made us this way.

Centuries before we had the physiological understanding we have today, the writers of Scripture acknowledged we are often creatures driven by forces that seem beyond our control. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 7:15, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." (NIV)

Ultimately, Paul acknowledges his own responsibility for his actions, and acknowledges that someone must pay the price. It is there that God's plot twist comes to bear, for Paul wrote in I Timothy 1:15, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst." (NIV again)

We live in a fallen world, and we have trouble enough figuring out our own motivations -- let alone the motivations of others. But ultimately God provides the cure we need – with only beneficial side effects.

(*Side Effects* is rated R for language, violence, sexual situations and nudity.)

April Opportunities

Worship, Study and Fellowship

Sunday, April 7
 8:15 am Bible study - Romans
 9:30 am Worship & Sunday school

Sunday, April 14
 8:15 am Bible study - Romans
 9:30 am Worship & Sunday school

Sunday, April 21
 8:15 am Bible study - Romans
 9:30 am Worship & Sunday school

Sunday, April 28
 8:15 am Bible study - Romans
 9:30 am Worship & Sunday school

Mondays (except 4/1)
 10:15 am Women's Bible study
 "The Girl's Still Got it!"

Tuesdays (except 4/2)
 7:00 pm Men's Bible study
 "Hand me Another Brick"

Wednesdays
 9:15 am Women's Bible study
 "Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit"
 7:00 pm Prayer meeting

Saturdays
 7:00 am Men's Bible study

Average Worship Attendance	
February	133
March	141

Average Sunday School Attendance	
March	
Nursery	2
K—2nd	6
3rd—5th	2
6th—12th	5

GENERAL FUND		
FEBRUARY 2013		
	February	YTD
Revenue	\$23,548	\$43,181
Expenses	\$26,817	\$54,696
Balance	(\$3,268)	(\$11,514)
Budget	\$27,278	\$54,556

Outreach and Fellowship

Saturday, April 6, 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (with strawberries)
Monday, April 8, 11:45 am Healdsburg No Agenda Lunch at Adel's
Thursday, April 18, 10:00 am Circle 2
Friday, April 26, time TBA Middle School Youth Group Bowling
Monday, April 29, 12:15 pm Windsor No Agenda Lunch at Mary's Pizza Shack

Tuesdays, April 2, 7:00 pm Yarn Affair
 April 16, 7:00 pm Yarn Affair

Mondays, 6:00 pm High School Youth Group
Tuesdays, 4:00 pm (except 4/2) KidZone*
Thursdays 5:00 pm Praise Team practice
 6:00 pm Choir practice

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4	Susan Nelson	16	Sharon Leighty
4	Erin & Russell Johnston	17	Earl Koch
5	Carol Izzett	20	Anneke & Marshall Turbeville
5	Dean & Mindy Anderson	22	Nick Goldschmidt
6	Maddy Leighty	24	Lorraine Holtzen
6	Noah Leighty	25	Myra Fuller
6	Scott Leighty	26	Joan & Richard Hilden
7	Brendan Trosper	27	Emily Osborn
9	Bob Schultz	29	Marie Johnson
12	Cailin Lobb-Rabe		
12	Meike Lobb-Rabe		
12	Susanne Esquivel		
15	Neil Brady		

Meetings

Thursday , April 4, 7:00 pm	House & Grounds
Monday , April 8, 1:00 pm	Worship Ministry
Wednesday , April 10, 1:00 pm	Congregational Care
6:30 pm	VBS Planning
Tuesday , April 16, 5:00 pm	Finance/Endowment/Stewardship
7:00 pm	Council
Tuesday , April 30, 7:00 pm	Women's Ministry

Council Liaisons to Ministry Teams

With the start of the new year, and after much deliberation and prayer, all of our church committees will have a voice in Council! Here are the Council members and the ministry teams (formerly called committees) they will represent.

Children's Ministry: Polly Cannon
 Youth Ministry: Susanne Esquivel
 Adult Discipleship: Norm Leighty
 Prayer Ministry: John Rich
 Worship: Anderson Puckett
 Global Missions: John Rich
 Community Outreach: Roger Dormire
 Congregational Care: Sally Lobb
 House and Grounds: Gary Sumner
 Finance / Endowment / Stewardship: Gordon Evans
 Personnel: Myrtle Rochioli (Myrtle is also serving as Clerk of Council)
 Nominations: Carl Finwall
 Communications: Jane St. Claire

Win/ Win/ Win

Ever wish you could get your garden started AND help support our youth AND donate to missions? After worship April 14, you'll get your wish. Buy tomato starts from the table outside the sanctuary (donated by Gordon and Marsha Evans), and all proceeds will be donated to the youth missions trip to San Francisco in July. Plus you'll have yummy tomatoes before the end of summer. This opportunity might just be that rare thing: a win/ win/ win/ win situation.

KidZone Info

Lots of snacks, lots of fun, lots of crafts and learning about Jesus, and lots of singing are what KidZone is all about! All children ages 4-11 are welcome to join the fun. We meet in the kitchen at 4:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons and finish up at 5:00 pm.

Our last KidZone for the school year will be April 30, but watch for Wet 'N Wild Water Wednesdays to start in July!

Bands Concert!

The Healdsburg Community Band (HCB) and the New Horizons Band of Sonoma County (NHB) will perform together at the church on Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 pm. The two concert bands are closely associated, sharing some members, and their respective conductors are members of our church family. The HCB was started about 30 years ago by Lew Sbrana. Lew retired from the band a few years ago and the HCB is now being conducted by Randy Masselink, another member of our church family. Lew started the NHB, a band opened to seniors, 14 years ago.

