

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Information from Pastor Ted

Special Tuesday Zoom Bible Study May 4

Even if you do not already attend regularly our Tuesday Zoom Bible Study, please join us on May 4 at 7:00 pm. Our guest presenter will be Kari Lenander, Executive Director of Border Servant Corps on the U.S. / Mexico border. What creative and hospitable ministries do our fellow Christians shoulder for and with refugees? Our good friend, Chrislyn Carson at Faith Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa is preparing this special program for us.

In advance Visit BSC website:

<https://www.borderservantcorps.org/hospitality-for-refugees>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95794917085>

Meeting ID: 957 9491 7085

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Meeting ID: 957 9491 7085

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aSyooYTuS>.

Worship Times for May: 8:30 & 10:00

Our church council has determined that we will worship in-person inside each Sunday at both 8:30 and 10:00 am. The early bird service will be brief but include Eucharist. The second service will be the complete Holy Communion. Coffee will be served between services, about 9:00am.

Between now and September, we will begin planning for activities between services, perhaps a Bible study.

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.

If you would like me to call at your home and bring communion, I would be glad to do so. Simply let Kim know, and we will set a date for my visit.

For Pastor Ted's Other Mischief...

No mischief to report this month.

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 joy that we (92 of us) were able to gather in person for Easter in the Patio. We celebrate and congratulate Caroline Roth, JJ Cornett, Jake Dapiran, Danny Steger, and Rylie Koehler who confirmed their faith. Congratulations also to Catrina Perkett and Aubrielle Vicente on their first communion. As the county has moved from the red to orange tier, we have been comfortably able to worship inside for this past month. Beginning in May, the Council approved worship schedule which will be at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. We hope to see you soon.

We are thankful that our 2020 Paycheck Protection Loan from the Small Business Administration was forgiven in full including interest. This paid for school staff and the church administrator for a little over 8 weeks. We thank Kirsten Perkett for all her work in applying for the loan and then for the loan forgiveness.

The Council approved the sharing our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with Primera Iglesia Bautista de Rohnert Park. The Pastor is Albert Rodriguez. Their congregation is between 40 and 50 members and will worship Sunday afternoons. This will begin in June. Over time we will be looking at ways that we may build friendships and ministry.

As we 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.

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Just thirty-four days left from this school year. It is only through the grace of God that we have been able to be so successful during this Covid year of uncertainty. Staring at the coming year last summer, I never thought that we would be able to get as far as we have and do as much as we did with the children placed in our care. Looking back, I see how the Lord carried us **all the way!** Cross and Crown Lutheran School is truly blessed.

Currently, the huge undertaking in front of us is the production of our Spring Show, "The Wizard of Oz". All the kids, preschool – 6th grade, are busily working on their lines and singing parts while the older students are also designing and making sets. Plus, the 3rd-6th grade Chime Choir will be playing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", so rehearsals are taking place for that too. It is exhausting, but exciting at the same time. We will be videotaping our show and putting it on a private YouTube link for parents and families. I hope you know a school family so they will share the link with you.

Looking ahead, our Summer Camp for preschool and elementary is at 100% capacity with a waiting list. Registration for next school year is full for preschool, and elementary is hovering around 80%. Again, God continues to bless us.

We thank you for your prayers and the support you have shown through our few fundraising events. As we navigate around the unknown this summer and the coming year, we give thanks and know we rest in His hands.

May He fill us with His presence,

Jean Bashi
Administrator



Update from NOAH

The pantry has a new look with the front office carpet replaced with vinyl flooring which looks great. CSC Flooring and Design on Commerce did a great job.

NOAH continues to give out food to our neighbors and next month Cross and Crown will have the distribution. This month we were able to give out eggs, meat products (ham, whole chickens, hot dogs, and ground beef), Amy's Frozen Pot Pies and Burritos, the usual can goods, bread, and produce. A local Girl Scout Troop gave us cookies which everyone enjoyed receiving.

