

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

November 2021



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Pastor Ted's Take for April 2021

Pastor Appreciation

Wow! What a surprise to have Pastor Appreciation Sunday on Reformation Day!

Karen and I thank you for the fine event and for the cards. Your generous spirit is so appreciated by this pastor.

November is Stewardship Month

CCLCS is in transition. We plan soon to make progress both in finding the right pastor and in identifying new frontiers of gospel-inspired ministry.

We're behind budget. We've got a shortfall. We need an extra dose of charitable giving to see us through the valley of the shadow to the bright dawn beyond.

Pastor Ted's Surgery Update

Recovery from my knee replacement surgery is a success. Well, at least I think so. When I walk around without my walker or cane, I risk falling sideways. Even so, I'm improving.

Twice a week I go to PT. PT stands for Professional Torture.

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

Pastor Ted's Reformation Blog Post with Patheos

The transition from October 31 to November 1 is the transition from Reformation Day to All Saints Day.

Here is my Reformation Meditation, "Reformation Faith: Belief? Trust? Or the Indwelling of Christ?"

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/publictheology/>



Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family and Friends

Pray for Guidance and Rekindling of our Faith

Thank you for your response to our recent request to catch up on our current financial needs. Our counters report that about \$5400 has been given in response. That means we still have another \$10,000 to make up. If you have a Required Minimum Distribution from an account and need to reduce your income tax, you may still be able to direct funds directly to Cross and Crown to reduce your income tax.

This week you will be receiving your Pledge Packet for 2022. **Please prayerfully consider what you are able to commit** to allow Cross and Crown Church and School stay open and build our outreach to the community. We also need prayers 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

God continues to bless us with each passing day. We're able to teach our children in person, with masks of course, and feel blessed to be able to do so. Our numbers are at 90 now, and it is wonderful to watch them play at recess carefree and full of joy.

Although mask wearing, hand washing, and distancing are in our daily classroom routines, normalcy is slowly returning as well. The upper grades were able to experience their first outdoor field trip to Helen Putnam Park in Petaluma. There too masks were required; however, it was wonderful to hike outdoors together regardless of the slight inconvenience. In addition, we held a "Trunk or Treat" event in the parking lot last Friday evening, giving the children an alternative to traditional "Trick or Treating" and the parents a time to mix and mingle. It was a huge success.

this year we are also able to bring back a few indoor events as well. The week of November 7 the Scholastic Book Fair returns to Cross and Crown, which is one of our yearly fundraising events. Stop by after services and do some holiday shopping for your friends and family. November 7 is also School Sunday. At the 10:00 a.m. service, the children from the school will be participating in worship by singing several songs they have learned in Chapel. Please introduce yourself to our school parents and invite them to our services.

We are also looking forward to our annual Christmas program, *Christmas Step by Step*, to be held in the Sanctuary on December 16, at 6:30 p.m. Preschool through 7th grades will be telling the story of Christ's birth through narrative and songs. The school bell choir will be playing several Christmas melodies as well. It will be wonderful praising our Lord in our sanctuary once again!

As always, we thank you for your prayers and continued support for our school.

Blessings to you all,

Jean Bashi, Administrator



Update from NOAH

Many thanks in this season of thanksgiving to all of you for your continued support of NOAH. Last month \$160 was donated to NOAH and congregation members continue to volunteer at the pantry and share garden produce.

There are two opportunities to support coming up. One is the See's Candy sale: see either Elizabeth Hoelter or John Umland to order by November 22nd. The candy will be delivered the first week of December. The second is a fund raiser on Friday, September 19th at Sally Tomatoes (1100 Valley House Drive). Rock for Food will benefit NOAH, Unsheltered Friends Outreach, and the Rotary toy drive. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item and a toy (gift cards or a toy). Doors open at 5:30 with music starting at 6:30. Plan to join us at this event.

Cross and Crown will be doing the distributions on November 17, December 1, 8, and 15. The time is 3:45 to 6 p.m. See Elizabeth Hoelter to volunteer.

