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Women's Advent Tea
Saturday, December 3
at 2:00 p.m.
In the Welcome Center

Youth Group
Progressive Dinner
Friday, December 9
6:00-9:00 p.m.
at the church

School and Church
Children's
Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

Genesis—Elementary
School Youth Group
Saturday, December 17
2:00-4:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Middle School
Youth Group
Saturday, December
17
6:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

IT
 CAME
 TO PASS
 IN THOSE
 DAYS THAT
 THERE WENT
 OUT A DECREE
 FROM CAESAR AU-
 GUSTUS THAT ALL
 THE WORLD SHOULD
 BE TAXED: AND THIS
 TAXING WAS FIRST MADE
 WHEN CYRENIUS WAS GOV-
 ERNOR OF SYRIA, AND ALL
 WENT TO BE TAXED EVERY ONE
 INTO HIS OWN CITY. AND JOSEPH
 ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE, OUT
 OF THE CITY OF NAZARETH, INTO JU-
 DEA, UNTO THE CITY OF DAVID WHICH
 IS CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS
 OF THE HOUSE AND LINEAGE OF DAVID, TO
 BE TAXED WITH MARY HIS ESPOUSED WIFE,
 BEING GREAT WITH CHILD. AND SO IT WAS
 THAT WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE DAYS WERE
 ACCOMPLISHED THAT SHE SHOULD BE DELIVERED,
 AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST-BORN SON,
 AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND
 LAID HIM IN A MANGER BECAUSE THERE WAS
 NO ROOM FOR THEM IN
 THE
 INN.
 Luke 2:1-7

Church Christmas
Dinner
Sunday, December 4
5:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 11
9:15 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

Contemporary Team
Christmas Carol
Evening Worship
Sunday, December 11
6:00 p.m.

Cross and Crown
Music School Concert
Friday, December 16
6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

Christmas Day
Worship
10:00 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

New Year's Day
Worship
10:00 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services
 All services with carols and candles

5:00 p.m. *Family Worship Service*
 7:00 p.m. *Traditional Worship Service*
 10:00 p.m. *Traditional Worship Service*

Sent into the World: Grace, Hope, and the Cross

Congregations call Pastors; they don't hire them. Working together, lay and clergy invest their time, energy, and gifts for the sake of the world. We are the instruments of God's activity in the world. For the next seven months, I will share stories of investment—stories of how congregations have given me, through this Call to be a Pastor, the opportunity to bring God's Grace, Hope and Jesus to others.

December 3, 1988

It's a cold wintery night and people have been in the Fellowship Hall at the church all day. They are decorating, setting tables, packing gifts. They have been planning this event for a month, talking about it at church and signing up volunteers. People tell the story of how important this event is and how meaningful it will be for every person who volunteers to help. Signups quickly occur; everyone wants to be a part of the night.

At 5:30, people begin to show up. Not in cars, but in vans. They walk in, loud, laughing; wheeled in with caregivers pointing things out on the walls and on the tables. Over 100 people, all with disabilities find their way to the Fellowship Hall for an annual dinner in their honor.

The town has a surprising number of group homes for disabled adults. Many of the residents are well known all over town and are welcomed wherever they go. At some point in the congregation's history, members of the church decided to create a Christmas dinner for as many of these residents as possible. In early November invitations are sent out; members of the congregation volunteer to serve at the dinner and one couple becomes Mr. and Mrs. Claus, resplendent in their attire.

The evening begins. Food is served, songs are sung and then comes the big moment. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive, bursting through the Fellowship Hall doors to the squeals and delight of all the residents. More songs to Santa are sung and then Mrs. Claus asks Santa if he has anything for his many friends in the room.

Out comes the large, red sack, and in it is a gift bag for every resident who attends the dinner. Inside the gift bag is some candy and a movie ticket to the local theatre. Everyone is thrilled, even though they know the gift is the same each year.

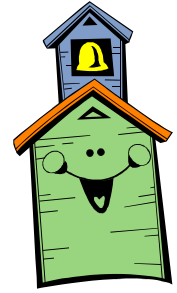
Santa greets every person, responds to every thank you, accepts every hug, and then the residents quickly make their way to the vans. This is my first year at the party and I wonder why they leave so early. I'm amazed at the dinner and the unbelievable gift that congregation provides to these residents.

