



**CROSS AND CROWN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS**

As you read this we will just be starting our Vacation Bible School which is always a fun time for all the kids and adults who participate. This year we'll be closing our VBS on Thursday night because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We'll have a BBQ and the kids will be singing in the sanctuary and showing off what they have learned this week.

Our Mission project is a "Let There Be Light" campaign to bring electricity to the Good Hope Orphanage and school in Arusha, Tanzania. This is the orphanage Carly K. lived at for 3 months last year. They had a volunteer come in to wire the facility and put up lights. Now they need the electricity to be brought in. The cost for this is \$1,200.00. The kids will be sharing their offerings and we'll invite members of the congregation to participate as well. Thrivent Financial will provide some matching funds and it is our hope that we'll be able to get the electricity up and running by the time Carly gets back to Arusha to say goodbye to the kids.

## **AFRICAN MISSION**

Thanks to Ed S. who has put together a church blog for us. The African Mission work is on the blog and you can follow all the emails and pictures from Carly. Members and friends of the congregation have provided extra funds for this mission and Carly has been able to use some of that money to buy uniforms for the albino children; seeds and equipment for the farm where a group of orphans live; medical supplies for children and other items. She is helping the relief agency by writing up a proposal for funding a secondary school in the District; helping them to assess needs for children's programs and she has been busy with the main social worker in the District. In addition, she has spent time with the Bishop of the Karagwe Diocese of the Lutheran Church and has worshipped with a few congregations. The blog address is:

[Blog.crossandcrownrp.org](http://Blog.crossandcrownrp.org)

## **LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE**

A new resource is available for us. It's called the Lutheran Study Bible. It's a very readable version and includes study notes and insights from a Lutheran theological perspective. You can order it from Augsburg Publishing or from any of the online book merchants. We'll have a copy in the office for you to look at.

## **THANKS**

Thanks for your partnership in the ministry we share. It's been a busy first half of the year filled with both joy and sorrow. We've gained some new friends at church and grieved the death of some long time members. We've celebrated the strong positive response to the Capital Campaign and we've supported strong mission work here, in Mexico and in Tanzania. Our congregation has been all over God's campus!

Blessings on your summer and I'll see you in church.

Pastor Newt

## Summer Events

The school is growing! Teachers have moved into new rooms. Although we don't have final approval, the Toddler program has tentative approval, based on the inspections thus far. Registration for the school year is still growing, but there is room available for your child or grandchild. The fall schedule will include the Toddler Program, Pre-School, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First and Second Grades. What a fun and busy year is ahead. The school office will be open regular hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for registration or tours, so let's all spread the word and have a full program this year.



## JULY AND AUGUST WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB NEWS

### July

The Book Club selection for Tuesday, July 28th is "What Is The What" by Dave Eggers. Published in 2006, this novel is based on the life of Valentino Achak Deng who, along with thousands of other children, was forced to leave his village in Sudan. At the age of 7, he and the others walked hundreds of miles to find freedom. Come and join the conversation and the fellowship in our Welcome Center at 7 p.m. Joan S. will be hosting.



### August

The Book Club selection for Tuesday, August 25th is "The Devil In The White City" by Erik Larson. This novel is the story of the Chicago World's Fair at the turn of the century, which has a hidden mystery. Come and join the conversation and the fellowship in our Welcome Center at 7 p.m. Mary-Rita W. will be hosting.



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 July and August

The Theological Dictionary continues this month. The schedule of July and August additions to our Cross and Crown Theological Dictionary are as follows:

July 5	Persistence
12	Path
19	Questions
26	Quiet
August 2	Rejoice
9	Ritual
16	Sacrifice
23	Trust
30	Truth

## BUNCO NEWS



**The July Bunco Night is  
Friday, July 17 at  
7:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**The August Bunco Night is  
Friday, August 21 at  
7:00 p.m.  
in the Welcome Center.**

**Cost is \$5.00—Bring snacks to share**



## JULY IS NOAH MONTH AGAIN!

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

July is almost upon us, and it's time for Cross and Crown to again administer the program. If we continue with six fully participating NOAH members as we now have, January and July will probably continue to be "our" months.

I hope all of you who have volunteered in the past can again help in July. Please note that July is a "five week month" and if you have some schedule conflicts, please help as many weeks as you can. The workload each week is not decreasing. Since January, it seems more and more free produce and bread are handed out and the average weekly amount is up about 20-25%. Most weeks are being reported as 25-26 pounds per person, as compared to the 20+/- we've given for the last few years. Matter of fact, June 17 was a whopper! The number served was about 40 households more than the average so far this summer (264 were served on the 17th). They each got 29 pounds of food and the total food weighed in at 7,600 pounds! It looks like we'll be busy!

Sign up sheets are posted in the Welcome Center 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 for about two hours and then the pre-packed sacks are distributed to families in two hours, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The last half-hour from 6 to 6:30 is time for cleanup. 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!** Anyone who thinks they'd like to try their hand at shopping at the Food Bank each Tuesday morning should contact Dick N. and discuss the details.

**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 NOAH, and drop your notated check in the offering plate, or mail it directly to NOAH at P. O. Box 2955, Rohnert Park, CA 94927-2955.

