

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor Ted's Take

GRIEF AND SADNESS. Leona, our black cat, has disappeared. On the night she disappeared, our neighbor heard the coyotes howling. We fear the worst.

Angie the dog sits by the window. Not eating. Not going for walks. Sometimes Angie curls up to sleep where the cat once slept. We're in grief.

From dust we came to dust we shall return.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY. Karen and I will attend the Sierra Pacific Synod ELCA Assembly the first week of June. The CCLCS delegates will be Sue Michaelson and (we still need a male delegate).

SIN BOLDLY! Thanks to the leadership of Elizabeth and Bruce Hoelter, we will resume our discussion of *Sin Boldly!* At 5:30 May 11, 18, and 25. Read chapter 7 for May 11. If you need the book, just go to: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1451487681?tag=testita-20>.

FINALLY, OTHER MISCHIEF. Visit my website for various kinds of resources. TedsTimelyTake.com. Also, visit my newsletter blog, "Public theology," at <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/publictheology/>.



Letter from the Congregational President

Greetings to Cross and Crown Family and Friends

We **give thanks** for our **great attendance** at our Easter Service – 160 folks. What a joy it was to see new and returning families. Welcoming the Nanzala family at our service was very moving and heart-warming. The previous day, eighty children attended our Easter Egg hunt.

Our **continued challenge** is to open our hearts to God and the community. We need your **financial support** to pay our bills. Our **deficit** for March and April is **\$25,214**. We need funds to pay our bills and to call 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. One project we have developed are door hangers which say:

**We Share a Prayer for You.
We prayed for your household as we walked by today.**

The door hanger invites families to contact us for their prayer needs. This is one way we have begun to reach outward into the community. 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.
- Become part of our **Prayer Walk Outreach team**.
- Volunteer for **Kid’s Club** on Sunday mornings.
- 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

Jean is enjoying a well-deserved break in the Holy Land currently. She will be back in mid-May and will love to update the church on what the school children are up to.

Current happenings at CCLS:

- Teacher Appreciation is in full swing. The school children are showering their teachers with flowers, sweets, and other fun items.
- The 3rd – 7th graders are preparing to go to Westminster Woods to the ropes course later this month. What a wonderful opportunity to create team building with the students.

- We are continuing to accept registration packets for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know a family that could benefit from a Christian education, send them our way.
- The children are preparing for their Spring Show, titled, "America: A Star-Spangled Production." The event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th.

Preschool Teacher and Preschool Aide – Jobs Available

Cross and Crown Lutheran Preschool is hiring for Fall 2022/2023 school year. We are seeking an multiple enthusiastic and nurturing individuals to join our staff.

These positions require that you are dependable, flexible, and most importantly have a love of children.

Job Requirements:

- 12 ECE units or enrolled in Early Childhood in classes.
- Ability to pass a background check
- Be up to date with all required vaccinations
- Be able to communicate and be a positive role model to young children

Job Responsibilities:

- Preparing, planning, implementing and setting up for the curriculum
- Daily clean-up of activities,
- Supervising and interacting with children
- Communicating with parents.
- Working as a team member with other staff members.



Update from NOAH

NOAH continues its weekly distributions to our community. We are thankful for the \$50 we received from Cross and Crown as well as the donations in the NOAH barrel. We continue to need paper bags so please leave them in the barrel.

Cross and Crown is in charge of the distribution in June so please volunteer to work a distribution on any Wednesday from 3:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support of this important mission to help our community with their food needs. No id is required but guests should bring their own bags whenever possible. Please let your neighbors and friends know about this opportunity to receive help with their food budget.

Thank you for your prayers of support.

Elizabeth Hoelter

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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 Michaelson,
Chairperson

Financials

April 3	\$ 8,051
April 10	\$ 3,458
April 15	\$ 1,434
April 17	\$ 7,861
April 24	\$ 860

Simply Giving	\$ 3,645
Online Giving	\$ 185

Total Giving for April \$25,494

Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

May 5	Wayne and Nancy Gornowicz
May 22	Bob and Sharon Wambold
May 23	Todd and Becky Coleman

Birthdays:

May 10	Shelley Slingland
May 11	Camden Morrow
May 12	Kelly Byrd
May 13	Wayne Gornowicz
May 16	Jim Brog
	Meena Mathews
May 21	Mary Cornett
May 23	Jim Bossaller
May 26	Doreen Brog
May 27	Fred Brokaw
	Suzi Wylie



Prayer List

Healing

Don (Bob and Sharon W.'s son)
Cindy F. (former member – on hospice)
Brienne K. (former member – on hospice)
Etta C. (neighbor of Fred and Janis B.'s – on hospice)
Elizabeth H.
Judy (sister of Lynne BS)
Jeannine (school parent)

Grief

Family of Jim B. (father of Tony B.)
Family of Roxie C.
Family of Jeff B. (step-grandson of Jim and Doreen B.)

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.



Scriptures for May

May 1	Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
May 8	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 15	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
May 22	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5 John 14:23-29
May 29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26



How You Can Help Others

Kid's Club has Restarted

Our Kid's Club has restarted during the 10 a.m. worship service under the leadership of Sue Michaelsen. The plan is to have two teachers per Sunday so that we can divide the children: Group 1 – preschool through 2nd grade; Group 2 – grades 3rd through 6th. If you have a passion for children and would like to help either on a rotation basis or as a substitute, please let Kim know at church@crossandcrownrp.org. Sue will be holding a meeting soon to discuss the curriculum and other particulars.

