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Capital Campaign Results - 2009

Dear Friends,

We are off to a great start on our 2009-2011 Capital Campaign and the initial results are in. On Sunday we had 52 family units pledge \$161,133 towards paying off our Welcome Center debt of \$321,000.

Three years ago on Pentecost Sunday, we voted to build the Welcome Center. Thanks to your generosity we not only have built the Center, but we are 11 months ahead in our payment schedule. Our first campaign was very successful and the initial results of this campaign indicate we will greatly reduce our debt over the course of the next two years.

Of course we need more individuals to come forth and join us in this venture. In our first campaign we had 93 pledges, so we certainly will need to receive more pledges in the weeks ahead. Our intention is to have as broad a base of support as possible. As I shared in another message to you, we're looking for equal *sacrifice*, not equal *dollars*.

In other words, we're asking everyone to adjust something in their life so that there might be dollars available to give towards eliminating this debt. I know that many have made adjustments in their life to deal with the economic uncertainty they are experiencing. I've heard those stories and have sat with some of you as you've shared what is occurring in your life. I know there are some who are unable to participate. I also know that there are many others who can participate and have supported our first campaign. My hope is that they would come join these first 52 responders.

It's also my encouragement that this campaign would involve children. By having our youngsters support this, they will learn some significant stewardship lessons from their parents concerning how a church family works together for a common goal. They will also have a sense of ownership about the Welcome Center because they helped pay for it. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 20-30 small pledges from children who will then be able to share with the adults in the ownership of "their" Welcome Center?

My thanks to the Capital Campaign Team for all their work leading up to Pledge Sunday: Rocky D. Dick N. Pat A., Marv S., Wes C., Bruce and Elizabeth H., and Jean B. Thanks to Kelly B. and her team for preparing the celebration at the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Barb A. for her work in preparing all the mailings and pledge cards.

June 7th is our *First Fruits* Sunday, where the first gifts to the Campaign are given. If you've not had the chance to turn in your pledge card, you may pick one up on Sunday and return that with your offering, or you may mail it to the church office.

Thanks again for your partnership in the ministry we share. I look forward to the day when the Welcome Center will be paid off. This campaign will bring that day of celebration much closer!

See you in church,
Pastor Newt

Cross and Crown School News

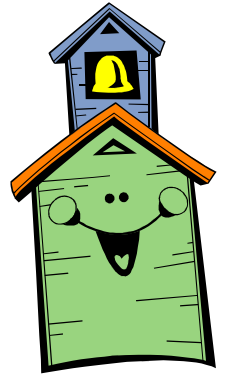
A huge “Thank you” goes to all who participated in and attended our Spring Show, Open House, and Big Event in May. All three were a huge success. We had a lot of fun putting everything together and we appreciate your support. The teachers are due for a long rest now that these three events are complete, and beginning June 12, the last day of school, they will have that opportunity.

Our Toddler Program is getting closer to completion. Joe C. has installed the toddler-sized toilet and done a fabulous job. The next major undertaking is the installation of fencing outside the School office, which will close off an area for the children to play outdoors. Ed S. is busily working on adding the Toddler Program information to our web site, and our teachers have started the moving process into their new locations for next year. As all these changes are being made it feels good to weed out what is old and no longer needed from our current classrooms while the vision of our space comes to fruition.

Soon we will be searching to fill three teaching positions: two toddler teachers and a part time 1st/2nd grade teacher. Pray with us together and join us in faith that God will send dedicated Christian educators to fill these positions. We praise God that with all the closures and downsizing surrounding us, Cross and Crown School is on the rise once again.

We teachers and school board members thank you for the support you have given us this past year through your attendance at our functions, purchases of SCRIP and raffle tickets, various donations and for the prayers said for us on a daily basis. “It takes a village to raise a child,” as the saying goes. It takes a village to educate one also.

In Christ’s Name,
Jean B.
Administrator



Sarah K. will make a presentation to the Adult Forum on Sunday, June 7 about her Ministry in Columbia, South America.

This will be Sarah and Jarrod’s last opportunity to be with us before they leave for their new ministries in Ohio.

You are invited to join the class for this presentation and to wish them well as they move back East.



Sunday, June 14 is Choir Sunday

The 9:15 a.m. service on Sunday, June 14, will be full of music. It is the last Sunday of the season for the Chancel Choir to sing, and they will sing several of their favorite anthems from this choir year. The Resurrection Ringers will participate in the service, as well.

