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Summer means slow down... perhaps in some areas, but not in others. In a society that flies at a frenetic pace, it is easy for us to be caught up in activities that drain us spiritually. After all, there are numerous 24 hour news channels that supposedly tell us what is important. Talk radio more than fills the airways with a variety of content and opinions.

And when summer comes, for many it means break time. My encouragement to you is to not take a break from your faith activities. Rather, use the summer to deepen your faith life. Let me offer some ideas.

1. If you are going on vacation with the kids, bring a book of Bible Stories or some games that will nurture faith talk. As parents, use the summer to model and encourage faith practice behaviors. Work on your pre-meal prayers, or your bed time conversation and prayer. If you want ideas, check with any of the pastors and we'll be happy to help you.
2. As adults, find ways to be surprised by the joy of God in your life whether it is in viewing creation, praying, meditating on God's word or serving others. Agree with your spouse or a friend to read a book of the Bible together and talk about it. Pick up a devotional book at the book store and go through it together. With friends, do it by email if you are going to be away from each other.

Here are two books and one website that I am certain will enhance your faith life. The books can be ordered from any bookseller.

Sabbath, by Wayne Mueller; published by Bantam

Real Faith for Real Life, by Michael Foss; published by Augsburg

www.practicingourfaith.org

3. Pick any faith practice and separate yourself from some activities to deepen it. In others, fast from something you would do—TV, etc; and invest the time instead on the faith practice.

Finally, stay connected to church and your church family. Don't neglect worship; remember that the bills here continue on and your pledge is more than a nine month commitment. Find the time to meet another person, do something together; lunch after church, coffee during the week. Find ways to deepen and extend your relationships here at Cross and Crown. And by the way, there will plenty going on around here this summer, so stay in touch!

See you in church,

Pastor Newt

Cross and Crown School News

June may be a short month at CCLS but it is an important one as students and teachers complete the school year.

Graduation activities:

The 8th grade dinner, hosted by the 7th grade, will be held on Monday, June 4.

Graduation for the class of 2007 will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m.

The last day of school is Friday, June 8. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

The **first day of school** for the 2007/2008 school year is Monday, August 27. There are still spaces available for students in a few of the preschool classes, elementary and middle school. Applications and registration information are available in the school office. Members of CCLC receive a discount on tuition.

Miss Mandy will be having three week long **preschool summer program** sessions. Each session will run Tuesday – Thursday and have different themes. Children of ages 2 years 9 months by 7/10/07 through 5 years old will be accepted. The cost is \$65.00 per week. Register in the school office for one, two or all three weeks.

July 10 – 12 If you gave a
 July 17 – 19 Counting to 10
 July 24 – 26 Fairy Tales

ART SUPPLIES NEEDED

CCLS MS art classes are painting a mural at the MS and are in need of EXTERIOR house paint in colorful colors. **NO INTERIOR** paint please.

Teacher News:

MS Coordinator Margie Pugh was accepted to the National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History Workshop, "A View from Mount Vernon 1783-1789". She received this highly competitive grant and will travel in July to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, to study the shaping of the Constitution. Congratulations, Mrs. Pugh!

Our art teacher, Mrs. Goldstein (known in the art world as Wendy Brayton) is participating in Art at the Source during the first two weekends in June. She is inviting all CCLS families to her studio at 7245 Wilton Avenue, Sebastopol, on June 2, 3, 9, or 10, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mrs. Goldstein is currently participating in several group shows, including "Spirit of Color" in Petaluma, "Northern Views" at the Napa Valley Museum from May 4 to July 8, and I. Wolk Gallery in St. Helena. Wendy was recently discovered by 1st District Congressman Mike Thompson, who fell in love with her painting of the Sebastiani Theatre in Sonoma and arranged to have it flown to Washington, D. C. and displayed in his office there. You are always welcome to visit Mrs. G's website, www.braytonart.com to view her work and upcoming exhibits. Art at the Source catalogs are available at the school office.

Mrs. G has been selected by "Snoopy's Joe Cool Summer" to paint one of the 100 Snoopy statues for this year's event. The theme of her statue is "Joe Cool Gets the Blues." Watch for it as you tour the sites in Santa Rosa.

Ways to support CCLS all year:

Recycle inkjet cartridges – **NO EPSON**, must have print head – www.empties4cash.com
 Recycle old cell phones – phones only, no chargers or accessories – www.ecophones.com
 Box Tops 4 Education – General Mills product coupon – www.boxtops4education.com
 Label for Education – **UPC code** off Campbell's soup label – www.labels4education.com
 Safeway and Raley's - card reward programs – see website for each store
 Wamoola for schools – Washington Mutual Debit/Check card reward – www.wamu.com
 Community Smart Card – reward program from enrolled merchants - www.communitysmart.com
 eScrip – Debit/Check card rewards – www.escrip.com
 SCRIP – purchase at school office at anytime – www.glscrip.com

Coming Events



You are invited a to reception honoring the 60th wedding anniversary of the Holms on Sunday, June 10, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

JUNE 10 IS CHOIR SUNDAY



The Chancel Choir will end its year by presenting several favorite anthems at the 9:15 a.m. service on June 10. You are invited join us as we celebrate our music ministry.

