

Cross and Crown Lutheran and School Newsletter

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Pastor Bill's Message

Did you feel the earth shake on the latest quake? Did you get wet in the latest rain? Did you notice the marvelous gifts we receive daily from the God who provides for all our needs, got passed on as a blessing? (More on blessings this All Saints Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 – Standard Time) Well it did happen, this time at a new place called Labath Landing.

You have heard about it in the papers, on the news, in the civic discourse. Labath Landing opened Monday October 24th. Like a ground shaking tremor, or rain in a drought, the world is turning around. And you were there. “Labath Landing is a 60-unit, interim supportive housing community funded by California’s [Homekey Program](#) as a collaboration between the [City of Rohnert Park](#), [DignityMoves](#) (a California-based nonprofit,) and [HomeFirst Supportive Services](#).”

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on Sunday October 23, and an important element of this project is community support- “we need your help to make Labath Landing a home.” We at Cross and Crown were part of the “Adopt a Room” program for community members to decorate one of the 60 rooms at Labath Landing. These units are temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness, and supportive services to help them move on to their own permanent homes.



Many dignitaries offering thanks for much hard work.



One doorway to many futures



Part of the brand-new 60 unit campus

You were there and more importantly you are there. You were there because you supported me in attending and prepping a room. (You can designate a gift at C&C to support Labath Landings) And you can provide new necessities as these rooms turn over to the next residence. See the church office for a complete list. I will be delighted to do more introductions to the people running the programs if you would like to become more engaged.

Blessings abound.
Thank you for your support.

Come and see.
Pastor Bill



Letter from the Congregational President

We give thanks that we are able to celebrate the continuing presence of Cross and Crown Church and School. A year ago your council sent you a letter in which we described how we were at a crossroads. We were concerned about our ability to continue as a church and school, our ability to meet expenses and to call a full-time pastor.

Here we are in November 2022 with a **full-time pastor and open doors**. We give thanks for the help you have given to reach this place. We continue to experience **renewed energy and growth**. Pastor Bill has jumped right in addressing priorities we identified in our call process. Services can

be viewed live on YouTube or at later time. Children are attending Kid's club on Sundays. Our prayer chain and prayer circle are busy responding to requests for healing and support.

During October we celebrated the life of Pastor Leon Holm and Gerda Atkins. I was touched to learn more about Gerda and her very special relationship with her granddaughter. We also learned how Pastor Leon experienced his call.

As we celebrate answers to our prayers, we invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year. Your church, school and community need your continued support.

May the Holy Spirit lift you up and surround you!

Love and Peace,
Myrna Kappler, Council President



Update from Cross and Crown Lutheran School

If there is one thing that breaks my "teacher's heart" it is when a child expresses in some way "I'm not good enough". Sometimes it is said through words such as "I'm bad", "I'm stupid", or "I can't do anything right." Other times they are shut down, sulking on the playground or in the classroom because they feel not as deserving as their friends. They have given up on themselves and see no hope of ever being anything more.

As teachers at Cross and Crown, it is not only our job to teach "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic", but self-esteem, confidence, and self-respect. We also build up our students as members of the family of God. We use our daily Bible time to incorporate lessons of God's love and character building.

There are many men and women of faith in the Bible who exhibit their shady sides, and yet God uses them for great things. Three of my favorites come to mind. In Joshua 2, God uses Rahab "a prostitute" to hide two Israelite spies in Jericho. King David, "*a man after God's own heart*" (Acts 13:22), commits adultery and murder and then lies trying to cover it up (2 Sam. 11). However, my favorite is Peter; perhaps because I identify with him. He is impulsive, quick to act, and then think about the consequences. Peter, one of Jesus' closest three disciples; Peter, to whose home Jesus comes to live after leaving his mother and brothers in Nazareth; Peter, whose faith is so strong he walks on water; Peter, who is given the "*keys of the kingdom*" (Matt. 16:19), denies Christ three times in the courtyard of the high priest Caiaphus. Devastated, "*he went outside and wept bitterly*" (Luke 22:54-62).

How can the acts of our children or even ourselves compare to those of these Bible Greats?? Doesn't our God love us unconditionally? Hasn't He said that "*neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from His love*" (Romans 8:38-9)? The answer is YES! So how can we the teachers at Cross and Crown do anything less when teaching the children He has gifted us?

Our God loved a prostitute so much that He put her in His family tree naming her as the 30X great-grandmother to our Savior, Jesus. (Matt1:6). He forgave an adulterous, murderous, lying king and made him the greatest king in Israel. And what about Peter? His official reinstatement was more than a week after the resurrection (John 21); however, in Mark 16 the angel tells the women who came to anoint Christ's body early Easter morning, *"He has risen, He is not here! Go, tell his disciples and Peter."* In two little words, Christ lets us all know there is NOTHING we can do to separate us from the Love of God. May He continue to bless our staff and our school as we prepare your children for His world.

