

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor Ted's Take for April 2021

EASTER is the single most important festival day on the Christian calendar. When God raised Jesus from the dead, all the miracles, teachings, slanders, and sufferings suddenly made sense. The gospel became complete: by grace God affords you and me forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life.

Here is our plan for the moment. On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will celebrate with an outdoor in-person worship service at 11:00 am. The Service of Holy Communion will include baptisms, first communions, and confirmation.

Yes, we will social-distance and wear masks. Please send a message to our parish administrator, Kim Burns, in advance so that she knows who is coming.

After the Easter service, we will put our wet finger to the wind and decide whether we could continue in-person worship for the rest of the month of April at 11:00 am. Stay tuned.

CAUTION. If you do not feel safe due to Covid 19, please remain home. No need to rush out into social situations. Rest assured that we are taking every precaution we can until the plague is behind us.

For Pastor Ted's Other Mischief...

NEWS FLASH. Your current favorite interim pastor is embroiled in a churchwide controversy just in case you missed it. In February I published an article sharply criticizing the white leadership of the ELCA for failing to overcome institutional racism. Our denomination remains the whitest church in America. I would like to see this reformed.

However, my article, “Overcoming ELCA Racism with Authentic Diversity,”¹ has precipitated a hailstorm of critical arrows aimed directly at me. Why? Because I inadvertently attacked a document authored by people of color, “How Strategic and Authentic is our Diversity: A Call for Confession, Reflection, and Healing Action.”² Sometimes I have a way of making the wrong people mad at me. Oops!

I plan to publish an apology while still prosecuting my concern for racial inclusion. I expect there will be a shoot-out at the OK Coral in the April issue of the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*.³ Now you know what to look forward to.

Pastor Ted’s Website

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



Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family & Friends

What a blessing to be able to worship together for Easter. We thank God for vaccines and the opportunity to carefully meet in person. As we again worship together, I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in ways to meet the needs of Cross and Crown Church, School, and greater community.

At our recent council meeting, Rev Bill Wong was our guest. He is now our contact person from the Synod as we move through the Call process. As giving is on the low side, I again ask that you increase giving as you are able.

Each week during Lenten service, I have resonated with the beginning hymn from Psalm 51:10-12, “Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not from thy presence; and take not the holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me.”

So as we emerge this Easter from our Covid *shelters* with clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice, celebrate new life and the message of the Resurrection.

¹ Ted Peters, “Overcoming ELCA Racism with Authentic Diversity,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 21:1 (February 2021); <https://learn.elca.org/jle/overcoming-elca-racism-with-authentic-diversity/> .

² “How Strategic and Authentic is Our Diversity: A Call for Confession, Reflection and Healing Action,” adopted by the fifteenth triennial Churchwide Assembly on August 9, 2019 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Strategy_Toward_Authentic_Diversity.pdf?_ga=2.268667378.2061013074.1595792543-301935741.1595430762 ..

³ <https://learn.elca.org/jle/>

He has Risen, He has Risen Indeed!

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Easter blessings from our staff to all the members of Cross and Crown. Currently, our staff is on a much-needed break from full time teaching. As we rest and refill our energy baskets, we continue to thank the Lord for the opportunity to work with our students in person.

Registration for the coming 2021-22 school year is in full swing, and again, the Lord has blessed us by filling our classrooms 77% schoolwide for the coming year. We are offering a 7th grade to our current 6th grade class, expanding our program once again.

We are looking forward to our Spring Show, "The Wizard of Oz". We will be taping each classes' section and putting everything together to be viewed on a YouTube link, keeping in line with social distancing protocol. It should be interesting!!!

Thank you for supporting our Round Table Pizza fund raiser. With Covid-19 still in full force, our school has not been able to plan fund raising opportunities as we have in the past. Your continued support is appreciated.

We are grateful for your support in so many areas and to the Lord for keeping our school and school families in His care.

Jean Bashi

Administrator



Update from NOAH

Cross and Crown was in charge of distributions for NOAH in March. Thanks to Jim and Carole Bossaller, Sharon and Bob Wambold, Claudia Theis, Sue Michaelson, Jim Carter, Skip Wellman, Myrna Kappler, Tandy Whitaker, Sharon Winterfeld, Ken Schlesinger, John Umland, and Pastor Ted Peters for assisting during the month.

Thanks to the Bossallers and Wambolds who brought lemons which we added to our ordered produce. Lynne Carlson also picked lemons from the church garden and gave them to us. A board member's neighbor gave us a huge bag of mustard greens which were enjoyed.

NOAH received \$650 from Cross and Crown in March. We are thankful for your support and your prayers as we service our neighbors.

We are getting fresh eggs from growers in Petaluma and so we need empty egg cartons once again. You can place them in the NOAH barrel along with any donations and bags. Thanks for your support in this effort.

We are going to be running distribution again in June so you can volunteer by contacting Elizabeth Hoelter at (707) 794-8541 or sfborn8320@sbcglobal.net. See if this is something you would like to try as we reach out to the community.

Please let anyone who may need some help with their food budget that we are open every Wednesday from 4-6. Spread the word.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



Financials

March 7	\$ 4,168
March 14	\$ 400
March 21	\$ 1,870
March 28	\$ 1,605
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 1,308
Total	\$12,986



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

April 5 Mark and Tandy Whitaker

Birthdays:

April 1 Todd Coleman
April 2 Zach Schmitt
Jake Dapiran
April 3 Ted Peters
April 8 Connie Pfeiff
Ashwin Mathews
April 14 Anjali Mathews
Rochelle Olson
April 16 Trenton Koehler
Nancy Umland
April 17 Lynne Carlson
April 20 Gordon Adam

April 21	Gene Koehler
April 25	Pam Roth
April 28	Sue Michaelsen
April 30	Nikki Boccaleoni



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)
 Karl O.
 Russel (Lynne C's family)
 John and Deb Mc.
 Bill and Laurel (friends of Tandy W.)

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 April

March 1
 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 2
 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

March 4
 (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Mark 16:1-8

April 11	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
April 18	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
April 25	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18



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 still looking for people to make and decorate 1-2 dozen cupcakes. Please let Kim know if you can help at church@crossandcrownrp.org or 795-7853.



Resurrection or Easter Story Cookies

Here is a fun way to incorporate Easter into your weekend with yummy results.

1 cup pecans or mini chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vinegar
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
3 egg whites



- Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
- Place pecans in a plastic baggie. Beat the nuts with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. This represents that Jesus was arrested and beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

- Smell the vinegar. Talk about how Jesus was forced to drink vinegar when he was thirsty on the cross. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Read John 19:28-30.
- Add egg whites to bowl with vinegar. Eggs represent life and that by giving His life, Jesus gave us eternal life. Read John 10:10-11.
- Give everyone a little salt in their hand and encourage them to taste it. The salt represents the salty tears that were shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our sin. Add a pinch of salt to the bowl. Read Luke 23:27.
- Add 1 cup sugar. Sugar is added to show that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.
- Beat the egg whites to form peaks, beat for about 5-10 minutes. The white color represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Christ. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.
- Fold in broken nuts or mini chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoons onto a parchment covered cookie sheet. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was placed. Read Matt. 27:57-60.
- Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Use pieces of masking tape to seal the oven just as the tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.
- NOW GO TO BED! Just as you may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight, Jesus' followers were sad when the tomb was sealed, and they had to leave his body there. Read John 16:20 and 22.
- On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. As you take a bite you will discover that the cookies are hollow. On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9.

