

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor Ted's Take

LENT seems long this year to me. Dunno why. Our Wednesday evening soup 'n' prayer events are going very nicely. At 7:00 pm we share a moment of musical beauty with Holden Evening Prayer. So, that's not the reason I feel wan. Maybe there's no reason. I hope y'all are feeling more springlike.

We begin Holy Week on April 10 with Palm Sunday. Our worship services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are well planned. We've got meaningful moments to look forward to.

EASTER—this year on Sunday, April 17--is the single most important festival day on our Christian calendar. When God raised Jesus from the dead, all the miracles, teachings, slanders, and sufferings in Jesus' life suddenly made sense. The gospel became complete: by grace God affords you and me forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life.

Here is our plan. On Easter Sunday, April 17, we will celebrate with an in-person in-door worship service at 10:00 am. Only one service that day. This will be followed by a potluck brunch in the Welcome Center. He is risen!

MY FAMILY from Columbus, Ohio, visited the last week of March. My two teenaged granddaughters, Nina and Lydia, now think California is just the greatest.

Keith, my son-in-law and a priest in the Orthodox Church in America, provided a teaching moment for our Wednesday evening gathering. He helped us sort out the roles various Orthodox churches are playing in the Ukraine war. My daughter, Elizabeth, provided a solo accompanied by Sharyl on Sunday morning, April 3. Karen and I were glad to have these visitors from the east.

Here's the news. Elizabeth's singing group, St. Tikhon's Choir, was one of the five nominees for a Grammy in the Best Choral Performance category. But, alas, no Grammy. They lost to the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Well, maybe next year.

BIRTHDAY greetings came my way April 3. Thanks to you for the songs, cards, and well wishes. If you insist on knowing my age, here it is: 39 and holding.

FINALLY, OTHER MISCHIEF. Visit my website for various kinds of resources. TedsTimelyTake.com



Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family and Friends

We **give thanks** to Jim Carter and Sue Michaelson for their help to get Visas and provide air miles for Jackie Nanzala's family to come to the United States. You can donate to the Samaritan Fund to contribute to the air miles transaction and to helping the family get settled – her husband and four children.

Our **continued challenge** is to open our hearts to God and the community. We need your **financial support** to pay our bills. Giving last month **did not** meet our expenses. As our Call Committee begins their work, we need to have the funds to pay a new pastor. We need your **prayers and energy** as we move forward.

You are invited to **join us at 9 am Sunday mornings** to discuss and generate ways to **strengthen** Cross and Crown Church and School and our outreach to the community. In our readings we have learned that congregations with only one age group were in decline and those with several age groups were growing. From *Church Revitalization Checklist* " p. 166 **Churches grow when reaching outward and decline when focused inward.**" Come and bring your ideas.

Some opportunities for your consideration include:

- Become a **Eucharist volunteer** to bring communion to our homebound.
- **Help** with our Sunday and Lenten services.
- **Reconnect** by joining or starting a small group activity you enjoy- hiking, walking, prayer circle, book discussion, etc.
- Continue to **pray daily** at 7:30 am and 9:00 pm for God's wisdom, vision and for our minds to be open to the changes he puts before us.

May the Holy Spirit lift you up and surround you!

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, Council President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

In February 1972, after months of prayer, planning, and dedication, members of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church opened a tiny preschool which they named, *Little Friends Preschool*.

In 1984, the church hired me to add a kindergarten to the preschool. With the addition of a first grade in 1986, the name was changed to *Cross and Crown Lutheran School (CCLS)*. Subsequent grades were added each year until a middle school was completed in 1997. For the next 11 years, CCLS thrived, operating as a preschool through 8th grade.

In 2008 however, demographic, and economic conditions that had been building over the years required we take a step back, reassess, and restructure our school. Sadly, grades 2-8 were closed in June of that year; however, uncompromisingly committed to Christian education and our community, we went back to our foundation and began to build again.