Thanks to the choir for their enrichment of the traditional services this year, and especially for the beautiful “American Mass” that was presented in May.

Please join us on Sunday, June 3, at 12:00 noon for a Potluck Brunch in the Cross and Crown Church Fellowship Hall to say goodbye to the Rists as they move to Chico, California

*RSVP to Marybeth and Rick Hull
664-1605*

“TAKE NOTE”

An a capella jazz vocal ensemble

**IN CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
7:00 P.M.**



**Cross and Crown
Lutheran Church
5475 Snyder Lane
Rohnert Park**

Admission: Free
An offering will be taken to benefit the new Cross and Crown Welcome Center

“Take Note” has previously performed at New Life Band concerts here at Cross and Crown Church.

Dessert will be served following the concert.

Save the date...

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**Friday, June 22nd
7:00 p.m.**



For the Next Fellowship Social Event!

Watch for more details in the Activity Brochure or on the web site.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to...families who joined the church, celebrated births of babies, graduated for various schools and confirmed their faith.

We Live Our Mission

Your Mission Endowment Fund

Many of you will remember that the Cross and Crown leadership team has been working to establish a Mission Endowment Fund. An initial start was made in 1999 but due to various circumstances, it never really got going. At the annual meeting in 2006 a new team was elected and during the intervening time, we developed a Plan of Operations that has been approved by the congregation council. Our next task was that of producing a brochure to publicize the fund. This brochure has been finalized and we plan to mail it to you on June 4. Please watch for it—it is NOT junk mail!

You may ask, “What is an endowment fund?” Briefly it is a fund set up by an organization to receive gifts and bequests from persons interested in continuing their legacy through that organization. Provisions for these gifts and bequests are made in their will and/or trust documents. Upon receipt, funds are invested and the income is distributed in various ways. In our case, the income will primarily be used to finance mission projects of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church.

While managing the Mission Endowment Fund is our primary responsibility, we also want to encourage planning that includes other facets of your life. These include Wills and Health Care Directive Planning, Funeral Planning, and Estate Planning.

To start out, a Funeral Planning workshop has been scheduled for June 23. This workshop will be led by Pastor Newt Kerney. Material to assist you will be available. For further information, see the item following this article, titled “Have You Considered.”

We have tentatively set the Wills and Health Care Directive Planning workshop for sometime in the fall. Again watch for the announcement! We hope to have an attorney lead this workshop.

Following this, we plan to schedule an Estate Planning workshop. It is our hope to have someone from Thrivent or the ELCA Foundation leading this workshop.

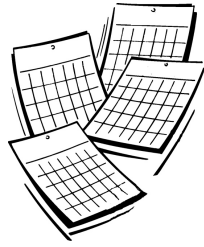
We trust that you will find these workshops useful and helpful! If you have any questions about the workshops or the Mission Endowment Fund, please contact any team member:

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...

...what you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be like? What hymns would you like sung? Would you like the choir to sing? What scriptures would you like to have read? And most importantly, do your loved ones know your wishes for your final service?

Pastor Newt will conduct a Funeral Planning workshop on Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Materials and “thought starters” will be presented to help you plan this final gift to your family and friends. Mark your calendar now for this important event.

ABOUT THE MONTHLY CALENDAR



Please review the calendar in this month's newsletter, or the on-line one, if that is where you go for information, to make sure that the activity information for the summer months for your group is accurate. The office has no way of knowing when groups meet, or don't meet, unless you notify the office.

On the same subject, please do not plan any event without checking with the church office first to make sure space is available. There was an occasion this week when a group arrived for an event that had not been scheduled through the church office and no space was available for them.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR SSU STUDENT

The grandson of a member will be attending Sonoma State this fall and is looking for a room to rent. He doesn't smoke, doesn't drink, doesn't do drugs. If you have space that you might rent to him, please contact Barbara Bauer (588-8711) for more information.

News of the Parish



WHAT CAN I DO?

From time to time, extra help is needed for some activity around the church. This column will appear periodically and will have an ongoing list of things you can do to help. It will change each time you see it, so check it out and give the church office a call if you can meet any of these needs. Barb A.

THE SCHOOL GARDEN needs 4" square plastic flower pots for use in the garden. As you do your planting, please bring the pots to the church and put them in the box that is located under the Thrivent bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not bring any other sizes or shapes. This is an ongoing project, as the school garden is always in need of this size pot.

IN THE OFFICE: Due to changes in volunteer schedules, a volunteer is needed every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until school is out, and from 9:30 to 11:30 thereafter. Please contact the office immediately if you might be able to fill this need.

