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Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we who are Cross and Crown Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. In fact, he talked about money more than he talked about faith! If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For three consecutive Sundays in October, we will read a bulletin insert and see a video segment from Mark Powell, the featured speaker at our last Synod Assembly. Dr. Powell had a powerful stewardship story that deeply impacted the Synod Assembly members. I know it will challenge all of us. For each of three weeks, I will write you a letter. All of the letters you receive will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then on Sunday, November 4, our stewardship program will culminate with each member of Cross and Crown having the opportunity to return his or her estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for 2008. This will not only be a plan for giving to the mission and ministry of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

I encourage you to be in worship during this month. It is critical to our ministry and our corporate walk with Jesus.

See you in church,

Pastor Newt

Cross and Crown School News



CARNIVAL

The CCLS PTO is sponsoring a carnival for all CCLS students on Friday, October 5th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Admission for CCLS students is free. Admission for guests is \$5.00. There will be a special area for children 6 years and under. Help is needed! Contact Kim Miller @ 794-8640.

SPIRIT DAY

The Spirit Day for October will be a tailgate barbecue on October 12. Students are encouraged to wear clothing representing their favorite sport or team. The CCLS PTO will barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers as part of the hot lunch program on this day.

SPRECKELS

The first of six performances viewed by students of CCLS at Spreckels Performing Arts Center will be on Wednesday, October 10. On this date students will be introduced to the music and culture of the Caribbean by Asheba, a high-spirited musical storyteller and singer/songwriter.



DANCE

The first Middle School dance of the year will be held on October 12. This fun event for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students is held in the Fellowship Hall, which is decorated according to the theme of the evening. Music is provided by D.J. Ryan.

HIGH SCHOOL TOURS AND TALKS

Our 8th grade students will begin touring local high schools as they prepare for 9th grade. Students have already heard presentations from staff and students (some of them former CCLS students) of St. Vincent's, Sonoma Academy, Cardinal Newman and Ursuline. On the schedule of tours so far are trips to Cardinal Newman, Ursuline, St. Vincent's, and Art Quest at Santa Rosa High. Tours of others schools will be set up as dates become available.

WENDY IS PARTICIPATING IN ARTRAILS

Wendy, the art teacher, is participating in ARTrails this fall on October 13-14 and 20-21, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Scholarship Funds Needed for Cross and Crown Lutheran School

The school currently has families in dire need of scholarship assistance, and at this time, the school has no more scholarship money available. If you have a heart for quality Christian education and would like to help, your donation to the CCLS Scholarship Fund will be greatly appreciated.



Current Events

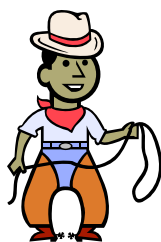


First Communion Class Begins on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Subsequent classes will be held on Wednesday October 17 and 24th. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to register your child, call Pastor Laura or the church office before Wednesday.

New Member Inquiry Class on Saturday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.

This class will focus on the basics of Christianity and Lutheranism, and will serve as an introduction to our church and its ministry. It will also function as our new member class for those seeking to join our congregation. Child care will be available on request. Please contact the church office (795-7853) immediately if you plan to attend.



YIPEE-AY!

It's time for the Annual Church picnic

Pull out your western wear, (optional)
Dust off your chili recipe, (yes, there will be prizes!)
Warm up your picnic stomach,
(chicken, salad, chili, dessert, yum)

Be prepared for games, conversation, laughter, delicious food,
and join us for a foot stompin' fun timE!

You bring the salads, chili, or dessert—we supply the rest!

NEXT Sunday, October 7th

12:00-4:00 p.m.

D Park

Sign up in the Narthex so we will be sure to have enough food to feed you!

JUST A REMINDER

THE WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT IS

Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Mount Gilead Conference Center

Meet at the church at 8:15 a.m.



Current Events

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELCA GATEWAY CONFERENCE

***All ELCA Lutheran churches from
the Golden Gate Bridge to Ft. Bragg,
including Ukiah and Kelseyville***

Sunday, October 21

3:00 p.m.

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church

5475 Snyder Lane

Rohnert Park, California

The speaker of the day will be Pastor Daren, speaking on:

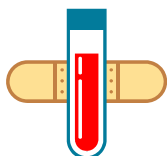
"Islam Today: A Brief Introduction With Insight Into
Today's News Headlines"

This talk will introduce some critical features of Islam and its impact today. Topics such as the role of women, jihad, and the surprising relationship between Lutheranism and Islam will be explored with a time for questions afterward.

