



CROSS AND CROWN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**It's Finally Time For**

**GROUND-  
BREAKING**

**When:** Saturday, August 11

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**What:** Groundbreaking, followed by:  
Hamburger and hot dog barbecue  
Ice cream



**Volleyball  
Games for the kids**

**We have Envisioned our Future, and this event marks the beginning of the future that was envisioned for Cross and Crown. Bring your friends and family to share this great day with us.**

**ENVISION**  
*the FUTURE*  
*Building space to share faith.*

## *Cross and Crown School News*

### ***Welcome!***

School begins August 27<sup>th</sup>. We still have a few spaces available in elementary and middle school classes. Preschool openings are limited to the 2 day class for 3 year olds. Church members receive a discount on tuition.

September will be a busy month for staff and students of CCLS as everyone gets back into the school routine.

### ***Volleyball***

We kick off volleyball season with a staff vs. MS student game on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is always a fun event for players and spectators. Students playing on the CCLS volleyball team will participate in the MSSL (Middle School Sports League) competing against teams from other private schools in Sonoma and Marin counties. Last year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are the reigning MSSL Volleyball champions.

### ***Back to School Nights***

#### **Middle School Back to School Night**

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

7:30 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

In Mrs. Pugh's room D

#### **Elementary Back to School Night**

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

### ***Ice Cream Social***

The CCLS PTO will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for all families on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet and welcome new families to CCLS.

### ***Outdoor Education***

The week of September 10<sup>th</sup> will be a quiet one at the Middle School as both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attend their outdoor education programs.

7<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to Marin Headlands where students will hike "Hawk Hill", walk across the Golden Gate, and have a scavenger hunt in China Town. At the same time they will be studying marine biology, astronomy and coastal ecology in an inspirational setting.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend the week in Yosemite. This week long field science program emphasizes developing science process skills while learning about Yosemite's natural and cultural history.

### ***Staff Installation***

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for staff installations at church services. CCLS will welcome new teachers to its staff.

## *Pastors' Page*



### ***GROUNDBREAKING NEWS ABOUT BREAKING GROUND!!***

Get ready, here we go! Our official Groundbreaking Ceremony and Celebration for the Welcome Center will be held Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. We'll have a ceremony on the site of the Welcome Center, complete with hard hats, shovels and lots of pictures. Following that, we'll join together for a church BBQ, with ice cream, volleyball and games for the kids.

After months of dreaming and planning we've come to the beginning of a new chapter as we *Envision the Future*. Our Design Review Team has spent countless hours working with the architect and the city. Special thanks to Dick Noreen, who has been the arms and legs of that group, helping us to move through each step of the process.

The bids from the contractors will be opened in early August and we'll quickly know who our contractor will be. We should expect construction to begin before the month is out.

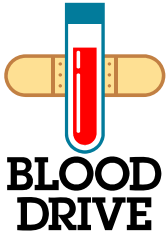
Beyond the Design Review Team, there are many people who have worked hard to bring us to this point. Among them are the members of our Capital Campaign Team who led our Campaign Drive. It's hard to believe that our first Anniversary of the Commitment Sunday will be coming up in November.

My thanks to all of you who have participated in giving toward our *Envision the Future* dream. If you have not had the opportunity to join with us in supporting this, I encourage you to come and help us reach our goal of building the Welcome Center. Pick up a pledge card at the office or simply call the office and we'll send one to you. Any special gifts to the Welcome Center are appreciated. Notate your gift to the Welcome Center as you put it in the offering plate or as you mail it to the church. Every gift is important and we want every person in the congregation to participate in some way in this project. This is our church and we want everyone to own the Welcome Center!

So, get ready, here we go. We'll see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and of course, see you in Church.

Pastor Newt

## About our Folks



### *THANK YOU!!*

Because of your help, we met our goal of 24 donors, with 20 pints of blood donated, which can potentially save the lives of 60 people. Great job!!!



## August is C&C Noah Month

### WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP FEED THE POOR??

August is almost here, and it's time for Cross and Crown to again be in charge of distributing food for a month to the less fortunate in our community. We last had the duty in March, almost exactly four months ago. With August being the prime vacation month it is and many folks gone, it is going to be hard to field a big crew to help on the five Wednesdays in the month of August. Please give prayerful consideration to helping once a week. Your donation of time on Wednesday afternoons means that about 200 families in Rohnert Park, Cotati and Penngrove will receive groceries to help them through the week.



Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for Wednesday volunteer work. A dozen or so volunteers are needed each Wednesday afternoon to bag the groceries and hand out the food to those families who walk in. Grocery sacks are prepared between 2:00 and 4:00 and the pre-packed sacks are distributed to families from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Clean-up is done between 6:00 and 6:30. One can volunteer for the whole four hours plus, or just work either two hour period. Take your pick on the times, **BUT PLEASE HELP!**

**Don't forget:** NOAH needs willing workers to help with handing out food, but you can also make a cash donation to NOAH anytime you wish. Just make out the donation to either NOAH or Cross and Crown, indicate you want the funds to be credited to NOAH and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to our church. Cross and Crown is the volunteer administrator of NOAH's funds, which are held in Cross and Crown-managed bank accounts. Kirsten Perkett handles the NOAH account.

