

# Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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## Message from Pastor Ted

Is the Apocalypse upon us? Fire in the sky. SARS Cov-2 in the air. Earthquakes underground. Violence and rumors of violence. So, what does Jesus tell us?

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come....And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. (Mark 13)

### Worship...When? Where?

We gathered for in-person worship last Sunday, September 27. Both the sunshine and the fellowship were warm. It was such a good feeling to be together again! The Praise Band included "A Mighty Fortress" in its repertoire, making the life-long Lutherans feel very much at home. Sigh.

But, alas, we've decided not to worship in person this coming Sunday, October 4. Weather forecasts include the possibility of bad air quality, poisoned by the Glass fire. Our worship planners have been extra cautious in recent months due to the coronavirus, and this mood of caution still obtains. Look for worship on video on the CCLCS website Sunday morning after 8:00.

Services on Sunday, October 11 and 18 will be online worship only with check-in at 11:30 a.m.

Plans are being made for returning to in-person worship inside our sanctuary for Sunday, October 25 which is Reformation Sunday. It will be a celebration of the Lutheran Church and a return to inside worship. Stay tuned to the email blasts for further information.

## **Check-In Sundays at 11:30 am**

Here is a new law of the Medes and the Persians: when we worship in-person, there will be no Sunday Check-in; but, when we worship online via video, we will host Sunday Check-in. Got it?

Please join us for sharing live online Sunday morning, October 4, at 11:30. Just prior, go to the website and click on “Sermons.” Watch the worship service. Then, click on the Zoom link below to join the rest of the congregation live.

### **Join Sunday Check-in at 11:30am: New Zoom Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112184837>

Meeting ID: 831 1218 4837

## **Tuesday Zoom Study 7:00 pm**

If you'd like to exercise your brain to ward off dementia, join us each Tuesday at 7:00 pm to engage one another in matters of faith, spirituality, and personal challenges.

### **Join Zoom Meeting at 7:00 pm Tuesdays**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89630699060>

Meeting ID: 896 3069 9060

## **Congregational Meeting Schedule Change**

The proposed congregational meeting scheduled for October 11 has been postponed until further notice. If you recall, the reason for the meeting is to vote approval of a SBA loan for school operations during this academic year, a period encumbered by so many unpredictable disruptions.

The reason for the postponement is this: we need the precise figure of the loan; and we will not know that figure until the SBA approves it. When that SBA approved figure becomes available, council chair Myrna Kappler will reschedule the congregational meeting and vote. Stay tuned.



## **Letter from the Congregational President**

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family & Friends

“May God’s loving presence comfort you His perfect peace restore you and His promise of eternal life sustain you” These are words from a sympathy card which I thought were appropriate for us during these very turbulent times. We are challenged to be open to where we are needed as we walk humbly with God.

Meeting our church's expenses is a continuing challenge. We started the year with a budget deficit. Our giving has not been meeting our expenses. We were helped during the summer with a brief mortgage deferral and a Payroll Protection Program Loan. At this time we are postponing the Congregational meeting with more details to come.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what increase in giving you are able to make to continue and build our ministry at Cross and Crown.

Peace be with you,  
Myrna Kappler, Church Council President



## Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Cross and Crown School has had an incredible first four weeks of school. Teaching "in-person" has its challenges during this COVID pandemic, and our staff has gone above and beyond keeping our campus sanitized and your children safe. Many eyes in our community are watching us as we make our way through these unprecedented times. In many respects, without intending to do so, we have become the model for reopening schools in our community, and God willing, we can successfully continue without closure interruptions. We thank our parents for their diligence in following the established county health protocol. Their conscientiousness has made it possible for our staff to be so successful. We thank the congregation also for continued prayer as we proceed each day through "uncharted waters".

Grateful to the Lord above,  
Jean Bashi  
Administrator



## Update from NOAH

NOAH continues to host drive through distributions every two weeks. The dates in October are the 14th and 28th from 4 to 6. Looking ahead we hope to have inside distributions on November 4th, 11th, and 18th. These will follow strict guidelines of 5 people inside at a time with social distancing enforced.

In addition to the produce from the Redwood Empire Food Bank, we received goodies from local gardens including from Faith and Gordon Adams, Bob and Sharon Wambold, Teri Clark, Lynne Carson, and the C&C garden.

Grocery Outlet gave us a good supply of staples which will be helpful this winter as the schools will most likely not hold their usual food drives for us.

Cross and Crown members are helping with the distributions behind the scenes. John Umland has helped set up the outside tables and tents every week. Also produce has been bagged by

Claudia Thesis and Sharon Wambold. Many thanks to them for this help.

We plan to hold a fundraiser selling See's Candy again this year. Watch for details next month.

We are grateful for the prayers of support as we help feed those in our community who come for food. We are also thankful for the monetary contributions which you faithfully make.

Blessings.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



## Financials

September 1	\$ 4,460
September 8	\$ 1,843
September 15	\$ 2,633
September 22	\$ 1,550
September 27	\$ 2,240
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 1,413
Total	\$17,774



## Milestones

### Wedding Anniversaries

October 13	Skip and Carol Wellman
October 18	Robert and Leona Asper
October 23	Cecil and Meena Mathews

### Birthdays:

October 2	Faith Adam
October 4	Sherry Wren
October 9	Curtis Schmitt
October 14	Bruce Williamson Jane Kaczmarek
October 16	Fred Albrecht
October 18	Warren Hopkins
October 20	Bill Fusco
October 26	Pastor Leon Holm

October 27	Catrina Perkett
October 29	Maureen Beck Skip Wellman Jennifer Titus
October 31	Dorothy Newzell



## Prayer List

### Healing

Pam R.  
Bob R.  
Dutch A.  
Linda (Joanne B's friend)  
Bill (BIL of Fred A.)  
Linda (Joanne B's friend)  
Charles (Jackie N.'s son)  
Ditka (Robert S' ex-wife)  
Steven (Carol C's cousin)  
Richard (Sue's friend)  
Steven (Carol C.'s cousin)

### Long Term Healing

Joanne (Kim B's friend)  
Carole B.  
Gabe B.  
Chris (Mandy Mc.' BIL)  
Mark (Curtis S's friend)  
Chris (Diane C's son)  
Sawyer (Michelle S's friend)  
Ed (Vicki B's dad)

### Homebound Members

Dick and Dorothy N.  
Ruth M.  
Pastor Leon H.  
Beverly L.  
Ginny C.  
Norma C.

### Grief

Family of Bruce S. (uncle of Tony B.)  
Family of Thomas B. (son of Becky B.)  
Family of Roger (friend of Michelle S.)  
Family of Nancy M. (mother of Leah M.)



## Update on ELCA Churches in Sonoma County

Pastor Ted was in communication with both Pastor Bill Wessner at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Pastor Daniel Shantu at Faith Lutheran Church. Below are the updates and prayers needed from both Pastors.

From Pastor Bill:

Many, perhaps 100 Bethlehem Lutheran Church families were affected by evacuation, including the Mountain Hawk, Calistoga, Oakmont, Summerfield, and Spring Lake Village neighborhoods. No individual BLC home losses noted. BLC was in the evacuation zone, and the fire was in the BLC neighborhood. The church is fine. The

people of Santa Rosa and BLC are familiar with responding to fire threat, and did so with high compliance, being helpful to the first responders. They were ready with their “go” bags with destinations already arranged. Susan and I were home and safe in Petaluma.

*What to tell God:*

Tell God we are grateful for all the first responders,  
for the forecasters who can provide warning,  
for all the places to go, for family, friends, and communities who provide,  
for the technology and equipment to fight the fires,  
for all the people who know how to and have the energy to carry on,  
for all the inspiration they spread,  
for all who think about, pray for, and remember us,  
for all the compassion they share,  
for the winds from the Pacific bringing cool, humid, slower air,  
for vision beyond today’s experience.

Tell God we invoke Divine protection for all others still in harms way,  
for all who are not in safe places,  
for all we have forgotten because of today’s urgency.

Tell God we look forward to receiving  
rest from the stress,  
renewal of resilience,  
healing, wholeness, strength, redemption, being set upright,  
that we might witness to God’s saving power,  
again in the temple and throughout creation,  
using all the gifts in front of us, within us, beside us, and behind us.

From Pastor Daniel

Thank you for reaching out. A number of members of FLC were evacuated. Other members were in warning zone. To be honest, everyone has been affected by this. This is another tough situation. I evacuated Sunday night and ended up in east bay about 2 am in the morning.

Prayers are important for strength and help. Prayers are needed for firefighters. Prayers are needed for wildfires to stop. So many things...



## **Esther Fund in Need**

The **Esther Fund**, administered by **Women’s Ministries of Cross and Crown**, was established to provide small grants to help meet emergency needs for women and children of Cross and Crown. These are gifts, not loans requiring repayment.

To qualify for an Esther Fund Grant, the person requesting assistance must be a member in good standing of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church. Preference will be given to single mothers, but other women are not excluded. The woman and/or her child(ren) must have an urgent need that they are unable to cover. Some examples would be eyeglasses, dental work, clothing, and school supplies, but the Committee will consider all requests. Periodically, we like to remind women of the congregation that these funds are available. The grants are confidential; only the three members of the Esther Fund Committee will know of your request.

To request a grant, please contact any member of the Committee — Kim Burns at 694-3643; Tandy Whitaker at 292-1770, or Nancy Umland at 585-9303.

We have given out some grants recently, so we would (as always) welcome additional donations from the congregation to keep replenishing the fund. These are tough times for many people and we always want to be able to help when asked! Checks should be made out to **CCLC Women**, with a notation that it is intended for the **Esther Fund**.



## Thank you

Thank you to my Cross and Crown family for all the cards, flowers, phone calls, notes and well wishes for my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Norma Cowden.



## Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This year we would like to have people send cards, emails and notes to Pastor Ted and his wife, Karen, to show appreciation for what they do at CCLCS. In addition, Kim will be taking up a collection of money which will be used to buy a gift certificate for Pastor Ted's and Karen's favorite restaurant in San Rafael, Il Davide. If you would like to give toward this fund, please mail or drop off cash or checks to the church office and signify in the memo "love offering." We will be giving the gift on Reformation Sunday.

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