One of the leaders comes to me and explains why everyone leaves so quickly. "It's because of the gift", he says. "The residents are so excited to have a movie ticket that they all go together to the movie at the same time. We make sure the movie theatre has showings at 7:00 and all the residents take their tickets over to the theatre. They know that Santa gave them this ticket and it's important to use it right away."

I spy Santa and Mrs. Claus over by the door. "I wonder if you wouldn't mind making one more stop on your way home", I asked. "Not at all", they replied. I dashed home, brought the kids upstairs. Julie and I nonchalantly sit with them until we hear a loud laugh, some bells, and a knock on the door...

Cross and Crown School News

The Christmas Holiday, understandably, is one of the most joyous seasons of the year, and certainly here at Cross and Crown School as well. It is the culmination of "HallowThanksmas", a season Pastor Newt has rightfully named for the period of time between Halloween and Christmas. The difference for us as opposed to public schools in our area is that we are blessed to be able to tell the story, the true story behind the holiday.



Our Christmas program for this year is entitled, *"Listen to the Silent Night."* This year, for the first time, we will be combining with the children from Cross and Crown Sunday School. The program is being held **Wednesday evening, December 14, at 6:30 p.m.** All from Cross and Crown Church and School are invited to attend as we *"slip into the silence, filled with hallelujah joys . . . on not such a silent night."*

As we sing praises to the Baby King and shout for joy at his birth, we also remember that 2011 is coming to a close and right behind is 2012, a new year rich in promises to come.

We reflect on all that the members of Cross and Crown Church have done this past year to keep Cross and Crown School alive. Our school is the most visible mission of our church, and thankfully our members give much support. As stated in our school's Mission Statement:

At Cross and Crown Lutheran School we offer challenging scholastic programs. We provide a nurturing environment where children can experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through trusting relationships, prayer, worship, and God's Word. We are a ministry of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, whose mission is to invite, grow and serve our community.

It is through the congregation's donation of time, talents and monetary gifts to the school that Cross and Crown School in turn is able to give to the community. In the last four years CCLS has donated several thousand dollars to the following organizations:

Teddy Bears for Valley of the Moon Children's Home	Japanese Disaster Relief
Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief	UNICEF
The Pajama Project	The New Life Band from Tanzania
Canned foods for N.O.A.H.	St. Jude Hospital
Yellow Cash Cup	Love in a Box Project
Noah's Boat cash	

Support of our school fund raisers such as the Scholastic Book Fair, Yard Sale, Oktoberfest, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Ladies' Night Out, Pasta Feed, Scrip, eScrip, Nature in Bloom, See's Candy, Dine and Donate, Merrill Gardens brunch, and the Big Event/Carnival help us fill our coffers so we can keep *"doin' what we been doin'!"*

In addition, we collect used cell phones, Capri Sun Pouches, and General Mills Box Tops, where all monies raised are deposited into our Tuition Assistance Program so we can provide help to those CCLS families who need us.

We thank Cross and Crown congregation for ALL your support and prayers as we spread the love of Christ through our joint efforts.

All in His Name,

Jean Bashi, Administrator

NEWS FROM OUR SEMINARY STUDENT

Merry Christmas from PLTS,

Do you ever wonder where God is? I had this conversation with a couple at church recently. When I worked at U.C. Davis as a Chaplain last summer I heard that question more than once. Where is God when I need him? Some days, when the workload is so enormous I don't see the top, I wonder why God would do this to me. (But then, when I come up for air I realize, God didn't, professors did.) It is a question that comes often, from many directions. Where is God, in this, right now? Well, actually...God is. I cannot put God in a box of time or place, because God is bigger and cares more than my imagination can stretch. In this Advent season I remember that God is in the little tiny baby we welcome each Christmas. God came to earth so I can have a relationship with someone I can imagine. In God's loving and understanding way I was given something that is real and tangible. In fact, we all were.

I pray you enjoy your Christmas season and celebrate with everyone you meet through a smile, a handshake, a hug, the loving relationship God wants with you in every time and place, because, well, God is.

Here's to a blessed season. Your seminary student,

Debbie McAllister

THINK ABOUT IT!!

If you are over 70½ years young and must take money out of your IRA (Individual Retirement Account), the Endowment Committee would like you to consider making a contribution from your IRA to Cross and Crown's Mission Endowment Fund. That fund exists to facilitate ministries (beyond the operating budget) within the congregation, the community, and the synod.

The federal government has extended the IRA charitable rollover opportunity through 2011. The charitable rollover refers to transferring money from your IRA to a charitable organization such as Cross and Crown. This benefit to the taxpayer is that the transfer is **not** treated as taxable income.

