

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

March 2021



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Message from Pastor Ted

News: Valentine Sunday Webinar

Our special educational event, “Science and Religion in a Time of Truth-Denial: Neither will be Denied,” on Valentine Sunday was a great success. Good group discussion. We had guests tune in from different parts of the country as well as Stockholm Sweden.

New CCLCS Blog

At Kim’s instigation, we have begun a church blog which appears on the CCLCS website. In the first installment, I prepared us for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

We are planning about two blogs per month. Written. Perhaps in the future we will graduate to video blogs. In the meantime, visit the website and click on “Blog.”

<https://www.crossandcrownrp.org/Home>.

Lenten and Easter Plans 2021

Lent is a time for meditation and personal discipline. Fasting. Prayer. Service. Kim and Tandy have prepared and delivered Lenten bags to everyone. If you missed yours, check with Kim at the church office.

Daily Lenten devotions are sent out via email attachment. When? Well, daily. You can also find them on the CCLCS website.

Each Wednesday we will make available a midweek video chapel service of confession and prayer. It will premiere at 6:00am for the early birds. In addition, a written version will be mailed to those who request it.

We are already anticipating Holy Week, March 28 to April 4. We will prepare online videos for worship premiering in the mornings of Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion), and Good Friday.

Then—Hooray! — we plan an in-person outdoor festival worship for Easter Sunday, April 4, at 11:00am. This worship event will include Baptisms, Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation), and First Communion. Yes, we will socially distance and wear masks. **To help plan for this event, we would like families to RSVP so we can set up the courtyard for everyone who would like to attend. Please email or call Kim at church@crossandcrownrp.org or 795-7853.**

Now, a caution. This plan is subject to contingencies regarding COVID-19. We will check the SARS-CoV-2 weather report the week prior and then finalize our decision. Stay tuned on the website for Easter plan updates.

Pastor Ted's Other Mischief...

Visit my website for various kinds of resources at www.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: 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 at 7:00 pm Tuesdays.

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

Meeting ID: 896 3069 9060



Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family & Friends

February has flown by so quickly. I was just writing to you about our Annual meeting. Hopefully, you have enjoyed delightful visions which have appeared in Rohnert Park and surrounding areas this last week.

- Beautiful green fields with bright yellow mustard
- Trees with tiny leaves peeking off their limbs
- Ornamental cherry trees with their delicate blossoms gracing the streets
- Slips of leaves on Weeping Willow trees
- Rolling green hills

I am delighted to report that Cross and Crown has been approved for a second PPP Loan. Thank you to Kirsten Perrett for completing the loan application. While this approval allows us to relax and not hold our breath about finances, please continue to give what you are able. As I review my message from last month, setting our visionary course for the future for the church and school continues to be most important. We need to continue to pray to recognize God's path for us. Again I invite you prayerfully envision ways we may share the Grace of God and the Love of Christ

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

March is the start of the third trimester at Cross and Crown School. We are coming to the end of the year and the students are busy, busy, busy!

Thanks to Amy Der and her family for helping share their culture with the students for Chinese New Year. The 3rd and 4th grade class did a wonderful job acting out a play for the event. The school had a great time focusing on the year of the Ox.

The school has two fundraisers this month. On March 8, Kona Ice returns to our parking lot from 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. A percentage of the sales gets given back to the school. The other is a Dine and Donate at Round Table Pizza on March 18. They will return 20% of all sales accompanied by the flyer (see attached). We hope you will come out and help support the school at one or both of these.

As of the start of March, all the staff have had at least one dose of the vaccine. We will all be fully covered by the end of the month. Thanks to Sonoma County Office of Education for setting up the vaccine clinic across the street at Rancho Cotati High School.

Registration opened last month. We are nearly full due to the uncertainty of what school will look like next year. There are still a few openings if you know of a child that could benefit from a Christian education, please refer the family to the school office.

The children are also diligently practicing for their Spring Show. This year each class will perform songs and skits from the Wizard of Oz. We are hoping to have this in-person but are making alternative plans if this is still not an option.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our students, staff, and families.

Jean Bashi



Update from NOAH

Many members of Cross and Crown filled in during February as help was needed. We are scheduled for the five weeks in March and have the Wednesdays covered.

If you are looking for items to help stock our shelves, we can use small bags of flour and sugar as well as salt and pepper plus other spices.

Please do not leave any items at the pantry as health department regulations require us to dispose of food or bags left outside as critters could contaminate items left unattended. You can put things in the NOAH barrel inside the double doors at the entrance by the mailbox or drop them off on Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m. Thank you.

In February we served 61 families a week with an average of 150 members. We were able to give out staples, bread, tortillas, produce, eggs, frozen Amy's dinners, hot dogs, ground beef, ground beef, peanut butter, and jelly.

Cross and Crown supported NOAH with a \$150 donation, and we are thankful for that as well as your continued prayer support as we help our neighbors with their food needs.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter
(707) 794-8541



Financials

February 7	\$ 3,243
February 14	\$ 840
February 21	\$ 3,865
February 28	\$ 1,550
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 1,058
Total	\$14,191



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

March 4 Mark and Deborah Klipfel
March 9 Ray and Mary Dapiran

Birthdays:

March 2 Liam Perkett
March 15 Joe Cornett
March 18 Nancy Gornowicz
March 19 Trent D'Elicio
March 20 Jim Carter
 Molly Vigoren
March 21 Mark Whitaker
March 26 Brian McCarthy
March 27 Brian Brozovic
 Sharon Hart
March 28 Becky Coleman
 Mary Dapiran
March 29 Teri Clark



Prayer List

Healing

RJ B. (former member)
Trice P. (former member)
Lynne BS
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)
Bob S. (NOAH)

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)

Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.
Norma C.



Scriptures for February

March 7	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
March 14	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
March 21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
March 28 (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philemon 2:5-11 Mark 15:1-47



Calling All Bakers

Easter Sunday is going to be a celebration triple-fold. Not only is it the resurrection of Jesus (which is reason enough to rejoice), but it is our first Sunday back at CCLCS in-person this year and we will be observing the milestones of a number of our young people. This calls for cake. However, with COVID-19 conditions still in place, this is not the best idea to share a cake. What we can do is serve cupcakes that are individually packaged. We are looking for people to make and decorate 1-2 dozen cupcakes. We hope to have 8 dozen cupcakes. Please let Kim know if you can help at church@crossandcrownrp.org or 795-7853.



Blessing Bag Donations Needed

There is still a need for blessing bags within our community. These are bags of non-perishable items that can be handed out to someone in need. We need of the following individually wrapped items: fruit cups/applesauce cups, nuts or raisins, bags of cookies, peanut butter or cheese and crackers, granola bars, and pairs of socks. We will have these available for pick-up soon. Check your email blasts for updates.