Also:

- Reports on the 2007 Churchwide Assembly
- Bishop election news
- Election of the Conference Dean
- Nominations for 2009 Churchwide Assembly and Synod Council
- Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

***BLOOD DRIVE
IS COMING***

**SUNDAY, November 4
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

In the Downstairs Classroom

Our July goal was 24 units donated, and that's exactly what we got. Tell your neighbors, roll up your sleeves, and let's try to beat last quarter's donations!

Contact the church office (795-7853) now to reserve your time.

Name Tag Information

We have found a source for high quality name tags at a reasonable price. **The cost is \$5.50 each.** If you would like to have one, please call or e-mail the church office, and I'll get them ordered for you. The initial order will be made early this week, so if you want to be "the first on the block" to get one, contact the church office soon. Jay and I are wearing ours, so check them out if you want to see one before you buy.

Barb

Opportunities for Service

Be the "face" of CCLC

We could use your "face" to be **ushers, communion assistants, and readers**. Join the team that our members, friends and visitors see as the face of our Christian body. Join us on **Sunday, October 7 after the 9:15 a.m. service** to see how easy these rewarding jobs are. We hope to see you there!

The Board of Deacons

Calling All Interior Decorators... and others, too

The Facility Review Team is seeking members for a subcommittee to focus on the interior design of the Welcome Center. If this is an interest or gift of yours, please contact Pastor Laura.

Renew your Rewards Cards Now!

It is time to renew your Safeway, eSCRIP, Raley's and Community Smart Rewards Cards. Your purchases add to the contributions given to the church and school throughout the year. Go to the websites of each of these programs to renew/register. Family and friends can register, too.

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. If you have some consistent hours available between Tuesday and Friday, please give the office a call. Greeting visitors and answering phones are the basic skills needed, but if you have other skills, they will be put to good use. Give me a call in the church office if you can help for even a few hours.



Key Sleuth Needed

Are you an organized person with lots of patience? The church office has a fair sized box of keys for various parts of the church that need to be identified. If you would like to help, please drop by the church office at your convenience and pick up some to check. Thanks.

Barb



The Board of Deacons is asking members of the congregation to donate any Christmas Cards and envelopes you may have from past years that have not been used. Please drop them off in the office during the month of October. Thank you from your Board of Deacons.

Did you know...

...that there are 24 different heating/air conditioning units on this property? Why should you care? Because since there are so many units, chances are that the room next to the room you're in is on a different system. For instance, the sanctuary, which we keep heated/cooled for services, is on one unit, and the Narthex, which is on another, is on the same system as the Nursery, which may or may not be heated or cooled. When doors are left open (other than welcoming time of course,) lots of heat/air escapes into the unheated/cooled area and runs our power bills up. The same is true for the Fellowship Hall, the Art Room, Adult Lounge, and the offices. The hallways are not heated/cooled. Have you noticed how comfortable they are when you come in from outside? Somebody has left a door open somewhere. Please be a good steward and keep doors closed as much as possible. Thanks. Pastor Newt

About the Construction

Exciting news on the Welcome Center - Actions taken by the Congregation on 8/19/2007

Many thanks to all who attended the special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 19th after the 10 a.m. service. It was wonderful to have so many people present and ready to endorse the construction phase of the Welcome Center project!

We did 4 things at that meeting:

1. Agreed to award the construction contract to B&E Construction (Jeff & Brian)
2. Agreed to utilize the line of credit from Exchange Bank for construction costs.
3. Agreed to pursue the second mortgage needed to complete the financing for the project.
4. Agreed to submit to the City of Rohnert Park a shared parking agreement between the church proper and Plaza 5400.

To clarify two items, let me state clearly: the line of credit from Exchange Bank will be utilized during construction and is necessary because Thrivent will not fund a second mortgage until the construction is declared complete. Also, all change orders for the construction **MUST** be approved by the architect, and the congregation's only voice to the architect is that of our "owner representative," Dick Noreen. So please, do not attempt to talk directly with the general contractor about ANY changes to the construction. On the other hand, feel free to give him any and all encouragement in his efforts!

It will be a busy year as site preparation and construction get underway. It is an exciting time to see what God will do with our faithful efforts in this time and place!

Blessings to you all,
 Deb
 Chair, Design Review Team



BIG

news is coming this month about high school youth group. Watch your mailboxes and the Sunday bulletin for more exciting information.





