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Our Wednesday Night Lenten Series this year will focus on Spiritual Disciplines and Practices. Some of these disciplines are directed externally; others are primarily internal. Each Wednesday night we'll explore one discipline or Spiritual Practice and look at its implications for our faith life. Coupled with the sermon will be some suggested ways to "practice" the discipline during the week.

March 4	"Prayer: Let your fingers do the praying"
March 11	"Silence and Solitude: Into the Wilderness with God"
March 18	"Service: Into the World with God"
March 25	"Fellowship: this is a discipline?"
April 1	"Worship: I do have a lot of other things to do on Sunday after all"

Soup

Each Wednesday will begin with our soup supper, hosted by one of the ministries in our congregation. Come at 6:00 p.m. to meet some of the people who participate in each of these ministries and learn what they do. The soup schedule is:

March 4	NOAH
11	Endowment Team
18	Youth Group and Mission to Mexico Team
25	Women's Ministries
April 1	Quilters

I hope to see you in worship on Wednesdays as we explore these faith practices.

Pastor Newt.

Lenten Offerings

Each year the Council directs areas to share our special Lent and Easter offerings. These offerings are different from our regular Sunday offerings. Lenten offerings are spiritual discipline gifts beyond what we offer on a regular basis to the ministry of Cross and Crown. This year, as in past years, our offerings will go to Missions that will impact others. Our offerings will be divided:

- 1/3 to COTS, the Committee on the Shelterless for their work with the homeless in our community.
- 1/3 to our Mission to Mexico.
- 1/3 to support a second Mission trip from C&C to the Karagwe District Tanzania by Carly Kerney.

Youth News

One of our recent high school youth group events was an overnight lock in. The main game for the lock in was a video scavenger hunt in which students were spread about Rohnert Park catching random acts on video. From dancing in front of restaurants to playing “duck duck goose” with strangers, the night was full of fun and games. While we had a blast and enjoyed our time together, part of the game was for educational purposes. One aspect of the scavenger hunt was to find willing volunteers and ask them their personal definitions for the words “God” and “Church”. Needless to say, the way people define these two words are very different. While those who participated said words such as “love”, “Christ”, and “forgiveness” for explaining God, the same people used less uplifting words to describe Church. Church and God are two very different things; it’s not very surprising to hear that people define them differently, but if we look in the Bible we can see that they go hand in hand. In the book of Ephesians Paul uses the metaphor of a husband and wife to describe God and the Church.



Ephesians 5:25-30: ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of his body.

Paul illustrates God’s calling for followers of Christ to present “the church” (His body) without wrinkle or stain. While representing God’s body may seem like a daunting task at times, we are very blessed to have the opportunity. Not only do we get to spend eternity with the Creator of the universe, we also get the privilege of doing his work here on earth! As we transition into spring, may we as a church continue to represent Christ’s love to others. Just as a Husband cares for his Wife, so does God care for the Church. We serve a God who knows all and loves all. May we encourage each other and those around us to represent this blessed body as best we can.

-Andrew H.
Youth Director

March 4th, 18th, 25th - High School Youth Group

The high school group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the youth loft. Y.G. is a great place to connect with God and each other. It’s a place where we hang out, play games, worship, and grow in our individual relationships with God. **There will be no youth group Wednesday, March 11th.** All high school age students are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Cross and Crown School News

The beginning of March marks CCLS yearly registration. We open our doors March 2 to currently enrolled students and their siblings. March 3 is open to all Cross and Crown Church members not currently enrolled, and March 4 we open to the public. There is always an air of excitement and anticipation as we prepare to fill our classes for next year. Who will return? Who will bring neighbors and friends to our doors? What new faces will we meet? Each new year brings surprises both pleasant and startling, and we teachers look forward to it all.



The current school year marks the 25th anniversary of Cross and Crown Lutheran School. Although the preschool began in 1972, the elementary school began in 1984, hence 25 years. We did not get our name, CCLS, until the 1986 school year when a first grade was added. Before then, we were known as “Little Friends Preschool and Kindergarten.” That first year we had 13 kindergarten students. One was my own son. Another was Jo Anne and Robert S.’s daughter.

Kindergarten was held in what is now Miss Mandy’s Junior Kindergarten room, known then as the Apostles’ Room, while the preschool was held in the current room known as the Disciples’ Room. The Sanctuary as we now know it did not exist. We did not yet own the property later to become the Middle School. The two wings of the elementary school were an empty lot, as were the parking lot and grass area on the west side of the campus. The Fellowship Hall stopped at the accordion doors. There was no second floor for the youth where they are today. Instead, they were using what later became the computer lab. The perimeters of the school were the preschool back wall on the south side, the preschool playground fence on the west, the Fellowship Hall, which doubled as the sanctuary), the church kitchen, the church offices and the Narthex. At that time one of our biggest concerns was how to keep the high school kids from across the street from congregating and smoking under the preschool windows.

