

# Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter – July 2022



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## Special Congregation Meeting – Calling a New Pastor

We **give thanks** to your positive response to our request for an increase in pledges. Given your response and a generous gift from Cross and Crown School, we, the Council, recommend offering a call to **PASTOR BILL WESSNER**. He was at Cross and Crown previously as interim pastor from 2016 to 2019.

Our **Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday **July 24 at 11:30 am**. You will have the opportunity to meet Pastor Bill and his wife Susan before our meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation **to vote to offer a call** to Pastor Bill Wessner. If this vote is successful a second motion is presented and to approve the compensation package which will include an amendment to our budget.



## Call Committee Update – Congregational Responsibilities

The call committee has made a recommendation to the council to call a pastor. As we continue to prepare for welcoming a full-time called pastor to Cross and Crown, the call committee would like to remind the congregation that part of the Ministry Site Profile includes a section on what the congregation of Cross and Crown promises to do for the newly called pastor during the first year of the call. In addition to continued financial support of Cross and Crown, we as members commit to do the following:

- Commit to open and honest communication with the pastor.

- Educate the congregation about the Congregation Ministry Site Profile and the responsibility of the congregation as a whole to assist the new pastor. Encourage intentional prayer by the congregation for the new pastor and the congregation.
- Commit to being open to change and new ways of doing things, even if they have been tried in the past. This includes welcoming members and visitors that are racially and ethnically different from us and giving up preconceived ideas of how worship should look like.
- Hold round table style meetings during the pastor's first year with an "ask me anything" type of forum to get to know the pastor and encourage dialogue.
- Actively engage in introducing the pastor to the community over the course of the first year. This includes groups using our facility; school students, staff and parents; ecumenical partners; city council and city staff; community organization members, Sonoma State leaders and faculty; Rancho Cotate and other school leaders/teachers.



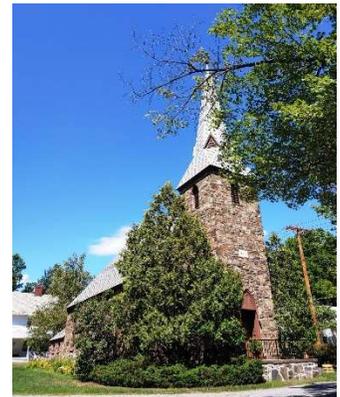
## Pastor Ted's Take

### World Prayer Circle

The World Prayer Circle meets each Tuesday at 1:15 on Zoom. The Holy Spirit is listening to us these days. If you'd like to join, please contact Kim with your email.

### Pastor Ted's Other Mischief

Sunday, July 17, will find Pastor Ted in the pulpit of Diamond Point Community Church in Diamond Point, New York. This is part of a summer ministry that began almost a half century ago. He will miss only one Sunday at CCLCS.



### Pastor Ted's Web Site & Blog Site

Visit Pastor Ted's website for various kinds of resources.  
TedsTimelyTake.com.

Here's a question: *What is the gospel?* This question gets answered in Pastor Ted's blog on "Public Theology."

[https://www.patheos.com/blogs/publictheology/2022/06/what-is-the-gospel/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=BRSS&utm\\_campaign=Progressive+Christian&utm\\_content=1090](https://www.patheos.com/blogs/publictheology/2022/06/what-is-the-gospel/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=BRSS&utm_campaign=Progressive+Christian&utm_content=1090)



## Letter from the Congregational President

See first article.



## Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Our school is closed for a brief period until Summer School begins July 25th. We're offering classes preschool - 4th grade. There are a few spaces left if you know of families who would be interested. Just contact Kim Burns in the office, 707-795-7863.

Planning has begun for our 50th Anniversary of Cross and Crown Lutheran School celebration. Save the date -- Saturday, September 24. Please start spreading the word especially with any past students or teachers you may know. If you would like to be included in the planning, just let me know at: [jbashi@cclsrp.org](mailto:jbashi@cclsrp.org)

Blessings to all and see you in church!

Jean Bashi, Administrator



## Update from NOAH

June was a busy month for NOAH. Many thanks to the following Cross and Crown members who worked the five distributions: Skip Wellman, Mryna Kappler, Sharon and Bob Wambold, Carole and Jim Bossaller, Claudia Theis, Shelley and Ed Slingland, Faith Adams, John Umland, Caden Roth, Jim Carter, Sue Michelsen (and her two grandnieces from Oklahoma).