Both groups will resume their ministry just after Labor Day in the fall, and if you like what you’re hearing, you are invited to join either or both groups for the fall season. The Resurrection Ringers will be “graduating” to the handbells in the fall, and the rehearsal schedule for both groups will be posted in the September newsletter.

Vacation Bible School News

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
and St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
Invite You To Join Us For
Vacation Bible School



Date: June 29 - July 2 (Monday - Thursday)

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

Location: Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
5475 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

Cost: \$25.00 per child (maximum \$75.00 per family)

*Enrollment forms are available
on the bulletin board near the church office,
or on the web site,
www.crossandcrownrp.org.*

Please enroll soon.

Thank you to everyone who donated grocery bags and ribbed plastic jar lids. We have as many of these items as we need. However, 50 Medium cans (coffee cans or powdered drink mix cans) are still needed. Also, please check the Welcome Center table for other items that are needed. Contact Kim B. (586-2592) if you have questions.

A Reminder to NOAH Volunteers: July is coming!



You were promised in January that if NOAH got six active member organizations we would not have NOAH duty again until July. How time flies! We did get the sixth member and July is our month. I hope you can schedule your vacation plans, etc., and leave July open for NOAH operations. This should be our last month to serve in 2009, except for a few hours during the Christmas holidays. Hope to see you on July 1!

Dick N.
NOAH Coordinator

June Events

BUNCO NEWS

Our monthly Bunco night has permanently changed to the **Third Friday** of each month, which seems to better suit most schedules. It's easy and lots of fun for the whole family, and the refreshments are great! (Everybody brings a finger food to share.)

**Our next Bunco Night is
Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Welcome Center.**

JUNE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Book Club selection for Tuesday, June 23rd is "The Valley of the Moon" by Jack London. Published in 1913, London sought to create in this book a myth of California that would corroborate his own decision to leave industrial Oakland in favor of rural Glen Ellen. He began writing this novel about the same time he began construction on the stone lodge Wolf House on his Beauty Ranch in the Valley of the Moon. Come and join the conversation and fellowship in the Welcome Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd. M. Kappler will be hosting.



SCRIP UPDATE

Did you know...

...that Long's Drug Store is now officially CVS Pharmacy? And, did you know that we now have SCRIP available for CVS Pharmacy?

...that we still have three SCRIP cards for Gottschalk's? This is their final sale, so if you want to help the school and get some real bargains, please buy these and use them.

...that SCRIP is available at the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning?

...that SCRIP is available in the church office during normal business hours during the week?

...that SCRIP is a great and easy way to support our school?

**CHECK THE SCRIP PROGRAM
TODAY.
YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT HOW MANY
OF THE
LOCAL BUSINESSES YOU FREQUENT
ACCEPT SCRIP.
IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR
EVERYBODY!**

A NEEDED IDEA - WILL YOU HELP?

The Women's Ministries Executive Board, with a full slate of officers after two years, would appreciate your help.

The primary goal of Women's Ministries is to provide meaningful service to the Congregation and our assignment was to look at needs. It was suggested that we offer meals for church members struggling to do this themselves because of health issues - saying we know of at least four families who would benefit greatly from such help! Women's Ministries will financially support this project to get it started and be working on fundraising to keep it going.

If you would like to help, please call Barbara C. Once we have enough volunteers to make it happen, a meeting will follow to discuss details to make this plan a reality.

Nan C., Secretary, Women's Ministries
Executive Board

About Our Members

“Pansies to Petunias”



Planting Day

On June 13th we’ll be changing the Pansies to Petunias in the Welcome Center entrance. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. and bring your gardening gloves, a trowel and some shears. Teri C. will be our planting guide and we should be done in one hour. If we have some extra time (and workers) we can trim some of the other plants in the courtyard and around the campus that are in need of pruning.



If anyone is interested in performing special music at the 9:15 service over the summer, please contact Jennifer F. We are looking for singers and instrumentalists, in small groups or as solos.



Theological Dictionary Subjects for June

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

- June 7 Manna
- 14 Mercy
- 21 Neighbor
- 28 Obedience

Now Enrolling For Fall 2009-10

**Cross and Crown Lutheran School
Preschool through 2nd Grade
And New Toddler Program**



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for an appointment and a tour of our campus.