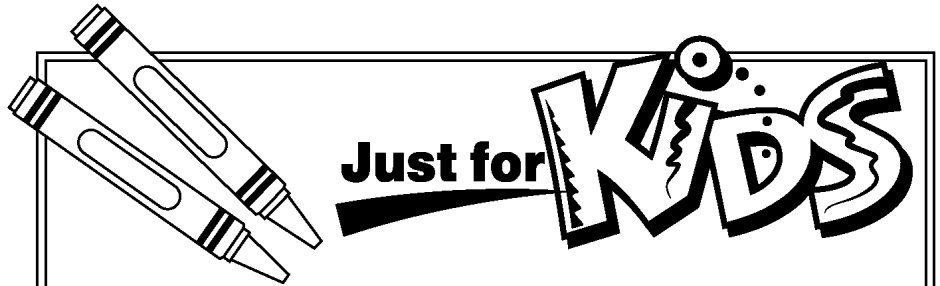
There are many ways you can give to others.
All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room – like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.



THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
 D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
 X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

_____, _____

_____."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

Our Stewardship Of Service

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Flowers	Fowlkes	Wellman	Beck	Schlesinger
Readers—9:15				
Readers—10:45				
Acolyte—9:15	Katie Alibrio	Caitlin Burns	Emily Erisman	Amanda Burns
	Sera Alibrio	Reny Grothen	Emily Burns	Terry Grothen
Acolyte—10:45	Kassidy Sharp	Tracy Juhnke	Jazzmine Burch	Katherine Helgren
	Andrew Kellogg		Brandon Boccaleoni	
Usher—8:00	Vickie James	Richard Maxon	Norma Cowden	Rick Hull
Ushers—9:15	Evelyn Shannon	Sandy Noreen	Ken Bailey	Bill LeBus
	Sharon Hart	Dick Noreen	Gerda Atkins	R. J. Banks
	Mary Schultz	Roxie Clark	Mark Friedman	Fred Brokaw
		Betty Dixon	Paul Gilster	Janis Brokaw
Ushers—10:45	Heidi Weil	Lynn Eckert	Jared Gilster	Lynn Eckert
	Jeff Eisenhauer	Rose Shah	Bruce Williamson	Skip Wellman
	Skip Wellman	Kathy Teixeira		
Communion				
Servers—9:15				
Pulpit Bread	Pastor		Helen Kopriva	
Pulpit Wine	Carol Roth		Ethella Claassen	
Lectern Bread	Pastor		Pastor	
Lectern Wine	Bob Roth, Jr.		Wes Claassen	
Support	Sandy Noreen		Julie Kerney	
Servers—10:45				
Pulpit Bread	Lynn Eckert		Suzi Wylie	
Pulpit Wine	Heidi Weil		Nancy Gornowicz	
Lectern Bread	Pastor		Pastor	
Lectern Wine	Bernadetta Felli		Rose Shah	
Support	Bessie Eisenhauer		Skip Wellman	
First Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Genesis 32:22-31	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm	37:1-9	111	121	46
Second Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-4	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Romans 3:19-28
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	John 8:31-36

Altar Guild for October: Evelyn Shannon, Marion Maurer, Naydean Del Carlo, Dorothy Newzell, Jean Bashi

About Our People



Thank you for your cards, telephone calls, and flowers during my recent illness. Everything is deeply appreciated and my prayers go with you.

Del

Cross and Crown Congregation,

My daughter, Diana told me she had put me on your prayer chain, to which I was so very grateful.

Your prayers were felt so strongly, and with my faith and love of God and the healing of Jesus, I knew my knee surgery would go well.

Also, I ask for special blessings on Diana for her thoughtfulness she has shown me.

I am able to now walk without a walker or cane (albeit a little slowly) so to all of you, I wish you a heartfelt thank you, love and God's blessings.

Barbara

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, and telephone calls while I was recovering in the hospital and at home during my recent illness. I greatly appreciated everyone thinking of me. May God bless you all.

Becky

Our Stewardship

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF AUGUST 31:

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Total Revenues	\$ 49,267.65	\$ 51,722.90	\$ 410,406.30	\$ 417,439.32
Total Expenses	<u>59,036.35</u>	<u>60,109.26</u>	<u>421,761.63</u>	<u>431,783.84</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 9,678.70)</u>	<u>\$ (8,386.36)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,355.33)</u>	<u>(\$ 14,344.52)</u>

Coming Soon -

Mission Endowment Education Events

If you missed the Funeral Planning workshop last June, don't worry! Another opportunity is coming your way in November. More than 17 family units benefitted from the last workshop, so don't miss this second opportunity for this important life planning event. Also, watch for your first **Wills and Health Care Directive** planning event to be presented later this fall.

TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Thanks to Jeff Eisenhauer and Brian Babine who have made signs to help direct your driving through the construction maze.

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 across from the pastor's parking places are dedicated to handicap access. 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.