For example, if you must, by tax law, take a minimum required distribution from your IRA of \$4000.00, that amount is added to your adjusted gross income and you are taxed accordingly. If you make a charitable rollover of that money, your adjusted gross income will not increase and you do not have to pay taxes on the amount distributed from your IRA. Charitable rollovers from IRAs are not treated as itemized deductions but are excluded from taxable income.

Think about it. If you have questions and wish to explore this option contact either your tax consultant or Carol Lindeman, a member of the Endowment Committee who can figure out the potential tax benefits for you. The benefits for members of Cross and Crown are the new ministries that we can engage in.

*All Women Are Invited
to the
Women's Advent Tea
December 3 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Bring your favorite
teacup and saucer.*

Cross and Crown's Annual Christmas Dinner

December 4, 2011
at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will follow dinner with our 12
Days of Christmas rendition.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRIES TEAM



'Tis the Season Helpful Hints for Navigating the Holidays

The holidays are upon us again. We are supposed to feel happy, merry, and grateful and yet too often, we find ourselves feeling depressed, anxious, and stressed. Depression is often associated with the holidays because we may be reminded of happy memories of a loved one who is no longer with us. Perhaps we may feel depressed observing others who have someone special in their lives to share the season with, as we feel lonely.

Stress levels can increase during the holidays as old family issues may be rekindled during this time. Family gatherings can be filled with past hurts and unmet expectations that tarnish the "perfect family gathering." Financial pressures can escalate as we try to find the perfect gift for an ever-growing list of family and friends. The lines as we run errands grow longer and parking spaces seem impossible to find. Our "To-Do lists" grow significantly as we add holiday meals, decorating, gift shopping, and entertaining to our busy schedules.

Despite these challenges, experts have identified some techniques to improve the difficulties associated with the season. As you go through the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's, try some of these ideas to help you keep the merry in the Christmas season.

1. **Relax.** Take time out of your hectic holiday schedule to pamper yourself, says Peter Wish, PhD. Although it might sound impossible at this time, it is important to take time for you and your family to relax. Find ways to spend quiet time together such as reading Christmas stories, singing carols, playing board games around the fire while sipping hot chocolate. Take time for prayer, meditation, deep breathing, or yoga says Jane Cobb, LMSW. Remember to be kind to yourself, treat yourself to something you enjoy doing.

2. **Plan and prioritize.** It is a good idea to develop a calendar to schedule specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other holiday events suggests the Mayo Clinic. If you're feeling stressed and "down the last minute", enlist the aid of family members and friends. Give yourself permission to relax; perhaps you can create new holiday traditions that support your emotional health and allow you to join in the festivities with others.

3. **Budget.** Decide your spending limit and stick to it! Make a list of gifts; shopping early and during the work-week if possible to lessen the stress. Encourage your family to rethink the "wish list" – consider giving gifts with your personal touch such as baked goods or a "certificate" offering help with a project or special chore for family and friends. Consider volunteering in the community, lending a helping hand can prove to be a "priceless" gift for both the giver and the receiver.

4. **Be Healthful.** It's no surprise that for many of us the abundance of holiday treats, special meals, and holiday "spirits" can be challenging to manage. The Mayo Clinic warns that alcohol consumption can increase the stress associated with the holidays. Exercise, healthy food, and a good night's sleep will help in fight against stress and depression. Try a walk (or run!) around the block between dinner and dessert.

5. **Set realistic expectations.** Getting together with certain family members on the "To do" list of the holidays can be overwhelming. Determine how involved and accommodating your plans should be and let your limits be known to others. Release yourself from expectations of the past that created stress and disappointment.

Hopefully by following a few of these tips, we can experience the holidays with more blessings and less Bah Humbugs!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

November was full of love and learning. We had deep discussions about tough questions about faith, and we also made blankets for a local organization. Gabby did a wonderful job of leading the successful blanket making night! We had a blast! Thank you all who brought snacks for us this month!

December already?! The youth group is wrapping up the year with style as we are doing our Progressive Dinner on the 9th of December. If any adults would like to serve either an appetizer or a dessert for our lovely high schoolers, please let me know! We are also going to Heavenly, Lake Tahoe, on January 13th-15th for the winter retreat! We will be having fun in the snow and also learning how to rest in God's love. Would you like to join us? If so, we could use adult volunteers who are willing to drive! Let me know!