Dick N. is Cross and Crown's coordinator for NOAH activities. Please call or Dick (588-9044) if you have any questions about NOAH, or are wondering how you can help anytime, but especially in July, starting this Wednesday, the 1st!! Please sign-up!



## *Et Cetera*

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Our campaign totals are over \$170,000 dollars and the Council is thankful for every gift and pledge that has been given to erase the debt of our Welcome Center. We are ahead in our payment plan and the congregation has offered a strong show of support for the Welcome Center and the things it has added to our ministry. We still have members who are continuing their initial pledge and have indicated they will roll that pledge over to the Capital Campaign once they complete their initial pledge. If you have not had the opportunity to join in this campaign, we encourage you to do so. Pledge cards can be picked up in the Welcome Center and you can add your pledge to your Simply Giving by filling out a form and bringing it to the office.

With this initial response, we know that we will pay off this debt sooner and will save tens of thousands of dollars in interest costs. Our loan started out at \$375,000 in June of 2008. As of June 2009, we owe \$317,000 and are 11 months ahead in our payment schedule. Given the response, we should easily be able to reduce the amount of principal by \$100,000-120,000 dollars in the next two years. Doing this will place us that much further ahead!

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY**

#### *New Member Sunday*

New members will be welcomed at all three services on Sunday, July 12. If you would like to join the church at that time, please contact the church office as soon as possible to get an Information Sheet.

#### *High School Graduates Blessing Sunday*

On Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, we invite all of the 2009 high school graduates to attend church at the 9:15 a.m. service for a blessing as they go off to college, whether it is close to home or far away. Parents will be a part of the Blessing time.

#### *Summer Evening Worship*

On Sunday evening July 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a mid-summer evening service inside the Welcome Center. It will be a coffee-house worship service, with reading, music and conversation around the tables. Worship will be at 5:00 p.m. and child care will be provided.

#### *"Mixed-Up Hymns" Sunday*

July 26<sup>th</sup> will be a "mixed-up" hymn Sunday. You know Pastor has this way of having us sing hymns to different tunes. Well, on this Sunday at the 8:00 and 9:15 services we'll sing all sorts of hymns to different tunes. For example, did you know that you can sing "The Church's One Foundation" with 22 different tunes? (not that we'll sing all 22...) Or, you can sing "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" to the tune of "Faith of our Fathers"? Come and have some fun singing some of our most familiar hymns in an unfamiliar way. (We may have a "mixed-up" choir that day, as well.)

#### **AND...**

Congratulations to Debbie McA. who has been accepted as a first year seminary student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. She will begin her studies in September of this year.

## *Women's News*



### Women's Fall Retreat

## *God: Our Anchor in Times of Change*

Saturday,  
September 12  
8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Share the wonderful ministry and fellowship at Cross and Crown  
by inviting a friend.

Lunch: provided by Women's Ministries  
Location: Cross and Crown

Offerings may be made to NOAH and the Esther Fund  
in memory of Connie Sabin

Child Care provided upon request

**Registration:** August 23, 30 and September 6

### Are You Aware of the Esther Fund?

For many years Women's Ministries has had a fund to provide small grants to women and children of our church who are in financial crisis. The fund was begun many years ago by Connie Sabin and was named "The Esther Fund" in honor of Connie's aunt. With this fund we have purchased food, clothing, paid for medical and dental visits, helped with rent, PG&E, and many other needs as they have come to our attention. Money to help this mission in our church has come to us through donations by the quilters, the Christmas Bazaar, and individual donations. As times get harder for so many, we want to make you, our members, aware of this outreach. This assistance is always made in strictest privacy, with only the committee knowing who has been a recipient, and what the assistance was. We have never requested repayment for it is a gift from our hearts. If you know of families in our church who need emergency assistance, please contact our Committee: Tandy W., Evelyn S. or Kim B., or you may contact Debbie McA. (Women's Ministries President). We appreciate all the "ears" possible as we strive to meet the needs of our church.



August 30 is a Fifth Sunday. Why not sit somewhere other than your "regular" place on that day, preferably near someone you don't know. You might just make a new friend or reconnect with an old one. Try it. It's fun.

### Needed! A Few Great People!

Can you help with Sunday Morning Coffee Service?

#### Needed:

7:30 Set-up

8:30 – 9:15 and 10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Maintenance

11:45 Clean Up

If you can help once a month (or more) please contact Debbie McAllister (585-3118)

### Summer Schedule Changes

Here are the summer schedule changes for July and August. The following groups will not meet but will resume their regularly scheduled meetings in September.

Adult Forum

Brown Bag Bible Study

Primetimers I

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Elizabeth Circle

The Hannah Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. in July, and will not meet in August.

### What's On the Table in the Narthex?

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| + Church Directories            | + Memorial Envelopes                   |
| + Quarterly Devotional Booklets | + Visitor's Brochures                  |
| + Current Newsletters           | + CCLS Brochures                       |
| + Stewardship Pledge Cards      | + Thrivent Financial Forms             |
| + Campaign 2009 Pledge Cards    | + Current Month <i>Prayer Ventures</i> |

**And, for the first two weeks of July, the contents of the Lost and Found Drawer**

We have glasses, car keys, cameras, cell phones, and various other items. Check it out to see what is yours.