We also have lots of old files that need to be shredded. If you have an hour or so to spare in the afternoon, please just drop in. This would also be a great way to work off service hours for middle schoolers and above.

PAINT NEEDED: The Middle School classes are painting a mural at the middle school and are in need of **Exterior** house paint in colorful colors. **No interior paint, please.**

LAY MINISTRY: Needs volunteers to assist with the monthly Communion service at Parkview Convalescent Center. Needed are pianists, folks to give a 5-minute or so devotional, and Communion servers.

THE DARK SIDE OF THE INTERNET

As most of you know, it is very easy to find personal information about almost anybody by doing a computer search of their name on Google. For that reason, the church staff has been concerned for some time about the content of the Activity Brochure and Newsletter being published on our web site.

The scary side of that practice surfaced this week when the press ran a Google search on the name of Anthony Schober, the Asper's grandson, who is missing in Iraq, and found our newsletter. Pastor Newt spent a large portion of two days answering requests for information from news media around the country, who had found Anthony's name on our list of prayer requests.

Therefore, from this time forward, the bulletin you receive on Sunday and the monthly newsletter that you pick up or get in the mail will look as it always has. However, the Activity Brochure and Newsletter that are published on the web will contain no names or telephone numbers. If you have questions about activity information on the web site, please feel free to call the office, and we will give you whatever information you need.

Our publication goals are to inform the body of the activities of its members, and we will continue to do that. We also have a great responsibility to protect your privacy and personal information and will do everything in our power to protect that information.

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Cultivate a Child, Grow a Future

Every summer, the Redwood Empire Food Bank organizes locations where low-income children who rely on school lunches during the year can receive free lunches during the summer. They have 5 summer feeding sites in Rohnert Park/Cotati that need our help. If you have time this summer and would like to help serve food to children or lead activities for children, contact Jill Barron at 523-7900 x34 or email jbarron@refb.org. The program begins June 11th and ends August 10th.

A group is needed to be in charge of a site at Alicia Park, M-F, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Volunteers (minimum commitment 1 day a week) are needed at:

The Arbors Apartments, 480 City Hall Drive,
M-W-F, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Tower Apartments, 781 E. Cotati Avenue,
M-W-F, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wilford Lane Apartments, 160 Wilford Lane,
M-W-F, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

The Gardens Apartments, 120 Santa Alicia Drive,
M-W-F, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL OCCASION TABLE CLOTHS

Thanks to a church member, who has made seven linen and embroidery table cloths for use on special occasions, (weddings, memorial services, etc.) The cloths range in length from 96" to 104" in length. If you wish to borrow them, you may contact Betty at 586-3447 to arrange for their use.



Vacation Bible School Registration Has Started

Date: July 30-August 3

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Materials Fee: \$25.00 per child

Ages: 4 years old by January 1, 2007
through entering 5th graders

Forms are available on the Children and Youth Bulletin Board outside Pastor Newt's office. Return completed forms with applicable checks to the church office during normal business hours.

You will find registration sheets for youth

Book Club Reading for this Summer:

In **June**, "Snowflower & The Secret Fan" by Lisa See: meeting on Wednesday, June 27th.

In **July**, "Silences" by Tilley Olsen: meeting on Wednesday, July 25th.

In **August**, "Middlesex" by Jeff Eugenides; meeting on Wednesday August 22nd.

In **September**, "Digging To America" by Anne Tyler; meeting on Wednesday September 26th.

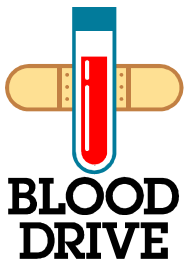
Read a book this summer - and then join us for the "fun discussions!"



Our Stewardship Of Service

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Flowers				
Readers—9:15				
Readers—10:45				
Acolyte—9:15				
Acolyte—10:45				
Usher—8:00				
Ushers—9:15				
Ushers—10:45				
Communion				
Servers—9:15				
Pulpit Bread				
Pulpit Wine				
Lectern Bread				
Lectern Wine				
Support				
Servers—10:45				
Pulpit Bread				
Pulpit Wine				
Lectern Bread				
Lectern Wine				
Support				
First Reading	Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31	1 Kings 17:17-24	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15	Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm	8	30	32	22:19-28
Second Reading	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:26-39

Prayer Requests



***BLOOD DRIVE
IS COMING***
SUNDAY, JULY 8
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
In the Downstairs Classroom



**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING
INFORMATION FOR THE
JULY NEWSLETTER
IS FRIDAY, JUNE 15.**

The goal for this drive is 24 units donated. Tell your neighbors, roll up your sleeves, and let's have the most successful blood drive ever!

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8:00 a.m. Early Communion
9:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
**10:45 a.m. Sunday School for
Children and Adults**

**“As a Community rooted in grace, our Mission
is to...**

**Invite people into a relationship with God,
Grow together as devoted followers of Christ,
and**

Serve others by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



Register for
**Vacation Bible
School ...**