



CROSS AND CROWN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WHAT'S NEW?

It's the first question we ask when we come back from vacation. And then we brace ourselves for the answer. Here at Cross and Crown, the answer is "many things are new and we are excited!"

- As you probably know, we as a congregation passed unanimously the awarding of the construction contract to B&E Construction. We also unanimously passed the related funding plan. The scriptures promise there is a time to build and a time to tear down. Here at Cross and Crown, it's time to build. Watch for the heavy equipment and the work of the Spirit.
- We are excited about our new Sunday School program. The loft will be transformed into a Godly Playroom. Our children will be learning in an environment of worship, story and hands on fun. If your child has always wanted to cross the Red Sea with Moses, this is their year. Please join us starting September 9th.
- It's time to welcome new college students worshipping with us for the first time and open the doors of our school once again to new and returning students alike.
- It is not business as usual here at church and I think that's just what God intends.

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it." Isaiah 43:19*

Stop by and see what's new.

Peace to you,

Pastor Laura

Results of Special Congregational Meeting

As you may already know, construction of our new Welcome Center has begun. Listed below are the results of the Special Congregational Meeting held last Sunday. All agenda items passed unanimously.

- To approve the awarding of the contract for construction of the Welcome Center to B & E Construction (Brian Babine and Jeff Eisenhauer.)
- To approve the use of the Line of Credit which was used to fund last summer's projects, toward construction of the Welcome Center.
- To approve the securing of a mortgage with Thrivent Financial for the expected additional cost of building over funds expected (approximately \$200,000).
- To authorize the recording of a Shared Parking Agreement between the middle school and church properties.

Cross and Crown School News

Staff News –

Margie Wins Fulbright Award

Margie Head of Middle School and 8th-grade Humanities teacher, has received a **Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program Award**. She will be studying in Japan for three weeks during October. The JFMF Teacher program is funded by the government of Japan as a symbol of the Japanese people's thanks to America and their commitment to understanding and friendship between our two nations. Later in the school year, Mrs. Pugh will teach CCLS students and parents about the educational system, culture, and people of Japan.

Wendy —Art in High Places

Wendy, the art teacher, is finding her art in many places these days. If you got the Cotati schedule of events for fall, you found her art work on the front cover. She also has an art exhibit at the Sonoma County Airport. In addition to painting, she commits herself to community projects and recently completed a second Schulz piece, a Snoopy titled "Joe Cool Gets the Blues."

Welcome, New Staff!

Middle School Math/Science Teacher—Kate. Kate graduated from Boston College with a degree in Elementary Education and Human Development. She has excellent teaching experience, including extensive outdoor environmental education.

Maritza—Spanish Teacher. Maritza is a native Spanish-speaker and has taught Spanish at several Sonoma County schools. She is a graduate of Sonoma State University.

Patty—Physical Education. Patty comes to us with 16 years experience at San Domenico School in Marin County. She will be introducing our students to some "out of the ordinary" PE activities, and looks forward to a fun and exciting year!

Staff Installation will take place on September 23rd at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. This is a time to show support for all our wonderful CCLS teachers, and especially to welcome new teachers to our staff.

Administrator Leave of Absence: As many of you know, our School Administrator, Trice, will not be on-site this fall, as she has requested an extended leave of absence. Trice graciously worked throughout the summer to prepare for a smooth beginning to the school year. In Trice's absence, Margie and Jean will assume additional responsibilities. School Board members will staff the administrative office to assist with day-to-day needs.

Cross and Crown School News, continued

Back to School Nights

Middle School Back to School Night

Thursday, September 6th
 6:30 p.m. – 6th & 8th grades
 7:30 p.m. – 7th grade
 In Mrs. Pugh's room D



Elementary Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 12th
 7:00 p.m.



Ice Cream Social

The CCLS PTO will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for all families on Friday, September 7th 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 10th will be quiet one at the Middle School as both the 7th and 8th graders attend their outdoor education programs.

7th grade will be going to Marin Headlands where students will hike "Hawk Hill," walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, 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 8th 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.



TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

During Welcome Center construction, the "OUT" driveway and the section of parking spaces adjacent to the church offices will be fenced off for construction equipment. This will necessitate a great deal of creativity in providing parking on the property. Only the "IN" driveway will be accessible from Snyder Lane.

On Sunday, the back gate to Southwest Blvd. will be open, so you are asked to enter through the "IN" driveway in the normal way from Snyder Lane, but exit through the back gate onto Southwest Blvd. A few spaces near the door will be dedicated to handicap access on Sunday. Parking is available in the doctor's parking lot on **SUNDAY ONLY**.

On school days, the Southwest Blvd. gate will be open during regular pick-up and drop-off times, but locked the rest of the day for safety reasons. If you are coming and going during times when the Southwest Blvd. gate is locked, you can **very carefully** exit through the "IN" driveway onto Snyder Lane.

What's Going On?

Do You Want An Embossed Name Tag?

Many years ago, we had a church member who made plastic name tags, and we had an unlimited source for them, for little or no money. Unfortunately, that member moved away.

We have tried several different sources for these name tags since, but they were either too expensive, poor quality, or both.