Today we have a thriving preschool through 7th grade. We have felt God's hand guiding our efforts throughout this process of restructuring and rebuilding His school. Our church is supportive, our families are devoted, and our staff is committed to serving our Lord while giving our children a solid Christian education.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Cross and Crown Lutheran School. We are planning a celebration of joy and thanksgiving on *Saturday, September 24, 2022*, where school classrooms will open for reminiscing (and boasting), games and activities will be held on the grassy area, and a BBQ hot dog lunch will be provided. If you feel moved to help in the planning of this exciting historical event, please contact me at jbashi@cclsrp.org.

Blessings to you all,
Jean Bashi, Administrator



Update from NOAH

February was a busy month for NOAH. We had two drive through distributions before moving back indoors. The number of families coming to get food has increased and we are grateful to have food to give them.

We appreciate donations from the members of Cross and Crown. We ask that you check the expiration dates on items as we have to discard expired item as well as items which have been opened. We also ask that you use the barrels at church and do not leave items on the porch unless it is a Wednesday between noon and 6 p.m. We continue to need both paper and heavy plastic bags. Thank you to the Wambolds for lemons. Produce from gardens is appreciated.

We have added two juniors from the Ranch to our board: Olivia Teich and Nate Tinoco. They have worked faithfully each week setting up the rooms for distribution and we are happy to have

local youth helping us. Each week we also have other students who help during distribution.

Thank you for your donations and prayers as we continue to serve the families of our community with their need for food.

Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter



Call Committee Update

The call committee met, via zoom, with our Synod Representative Pr. Manda Truchinski, Assistant to the Bishop, on May 31st for about an hour and a half. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss, in detail, the interview process, what is suggested and what is required of the call committee and how to formulate questions for the candidates. The call committee will meet in the next coming weeks to prepare for the interviews and to gather information that will be required for the interviews.

At our next meeting with Pr. Manda, we should be receiving our first slate of candidates!!!! So, we ask that the congregation continue to pray for our congregation, pastoral candidates and for the call committee. Much work still lies ahead, but the committee is confident that the Holy Spirit will lead the way.

Blessings

Sue Michaelsen, Chairperson



Financials

**Monthly Reports on how we are doing:
For the Month ending Sunday, February 27,2022**

Envelope Giving	\$14,736
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$18,291
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$20,796

Expenses	<u>\$34,690</u>
Monthly Deficit	(\$13,894)

For the Month ending Sunday, March 31, 2022

Envelope Giving	\$13,452
Simply Giving	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total Giving	\$17,007
Misc. Income	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Total Income	\$19,512

Expenses	<u>\$34,690</u>
Monthly Deficit	(\$15,178)

2 Month Deficit, Jan. & Feb. 2022 (\$29,072)



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

April 5 Mark and Tandy Whitaker

Birthdays:

April 2 Zach Schmitt
 Jake Dapiran
April 3 Pastor Ted Peters
April 8 Connie Pfeiff
April 14 Rochelle Olson
April 16 Trenton Koehler
 Nancy Umland

April 17 Lynne Carlson
April 21 Gene Koehler
April 25 Pam Roth
April 28 Sue Michaelsen
April 30 Nikki Boccaleoni



Prayer List

Healing

Long Term Healing

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

Homebound Members

Pastor Leon
Norma C.
Robert and Leona A.
Janice S.
Roxie C.



Scriptures for April

April 3	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philemon 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
April 10 (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philemon 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-49
April 14 (Maundy Thursday)	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 (Good Friday) Isaiah 52:12-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

April 17 (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 24 Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



Events

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 10	Worship 8:30/10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 14	Worship 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 15	Worship 7:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt	April 16	10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	April 17	10:00 a.m.
Brunch		11:00 a.m.

Sin Boldly Book Study

We plan to resume the discussions of “Sin Boldly” next month. We will meet at 5:30 in the welcome center for a glass of wine and a light snack on May 11th, 18th, and 25th.

We will cover chapters 7, 8, and 9. Please plan to join us for this event.



