

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor and Susan Wessner's Messages

Congratulations - Thank You - Here We Go

What a wonderful party last Friday, September 30th! Dinner with our Bishop, Vice President, and Conference friends. It suits us well to remember we are part of the greater church as well as our very local expression. As Bishop Claire says gathered together to be Holy (dedicated to God) and Apostolic (sent to tell and show the good news of Jesus). The Installation Service could have been the icing on the cake, but Lori had already covered that. See link on page 7 for pictures of the event.

This Worship became a focused celebration of what we know is already underway, our ministry together. I am deeply grateful for your support, your presence, in the room and outside, your faithfulness, and your joy. With the capstone of the Cross and Crown call process in place, and all your congratulations and blessings spoken, I would like to say thank you.

Thank you for your faithfulness in the in between time. The courage to keep steady during the Pandemic days. Thank you, prayer warriors, for infusing trust deep into Cross and Crown's life. Thank you for Pastor Ted for being a guiding presence. Thank you to Council for the leadership. Thank you to the Transition Team for assembling the vision for our future. Thank you, Call Committee, for being prepared to interview and discern. Thank you, Assistant to our Bishop, Pastor Manda for proceeding with this call possibility. I am grateful to the people at Cross and Crown for standing up, shouldering the call of a full-time pastor, and calling me into this position. We are grateful for all the people who have worked so hard and faithfully to create what we see as a legacy for Cross and Crown Lutheran Church and School. We have had great fun celebrating together both the church's 50th anniversary and the school's 50th anniversary. So with continuous gratitude we turn to what is next.

Here we go Cross and Crown. I know your energy is up and ready. I see you hard at work, appreciating our school and church. Thank you for putting me out in front on this venture. We all enjoy children in Sunday Service as well as at Kids Club. You are already responding to the call for deeper stewardship. Together we will be growing in study of scripture. (You are running out of opportunity to guide the decisions of subject, time, and format). I know your commitment working to be of service in our community.

I believe our best celebrations, our best thanksgivings, our best nostalgia are in the future.

Come and see.

Pastor Bill

Dear Siblings in Christ at Cross and Crown,

I join Bill in saying, "Thank You brothers and sisters in Christ" as you have welcomed me right along with Bill on this venture of serving God together. I couldn't ask for a more supportive family in my Christian walk.

One of the things I've been blessed to enjoy in my work in the ministry is that of being a Volunteer Ministry Coordinator. In recruiting and often leading a new ministry I was privileged to witness the HUGE number of people it takes to move the body of Christ in celebration and out to their neighborhood, workplace and homes. Thank you Cross and Crown for all the efforts, planning and extra touches to make the September 30th installation of Bill as your pastor so meaningful and delightful.

Here's just the small list I could think of:

- *Sue Michaelsen*
- *Jim Carter*
- *Nancy & John Umland*
- *Bob & Sharon Wambold*
- *Kahlia Bashi*
- *Sharyl Golway*
- *Caitlin Burns*
- *Lori Newzell*
- *Kim Burns*
- *Jean Bashi*
- *Myrna Kappler*
- *Pat Anderson*
- *Kirsten, Declan, Liam, Henry and Catrina Perkett*
- *Praise Band*
- *SPS Interim Bishop Burkat SPS Synod VP Simon Wong*
- *Cross & Crown Call & Transition Teams & Church Council*
- *Prayer Warriors from Cross & Crown and Elim*

I know this list isn't complete, but I do know it is sincere and the thanks are genuinely and warmly given!