Blessings to you all,
Jean Bashi, Administrator



Update from NOAH

Cross and Crown was responsible for the NOAH distributions in October. Sue Michaelson, Jim Carter, Skip Wellman, Jim and Carole Bossaller, John Umland, Shelley Slingland, Sharon and Bob Wambold, and Ken Schlesinger helped with the Wednesday distributions.

The number of families coming for food each week has increased so we are making a difference.

Two schools, Hahn, and Monte Vista, are holding food drives for us in November and we will need people with large cars or trucks to help us gather the items on Thursday November 17th and Friday November 18th. Please let me know if you can help. (707) 308-5969

We plan to give families with children a toy for Christmas so we are accepting new toys we can give out. Some families have older children (teen and preteen) so fun socks or soaps are ok. Leave them in the NOAH barrel. Thank you.

Please continue to keep NOAH in your prayers as we are an outreach to the community.

Thank you for the non-perishable items you leave in the NOAH barrel and for the paper bags.

Elizabeth Hoelter



Financials

October 2	\$ 7,515
October 9	\$ 4,892
October 16	\$ 3,026
October 23	\$ 2,452
October 30	\$ 1,522

Total \$19,047

Simply Giving	\$ 3,555
Online Donations	\$ 305

Total Giving \$22,907



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 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

Grief

Family of Betsi Christensen

Family of Norma Cowden

Family of Alice, sister of Tandy W.

Family of Barbara, grandmother of a student from CCLS

Healing

David (family of Elizabeth and Bruce H.)

Amber (daughter of Lora and Gabe B.)

Lori (friend of Lora and Gabe B.)

Long Term Healing

Carole B.

Zach S.

Gabe B.

Chris (Mandy Mc.'s BIL)

Mark (Curtis S' friend)

Karl Olson

Homebound Members

Robert and Leona A.

Janice S.



Scriptures for November

November 6

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 13

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-19

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Volunteers

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
November 6th		
Greeter/Usher	Bruce	John/Nancy
Reader	Elizabeth	John
Communion Asst.	Bruce	Myrna
Kid's Club – Younger (10 a.m.)	-----	Kim
Kid's Club – Older (10 a.m.)	-----	Jean
November 13th		
Greeter/Usher	Skip	Sharon/Bob Ed and Shelley
Reader	Claudia	CCLS Students
Communion Asst.	Skip	Carol B. Myrna (*Need 1 more)
No Kid's Club	-----	-----
November 20th		
Greeter/Usher	Mark	Fred/Janis
Reader	Deborah	Mary-Rita
Communion Asst.	Mark	Mary-Rita
Kid's Club – Younger (10 a.m.)	-----	Susan
Kid's Club – Older (10 a.m.)	-----	Myrna
November 23 rd (7 p.m.)		
Greeter/Usher – need 2		Bruce/Elizabeth
Reader		Susan
November 27 th		
Greeter/Usher	Skip	Ed/Shelley
Reader	Skip	Mary-Rita
Communion Asst.	Skip	*
Kid's Club – Younger (10 a.m.)	-----	Myrna
Kid's Club – Older (10 a.m.)	-----	Sue

(*)We need a volunteer for that job. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Events

All Saints Sunday Ceremony

We will have our annual tribute to loved ones who have died within the last year. We will read the names of the saints, and family and friends will have an opportunity to place a flower on the altar (Cross and Crown will provide). There will be a time at the end for all those other saints who have died in years past if you would like to pay tribute to someone else who passed away prior to last year.

New Bible Studies Starting

Pastor Bill will start two new Bible studies (same topic, different times) on Wednesday, November 9th at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. First topic will be the Holy Trinity.

Hiking/Walking Group

The group will meet at 10 a.m. at church on November 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the parking lot at Kiwanis Springs for Taylor Mountain Regional Park. Bring plenty of water, layers, and a hat. We will walk the creek trail which is uneven and has gentle ups and downs. Give me a call or send an email if you plan to join us. Myrna Kappler, 707-795-6964.

School Sunday

Please join us at the 10 a.m. worship service on November 13th as we welcome our school families to church. The students will participate in the worship with song and readings.

Scholastic Book Fair

The school is hosting their annual fall Scholastic Book Fair from November 7-13. Come by the Kid's Club Room and peruse the selections. Books make great stocking stuffers. The school gets a percentage of all sales to purchase books. Great way to start your Christmas shopping early and support the teachers!

Women's Book Club

Join the women of the church at their monthly gathering on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. This month's selection is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. All new members are welcome. Come check them out!

Open Sanctuary

The next date is Wednesday, November 16, 4:00-7:00 PM. Quiet music and time for prayer and contemplation. Come and go as you like during those hours.

Holiday Craft Faire

We are excited to host what we hope will be an annual Craft Faire at Cross and Crown. We have one more craft prep session this Saturday, November 5th. We will be creating etched glasses.

