

# Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

## February 2022



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### Pastor Ted's Take

Epiphany season ends on February 27 with Transfiguration Sunday.

The following week begins Lent.

“Transfiguration” by Rafael



### Again: The Pastor's Knees

February 9 is surgery day for your pastor. You might recall that I underwent a full right knee replacement in September. We have scheduled a repeat surgery for the left knee.

I will miss leading worship on Sunday, February 13. Our guest pastor will be The Rev. Dr. Moses Penumaka. Pastor Moses grew up in India and has been teaching at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary for three decades now. Please give Pastor Moses a warm Cross 'n' Crown welcome.

Unless I trip over my walker, I expect to be back in the chancel by February 20.

## More about Praying for CCLCS

As I previously reported, we have been praying persistently and relentlessly for five months now with one thing in mind: we ask the Holy Spirit to show CCLCS the way to the future. It's about time now for the Holy Spirit to deliver a miracle or two.

If you would like to join us in spirit though not in person – we pray together each Tuesday 1:15 to 2:00 pm online – then whenever convenient invoke the following prayer.

O Holy Spirit, you have appointed us to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in Rohnert Park and the world. We ask that you inspire us to revere your Holy Word, maintain a loving and forgiving communal life, and share the gospel message with the community around us. We ask that you lead us around the next corners into unforeseen yet genuine ministry. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Again: Sin Boldly!

Due to Omicron, we had to scrap our previous plans to discuss the book *Sin Boldly!* Elizabeth Hoelter is now canvassing for interested people to reschedule. If you are interested, contact Elizabeth. Thanks.



## Letter from the Congregational President

Sunday **February 6** is our **Annual Meeting** at **11:15 a.m.** in person or on Zoom. Our proposed budget shows a large deficit. We need your help to decide where we cut expenses or how we can increase our income. Please **prayerfully review our budget** and decide what you feel you are able to support.

In reading our **Annual Report**, I was encouraged to learn and be reminded of all the ways individuals and groups are working to keep Cross and Crown Church and School running. We **thank** each of you for sharing your **time and talents**.

We **ask your prayers** for our **call Committee** as they begin their work: Sue Michaelson (chair), Brian Brozovic, Curtis Schmidt, Joyce Rogers, Nancy Umland, Rudy Mappus and Jean Bashi.

A big **Thank you** to Tandy Whitaker for organizing **our Prayer Vigil** for the future of Cross and Crown Church, School and Community. Continue to pray daily at 7:30 am and 9:00 pm.

May the Holy Spirit lift you up and surround you!

Love and Peace,  
Myrna Kappler, Council President



## Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

When my first grandchild was about four months old, I drove down to 29 Palms to visit her and her mother for Easter. While there, we were in the car heading for the grocery store when I heard my granddaughter for the first time giggling from the back seat. My eyes welled up while my ears and heart took in the beautiful music coming from this little child. While raising my own four children it seems my only focus was having food on the table and a roof over our heads. The music they made was noise to my tired spirit and aching body.

Today, I often get this same feeling of abundant joy that I had 16 years ago when I have recess duty on the playground. I stand at the edge of the yard, coffee in hand, and survey the children as they run by me giggling, laughing, and sometimes screaming. It is purely delightful music. As I well up, I thank the Lord for this glorious gift.

Amid the stress and struggles of keeping them safe while working our way through the demands of COVID-19, God blesses us with the music of laughter and delight from His children. Let us all remember to stop, breathe, and just listen.

Blessings to you all,

Jean Bashi, Administrator



## Update from NOAH

We ended January with drive through distributions due to the Covid restrictions imposed in Sonoma County. We will begin February with the same system until the county lifts the restrictions.

The Daisy Troop Girl Scouts gave us some birthday bags that were full of fun items for girls, so we asked those picking up food if they had children and if any were girls. We were able to give the bags out and the parents were very excited to give them and assured us that their daughters would love them. One father told us daughter would really love getting the bag.

In January Claudia Theis, Skip Wellman, Jim and Carole Bossaller Bob and Sharon Wambold, Diane Nagel, Elena Atkins (Gerda's daughter) Sue Michaelson, Jim Clark, John Umland, and Ken Schlesinger worked the various distributions. In addition Lynne Carlson shared lemons from the church's garden and the Wambolds also provided lemons from their garden. Lemons are a popular item at distributions. Feel free to share extra produce from your gardens. Bring it to the pantry between 12 and 4 on Wednesdays.