We've now found a source for high quality name tags at a reasonable price. (Less than \$6.00, depending on how many we order at a time.) If you would like to have one, please call or e-mail the church office, and we'll get them ordered for you. When I know how many we're ordering, I'll be able to give you a firm price before placing the order.

Barb Alpers

Webmaster Needed

For many years, Ed has served as our webmaster, computer tech, and encyclopedia of knowledge for the church office staff.



A couple of years ago, he and Rebekah began the process of transferring webmaster duties from him to her. She has essentially completed the upgrade of the site, except for the "fine tuning" of the bells and whistles that would enhance its usefulness for all of us.

Rebekah has large time commitments at this time that do not allow her to complete the work on the site and to act as webmaster. If you have experience in this area and would be willing to take over this important mission, please contact one of the pastors or the church office for more information.

Office Volunteers Needed

I have been blessed to again be allowed to accompany the CCLS Middle School choir this year. That, along with schedule changes of the present office volunteers, has left me with holes in the volunteer schedules. I need someone who can be here from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and/or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday. The only absolute duty is to answer phones and greet visitors. However, any other office skills you might possess will be put to good use while you are here. Please give me a call in the church office if you can help. Thanks, Barb



Acolyte Training
10:15 - 10:45 am,
September 9, 2007

Meet by the doughnuts in Fellowship Hall

About Acolyte Service: Young people at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, as they are willing and able, are asked to bring light and life into the worship service. This includes lighting the candles, receiving the offering, helping with communion, and putting the candles out. If you volunteer to be an acolyte, you will be scheduled to serve once a month at the most. A schedule is published in advance and you will also receive a notice in the mail the week before your assigned Sunday. The notice includes a detailed set of instructions and a list of other acolytes to call if you are unable to serve. Your service is a very important part of worship.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Robert Weil, Acolyte Coordinator
585-9683
4weils193@sbcglobal.net

Book Club Readings for this Fall

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 fall - and then join us
for the "fun discussions!"**

Etc.

**Chancel Choir
Kick-Off
Event!**



For those who are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, as well as for returning members, there will be a Kick-Off event on Saturday, September 8th at the church. Times are to be announced.

The purpose of this event is to come together in fellowship, begin learning to make music together as an ensemble, explore ways to share the Holy Spirit through our musical offerings, prepare an anthem for the next day's 9:15 a.m. worship service, and jump-start our choir season.

We will sing and/or workshop for a couple of hours, break for a brown bag lunch, then spend a couple more hours of workshop time, followed by a barbecue at the home of Dave.

For more information, call the Chancel Choir director, Jan. Plan to come and check us out! There are opportunities to join the choir for the year (through June), a season (through Christmas or Easter) or a special event. Please join us—and bring a friend!

**Calling for Acolytes, Ushers, Readers
and Communion Servers**

Volunteers are always needed for the above mentioned jobs. If you would like to serve in any of these ways, contact the church office to make your wishes known. You will be put into the service rotation and notified when your time to serve comes. Trainings are held regularly during the year, if you would like to have some training for your volunteer position.



**ARE YOU GOING TO TAHOE
SOON?**

Sharon has a number of small blankets that need to go to the Lutheran church in South Lake Tahoe for the homeless and fire victims. If you are going and have room to take them, please contact Sharon at 585-7488.

**Welcome Center Dedication
and Ground Breaking Ceremony**
DVD's are available in the church
office
for a suggested donation of \$10.00.
Proceeds will go to the Welcome
Center Construction Fund.



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After hours, dial the church phone number, then dial * and the extension number.

Weekly Service Times:

Early Communion Service—8:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship—9:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship—10:45 a.m.

*Sunday School for children ages pre-school
through 5th grade—10:45 a.m.*

Adult Forum—10:45 a.m.

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What's Going On?



Join a Dinner Club! Here's how it works:

The purpose: to meet other members or attendees from our church in a friendly environment so that you have more people to talk to each Sunday (and in between), and to get out for an evening of fun.

- To make a reservation each person is asked to commit to three dinners, one in September, one in October, one in November.
- Each group will consist of 6 - 8 people.
- The dinners will be held at three different homes.
- Each person/couple will be asked to bring something to share, either a salad/side dish, dessert, main dish, bread or drinks.
- This is an adult activity, but a child care list will be available for those that need child care. Child care will be provided in the child's home and the payment cost is the responsibility of the parent.
- The first host/hostess will arrange with members the items to be provided.
- At the first dinner, the group will set up the next dinner. At the second dinner, they will arrange the third.
- If you have questions, call the church office.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31:

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Total Revenues	\$ 58,285.85	\$ 51,675.65	\$ 361,137.52	\$ 365,716.42
Total Expenses	46,760.91	49,909.22	362,705.28	371,674.58
Net Income	\$ 11,525.04	\$ 1,766.43	(\$ 1,567.76)	(\$ 5,958.16)

Women of Faith
"Amazing Freedom"

HP Pavilion
San Jose, California
October 5-6

Register online at womenoffaith.com
or call 888-49-FAITH



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 have begun.

Questions? Contact Debbie McAllister: 585-3118