**PLEASE SIGN UP!!**



### OUR FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30:

	Current Month <u>Actual</u>	Current Month <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 47,017.08	\$ 51,675.66	\$ 304,250.49	\$ 314,040.77
Total Expenses	<u>47,225.96</u>	<u>49,068.91</u>	<u>315,944.47</u>	<u>321,765.36</u>
Net Income	(\$ 208.88)	\$ 2,606.75	( <b>\$ 11,693.98</b> )	(\$ 7,724.59)

# Looking Ahead

## Book Club Readings for this Summer and Fall:

In August, "Middlesex" by Jeff Eugenides:  
Meeting on Wednesday,  
August 22.



In September, "Digging To America" by Anne Tyler:  
Meeting on Wednesday, September 26.

In October, "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" by  
Mohsin Hamid:  
Meeting on Wednesday, October 24.

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

## CHURCH FAMILY FUN

**SPIKE UP YOUR SUMMER!**  
**The Church family that plays together,  
stays together.**

**Friday, August 24th  
6:00 – Dark**

**Come and eat!**

We bring the hot dogs, marshmallows and drinks,.  
You bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Come and play!**  
**Come roast marshmallows  
on our fire pits!**

Volleyball, dominoes and badminton  
(\$1 donation per person)

Sign-up begins soon in the Narthex.



...and the trees.....

....came a'tumblin' down!



## Looking Ahead

### WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Spiritual Gifts: Are you using yours?

Saturday, October 13

8:30 - 3:30

Mount Gilead Conference Center

\$20 per person, includes lunch

Sign-ups beginning Sunday, September 23

Questions? Contact Debbie McAllister: 585-3118

### Women of Faith "Amazing Freedom"

HP Pavilion  
San Jose, California  
October 5-6

Register online at [womenoffaith.com](http://womenoffaith.com)  
or call 888-49-FAITH

### Dinner Club

A welcoming community means you know who's  
who in the pew next to you!

How do we do that?

Like good Lutherans we eat together...

Sign-up to join a dinner club

Dinner Club: 6 - 8 adults who will meet once a  
month in September, October and November at each  
other's homes to share a meal and get to know each  
other.

Look for sign ups starting in August.

### Volunteer Training—Fall 2007

Hospice of Petaluma and Memorial Hospice are now interviewing applicants for Caregiver/Grief Support Volunteer Training. Training focuses on preparing the volunteer to care for patients/families and clients by covering the hospice philosophy, family dynamics, communication and listening, understanding loss, cycles of grief and spirituality. Volunteers have opportunity to provide service in patient/family homes, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and the Palliative Care and hospital settings.

#### Classes will be held at:

Hospice of Petaluma  
416 Payran Street  
Petaluma

Memorial Hospice  
821 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa

Check the bulletin board outside the church office  
for further information.



"You're grillin', pastor. That must make you a friar!"

## *Our Stewardship Of Service*

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Flowers	Meacham/Crumbley	Noreens	Baerlins	
Readers—9:15				
Readers—10:45				
Acolyte—9:15	Amanda Burns	Jimmy Henry	Linnaea Erisman	Meghan Roth
	Caitlin Burns		Emily Erisman	
Acolyte—10:45	Kassidy Sharp	Tracey Juhnke	Jazzmine Burch	Natalie Anderson
	Ashley Kellogg		Katherine Helgren	
Usher—8:00	Jay Alpers	Vickie James	Richard Maxon	Norma Cowden
Ushers—9:15	Evelyn Shannon	Sandy Noreen	Betty Dixon	Fred Brokaw
	Sharon Hart	Dick Noreen	Marion Maurer	Janis Brokaw
	Shirley Skeen	Betty Dixon	Doris Fowlkes	Doris Fowlkes
	Mary Schultz	Bill LeBus	Gerda Atkins	
Ushers—10:45	Skip Wellman	Lynn Eckert	Paul Gilster	Lynn Eckert
	Heidi Weil	Rose Shah	Jared Gilster	Skip Wellman
	Jeff Eisenhauer		Bruce Williamson	
			Debbie McAllister	
Communion				
Servers—9:15				
Pulpit Bread	Pastor		Marge Legoski	
Pulpit Wine	Janis Brokaw		Tony Burns	
Lectern Bread	Pastor		Pastor	
Lectern Wine	Fred Brokaw		Faith Adam	
Support	Myrna Kappler		Sandy Noreen	
Servers—10:45				
Pulpit Bread	Beverly Hammond		Nancy Gornowicz	
Pulpit Wine	Cathy Fusco		Heidi Weil	
Lectern Bread	Pastor		Suzi Wylie	
Lectern Wine	Deborah McAllister		Lynn Eckert	
Support	Bessie Eisenhauer			
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12:14, 2:18-23	Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm	49:1-12	33:12-22	82	103:1-8
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17

Altar Guild for August: Deborah McCann, Betty Hedstrom, Doris Fowlkes, Teri Clark

### **The Power of Invitation**

I asked one of our church members how he came to Christ. He said, “For ten years I was in a searching mode. I was trying to find out what life was all about and what was worth pursuing. I wondered about Christianity. I wondered about Eastern religions. But I didn’t know where to turn, and nobody during that ten-year period offered me any help. Then one day I was out jogging. A man from our neighborhood joined me, and when he learned I was new to the area and didn’t attend church, he invited me to visit church with him. I did, and I met Christ. I don’t know where I’d be if that man hadn’t invited me.”

Bill Hybels in *Honest to God*