We are thankful for the food and bags placed in the NOAH barrel and also for the \$50 donation from the congregation.

Some members are helping out in July by filling into complete distribution teams. If you are interested in helping, please see Elizabeth Hoelter for details.

We see new faces each Wednesday so please let your neighbors know that we are there from 4-6 p.m. to help with staples, dairy and eggs, plus fresh produce. The Cross and Crown garden has supplied us with produce and so has Lydia's garden and Sonoma State. Some other local gardeners have given us fresh produce which is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers of support.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter .



## Financials

### For the Month ending Sunday, May 29, 2022

Envelope Giving	\$15,825
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$19,380
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$21,885
Expenses	<u>\$34,690</u>
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>(\$12,805)</b>

### For the Month ending Sunday, June 26, 2022

Envelope Giving	\$19,940
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$23,495
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$26,000
Expenses	<u>\$34,690</u>
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>(\$8,690)</b>

**2 Month Deficit, April & May 2022 (\$21,495)**



## Milestones

### Wedding Anniversaries

July 3 Fred and Cathy Albrecht  
July 27 Brian and Mandy McCarthy

### Birthdays:

July 5 Jean Bashi  
July 14 Paul Grubb  
July 15 Katy Broski  
July 16 Sharon Wambold  
July 20 Cecil Mathews  
July 23 Karen Schlesinger  
July 25 Lynne Bryce-Stark

July 27

Meghan Roth  
Karen Peters



## Prayer List

### Grief

Connie (friend of Joanne B.)  
James (brother of Diana P.)

### Healing

Carole B.  
Tammy (friend of Kim and Tony B.)  
Penny (friend of Elizabeth and Bruce H.)  
Margo (friend of CCLCS)  
Gina (friend of Mandy Mc.)  
Amy D.  
Dave (friend of Elizabeth and Bruce H.)

### Long Term Healing

Carole B.  
Zach S.  
Gabe B.  
Chris (Mandy Mc.'s BIL)  
Mark (Curtis S' friend)  
Karl Olson

### Homebound Members

Pastor Leon  
Norma C.  
Robert and Leona A.  
Janice S.



## Scriptures for July

July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 1-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:14  
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a  
Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-19  
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21



## Events

### Open Sanctuary for Meditation and Prayer

This summer, our sanctuary will be open every Thursday from noon until 2:00 p.m. for anyone who would like a peaceful space in which to meditate and pray. This schedule will continue through August 25. (In June the schedule was 10 a.m.-Noon, but the time frame has been changed to accommodate working people who may wish to come on their lunch break.)

There is no planned program ... only our beautiful sanctuary with soft music. Prayer prompts will be available for those who would like to use them. You may stay for minutes, or for the entire two hours — it's up to you.

Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers. Let them know that we welcome all faith traditions, spiritual seekers and anyone who wants a quiet time away from the noise and stress of everyday life.

**NOTE:** If you are interested in serving as "host" for any of the Thursdays, please notify Tandy Whitaker or Kim Burns. As host, you sit at the small table in the Welcome Center (the one with the sign that says, "Pray More"), welcome anyone who comes in, and offer them a copy of the "prayer prompts" on the table. Check now and then to see if the music in the sanctuary has stopped and, if so, either re-start it or ask Kim to do so. At 2:00 p.m., snuff the candles on the altar, turn off the CD player, and turn off the lights.

### Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The book selection is "Becoming Mrs. Lewis" by Patti Callahan. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



## **Bishop of Sierra Pacific Synod**

After consultation with the presiding bishop of the ELCA and per the Sierra Pacific Synod Constitution (S8.54), the Sierra Pacific Synod Council has appointed the Rev. Claire S. Burkat as its interim bishop. She hopes to begin working in the synod the week of July 10.

Burkat joins the Sierra Pacific Synod from the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Synod, where she served two terms as bishop (2006-2018). She is a 1978 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and has served as a congregational pastor, assistant to the bishop, and mission director with the SEPA Synod, New Jersey Synod, and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Since her retirement as synod bishop in 2018, Burkat most recently served as interim chaplain of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., and stepped in as acting bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod during Bishop William Gohl's sabbatical.

