

# Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

## September 2021



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## Pastor Ted's Take for September

### CCLCS in September

I expect September to be a month of high traffic at CCLCS. 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."

Put Saturday, September 11 – Yes, 911! – on your calendar. Show up at church by 2:00 pm. We will live stream the event taking place at Grace Cathedral: the installation of the Sierra Pacific Bishop Dr. Megan Rohrer. Following the event, we will repair to the Welcome Center for refreshments and debriefing. Please come and invite friends from CCLCS or other congregations.

### Advent Already?

The Bridges Conference—to which Pr. Ted belongs—is already planning midweek Advent worship via Zoom at 7:00pm each Wednesday, December 8, 15, and 22, 2021. The brief worship will follow the Holden Evening Prayer. Cross and Crown Lutheran Church will lead this worship on December 15.

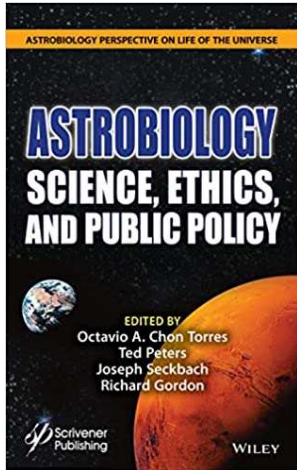
### Pastor Ted's Family Health and Upcoming Surgery

My wife, Karen, has tested positive for Covid 19 and is slated for regeneron therapy. Curiously, my own Covid 19 test turned out negative. After a brief self-quarantine and subsidence of Karen's symptoms, I hope to return to the church office next week.

Please be aware that I have knee replacement surgery planned for late September. We cannot tell yet how long the recovery period might be.

Connie Pfeiff went through this over the summer. She's recovering nicely. I hope to do as well as she did.

### Pastor Ted's Reading Recommendations



I would like to recommend a brief essay by a pastor friend in Chicago, Rev. Fred Reklau, "Root, Shoot, and Fruit." Pr. Fred begins with biblical roots and rises through the church as shoot to our daily fruit (Galatians 5:22): "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Here's another. One of my Russian Orthodox scientific colleagues, Hermina Nedelescu, who speaks Russian claims that Russian hackers are responsible of much of the disinformation we receive regarding Covid 19. You might like her article, " Anti-Science, Mistrust, and Anxiety in the Orthodox World," [https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/anti-science-mistrust-and-anxiety-in-the-orthodox-](https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/anti-science-mistrust-and-anxiety-in-the-orthodox-world?fbclid=IwAR0QquyqciHlHevjYzfaS_jq5nYUpomUQtur6xPGKYR2eaGwIhclriA6oF8)

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

First, a new book coming out this month. I've been working for three plus years with a group of scientists on this volume of essays in the field of Astrobiology. You won't hurt my feelings if you don't buy it. It's expensive. Yeow!

Second, here's an article on the same subject. It deals with science and culture from a theologian's point of view. If you yawn while reading it, don't tell me. Ted Peters, "Astrotheology's contribution to public theology: From the extraterrestrial intelligence myth to astroethics" (2021); <https://hts.org.za/index.php/hts/article/view/6855/19457>.

### Pastor Ted's Website

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

[TedsTimelyTake.com](https://tedstimelytake.com)



## Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family and Friends

Pray for Guidance & Rekindling our faith

September 12 is the ELCA'S outreach Sunday – **'God's work. Our Hands.'** Our goal is to revitalize the Blessing Bags. Please purchase needed items for the bags so we can refill and distribute them. Items needed include cheese or peanut butter crackers, fruit cups or applesauce, cookies, raisins, nuts, granola, or protein bars individually wrapped.

Our seminarian, Brian Brozovic, returns to seminary this fall at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. He is in need of additional funds, and we ask you to donate what you are able to his Fall Semester. Please mark seminary fund on your check or giving envelope. He has done a great job filling in for Pastor Ted this summer.

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. We pray for help to recognize God's mission for each of us.

Love and Peace,  
Myrna Kappler, President



## Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

This school year we are welcoming 92 students into Cross and Crown Lutheran School. We praise God for such an abundance of students and for the opportunity to minister to them and their families.

We also welcome at this time, our "new" Kindergarten teacher, Marlene Bullard. Marlene had been a teacher in our preschool for many years, and her experience with the little ones makes her an excellent choice. We most certainly will miss Megan Kedge who left us to pursue other teaching options and wish her our best.