The two bands will perform individually and then come together for a couple of selections. Should be a fun concert with close to 100 musicians performing — and it's free!

Chorus Concerts!

Celebrate the Healdsburg Chorus's 25th anniversary by attending a concert at HCC on Sunday, April 21st at 3:00 pm or Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are available for \$15.00 from members like Rena Harold or Susan Nelson (also at Copperfields Books on the Plaza and at the door).

Got something to say?

If your activity or request or announcement should be here, be sure to get it to the box under the bulletin board in the church office (or email it to HCCMindy@yahoo.com) by the 15th of the month...so if you want something in the May Communicator, turn it in by April 15th!

If your activity or request or announcement isn't here, ask why not by putting a note in the box under the bulletin board in the church office or send Mindy an email. Sadly, it wouldn't be the first time she made a mistake, but she's more than willing to try to fix it.

Thank you from Billie Harrison

It's when you are the one with a need that you realize how supportive and thoughtful this congregation is. I appreciate all the caring thoughts, good wishes and help. Thank you.

Request from Circle 2

Do you receive packets of unsolicited greeting cards in the mail? Circle 2 sends many cards to members of our congregation who may be ill or in need of a cheerful word. Any extra you have may be given to Barbara Bauer.

A Challenging Situation

Some schools in the California State School system (including Sonoma State) are derecognizing their InterVarsity chapters. The situation arises as a result of a Supreme Court decision a few years ago and the strict enforcement of a recent executive order intended to ensure nondiscrimination in leadership and membership in clubs on CSU campuses.

Since InterVarsity's constitution requires all student leaders in a chapter to sign a statement of faith, IV has been targeted in particular. There are several reasons we feel compelled to stand by our leadership requirements:

- 1) leadership requirements are required by Scripture and are consistent with 2000 years of church teaching
- 2) our leadership standards describe necessary skill requirements for our leaders to accomplish their tasks
- 3) many colleges, including the Ohio State system, Florida's state university system, UT-Austin, University of Minnesota, etc., explicitly permit religious groups to use religious criteria in leadership selection
- 4) we desire to have diversity and tolerance on college campuses which would enable and make room for differing viewpoints and opinions.

InterVarsity is appealing this reading of the non-discrimination rules for all religious clubs and organizations on CSU campuses.

Sonoma State fellowship's student president and the staff team leader met with a campus administrator, who was gracious and positive towards the club and is going to keep IV recognized for the rest of this semester while the appeal process continues to play out. Also, the President of IV and others from the legal team have been connecting with the Cal State School system higher ups and building partnerships with other college religious organizations that can stand with us.

Right now the most important thing you can do is pray. Pray for the Cal State School system leaders, pray for IV's President and legal team, and pray that our fellowship will grow even stronger during this mild persecution.

Please don't respond strongly to the State system, or with social media posts. There may be a time and a place for that in the future, but right now IV's national leadership is trying to gracefully solve things before it needs to get taken to that next level.

Encouraging News

Our chapter was selected to take part in a Chapter Building program that runs for 18 months and gives us a growth coach. Since starting the program this semester, we've experienced unprecedented growth.

Normally in the spring semester, older students focus on graduation, people get jobs and people lose time and energy as the school year wraps up. This semester, though, we've seen growth overall in our small groups and at Large Group. This is unprecedented. I cannot recall a time in my 11 years at SSU, as a student or staff, that this has happened.

We've also seen six people come to faith this semester! One transfer student, *Stacey*, quickly stood up when I gave a call to faith at the end of one of our Large Group meetings. She said that she had known that God was real, but finally wanted to make the step of giving her life over to Him. Since making that decision, it has been a blessing to see her get more involved in the fellowship; she has been growing through her small group community and by connecting with some of the student leaders in our fellowship. **Please thank God for and pray for Stacey.**

—abridged from two recent blog posts. Read more at russelljamesjohnston.blogspot.com

Yee-Ha! It's (almost) Vacation Bible School Time!

You guessed it! SonWest RoundUp: A Rip-roarin' Good Time with Jesus! To find out more about this week, come to our theme intro meeting on **April 10 at 6:30pm in the Choir Room**. It won't take long to fill you in on a week that our community children will never forget.

We definitely have opportunities for you during (and before) this great week! Serve as ranch hands (guides to the children), rodeo helpers (Bible game leaders), grubstake helpers (kitchen crew), horse trainers (recreation crew), city slickers (skit team), cowpoke recruiters (registration) and rodeo yodelers (song leaders)! High school students are eligible for service hours.

Vacation Bible School dates are June 24-28...so put on your chaps and spurs and saddle up for the ride of the summer!

Contact Pastor Roxanne for more info at 433-8886 or by email Roxanne@healdsburgcommunitychurch.org

Worship Workshops for Summer

Summer is on its way, and during the summer, everybody has the opportunity to share what God has taught them!

Our summer program during the worship service (starting June 9) will offer kindergarten through 5th grade children a chance to experience God through creative lessons led by caring adults who are glad to commit to working with our kids once or twice during the summer. Youth are welcome to partner with adults to assist.

A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the sanctuary. On Sunday, April 21st, we will have a lunch meeting to introduce the curriculum and provide a time for discuss the church's children's ministry (childcare will be provided). For more information, email Pastor Roxanne at roxanne@healdsburgcommunitychurch.org or call her at 433-8886.

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