The event will be held Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We will offer a light lunch of soup and bread for sale for \$5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Santa will be on site Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Come in and check out the talented crafters

in our area. This is a great way to jump start your Christmas shopping. We still have a few spots available if you know a vendor who would like to sell their wares at our event. Have them contact Kim in the church office. See you there!

Commitment Sunday

It is Stewardship Month again. The office will be sending out the pledge packets on November 8th. In the envelope you will find a letter from Pastor Bill, a regular pledge card, a first fruits pledge card (see Pastor Bill's letter), and a time and talent questionnaire. Prayerfully consider your contributions to Cross and Crown. Commitment Sunday is November 20th. We will be blessing these packets that morning. If you are not able to be at church on that date, you may mail yours to church or drop off early.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Cross and Crown will offer a Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m. This is an ecumenical service – all faiths are welcome. Come join us as we focus on our blessings in life. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Mid-Week Advent Soup Supper and Worship Service

Pastor Bill will offer weekly worship opportunities during Advent to help us prepare for the coming birth of Christ. Dates include: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Soup will be served at 6 p.m. and the 30-minute worship service will be at 7 p.m. Come and join us.



How You Can Help Others

Pie Needed

We need whole pies for our reception following the Thanksgiving Worship Service. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center if you can provide one or more pies. Kim will send a reminder the week of the event.

Volunteers Needed for the Holiday Craft Fair

The Craft Faire is quickly approaching, and it is going to take a village to make sure it runs smoothly. We need people to help with the following ways:

- Set up crew for Thursday, November 17th after 5 p.m.
- People to sell the items (in shifts – both Friday and Saturday)
- People to make baked goods and other food items to sell
- Soup cooks – we need three to four soups for each day
- Soup servers – we need people to serve the soup from 11:30 to 1 p.m. both days
- Clean up crew for Saturday, November 19th following 5 p.m.

There are sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center for you to tell us how you can help. We appreciate whatever time you can give.

Soup Cooks for Mid-Week Advent Soup Suppers

We will offer soup prior to the Mid-Week Advent Worship Services on November 27, December 7, 14 and 21. We need people to make a pot of soup for those days. We would like to have at least three options. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for you to let us know your availability. Thanks for helping.

Warm Clothing Drive

Our annual Warm Clothing Drive is going on through November 16th. Redwood Gospel Mission, who we partner with to distribute our donations, want to hand out the donations at their Thanksgiving Event. There are bins around campus: near Room 6 (elementary side), preschool hallway, and the 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!

School Scrip Gift Cards

The school will be taking orders for Scrip gift cards for Christmas. We are only accepting orders for Amazon and Starbucks. Order forms will be available in the church office and the Welcome Center. Come see Kim to place your request.



Miscellaneous Information

Worship Service Time Change

The Early Worship Service is changing their time back to 8 a.m. This change starts on Sunday, November 6th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Time Change

Remember to set your clocks to “fall back” this Saturday, November 5th so you can get to church on time.

Raffle

The beautiful no-sew blanket that is on display in the Welcome Center is being raffled off at the Holiday Craft Faire. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please see Kim to purchase. You need not be present to win. Proceeds go to the Esther Fund.

Announcements on Sundays

We have started putting the monthly announcements and pictures of events on the projector each week prior to the start of the service. Take some time to watch and see what is happening at Cross and Crown – there is a lot going on!

New Church Directories

The church office has updated the current church directory and has emailed a copy to each household. Copies will be mailed out to those members with no email address on file. Hard copies will be available in the Welcome Center for those that would like a copy.

Livestreamed Worship Services

Pastor Bill has started livestreaming the 10 a.m. worship service. You will receive an email blast with the link on Thursday or you may go to the website and click on the link on the Worship Online page. If you miss it live, a recording will be available for you to watch at your leisure.

Rohnert Park Magazine

For those people in our church that live in Rohnert Park, did you receive your copy of the Rohnert Park magazine and notice who was on the cover? It was our very own Jim and Doreen Brog. A copy of the publication is on the table in the Welcome Center. Congratulations to both of them.

Do You Fit One of These Categories?

- Would you like to join Cross and Crown or explore what this means?
- Does your child(ren) wish to participate in the Lord's Supper?
- Would you or your child(ren) wish to be baptized?
- Would you like your teen to participate in Confirmation instruction?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Pastor Bill would like to hear from you. Drop him a note in the offering plate, email him at pastorbill.crossandcrown@gmail.com or call him at 707-782-8703.



(see next page)

Save the Date

Mid-Week Advent Supper and Service

December 7, 14, 21
Soup supper 6 p.m.
Worship Service 7 p.m.

Tree Trimming Event

December 2
6 p.m.
(dinner served)

Prayer Stations Event

December 7
4 – 7 p.m.

Christmas Lunch

December 11
11:15 a.m.

CCLS Christmas Program

December 13
6 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24
6 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Campus Closed

December 26-30

Christmas Day Worship

December 25
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.