Eucharistic Team – We need volunteers

The Eucharistic Team is a group of people that visit our homebound members and bring them communion. It is a very rewarding experience. We are looking for people who would be willing to take on two to three people each month. Training will be provided. If you would like to help with this, please let Pastor Ted or Kim know at church@crossandcrownrp.org.

Blessing Bag Donations Needed

Our supply for our ongoing mission project of distributing blessing bags to those hungry in our community are in need of being replenished. If you can help purchase one or more of the items, it would be greatly appreciated. Items for the bins include:

- individually wrapped cheese or peanut butter and crackers
- individually wrapped fruit cups or applesauce
- granola or protein bars
- fruit snacks
- individually wrapped cookies
- individually wrapped nuts or raisins
- new pairs of socks

You are welcome to make a bag any time and keep in your car for when you see someone in need. It helps bless them and you.



Miscellaneous Information

Welcome to the Nanzala Family

Jackie Nanzala's family has arrived in Rohnert Park on April 14th. Fred, Jackie's husband brought 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. 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 i-phone 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.

Thank you and welcome to CCLCS!

World Labyrinth Day -- The Friendly City Labyrinth

You are invited to visit the new labyrinth in Dorotea Park. It is painted on a cement pad on the southeast end of the park, closest to Donna Court North. Please come and take a walk!

The first Saturday in May each year is World Labyrinth Day, sponsored by The Labyrinth Society. This year it is held on May 7th. As the world turns, at 1pm in each time zone, thousands of people in dozens of countries will 'Walk as One at 1', creating a rolling wave of peaceful energy across the globe. (www.WorldLabyrinthDay.org). For this 14th annual event, I will spend that day (from 10am until 3pm) at The Friendly City Labyrinth. You are invited to come at any time (no crowds!) and walk the path with the intention of peace and connection.

A labyrinth is a simple and ancient meditative tool. There have been labyrinths found all around the world that date back thousands of years. The oldest Christian use of the labyrinth was found in the Chartres Cathedral in France.

The meandering path is not a maze. It is one single path to the center and the very same path to exit. There is no right or wrong way to meditate/pray with the labyrinth. You might hold a single word, an intention, or a certain person in your heart as you walk the path. You could use the idea of something you are grateful for, or something you are concerned about. There is no wrong way to use this tool. Just follow the pathway. You may stay as long as you want in the center and then return by using the same path. As in life, you might worry about your direction, and sometimes it feels like you are going around in circles. But trust the path and you will either reach the center or the starting point.

Often as people walk to the center they Release their intention - putting it front of mind and focusing on letting it go. Once in the center, this is a time to pause and Receive what message is given to you. Concentrate on your breath and sit/stand in the quiet. Listen. When you are ready, you can walk out of the labyrinth and Return to your conscious world. Those 3 Rs are just a guide. Go where the path takes you.

A maze: A complicated system of passageways that is a problem to be solved. Confusing, stressful, a lot like life. A challenge to find the center. The center is the goal.

A labyrinth: Each step on the single path leads us toward our goal, the center, step by guided step. Trusting the path allows us to draw inward and know that we are where we are supposed to be at any moment along our journey. No dead ends. Sometimes to go forward we have to make a U-turn which might feel like a reverse, but it is exactly where we need to be. We walk and discover our center. The journey is the goal.

Do you need more information about The Friendly City Labyrinth? Contact:

Mary-Rita Williamson
maryritawilliamson@gmail.com

Roxie Clark Update

Our long-time member, Roxie Clark, who has been homebound since 2018 died on April 28th surrounded by her family at home. No service has been planned at this time. We will keep you updated. If you would like to mail a condolence card to the family, you may send it to Roxie's house in care of the Clark family.

Graduates Names Needed

If your family has a graduate, we would like to highlight their names in the June newsletter. Please email Kim their name, relationship to the member, school graduating from, school attending next year and degree (for college). Congratulations for all their hard work!

Sin Boldly Book Study – Restarting

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.

Thanks Yous for Lent

It takes a village to run this church and what a village we have. We would like to highlight all the people that made this Lenten season run smoothly.

- Pastor Ted – our shepherd who presented wonderful messages in his daily devotions
- Brian Brozovic – who substituted for Pastor Ted for Ash Wednesday
- Soup Supper Cooks

Faith Adam	Pat Anderson	Brokaws
Hoelters	Myrna Kappler	Klimowskis
Janet Leroux	Sue Michaelsen	Lori Newzell
Slinglands	Kathy Teixeira	Theis'
Umlands	Skip Wellman	Mary Rita Williamson
Tandy Whitaker		
- Musical Talent

○ Sandy Brown	Sharyl Golway	Ivan Shobe
○ Lori Sikorsky		
- Holden Evening Prayer Singers

○ Teri Clark	Mary and Sarah Cornett	Ivan Shobe
○ Tandy Whitaker	Ed Slingland	
- Easter Egg Helpers

○ Wambolds	Sue Michaelsen	Jim Carter
○ Pat Anderson	Kirsten Perkett	Jean Bashi

- Easter Brunch Set Up and Clean Up
 - Pat Anderson Lori Newzell Tandy Whitaker
 - Nancy Umland Janet and Kyle Leroux
- Flowers on the Altar – Kahlia Bashi
- All the cooks who brought something for our Easter Brunch
- All other people that helped behind the scenes. Your skills were appreciated.



Save the Date

End of the Year BBQ (for church and school)

June 10th