The Sierra Pacific Synod Council and staff warmly welcome Burkat and thank the Office of the Presiding Bishop for its support in this time of transition.

Bishop Burkat discussed the possibility of not voting on a new bishop at the next synod assembly but having a special synod assembly a few months after solely for the purpose of electing a bishop. The idea is to allow us to have one calm and joyous synod assembly to remember what it means to be the church together before we have another election. This is emblematic of what she hopes to achieve in her time as our interim bishop: not solving all our problems but helping us build capacity as a synod by strengthening our relationships with each other.

Starting in September Bishop Burkat will begin a visiting tour of conferences. This will likely look like half day events in various regions in which multiple congregations can attend. More information will follow at a later date.

Please pray for Bishop Claire Burkat and our synod.



## **Miscellaneous Information**

### **Room Needed**

Grace Hernandez (10 a.m. worship) has to move and is in need of a room to rent. If you have the space or would like more information, please contact Pastor Ted.

## **Congratulations to our graduates!**

The following people in our congregation has celebrated the following milestones in their education:

- **Emily Burns** – graduated from San Diego State University.
- **Josh Dapiran** – completed his classes at Santa Rosa Junior College and is transferring to UC Davis in the fall.
- **Declan Perkett** – completed his education at Lawrence Jones Middle School. He will be attending Rancho Cotate High School in the fall.
- **JJ Cornett** – graduated from Tech High School. He will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall.
- Molly Vigoren – completed her education at Santa Rosa Junior College and will be transferring to Sonoma State University in the fall.

Best of luck to your future endeavors.

## **DO YOU LIKE CRAFTING? -- SIGN UP NOW MAKE ITEMS FOR OUR FALL CRAFT FAIRE!**

### **Questions? Contact: Lori Newzell (707) 481-3940**

This limited-time group will make items to sell at our Harvest Craft Faire scheduled for November 18-19, with proceeds to be donated to the church.

Lori will bring all the materials and show you how to construct the items! In some cases, she will have precut the pieces and participants will only need to assemble them. Each craft will be designed so it can be finished by the end of a session.

Work sessions will be held in the Welcome Center on Saturdays, from 9:00 AM until Noon, on the dates shown below. It is not necessary to sign up for ALL the sessions. Since each craft will be completed in the day it is started, participants may attend as many sessions as they wish. Email Lori the dates you would like to participate – Jul. 30, Sept. 10, Oct 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5.

This will be fun — and benefit the church, as well!

**Thank You** – Thanks to the members of Primera Iglesia Bautista for cleaning up the Welcome Center flower bed.



# Volunteer Schedule for July

## Kid's Club Teachers

Date	Theme	Younger Kids	Older Kids
July 3	Jericho and the Wall	Sue Michaelsen	Jean Bashi
July 10	Creation	Sue Michaelsen	Janis Brokaw
July 17	Adam and Eve	Sue Michaelsen	Myrna Kappler
July 24	Noah	Sue Michaelsen	(need someone)
July 31	Abraham & Isaac	Sue Michaelsen	(need someone)

If you would like to volunteer, please let Kim Burns know at [church@crossandcrownrp.org](mailto:church@crossandcrownrp.org). The curriculum is already set up. All you need to do is step in and teach. What a gift to give to the children of our congregation!

## Worship Volunteers

Date	Service	Greeter Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Set-Up	Communion Clean Up
July 3	8:30	B. Hoelter	S. Wellman	S. Wellman	K. Peters	
	10:00	Brokaws	J. Umland	C. Bossaller		N. Umland
July 10	8:30	B. Hoelter	E. Hoelter	B. Hoelter	N. Umland K. Teixeira	
	10:00	Slinglands	C. Schmitt	M. Kappler		N. Umland
July 17	8:30	S. Wellman	B. Hoelter	B. Hoelter	N. Umland K. Teixeira	
	10:00	Umlands	J. Umland	P. Anderson		N. Umland
July 24	8:30	S. Wellman	K. Peters	S. Wellman	K. Peters	
	10:00	Brokaws	P. Anderson	M. Kappler		N. Umland
July 31	8:30	B. Hoelter	S. Wellman	B. Hoelter	K. Peters	
	10:00	Slinglands	S. Slingland	T. Whitaker		N. Umland



## Save the Date

CCLS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Saturday, September 24th