As I remember back through those years, I reflect on the hundreds of faces who came through our classroom doors, some for just a brief stay and others for more than a decade. Each one was a precious child of God, each one with a story to tell of how Cross and Crown played a part in the tapestry of their lives. Although our school today is different from what it was just a short year ago, our mission and purpose is and has remained the same for the last 25 years, to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children and their families who have been placed in our care. We ask for your continued prayer and support as we prepare for registration and another year in His service.

In Christ’s Name,
Jean B.
Administrator

Support the High School Youth Group and the Mexico Mission by Eating at Mary’s Pizza on March 17...

There will be a **Mary’s Pizza** fundraiser on Tuesday, March 17, to benefit the Youth Group and the Mexico Mission. Flyers are available on the table in the Welcome Center and are included in this newsletter. Put the date on your calendar now, and let’s fill Mary’s with great food and fellowship as we support our Youth Group and its ministries.

March Events

Cross and Crown Lutheran School Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year

**Begins Monday, March 2
for Preschool, Kindergarten,
1st and 2nd Grade**

**Registration packets are available in the
school and church offices.**

The 2009 Flower Calendar has lots of empty spots



It is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Now is the time to reserve your "special" place on the calendar for 2009. The cost of the flowers is \$25.00, and you will be reminded when it is your turn to provide them. You are welcome to take home the flowers after the third service or donate them for distribution to our homebound and hospitalized members.

Our School Is Growing and We Need To Let People Know

This fall we will be adding a 2nd grade and a proposed Toddler program to our school. Registration begins March 2nd. However, to fill the school we need to advertise. We are looking for sponsors to help defray the advertising expenses. The cost for the ads in the Community Voice and the Press Democrat come to about \$1,000. If you feel you can help cover these costs, please make your check payable to CCLS, and indicate your donation to CCLS advertising. We have already started advertising due to the generous gifts of some of our church families. We hope you will join them.

Please pray with us for our school.

Cross and Crown Lutheran School Board



**Daylight Saving Time
Begins
Sunday, March 8**

**Don't forget to move
your clocks forward
one hour on Saturday,
March 7**

"Superstition or Faith" Where does your power come from?

**Friday the 13th of March
through Sunday, the 15th of March**

Walker Creek Ranch

Last minute registration may be available as space allows. Contact Mary O. (664-1176) for last minute information.

Theological Dictionary Subjects for March

The Theological Dictionary continues this month. The schedule of March additions to our Cross and Crown Theological Dictionary is as follows:

- March 1 Evil (Sunday of the Temptation)
- March 8 Fruits of the Spirit
- March 15 Forgiveness
- March 22 Guilt
- March 29 Hope

**Our School is selling See's Easter
Candy beginning Monday, March 16.
Stop by the SCRIP table on Sunday, or
check with the school office during the
week to place your order.**

March Events, continued

YOU ARE INVITED
 to come and play **BUNCO**
 on the **Third Friday** this month, due to the
 scheduling of the Women's Retreat
 for the second weekend.

It's easy and lots of fun for the whole family,
 and the refreshments are great!

Friday, March 20
7:00 p.m.
in the Welcome Center.



Sale

CCLS TOY SALE

SATURDAY,
MARCH 21
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.


Toys to be donated may be
brought to the Pre-School Classroom
at your convenience.

Thank you for your help
 with the recent Mexico
 Dinner & Auction. It was a
 huge success and we
 received numerous
 compliments on the
 food. The dinner and
 auction raised a total of
 \$2,807.80. With matching funds of \$200 that
 puts our total at just over \$3,000.00. We
 couldn't have done it without you!



The Youth Group

MARCH BOOK CLUB NEWS



The Book Club selection for March is
 "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg
 Mortinson and David Relin. Written
 in 2006, this true story is about a
 young mountain climber who is
 thrust into the realities of life in a
 Pakistani village and his
 determination to help the people of
 that village build a school for their
 young. Hosting the March meeting is
 Kathy T. Women's Book Club will
 meet in the Welcome Center on **Tuesday, March**
24th at 7:00 p.m. Come and join them for the
 fellowship and discussion.