Love and blessings to you all, Susan Wessner



Letter from the Congregational President

Wow! In September, we at Cross and Crown Church and School experienced moving events. The **School's 50th Anniversary Celebration** was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance, particularly the children. They could not get enough of the dunk tank. **Primera Iglesia de Bautista** served us a very tasty tamales lunch on Sunday the 25th. It was a good opportunity to meet each other. Then Friday, evening of the 30th was a moving celebration as **Bishop Claire Burkat installed Pastor Bill Wessner**. We dined and celebrated with clergy from our Redwood Mountain Conference and congregants from Elim, Bethlehem and Thanksgiving Lutheran Churches. Please view the service on You Tube if you were unable to attend. (See our Website)

We are experiencing **renewed energy** and **growth**. Our prayers are being answered. The **Holy Spirit** is nurturing many seeds which have been planted.

We give prayers of thanks for:

- *Kim Burns* (planning & set up), *Sue Michaelsen* (games) and folks who set up, carried out and cleaned up afterwards at the School Anniversary.
- *Primera Iglesia de Bautista* for their gracious lunch.
- *Sue Michaelsen* for food, *Nancy Umland* for lovely dining tables and the *Perkett family* for clean-up for Pastor Bill's Installation Service.
- *Opportunities* to share our *talents* and *prayers*.

May the Holy Spirit lift you up and surround you!

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, Council President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

Thank you for choosing Cross and Crown Lutheran School as one of the ministries of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church. Thank you for allowing us to use your space where we can provide a nurturing environment where our children can experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And thank you for continued prayer and support for our school. It is because of all the above that I can send the following to our school parents.

I'm a knitter. I've knitted hundreds of sweaters, vests, blankets, socks, scarfs, caps, and mittens in the last 50 years. Perhaps this is why King David's Psalm 139:13 Is one of my favorite verses. "For You created my inmost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb."

Our children were created by the Almighty God, the maker of the entire universe. They are who they are because Father God created them that way. Yes, circumstances, family history, and

even birth order help mold their personalities, but their innermost being was designed by God the Father in His infinite wisdom.

Keeping this in mind, our children are God's gift to us, placed in our care for a set amount of time. St. Paul says in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The same is true for our children. We feed, clothe, house, educate, love, and protect them to the very best of our abilities. There is nothing they could do to separate us from our love for them.

Every morning you place your precious treasures into our hands. Daily we educate them; however, more importantly, our staff pledges that Cross and Crown Lutheran School is a place where your children are protected in "body, mind, and spirit". It is our honor to be able to work together with you in nurturing our students to become living examples of God's love and grace.

Blessings to you all,

Jean Bashi, Administrator



Update from NOAH

Elizabeth and Bruce are finally back from New Jersey. No report this past month. Cross and Crown is responsible for distribution on Wednesday this month. We still need a few volunteers for the last two Wednesdays. Please contact Elizabeth or show up at NOAH.



Financials

Envelope Giving	\$19,317.00
Online Giving	\$ 225.00
Simply Giving	\$ 3,555.00
Total	\$23,097.00



Milestones

Wedding Anniversaries

October 13

Skip and Carol Wellman

October 18 Robert and Leona Asper
October 23 Cecil and Meena Mathews

Birthdays:

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



Prayer List

Healing

Barbara, school child's grandmother
Bob R.
Alice, sister of Tandy W.
Lori, friend of Lora and Gabe B.
Amber, daughter of Lora and Gabe B.
Jasmine, school mother
Jillian, former CCLS student
Tiffany, friend of Ed S.
Gabby, niece of Pastor R.
Cindy, former CCLC member

Long Term Healing

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

Homebound Members

Norma C.
Robert and Leona A.
Janice S.
Deborah Mc.
Lynne B.S.
Carole B.
Paul G.



Scriptures for October

October 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
October 9	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
October 16	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
October 23	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
October 30	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



Events

Hiking/Walking Group

Walk on Saturday October 8. We will meet at 9:30 **am** at the church and walk on the **Copeland Creek bike path**. The plan is to walk about an hour. We want to be able to attend the service for

Pastor Leon. If you have not been walking in a while this is a good way to begin and visit with others. Give me a call or send an email if you plan to join us. Myrna Kappler, 707-795-6964

Pastor Leon Holm's Memorial Service

Pastor Leon Holm, our founding pastor, died in July. His family is having his memorial service this Saturday, October 8th at 1 p.m. All are invited. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall, the original sanctuary, a fitting place for Pastor Holm.

