

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

January 2021



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Message from Pastor Ted

Pastor Ted's Take for January 2021

Normally we greet the New Year with hope and joy and revelry. This time all we can look forward to is a darker winter.

The heralds of good news tell us the vaccine is on the way. Until it arrives for all of us, we will need to continue masking and distancing. It will not be winter forever.

On January 6 we will celebrate Epiphany (not on the 6th but on Epiphany Sunday, January 3), when we recall how God shone a bright light of revelation into a world of darkness. Be sure to visit the CCLCS website for both Worship online and Kids Club. Yes, grown-ups can watch Kids Club too.

The CCLCS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021. Lots o' big decisions to make.

Like dogs 'n' drivers in the Iditarod racing 938 miles across deep snow and treacherous ice, the faculty, and children at the Cross and Crown Lutheran School finished the race—beating COVID-19 19--from September to December. Yes, two classes closed for two weeks in December; but three made it to the finish line. Hooray! Courage. Fortitude. Prudence. These virtues led to the victory. Plans are now to run the next race when school opens January 4. Keep those prayers rising.

For Pastor Ted's Other Mischief...

Visit my website for various kinds of resources.
TedsTimelyTake.com

Check-In Sundays at 11:30 am

Please join us for sharing live online each Sunday morning at 11:30. Just prior, go to the website and click on "Worship on-line." 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 would like to exercise your brain to ward off Alzheimer's, join us each Tuesday at 7:00 pm to engage one another in matters of faith, spirituality, and personal challenges.

Join Zoom Meeting for Tuesday Study

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

Meeting ID: 896 3069 9060



Letter from the Congregational President

Here we are celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas. I resonated with this prayer in our devotion for the third day. *Abide with us God so our garments of our daily life are adorned with faith, hope and love.* Imagine each of us walking in garments adorned with faith, hope and love – an encouraging challenge. *Imagine!*

We thank you for your generous giving during the month of December. Continued generous giving provides belief, hope, and support for growth of our church, school, and community ministries. We thank Mary Cornett, Danny Krive and Caitlin Burns for special music in our Christmas services. We thank Kim Burns for all her behind the scenes help to support our virtual services and services in print. We thank Jean Bashi and the school staff for all their hard work to follow COVID-19 recommendations to keep our students safe and carry out their normal teaching responsibilities.

Currently the Nominating Committee is working to find individuals to fill open positions on our Council, School Board and Endowment Committee. We have selected January 31 as the time for our Annual Meeting which will be on Zoom at 11 am. We will also set up a phone connection.

Love and Peace,

Myrna Kappler, President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Happy New Year to everyone, and as we enter this new decade, may we be thankful for new beginnings, keeping our hearts and minds open to the blessings our Father has in store for us each day.

A major blessing for our school is that we remain open, teaching in-person. We did have to close two classes for a time last month due to the coronavirus, but we are back, ready to work and play with our students and interact with our families.

This first week of January, we are anxious to tape and compile our virtual Christmas program which did not happen in December due to our closing of the two classes. The kids are excited to be able to sing their prepared songs, play in the bell choir and read the Christmas story, while sharing the Good News with their families, even if it is January. We are expecting the program to be ready for viewing in a couple of weeks.

An appreciative “Thank you” goes to those of you who supported us with your end of the year gifts. Your commitment to our school and its mission is heartwarming. Thank you also to all who contributed to the wonderful “Reindeer Stockings” which were put together for each staff member and contained many, many goodies. It is so humbling to be recognized in such a touching manner.

We ask for continued prayer as we navigate through these uncharted waters. He is listening and will continue to answer.

Blessings to you all,

Jean Bashi
Administrator



Update from NOAH

As we enter 2021 NOAH continues to be blessed so we can continue to reach out to the members of our community who need food. Cross and Crown contributed \$625 in donations plus many bags of staples. All this really helps us carry out our mission and we are grateful for your gifts and prayers of support. Thank you.

Cross and Crown hosted the final three distributions in 2020. John Umland, Sue Michaelson, Sharon and Bob Wambold, Skip Wellman, Claudia Theis, Jim Clark, Jim and Carole Bossaller, and Ken Schlesinger helped with the distributions. The next time we will be in charge is in March. If you would like to volunteer in March please contact Elizabeth Hoelter.