About our Members

TANZANIA GOVERNMENT AND LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITE CARLY BACK

Consolatha Kamuhabwa, the Governor of the
 District of Karagwe in Tanzania, along with the
 Executive Director of Relief work in the District and
 the former Secretary General of the Karagwe
 Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church have
 invited Carly K. to come work in the Karagwe
 District from late May until the end of July. A
 detailed proposal will be coming soon, but much of
 the work will be with children and families impacted
 by HIV/AIDS as well as some school
 connections. Carly will also bring items to the
 orphanage she worked at last year. As more details
 come out, she will share them with the congregation.

DID YOU KNOW...
that **Barbara C.** quilted 17 blankets for Project
 Linus, an organization that provides new blankets to
 dying children?

Miscellaneous

GIANT YARD SALE
COMING SATURDAY,
APRIL 25!!!

THE FALL YARD SALE WAS SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS THAT THE SCHOOL DECIDED TO HOLD A SPRING SALE, TOO, SO CLEAN OUT YOUR HOME, CLOSETS OR CRAFT AREAS, MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR CROSS AND CROWN SCHOOL. ONCE AGAIN THEY ARE TURNING THE PARKING LOT INTO A GIANT YARD SALE.

FOR \$25.00 YOU CAN "RENT" A 10' X 10' SPACE, OR \$15.00 GETS YOU A SINGLE TABLE. BRING YOUR "NO LONGER NEEDED" ITEMS OR CRAFT TREASURES YOU MAKE YOURSELF AND LET'S PACK THE PARKING LOT WITH BUMPER TO BUMPER TABLES!!!

CONTACT JEAN B.

A REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH PRIOR TO THE SALE DATE.

THANK YOU!



The Santa Rosa Sons of Norway lutefisk and meatball dinner will be held on March 14. Contact Pamela Groth, Social Director of the lodge at 778-8120 or e-mail her at clothcrafter@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Rohnert Park Community Band

presents

"March Madness"

Featuring Traditional Band Music from Around the World

Sunday

March 8, 2009 - 3:00 PM

Rohnert Park Community Center

5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

\$5 General Admission

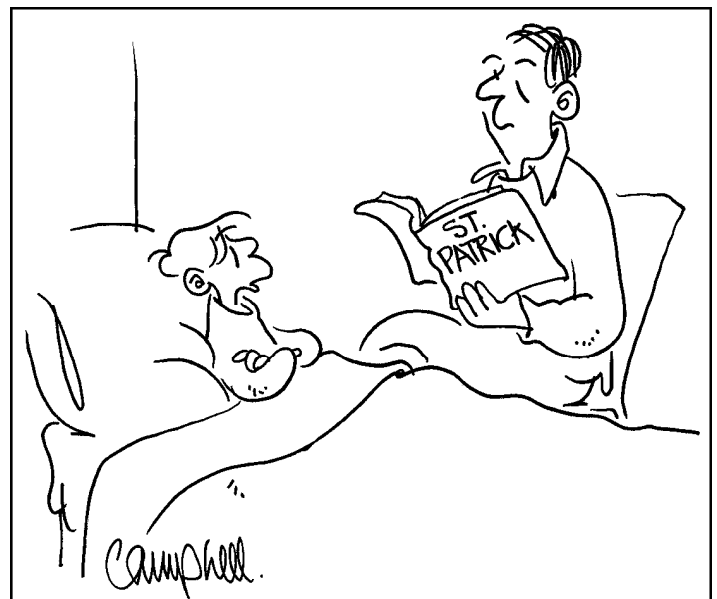
18 and under free

Information: 585-7550



On a recent rainy, miserable morning, nine of you cared enough to stay around to give blood to help save a life. Thank you for your dedication.

Each donation is SO important.



"After St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, what did he use to scare girls?"

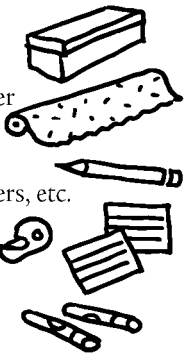
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PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e _ _ nd _ _ ll h _ s f _ _ m _ _ l _ _
 A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w _ _ r _ _ d _ _ v _ _ _ t _ _ nd
 A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G _ _ d - f _ _ _ r _ _ ng; h _ _ g _ _ v _ _
 B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g _ _ n _ _ r _ _ _ s l _ _ t _ _ th _ _ s _ _ _ n
 A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n _ _ _ d _ _ nd pr _ _ _ _ d t _ _ G _ _ d
 A+CA+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D

r _ _ g _ _ l _ _ r l _ _ ." _ _ cts 10:2, NIV
 A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV