

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor Ted's Take for October 2021

Introducing Pastor Rodney Seeger

By this time you've met Pastor Rodney Seeger, a friend and colleague of mine in the Lutheran ministry for a half century. He knows well how to share the gospel.

Pastor Ted's Surgery

My knee replacement surgery is a success. The recovery, however, has been miserable. I'm not laughing at the number of jokes I'm used to.

Yes, it's OK to pray for your pastor's wellbeing.

Pastor Ted's new Blog with Patheos

I have begun a new column online with Patheos, "Public Theology." One recent post dealt with religious exemptions from Covid 19 mandates, "To Mask? Or, Not to Mask? That is the Question." Check it out.

You can access the blog directly [<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/publictheology/>] or go through our church's website > Blog.



Letter from the Congregational President

Pray for Guidance & Rekindling our faith

Thank you for your giving to the Blessing Bags on September 12 for Outreach Sunday – '**God's Work. Our Hands.**' It was heartwarming to see bags being filled. We thank the congregation of

Primera Iglesia Bautista for their gift of a deep cleaning of our Sanctuary and Welcome Center on September 18.

We are thankful for your giving. At the same time, our giving Year to Date is \$15,548 below what we budgeted. Expenses year to date for Building Maintenance, Janitorial Expense and Supplies, Telephone Expense and Utilities are \$14,733 over budget. We have the challenge to increase giving currently and in the future. This is a special concern as we look to calling a new pastor. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give as we move to Pledge Sunday in November.

Another idea that we, the council, are considering is a campaign to burn the mortgage. This too is a big challenge. Our outstanding mortgage is \$504,124, with a monthly payment of \$6947. Not having this monthly payment would be a blessing.

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 guidance as we 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

Cross and Crown Lutheran School is in full swing this October. On Tuesday, October 12, we will be holding our annual "Walk-a-Thon" raising money for school improvements. Our goal is \$8,000. DJ Ryan Barrett, a former CCLC member, will be playing music and cheering our students on. All students, preschool through 7th grade, will be participating. If you would like to contribute, Kim will be accepting pledges in the church office, Monday through Thursday.

October 18 will be our first Dine and Donate at Round Table Pizza in Raley's Towne Centre. The event will be taking place from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Flyers will be made available as the date gets closer (see attached document).

Halloween will be celebrated on October 29, beginning with Halloween parades by both the preschool and elementary school. We'll be marching COVID style with the preschool in their playground and the elementary circling the grassy area. Classroom parties will follow. Then, beginning at 5:00 p.m., we will be holding a "Trunk-or-Treat" where CCLS families can decorate their cars or trucks and pass out store wrapped treats to our school trick-or-treaters. Church families are welcomed as well. Cars will be socially-distanced and all are required to wear a mask.....it's Halloween for goodness sakes!!

Several field trips have been scheduled for the month as well. Last year, due to Covid restrictions, we were able to schedule only one field trip which was to Copeland Creek. This month classes will be visiting the Santa Rosa Pumpkin Patch, Helen Putnam Regional Park, and Tolay Park. All future field trips in the coming months will be outdoors as well.

Coming Events:

Sunday, November 7, will be "School Sunday". Our students will be singing at the 10:00 service. The scholastic Book Fair will be open in Fellowship Hall as well where holiday gifts can be purchased.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Blessings to you all,

Jean Bashi
Administrator



Update from NOAH

We have plenty of egg cartons so thanks to those of you who saved them. At the moment we don't need any more. Also thanks for the donations of staples the congregation continues to put into the NOAH barrel. We also appreciate all of the produce from individual gardens and from the Cross and Crown garden. People getting food love the fresh produce.

We are holding our annual See's Candy drive. Please see either Elizabeth Hoelter or John Umland to order candy or gift cards. Your order will be delivered to you in early December in time for the holidays.

Cross and Crown will be hosting the distributions in December so please volunteer to help out.

Thanks also for keeping NOAH and its work in your prayers.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



Financials

September 5	\$ 5,673
September 12	\$ 2,047
September 19	\$ 2,774
September 26	\$ 1,132
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 420
Total	\$15,681



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

October 13	Skip and Carol Wellman
October 18	Bob and Leona Asper
October 23	Cecil and Meena Mathews

Birthdays:

October 2	Faith Adam
October 4	Sherry Wren
October 9	Curtis Schmitt
October 14	Bruce Williamson Jane Kaczmarek Tim Roth
October 16	Fred Albrecht
October 18	Jared Morrow Warren Hopkin
October 20	Bill Fusco
October 26	Leon Holm
October 27	Catrina Perkett
October 29	Skip Wellman Maureen Beck
October 30	Kaitlyn Morrow
October 31	Dorothy Newzell



Prayer List

Healing

Roger (brother of Elizabeth H.)
Emma B. (family friend of Amy D.)
Molly (daughter of John and Nancy U.)
Pam R.

Grief

Family of Marilyn M. (cousin of Vicki B.)
Family of Teal (friend of Vicki B.)

Long Term Healing

Trice P. (former member)
Carole B.
Gabe B.
Chris (Mandy Mc.' BIL)
Mark (Curtis S's friend)
Lynda B. (friend of Kim B.)

Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.
Norma C.
Karl O.
Dutch A.
Lynne BS



Scriptures for October

October 3	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
October 10	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrew 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
October 17	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrew 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
October 24	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrew 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
October 31	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



Book Discussion

The church has bought numerous copies of the book, "Anatomy of a Revived Church." We are interested in having as many people read it as possible. There are copies for checking out on the Welcome Center table. We have scheduled two sessions for group discussions on Sunday, October 17 and 24 following the 10 a.m. worship service. Please RSVP to the office – we will be serving lunch and need a proper count. We plan on offering a second discussion group for our online folks – date and time yet to be determined. Please join us even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. The more ideas discussed, the better.



Call Committee Nominations Needed

We have been asking for your prayers as we move to selecting our Call Committee. We welcome your nominations which can be emailed to me, Myrna Kappler kappler_mak70@yahoo.com by October 17.

Desired characteristics for Call Committee members include:

1. Regular Worship participation
2. A person of prayer
3. Can represent the whole congregation
4. Able to speak out
5. Able to listen
6. A person of conviction with the ability to reach consensus
7. Available Time commitment
8. Balance and representation of the congregation



Women's Book Club

The monthly Women's Book Club gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Welcome Center. All newbies are welcome!



Quilt Raffle

The quilters have created a lovely Halloween-themed lap quilt which they are raffling off on October 13. Cost of the tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Proceeds will go to the school. Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center for a Quilter or during the week from the church office.



Donations Needed for the School

Pumpkins for the preschool: The preschool classes are unable to take their students to the pumpkin patch unlike the elementary classes. Therefore, Mandy McCarthy is going to create a pumpkin patch in the garden for the students to go pick their pumpkins. If you are able to donate a pumpkin, please take a post-it from the donation board in the Welcome Center or Preschool Hallway and return the purchased pumpkin to the basket by October 15. Thanks for helping bring a smile to a little one.

Giving Tree: There is a giving tree on the bulletin board right inside the double doors in the office hallway. On it are leaves of things the school needs. If you would like to donate an item, please take the leaf, and return the purchased item in the basket that is below the table.

Thank you for your generosity!



Dine and Donate – Round Table Pizza

On October 18 the school is hosting a Dine and Donate fundraiser at Round Table Pizza in Raley’s Town Centre. We receive 20% back on all sales for dine in, take out and delivery. Please remember to bring the flyer (attached). This is a great way to help the school and fill your tummies with good food. Please join us!