Elizabeth Hoelter



Financials

October 3	\$ 7,323
October 10	\$ 2,320
October 17	\$ 2,855
October 24	\$ 7,197
October 31	\$ 4,331
Simply Giving	\$ 3,635
Online Donations	\$ 420
Total	\$28,081



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

November 4	Warren and Joan Hopkins
November 8	Steve and Katy Broski
November 27	Jim and Carole Bossaller Bruce and Elizabeth Hoelter

Birthdays:

November 1	Rebecca Slingland Jennifer Brozovic Rylie Koehler Harlan Roth
November 2	Donovan Perkett Mark Klipfel
November 3	Randy Beck
November 5	Larry Grey
November 7	George Kaczmarek
November 8	Deborah McCann
November 10	Sharon Winterfeld
November 16	Steve Broski
November 20	Logan Gornowicz
November 21	Chris Gornowicz
November 24	Declan Perkett
November 26	Chuck Oberfell
November 28	Mandy McCarthy
November 30	Daniel Steger Kyle Leroux Andrew Pharris



Prayer List

Healing

Sherry W.
Pam R.
Lynne BS
Linda (Joanne B's friend)
Roxanna and Family (Tandy's fmy)
Jan S.

Long Term Healing

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

Homebound Members

Pastor Leon H.
Norma C.

Grief

Family of Dutch A.
Family of Trice (former member)



Scriptures for November

November 7
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 14
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36



Events

Sunday, November 7

Please join us on Sunday, November 7th for a full morning. Pastor Ted will be **Blessing the Quilts** that our dedicated ladies from Cross and Crown Quilters have made over the past year. These will be available for sale following the service. All remaining quilts will be donated to COTS and Valley of the Moon Children’s Home. Sunday is also All Saints Sunday. We will be commemorating the saints who have died in the past year with our annual **All Saints Flower Ceremony**. Both of these will be done at the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. The school children and their families are invited to the 10 a.m. service for **School Sunday**. The children will sing songs and show us what they know about God. Following both services the **Scholastic Book Fair** will be open in the Fellowship Annex for browsing and early Christmas shopping. The

book fair will be open all week during selected school hours. Come be a part of a busy but memorable day.

Book Discussion – Anatomy of a Revived Church

It was very exciting to have so many people join us for the first discussion time last month. The next scheduled meeting is November 7, at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room. New people are encouraged to attend.

Pledge Sunday

It is our stewardship drive. Pledge packets will be mailed out this week. The envelope will include: a letter from Pastor Ted, Myrna (Council President), Pledge Card, Time and Talent Questionnaire, Giving Chart and Simply Giving Form (for those persons not yet signed up). Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. We will consecrate our pledges on Sunday, November 21. If you are not going to be at church that day, please mail or drop off your pledge packet to the church office.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Service, which is usually scheduled on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, will not be held in-person. Pastor Ted and our music team will pre-record the service and it will be available by noon on Wednesday, November 24.



Miscellaneous Information

How You Can Help Others

There are several opportunities for you to help others during this month:

- **Warm Clothing Drive** – we are partnering with Redwood Gospel Mission and collecting warm clothing for our community members who are in need. Please check your closets and drawers for gently used items such as, sweaters, jackets, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, hats, etc. The barrel arrives this week and will be in the hallway by the church office. We will collect items through December 15.
- **Blessing Bags** – we still have plenty of blessing bags filled that are available for delivering to someone in need. Take a few and keep in your car for when you see someone you can help.
- **See's Candy fundraiser** – both the school and NOAH are selling See's candy this month. If you would like to support NOAH, please see John Umland or Elizabeth Hoelter. To support the school, please click on the following links to order online:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/crossacl_christmas_candy3/candy?h=Man_McC9321

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/crossacl_sweet_cross_and_crown81/candy?h=Man_McC9321

The first link is to the Christmas storefront and the second link is to the regular box not wrapped in Christmas wrap.

Time Change This Sunday

Remember to change your clocks back an hour this Sunday at 2 a.m. so that you make it to church on time. We will see you there!

Thank You from the Preschool

Thank you to everyone that donated pumpkins for the preschool to visit the pumpkin patch across the parking lot in our garden. The kids had a great time and we hope to make it an annual event.



Save the Date

December 1, 8, 15

Mid-Week Advent Service and Soup Supper

December 12

Annual Church Christmas Lunch