How You Can Help Others

Worship Assistant Opportunities

The sign-up sheets for May and June Worship Assistants are now on the Volunteer Sign-up Board in the Welcome Center. Please take a look and write in your name on dates/times when you are willing and available to serve! If you would like to help but feel you need training, please see Kim Burns for help with that. "Many hands make light work" . . . we need lots of hands!

Kid's Club is Restarting

We will have activities available during Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship for our youngsters. Then starting May 1 we will restart our Kid's Club for ages 2 through grade 5th/6th. We are hoping to have two separate groups: one for the younger kids below 2nd grade and one for 2nd/3rd grade on up. We are looking for people that have a passion for children to teach one Sunday a month or maybe be a substitute if one of our regular teachers is unavailable. All you would need to do is show up and teach. The packet of "stuff" for the class will be prepped and waiting – curriculum, handouts, craft project. Please contact Sue Michaelsen or Kim Burns if you would like to help.

How to Help Jackie's Family

Jackie Nanzala's family will begin their journey from Uganda to their new home in California on April 13th and arrive in San Francisco on April 14th. Fred, Jackie's husband will be arriving with 5 of Jackie's children. Funds and airmiles were received to cover the airfare. Donations of household items have been made. Noah is helping with food needs. Jackie is still in need of two sets of bunkbeds, so please keep your eyes and ears open. Also, it was noted by Sami (who was about the same age as Jackie's oldest son who is coming when she moved to America) that middle school kids communicate via mobile phones. If anyone has an extra iphone they are not using (8 or higher) and would like to donate it, this would be much appreciated.

Funds are still needed to assist with other needs so if you desire to help with this ministry, please mark funds for the Good Samaritan fund and include in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Finally, we are in need of a few individuals and a pick-up truck to help move the furniture donations into Jackie's home. Please contact Sue Michaelsen, 707-292-5612, if you can help. We'd like to get this done by the 11th.

Thank you.



Miscellaneous Information

Easter Egg Hunt

Cross and Crown will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall where we will begin with the story of Easter. The children will then be directed to their age-related areas for the egg hunt. Following that we will have snack and crafts available back in the Fellowship Hall. Please tell you friends, families, and neighbors to join us. Thank you for all the donations of candy – the little ones appreciate it!

Easter Brunch

We will be gathering after our Easter Sunday church service for a delicious potluck brunch. Please sign up on the board in the Welcome Center, if you are able, for one of the following: baked goods, warm dish, or fruit or veggies. You may bring you dish prior to church.

Women's Ministries

When Covid hit in 2020, Women's Ministries went mostly dormant. We have continued with some benevolences but have held no group activities. Perhaps it's time to regroup and begin again. If you are interested in helping to re-activate Women's Ministries, please see Kim Burns or Tandy Whitaker.

Welcome to Our New Members

On March 13th we welcomed two new members to Cross and Crown:

Pete Schmitt grew up in Chicago, IL. He eventually moved to Lafayette, CA where he and his wife Trudy raised their two sons, Curtis (current member of CCLCS) and John. He retired from Fremont Bank where he worked in Trusts and Investments. He moved to Petaluma in December 2020 where he lived with his son, Curtis in the guest cottage on his property following the death of his beloved Trudy. He is a life-long Lutheran and is happy to be a part of Cross and Crown.

Robert Wambold was born in Nebraska and moved to Santa Rosa, California at the tender age of 2. He has lived in the area with the exception of a brief move to Colorado in middle school.

He married at a young age and went to work for PG&E for the next 38 years and raised a family of 3 boys. While working I attended and graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College.

His mother was a life-long Lutheran who had the family attend Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa.

It wasn't until after a divorce and eventually meeting a lovely lady named Sharon that things changed; He was aware that Sharon attended church at Cross and Crown. Through her encouragement and prompting Robert gradually took the hint and decided to follow her lead. They were married at Cross and Crown; Sharon through her devotion to the church Choir and attending more regularly, he too joined her, not as a Choir member but in our commitment to attend regularly and become more devoted to God.

Although Sharon and him both were unsuccessful in their first marriages, what they've put together and shared since has provided him with some of the happiest moments of his life. They combined families are a precious bunch of people and mean a lot to both of them.