Thanks to Claudia Theis and John Umland for extra volunteering in an off month. We will need five volunteers each week in June so I am hoping former and new volunteers will step up. Rancho Cotati High School has started a can food drive which will help stock our shelves. We are grateful for their continued support.

Thanks for all the support for this effort. We received \$71 and several donations of canned goods, lemons, and bags. We need egg cartons which can be placed in the NOAH barrel outside the double doors. We appreciate your continued prayers as we reach out to our neighbors.

If you can help with distribution on Wednesdays in June from 3:45 to 6:00 please contact me at (707) 794-8541 or sfborn8320@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer for one or more Wednesdays.

Elizabeth Hoelter



Financials

April 4	\$ 7,080
April 11	\$ 787
April 18	\$ 1,464
April 25	\$ 1,490
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 430
Total	\$14,886



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

May 5	Wayne and Nancy Gornowicz
May 22	Bob and Sharon Wambold
May 23	Todd and Becky Coleman

Birthdays:

May 1	Becky Burtech
May 10	Shelley Slingland
May 11	Camden Morrow
May 12	Kelly Byrd
May 13	Wayne Gornowicz
May 16	Jim Brog
	Meena Mathews
May 21	Mary Cornett
May 23	Jim Bossaller
May 26	Doreen Brog
May 27	Fred Brokaw
	Suzi Wylie



Prayer List

Healing

Carole B.
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)
Jessica, Lynne BS's niece
Karl O.
Russel (Lynne C's family)
Diana, sister of Nancy G.

Long Term Healing

Sawyer (Michelle S's friend)

Gabe B.
Chris (Mandy Mc.' BIL)
Mark (Curtis S's friend)

Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.
Norma C.

Grief

Family of Ed, Vicki B.'s dad
Family of John Mc.
Family of Ruth M.
Family of Joanne, friends of Kim/Tony B.
Family of Margaret, friends of Bruce/Eliz.



Scriptures for May

May 2

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Roman 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Roman 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time

Isn't it wonderful that we can now gather in person on Sundays?

Now that we are resuming our 8:30 and 10:00 service schedule, the plan is to have Fellowship time in between the two services. We need volunteers to bring simple refreshments to share.

For the time being, at least, servings need to be individually packaged. So, each muffin, pastry, etc., should be sealed in a separate Ziploc bag. As the pandemic appears to be waning, hopefully this individual packaging will not be necessary for long!

Volunteers will also need to help straighten up the Welcome Center following the last service.

If you are available and willing to help, please contact Tandy Whitaker to get on the schedule. Her cell phone is (707) 292-1770, and her email is tandy@twhitaker.com.



Synod Assembly is Coming

The Sierra Pacific Synod, which we are a part of, is holding their annual assembly next weekend, May 6-8. The representatives from our church are Brian Brozovic and Kim Burns. The gathering will not be in-person but via Zoom.

This is an exciting time because the group will be electing a new bishop for our synod. Please pray for the gathering and for our new governing body that they will be led by the Spirit to do God's work.

We will have an update on the outcome in future Constant Contacts and June's newsletter. Stay tuned!



Blessing Bags – Items Needed

We would like to get back to distributing blessing bags to those in the community. We need items to fill these bags. If you would like to contribute to the bins, we collect the following individually wrapped items:

- Cheese and crackers or peanut and crackers
- Fruit cups or applesauce
- Nuts or raisins
- Cookies
- Fruit snacks
- Granola bars or breakfast bars
- Pairs of new socks

The bins are located in the narthex. You may fill a bag at your leisure and distribute these as needed. By blessing someone with one of these you are blessing yourself, too!



Praise and Worship Band Update

The band is back to practicing on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. They are also looking for new people to join them. If your spiritual gift is music, come out and join them. They will be back leading Sunday worship later this summer.



Special Music Needed

Do you have a musical gift that you would like to share with the congregation? We would like to know. Please contact the church office if you play a musical instrument or sing. What a blessing this is to our congregation!