We were able to give out lots of cans of vegetables, fruit, soup, tuna, tomato products, chicken, beans, as well as pasta, mac & cheese, rice, cereal, bread, peanut butter, jelly, and tortillas. In addition we gave hot dogs, chicken drumsticks, Amy's frozen Samosas, and ground beef.

Faith and Gordon Adams and their Rancho Grande team brought items the Redwood Empire Food Bank gave them in boxes that the residents could not use. These donations help our distributions.

We also thank Carol Wellman for the collection of food she gathered and Skip for delivering it to the pantry.

Two schools held drives in December which helped to stock our shelves. Hahn School collected four NOAH barrels which Sharon and Bob Wambold helped get back to the pantry. The Rancho Cotate High School also had a highly successful drive which John Umland was able to get for us after many trips with his pickup.

Our See's fundraiser was a success. We thank all of you who participated.

Please help spread the word about our weekly distributions every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6.



Financials

December 6	\$ 5,358
December 13	\$ 3,300
December 20	\$ 3,745
December 27	\$ 5,270
December 31	\$ 350
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 1,198
Total	\$22,856



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Birthdays:

January 12	Norma Grubb
January 15	Robert Solorio
January 19	Dutch Afman
	Jim Stark
January 26	Sarah Cornett



Prayer List

Healing

RJ B. (former member)
Trice P. (former member)
Alexandria and Family (Hoelters)
Linda (Joanne B's friend)
Scott (brother of Lynne BS)
Linda (Joanne B's friend)
Richard (Sue's friend)
Dutch A.
Charles (Jackie N.'s son)
Richard (Sue's friend)

Homebound Members

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

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)
Ed (Vicki B's dad)
Sawyer (Michelle S's friend)

Grief

Family of Bev L.

Personal

Martin P. (friend of Barbara S.)
Barbara S.
Newzell family



Annual Congregational Meeting

It is that time of year to gather and reflect on what has happened last year at CCLCS at our annual meeting. This year will be slightly different due to covid-19. The plan is to gather on January 31 through Zoom at 11 a.m. For the people who do not do computers, Council is working on a way for you to be part of the meeting. More information will follow the next Council meeting which is scheduled for January 11. Voting procedures will also be discussed.

As always, oral reports will be given by Pastor Ted, council president, school administrator, Call Committee representative and the bookkeeper. All other reports can be found in the written annual report.

The church office needs all individual reports by January 15. Please remember to send the copy in a word file with arial font and size 11. Thanks for everyone's prompt response.

The written annual reports will be available the last week of this month. It will be sent out electronically to everyone who has a current email address on file with the church office. Hard copies will be available in the church office for those who would prefer one.

A representative from the call committee will be on hand to discuss what the process is for calling a new permanent pastor.

Please remember all are welcome to attend but only confirmed members may vote.



Are You Interested?

Pastor Ted is exploring the possibility of doing an in-person bible study starting later this month. He is considering looking at the book of Matthew. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating in this. We would meet in the Welcome Center possibly Tuesday or Wednesday early afternoon – social distancing and masks would be maintained. Pastor Ted would use the microphone system to help others hear him better since we would not be sitting close together. This is a great opportunity to begin the year right by focusing on God! Please join us!



Call Committee Questions

The Call Committee is back working on the process of calling a new permanent pastor for Cross and Crown. They have several questions that they would like the congregation to answer around coronavirus. The electronic link was sent home with the Tuesday email blast. Please take a few moments to answer the two questions and submit them. Every little bit of information helps our Call Committee bring us one step closer to finding a new permanent pastor.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Esther Fund to help me with my unexpected expenses. Your generosity is appreciated.

Jackie Nanzala

Thank you to all the cookie elves who prepared the cookies that were included in your advent bags: Tandy Whitaker, Carol Cochran, Nancy Umland, Mary Rita Williamson, Karen Schlesinger, Joanne Blondina, Pat Anderson, Michelle Stewart, Teri Clark, Faith Adam, and Maureen Beck.

Thanks to all the delivery persons of the advent bags: Tandy Whitaker, Nancy Umland, Mary Rita Williamson, Karen Schlesinger, Pat Anderson, Claudia Theis and Pastor Ted and Kim.