Open Sanctuary

Our monthly Open Sanctuary event is on Wednesday, October 19th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come for a while or stay for the whole time. Soft music will be playing, and prayer prompts are available for those who would like them. This is a time to pray and commune with God.

Gerda Atkins' Memorial Service

Gerda Atkins, a long-time member of Cross and Crown died during the middle of covid. Her family is having a memorial service on October 22nd at noon to celebrate the wonderful life she lived. All are welcome to attend. If you have any pictures with Gerda, the family asks if they could get copies. You are welcome to email them electronically to the church office or bring them in and Kim can scan them and return them to you. Thanks!

Blessing of the Quilts

In spite of covid making gathering difficult, the Quilters have still managed to make a number of quilts that will be given to charities. These will be blessed on Sunday, October 23rd, at both services. The Quilters meet Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each week. They are always looking for new members – no sewing experience is needed. They will also accept donations of cotton flat sheets – queen or king size – or material. Thanks for your continued support for them!

Women's Book Club

Join the ladies of the church for their monthly Book Club gathering on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. This month's book is *The Tea Girl from Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

Trunk or Treat

The school and church are hosting a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in our parking lot. Please contact the church office if you would like to host a car/trunk. Ideas are to have the children do something at your car/truck – play a game, guess a number, etc. – to receive a treat. If you would just like to participate, have your child show up in costume and enjoy walking around to all the exhibits. We will have Smack'in Soul Food Truck and Good Vybes Lemonade Truck there for you to purchase food and drink. Bring a friend or neighbor!

School Anniversary Update

Thanks to everyone that attended the School's 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 24th. It was a resounding success. Special thanks go to the committee: Jean Bashi, Deb McAllister, Kim Burns, Marlene Bullard, Tandy Whitaker, Pastor Bill and Susan and Sue Michaelsen. Thanks for all the unsung heroes who helped set up and clean up. It really does take a village!

Installation Update

It finally happened. Pastor Bill Wessner is our permanent installed pastor as of Friday, September 30th. The Redwood Mountain Conference gathered together to meet and greet our interim bishop,

Bishop Claire Burkat, prior to the dinner Check out the following link for pictures of the week that Bishop Claire traveled to meet the churches in Northern California.

<https://www.spselca.net/post/a-recap-of-the-conference-1-gathering>

We then gathered in the Fellowship Hall with members of Thanksgiving, Elim and Faith Lutheran Churches to enjoy a scrumptious dinner. We got to meet Bishop Claire and the Vice President Simon Wong. Then we moved into the sanctuary for the service. Thanks to Sharyl Golway, Praise Band and Caitlin Burns for their musical gifts. Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson was eloquent, as always, with her interpretation of the scriptures. This event was a wonderful way to gather and celebrate the beginning of our journey with Pastor Bill and Susan. Thanks to Sue Michaelsen, Nancy Umland, the Perketts and the many silent volunteers that helped make this event so successful and well run.



How You Can Help Others

Warm Clothing Drive

Our annual Warm Clothing Drive has been moved up this year. Redwood Gospel Mission, who we partner with to distribute our donations, want to hand out the donations at their Thanksgiving Event. Therefore, we will be collecting items October 1-November 16. There are bins around campus: near Room 6 (elementary side), preschool hallway, Welcome Center. Please check your drawers and closets for gently used items of sweaters, jackets, coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, etc. Thanks for helping those in need!

Pumpkins Needed

Our preschool is not able to take a fieldtrip to the pumpkin patch like the elementary school. Last year Mandy McCarthy, our preschool director, created our own pumpkin patch in the garden with donated pumpkins. She would like to do this again. Please check the donation board to the right of the church office window for what is needed. Thanks for your support!