Members of Cross and Crown also continues to put items in the barrel which we appreciate. We are in need of bags, especially paper, as the drive through distributions use lots of bags.

We also received \$1740 in contributions in January from Cross and Crown and we are very thankful for the support given to us through prayers and donations.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



## Update from the Call Committee

Your call committee is hard at work. They had a joint meeting with the transition team in January to get up to speed on how the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was composed. They had a lengthy meeting with our Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Manda Truchinski also in January for Pr. Manda to get to know us, give a general overview of the process and review our MSP. The committee then met to discuss how best to keep the congregation informed of our progress. Keep your eyes and ears open as we share our progress in various formats. The committee also met briefly after the Congregational Annual Meeting to discuss updating the MSP with current budget and end-of-the-year numbers.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting is scheduled with Pr. Manda to discuss interview techniques. At our last meeting, Pr. Manda said she hopes to be able to start sending the committee slates of candidates shortly after the February meeting.

If you have any questions, please ask one of the call committee members who are listed below. Also, please remember, we can discuss process, but specific candidate information and items discussed in the committee is confidential information.

### Call Committee Members:

Joyce Rogers  
Nancy Umland  
Rudy Mappus  
Curtis Schmidt  
Brian Brozovic  
Jean Bashi  
Sue Michaelson

Please continue to keep our congregation, the call committee, and potential candidates in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Sue Michaelson  
Chair, Call Committee



# Financials

**Monthly Reports on how we are doing:  
For the Month ending Sunday, December 29, 2021**

Envelope Giving	\$26,963
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$30,518
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$33,023
Expenses	<u>\$36,267</u>
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>(\$3,244)</b>

**For the Month ending Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022**

Envelope Giving	\$19,856
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$23,411
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$25,916
Expenses	<u>\$36,267</u>
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>(\$10,351)</b>

**2 Month Deficit, Dec. 2021 & Jan. 2022 (\$13,595)**



## Milestones

### Wedding Anniversaries

February 14            Tony and Monica Padilla

### Birthdays:

February 4            Robert Wambold  
February 5            Zoey Underwood  
February 10           Corinne Neumann  
February 11           Robert Solorio  
                             Amy Der  
February 17           Josh Dapiran  
February 19           Jeriann Bjugstad  
February 20           Abigail Der  
February 21           Bob Roth, Sr.  
February 22           Joan Hopkins  
                             Leona Aspers  
February 23           Mary Rita Williamson



## Prayer List

### Healing

Kyle L.

Carole B.

Connie (Joanne B.'s friend)

Marion (Faith A.'s friend)

Marilyn (Lori N.'s friend)

Paisley (Faith A.'s great-granddaughter)

Susan (Elizabeth H.'s friend)

Didier (Elizabeth H.'s friend)

Taylor L. (Sue M.'s extended family)

### Long Term Healing

Courtney (Elizabeth H.'s friend)

Olga (Elizabeth H.'s friend)

Carole B.

Zach S.

Gabe B.

Chris (Mandy Mc.'s BIL)

Mark (Curtis S' friend)

Karl O.

### Homebound Members

Pastor Leon

Norma C.

Robert and Leona A.

Janice S.

Roxie C.



## Scriptures for February

February 6	Isaiah 6:1-13 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
February 13	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
February 20	Genesis 45:3-11,15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
February 27	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43a



## Events

### Sin Boldly Book Study

We are going to try meeting again to discuss Pastor Ted's book, Sin Boldly. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. For information, please contact Elizabeth Hoelter at [sfborn8320@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfborn8320@sbcglobal.net) or 707-794-8541.



## How You Can Help Others

### Worship Volunteers Needed

Thank you to Tandy Whitaker for stepping up to help organize our worship volunteers. Each week we need many hands to make sure the services go off without a hitch: greeters, ushers, readers, communion assistants, and someone to prepare and clean up communion. Our schedule for February is full and the people who have signed up are listed below. Our March schedule still has some spots available for volunteers. We are also started our mid-week services on March 2 and need mostly ushers for those services. If you can help with one or more items, please sign your name on the board located in the Welcome Center. Training is provided and you will be sent a reminder the week of the scheduled service. Thanks for your help!

