

# Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

## August 2021



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## Pastor Ted's Take for August 2021

### CCLCS in August

I expect August to be a quiet month. We only need to contend with drought and fire. Has anybody thought about inviting the locusts to California?

Covid 19 reversals and reversals of reversals could make your head spin. Out of an abundance of caution, we at CCLCS plan to take the most protective route toward safety. This includes a recommendation for mask wearing indoors even for those of us already vaccinated. (See the last page for an update to this policy).

Looking ahead, we plan to install our teachers and staff on Labor Day Weekend Sunday, September 5. The Sunday following, September 12, will include a memorial moment for those who have passed during our Covid winter. It will also include a special task expressing our ELCA motto, "God's Work, Our Hands." We will be packing our blessing bags for distribution to those in our community. Donations are needed for cheese or peanut butter and crackers, fruit cups or applesauce, fruit snacks, cookies, raisins or nuts, and granola or protein bars – all individually packaged.

### Pastor Ted's Other Mischief...

The *Living Lutheran* is quoting your pastor. Elise Seyfried, "Looking at the Long Now," *Living Lutheran* (July 28, 2021).

[https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/07/looking-at-the-long-now/?fbclid=IwAR1B6MWd4FH\\_xu8VK13-c0iOrRHI1ICmyqWldM3ILI3rqEBbZ40GckXmQal](https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/07/looking-at-the-long-now/?fbclid=IwAR1B6MWd4FH_xu8VK13-c0iOrRHI1ICmyqWldM3ILI3rqEBbZ40GckXmQal)

## Pastor Ted's Website

Visit Pr. Ted's website for various kinds of resources.

[TedsTimelyTake.com](http://TedsTimelyTake.com)



## Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family and Friends

Praying for Guidance & Rekindling our faith

A couple of weeks ago, I was impressed and encouraged to meet Bishop Elect Megan Rohrer in a Congregational Leader's Meeting held on Zoom. Bishop Megan is hitting the road running hiring staff to focus on diversity, communications and connections and community disasters. In visiting churches, the Bishop's goals are to spend time with congregations, getting to know us and sharing the Love of Jesus.

The Bishop Elect's installation is Saturday, September 11 at Grace Cathedral at 2 pm. We are in the process of setting up an Installation Viewing Party to be held at Cross and Crown at that time. Please put that date on your calendar. I invite you to learn more about our new Bishop Elect by going on the website [spselca.net](http://spselca.net) or Google Bishop Megan.

September 12 is the ELCA'S outreach Sunday – **'God's work. Our Hands.'** Our goal is to revitalize the Blessing Bags. Please begin to purchase needed items for the bags so we can refill and distribute them. Kim will include the list of items.

At the Congregational Leader's meeting, an individual recommended the book *The Anatomy of a Revived Church* by Thom Rainer. I bought two copies of the book which are available to borrow. I resonated with Rainer's research identifying common sources of blame for our lack of growth or how we put our faith in silver bullets that don't exist. My take is that we each must take responsibility through prayer to recognize God's mission for us.

Please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds for Cross and Crown Lutheran Church and School and community. We pray for the work of the Transition team and to identify members for the Call Committee.

Love and Peace,  
Myrna Kappler, President



## Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

The school and staff are still taking turns enjoying breaks this summer. Our summer school program is well attended in both the preschool and elementary level. At the time of this newsletter,

Jean and her family are enjoying a well-deserved vacation together. More information about the school will be found in the September newsletter. Thanks everyone for your continued support and prayers for the school and its staff.



## Update from NOAH

Many thanks to the Cross and Crown members who helped out in July: Claudia Theis, Gerda Atkins and her daughter, Elena, and Ken Schlesinger. Each Wednesday we gave out fresh produce (and some thanks to Faith Adams for gathering it from her neighbors as well as from the church garden and other local gardeners). We received many donations of lemons which were welcome. If you have an abundance from your garden, you may drop it off on Wednesday from noon to four. Distribution begins at 4:00. We handed out the following this past month: a variety of canned staples, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, eggs, butter, milk, Amy's pot pies, hot dogs, ground beef, yogurt, Amy's burritos, bread, sparkling apple cider and Kvass Probiotic drinks.

Cross and Crown donated \$72 in July to NOAH. We are thankful for the continued support NOAH receives from the congregation.

If you know someone who needs some help with their food budget, please tell them about the distribution, or better yet accompany them from 4:00 to 6:00 pm each Wednesday.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



## Financials

July 4	\$ 6687
July 11	\$ 1743
July 18	\$ 3024
July 25	\$ 2540
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Total	\$17,629



# Milestones

## Wedding Anniversaries

August 13                      John and Nancy Umland

## Birthdays:

August 2	John McCann
August 4	Deborah Klipfel
	Lora Brenner
August 6	Henry Perrett
August 7	Bob Asper
August 9	Emily Burns
August 10	Cathy Fusco
August 11	Cheri Underwood
August 13	Kent Bjugstad
August 18	Brandon Boccaleoni
	Gabe Brenner
	Caitlin Burns
August 19	Bruce Hoelter
August 22	Tony Burns
	Karen Grey
August 25	Greg Slingland
August 28	Nathan Gornowicz
August 29	Vicki Brauer



# Prayer List

## Healing

Kelly and Sofia (Elizabeth H. family)  
Kathy (Vicki B's friend)  
Roger (Elizabeth H's brother)  
Lois (NOAH VP's wife)  
Scott (brother of Lynne BS)  
Linda (Joanne B's friend)  
Richard (Sue's friend)  
Dutch A.

## Long Term Healing

Karl O.  
Carole B.  
Gabe B.  
Chris (Mandy Mc.' BIL)  
Mark (Curtis S's friend)  
Dutch A.

## Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.  
Norma C.  
Lynne BS



## Scriptures for August

August 1	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
August 8	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:24-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
August 15	Isaiah 61:7-11 Psalm 34:1-9 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 1:46-55
August 22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
August 29	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## Reminder – Masks are Required

The Sonoma County Office of Public Health has instituted another mask mandate for all indoor activities. Therefore, please remember your mask when you come onto our campus.