Holiday Craft Faire Prep

We are hosting a Holiday Craft Faire on November 18th and 19th on campus. Lori Newzell has been working with a group to make craft items to sell at the event. There are two more dates in which you can participate. On October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lori will teach us how to make beaded plant stakes. On November 5 (same time) Mary Rita Williamson will come in to instruct how to etch designs onto glasses (wine, drink, steins, etc.) These items will all be available for sale at the Craft Faire. Come check it out.

Worship Assistants Needed

As we enter the holiday season there will be many more opportunities to help with our worship services. Please check the board in the Welcome Center for which dates still need volunteers for reading scripture, greeting/ushering and assisting with communion. Training is available.

Holiday Craft Faire Volunteers

Our Holiday Craft Faire is going to require a lot of volunteers. In the coming weeks we will have a sign-up sheet out in the Welcome Center for you to let us know how you can help. Areas we

need are: set up (Thursday night), clean up (Saturday night), people to “man” the craft tables and sell the items, soup cooks (both days), people to serve soup, people to make baked goods and food items to sell (i.e. candy, cookies, jellies, etc.). Proceeds from the Holiday Craft Faire will go to the Esther Fund, a fund set up to help women of our congregation with a one-time monetary grant (for glasses, car repairs, rent, etc.). Come out and start your Christmas shopping early!

Bible Study --- TBA

Pastor Bill would like to start a bible study this month. If you would like to participate, please let him know days and times that work best for you. He will announce soon when the bible study will be.

Lutheran Disaster Response

The people from Florida are trying to recover from Hurricane Ian. It is going to take a lot to rebuild and help the people get back on their feet. Lutheran Disaster Relief is on the ground providing water, food, gift cards, tarps and more. If you would like to contribute to this vital organization, you may write the church to CCLCS and list Lutheran Disaster Relief in the memo or send your donation directly to them by going to the following link:

<https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse?erid=f8bc6caa-7015-4d35-966a-320b50dcbe29&trid=f8bc6caa-7015-4d35-966a-320b50dcbe29>



Miscellaneous Information

Directory Update

The church office wants to update the current church directory. A copy of the information the office has on file in on the table in the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to check your family’s information and correct anything wrong. If it is all correct, please place a check by your family’s information. The new directory will be available later this month.

Nametags

It is important as we continue to get more and more visitors that we make it easy for them to get to know us. One of these ways is by wearing a nametag. Please check your drawers and cars for your nametag and wear it on Sundays. If you do not have one, please sign up for one on the sheet in the Welcome Center. These will be ordered next month and be available for distribution right before Thanksgiving.

Kid’s Club Schedule

October 2	Joseph and His Colorful Coat
October 9	Joseph in Egypt
October 16	Joseph Forgives His Brothers
October 23	Baby Moses
October 30	Moses and the Pharoah

Strengthening CCLCS Group

During covid we established a group to help grow the church and ministries. They meet each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend. Items they worked on this past month are as follows:

- School Anniversary Celebration – how the group could support this event
- Installation Dinner and Service – how the group could help with this event
- Sozo – youth center across the street; how can we participate with this
- Open Sanctuary – scheduled the events through December
- Craft Group – discussed what the group is doing
- Lunch with Primera Iglesia Bautista – what a wonderful event
- Outreach – discussed mailers vs. social media.
- Facility – how to maximize use of our facility
- Items working on:
 - Taize Service
 - New Member Class

Request a Hymn

Pastor Bill would love to include hymns that the congregation wants to sing. To request a hymn, contact him by email or write the name or number on a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate. Pastor Bill will include it next time it fits with the scriptures.



Save the Date

All Saints Flower Ceremony
Scholastic Book Faire
Campus Closed
School Sunday
Commitment Sunday
Holiday Craft Faire
Thanksgiving Service

November 6th at both services
November 7th-13th
November 11th for Veteran's Day
November 13th at the 10 a.m. worship service
November 20th
November 18th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 23rd at 7 p.m.