Continue to pray for these high schoolers as they learn what it is like to walk as a Christian in a world that is telling them different messages. If you are interested in being a weekly volunteer and really getting to know these youth, we would love to have you! Come say hi to us during the services or any Wednesday night! Thank you for all of your support!

-Corinna

The **Women's Book Club** will not meet in December.

On Tuesday, January 3rd the Book Club will meet for our yearly Holiday Party at Joan Sorensen's home at 7:00 p.m. All Book Club members should bring a wrapped book to exchange and a (small) treat to share. New month/new book assignments for the year 2012 will be chosen at the party and the January 24th book pick "True Grit" by Charles Portis will be distributed as well.

On Tuesday, January 24th the Book Club will discuss "True Grit." This novel, written in 1968 is about 14 year old Mattie Ross who finds out her father has been shot, robbed of his horse and his money. She leaves home to search for the killer and hires the one-eyed, most available but mean U.S. Marshal called Rooster Cogburn. Together they pursue the killer into Indian Territory. This novel was the basis for a 1969 movie and a newer version in 2010. Karen Schlesinger is hosting at 7:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center. If you have made a New Year's resolution to read a new book every month, come and join us!



Do you have a passion for our youth and the direction they are going? If so, the Youth and Worship Liaison Position is for you. It is a volunteer Council position that oversees all aspects of Worship and Youth Education. In neither position are you doing the work, but you are updating Council on events and/or concerns with the two teams. Requirements for the position: attendance at Council Meeting (third Monday of the month) and lead a monthly Youth Education Meeting. If this sounds like something you would be called to do, please contact Kim Burns at 795-7853 or www.life@crossandcrownrp.org.

Dear Cross and Crown Family,

Thank you for your prayers and sympathy after the death of my mother-in-law, Ramona Pfeiff. It's a blessing to have a family like Cross and Crown.

Connie Pfeiff and Family

COMING EVENTS

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER

Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share,
then join us in the Sanctuary for the
annual rendition of
"The Twelve Days of Christmas."

High School Youth Progressive Dinner Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

(See left page for details.)

The 2012 Mexico Mission is Coming

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, December 11 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who would like to learn more about the mission is invited to attend, along with those who have gone in the past or want to go on the 2012 mission. Contact Bernadetta Felli (586-3891) for more information.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

The Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
Music School will hold
their concert on
Friday, December 16
in the church Sanctuary.
All members and friends of the church
and school are invited to attend.



*The Chancel Choir
of
Cross and Crown
Lutheran Church
will present*

*"Canticle of Joy"
A Cantata for Christmas
by Joseph M. Martin*

*Sunday, December 11
9:15 a.m.
in the Sanctuary.*

Christmas Party Day

Genesis (for grades K-5) will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, December 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Middle School Youth Group will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol Evening Worship
presented by the Contemporary Team

Sunday, December 11
at 6:00 p.m.

You are Invited
to the Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
and School Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 14
at 6:30 p.m.
in the church Sanctuary.

Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
All are services of carols and candles.

Sunday, December 25
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service
w/Communion

Sunday, January 1, 2012
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
w/Communion

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS

The next three pages will serve to introduce you to our newest members. Thanks to Ann Rasmussen who interviewed them, to Kim Burns, who took the photographs, and welcome to these folks who are blessing our congregation.



JIM CRONIN

Jim Cronin and his late wife, Nancy, moved to Rohnert Park in 1962, the year it became a city, and if you're familiar with No Name Street it would be easy to find his house. The children back in 1962 were Susan "Sue," 5 years old and Joanne, 3 years old. Daniel, the youngest and the only child born in California joined them in 1963. They all attended local schools and are graduates of Rancho Cotate High School.

The Cronins moved to California from Salem, Massachusetts. That's where Jim was born and attended schools there. This summer he and 19 members of his family went back to Boston and joined another group, 85 of them, from the East Coast. Jim said it ended up being a great, family reunion, and those going included daughter, Susan, who is married to Dave Soiland; both are members of Cross and Crown and they now live in Healdsburg but will soon be moving to Cotati. Susan has a son by a previous marriage. Joanne is married to Robert Abrao, and they have three children all living in Windsor. Daniel Cronin and Sally, have two children and live in Phoenix.

Jim worked for Chevron Research Petrochemical in Richmond before he retired, and now he keeps busy with his six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as playing golf and meeting with the SIRS and the Tuesday night group. That group is a bunch of long-time friends who've been meeting for many years and going out to dinner every week.