Job	8:30 a.m. Service	10: 00 a.m. Service
<b>February 6</b>		
Greeter/Usher	Bruce Hoelter	Ed and Shelley Slingland
Reader	Elizabeth Hoelter	Curtis Schmitt
Communion Asst.	Bruce Hoelter	Myrna Kappler
Set Up Communion	Claudia Theis	n/a
Clean Up Communion	n/a	Kathy Teixeira
<b>February 13</b>		
Greeter/Usher	Bruce Hoelter	Sue Michaelsen/Jim Carter
Reader	Bruce Hoelter	Ed Slingland
Communion Asst.	Elizabeth Hoelter	Myrna Kappler
Set Up Communion	Claudia Theis	n/a
Clean Up Communion	n/a	Kathy Teixeira
<b>February 20</b>		
Greeter/Usher	Diane Nagel	Fred and Janis Brokaw
Reader	Claudia Theis	Nancy Umland
Communion Asst.	Diane Nagel	Pat Anderson
Set Up Communion	Claudia Theis	n/a
Clean Up Communion	n/a	Kathy Teixeira
<b>February 27</b>		
Greeter/Usher	Skip Wellman	Ed and Shelley Slingland
Reader	Skip Wellman	Curtis Schmitt
Communion Asst.	Skip Wellman	Pat Anderson
Set Up Communion	Karen Peters	n/a
Clean Up Communion	n/a	Kathy Teixeira

### **Soup Chefs Needed**

Our Mid-Week Soup Suppers are coming up next month and we are in need of people to make soup for the five weeks. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for you to choose which date works best for you. The dates are the five Wednesdays, starting March 9 through April 6. If making soup, is not for you, you could sign up to bring bread or help set up or clean up after the dinner.

### **Esther Fund Donations**

The Women's Ministries has many functions in the congregation. An important part of their mission is to help the women of the church that may be in need of a one-time financial gift. Previous gifts have helped with car repairs, assistance to purchase eyeglasses, prescriptions, etc. The fund is usually filled throughout the year at our fellowship events. However, with covid the past two years we have not have an opportunity to meet. Therefore, the Esther Fund is getting very low. If you would like to help and make a donation to this fund, please write the check to Women's Ministries, and put Esther Fund in the memo. You may give the check to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We thank you for your generosity.



## **Blessing Bag Donations**

Our on-going mission project of blessing bags is running low of supplies. We are in need of most items. If you would like to help, please drop off the purchased individually wrapped items (list is below) into the bins located in the narthex. Currently we do not have any completed bags. When we get supplies, you will be able to pick up a few bags and keep them in your car for when you see someone in need. Thanks for your help

Items needed (individual servings):

- fruit cups or applesauce
- cookies
- fruit snacks
- nuts or raisins
- granola, protein, or breakfast bars

## **Dine and Donate Fundraiser – February 8, 2022**

The school is hosting a dine and donate fundraiser at Round Table Pizza (State Farm Drive and RP Expressway) on Tuesday, February 8 all day. Order take out, dine in or deliver and the school will receive 20% all sales accompanied by our flier (see attached document). Thank you for supporting the school!



## **Miscellaneous Information**

### **Reviving CCLCS**

The group meeting on Sunday mornings has been very busy with projects to help revitalize Cross and Crown. Items discussed last month included:

- the Prayer Vigil
- Middle School Youth Event
- Preschool and Elementary Youth Event
- creating business cards
- exploring small groups
- discussing what we do well and what we are passionate about

This group meets most Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Welcome Center. Please join them and share your ideas for Cross and Crown.

### **Thank You**

We thank the congregation for their thoughtful gift of a love offering this Christmas. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to another wonderful year in which to share our gifts of music, spiritual leadership and organization.

Pastor Ted, Kim Burns, Mary Cornett, Sandy Brown, Sharyl Golway, and Caitlin Burns

## Annual Meeting Recap

The Congregational Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 6. We voted on an amended Constitution, the 2022 budget and the new leadership team. The new teams and committees are as follows:

### Council:

President	Myrna Kappler
Vice President	Brian Brozovic
Treasurer	Pat Anderson
Secretary	Kathy Teixeira
Members-at-Large	Tony Burns Bob Wambold John Umland (vacant seat)

### School Board:

Leah Morrow  
Jennifer Brozovic  
Mary Rita Williamson  
Lori Newzell  
(vacant)

### Mission Endowment Board:

Chairperson	Jim Carter Jim Brog Fred Brokaw Skip Wellman Bill Underwood
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## Save the Date

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
March 6 at 7 p.m.

**Mid-Week Lenten Schedule (Wednesday)**  
March 13-April 6  
Soup Supper at 6 p.m.  
Worship at 7 p.m.