Sunday, September 5, we are having a "Meet and Greet" from 10:00 - noon where families and the congregation can come check out the classrooms and meet our teachers. In addition, we will be installing our teachers at the beginning of the 10:00 service.

Our COVID-19 protocols remain in place from last year. We managed a highly successful in-person 2020-2021 school year and anticipate, from our experience, to be able to successfully maneuver this coming school year as well. Cross and Crown Lutheran School was one of the very few schools in Sonoma County open all year long, during the pandemic last school year. We are proud of our staff and families to be able to give our students the best education possible! We are now experts and know with God's help, we can do it again!!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

May He fill us with His Presence.

Jean Bashi  
Administrator



## Update from NOAH

NOAH continues to give out fresh produce, staples, bread, and frozen products and meat weekly on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. If you know someone who could benefit from this help with his food budget, please tell him about NOAH or bring him to a distribution.

Thanks to Faith Adam, Sharon and Bob Wambold, and Lynne Carlson for sharing produce from their gardens. If you have extra garden produce you can bring it before the distribution on Wednesday from noon to 3.

We appreciate the prayers for our outreach and also the contributions. Last month Cross and Crown donated \$50. Every dollar helps so thank you.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



## Financials

August 1	\$ 5,688
August 8	\$ 1,350
August 15	\$ 940
August 22	\$ 2,538
August 29	\$ 1,250
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 440
Total	\$15,841



# Milestones

## Wedding Anniversaries

September 10	Jim and Doreen Brog
September 11	Fred and Janis Brokaw
September 30	Joe and Mary Cornett

## Birthdays:

September 3	Bob Roth, Jr.
September 5	Janet Leroux
September 8	Roxie Clark
September 11	Carole Bratton
September 12	Gene Winterfeld
September 13	Claudia Theis Tony Padilla
September 14	Norma Cowden
September 17	Caroline Roth
September 20	Bodhi Brozovic
September 24	Kahlia Bashi John Umland
September 25	Teresa Santana
September 30	Mike Byrd



# Prayer List

## Healing

Lynda (Kim B.'s friend)  
Alice and Bob S. (family of Michelle S.)  
Lynne BS  
Linda (Joanne B's friend)  
Scott (brother of Lynne BS)  
Linda (Joanne B's friend)  
Dutch A.  
Betsi C. (former member)  
All firefighters and people in fire areas

## Long Term Healing

Trice P. (former member)  
Carole B.  
Gabe B.  
Chris (Mandy Mc.' BIL)  
Mark (Curtis S's friend)  
Karl O.  
Sawyer (Michelle S's friend)

## Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.  
Norma C.



# Scriptures for September

September 5	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37
September 12	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
September 19	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
September 26	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50



## Update from the Transition Team

The transition team met with Pastor Bill Wong on September 1<sup>st</sup> after having submitted the draft of the Mission Site Profile (MSP).

Pastor Wong spent two hours with the team and gave some feedback, suggestions and asked for clarification on some items.

The transition team will be meeting two days the week of September 6th to work on revising parts of the MSP with the hope of completing the revisions.

Once the revisions are made, the MSP will be presented to the council and the transition team will address the congregation about MSP.

We are getting very close!!!!

Sue Michaelsen,  
Transition Team Chair



## Women's Book Club Update

All women of the congregation are invited to attend the Women's Book Club on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the Welcome Center so that we will have more room to social distance, and masks are required.

Since we haven't met for so long, we will be catching up with each other and talking about good books we've read during the pandemic, as well as planning future book selections.



## Lutheran Disaster Response Donations Needed

Our brothers and sisters in Christ have been devastated in the last few weeks. The fires are still raging through the Northwest and this past week Hurricane Ida has left a path of destruction in its wake throughout the south and up to New England. Around the world there is other crises occurring: the earthquake in Haiti and the Afghan refugee care. Lutheran Disaster Response has been on the ground providing services to those affected by these natural and man-made disasters.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please click on the link here:

[https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse?\\_ga=2.149928437.2116332195.1630723717-789139520.1630723717](https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse?_ga=2.149928437.2116332195.1630723717-789139520.1630723717)

Or you can write a check to Cross and Crown and write Lutheran Disaster Response in the memo.