Jim is an artist. He said he paints with oils and some of his work has been shown in galleries and banks, and he's even sold some. He and Nancy, who was his high school sweetheart, did a lot of traveling together in earlier times.

What service does Jim attend? He says so far he's attended the two early services and likes that he has seen many familiar faces, and, also he got to meet a few more members at the church picnic last September. Welcome to the family, Jim.

Have you been trying to think of a way you can serve at church, something that takes no extra time, costs nothing and is rewarding? Well, such a thing does exist and we invite you to help in this very important way.

Communion servers are always needed at both the 9:15 and 10:45 services. A short training will be provided after the start of the year. Please consider helping.

Ann Rasmussen or Faith Adam will be happy to tell you more about serving, or answer your questions.

We are also looking for Altar Guild members. This is also very rewarding and much needed. Please see Sandy Noreen to learn more.



Michael and Isabelle Perri, with Ryan

Michael and Isabelle Perri, who recently joined Cross and Crown, live on Mathias Place in Rohnert Park, and they are the parents of Ryan, 7, who's in the second grade in Ms. Jessica Brenk's class in Cross and Crown Lutheran School. Ryan knows just about every teacher as he's been a student there since he was in pre-school.

"Mike," that's what most people call him, is a general contractor and owns MJP Construction specializing in remodels. He grew up in Marin County and met Isabelle when she was working for a medical supply company in San Rafael. A lot of people got to meet Mike for

the first time at the recent church work day.

Isabelle was born in Quebec, Canada, and lived in Florida and Novato before moving to Rohnert Park in 1996. She works from home developing and designing websites, print and video for small to medium companies. Her business is called "I Perri Design" - the "I" stands for Isabelle—and she is the one who developed the website for Cross and Crown School.

What the family likes to do when they can get away for a few days is to go camping and fishing. Ryan really loves that. You'll get to meet the Perri family Sundays in the Welcome Center or when you attend the 10:45 a.m. contemporary service. Jean Bashi was their sponsor when they joined the church, and we are glad that they are now part of the Cross and Crown family.

DAWN QUINN WITH ADAM

Dawn Quinn is another of our new members of Cross and Crown, and she and husband Paul are the parents of Adam, 6, who is in the first grade in Mrs. Allison Orr's class. He likes being involved in all that happens at Cross and Crown Lutheran School, as well as having the fun of living all his life across the street from Magnolia Park. The family has lived in Rohnert Park for nine years.

There are some days when being in the family kitchen is so good. That's when Adam loves seeing mom prepare food and bake cakes and other goodies for her catering business which she calls "Dawn's Delights." Best are the special treats she makes when it's her turn to have her group of friends over to play bunco.

Both Dawn and Paul did a lot of flying in past years. He's now a pilot for United Airlines, and Dawn, before deciding to work at home, was a stewardess for Delta Airline. Dawn hails from Spokane and attended Seattle University. Paul grew up in Marin County and went to Menlo College before going through many years of training to become a pilot.

By the way, some of you may remember when the late Bertha Gregory was a member of this church many years ago. She was Paul's grandmother.

In the spring the Quinns plan a trip to Palm Desert where Dawn will compete in a triathlon. The busy family likes being outdoors so their outings usually include hiking, biking or camping.

Dawn likes attending the traditional worship but looks like she'll be switching to the contemporary time so that Adam can attend Sunday School. Both feel they belong at Cross and Crown because of its family atmosphere, and Dawn added, "It's like having an extended family."



Our December Stewardship Of Service

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Flowers	Klimowski	<i>Available</i>	Cowden/Kaczmarek	Wren
Readers—9:15	Kirsten Trefz	Patsy Baxter	Marge Legoski	
Readers—10:45	Cathy Fusco	Brandon Boccaleoni	Skip Wellman	
Acolyte—9:15	Seth Bowers Jonathan Gangl	Andrew Cedeno	Andrew Cedeno Seth Bowers	Seth Bowers
Acolyte—10:45	Vincent Tillson Taylor Tynes	Carla Cedeno	Vincent Tilson Carla Cedeno	Taylor Tynes
Usher—8:00	Ann Scheder-Bieschin	Richard Maxon	Norma Cowden	
Ushers—9:15	R. J. Banks Carrie Truog Roxie Clark	Dick Noreen Sandy Noreen Doris Fowlkes	Mark Friedman Gerda Atkins Gary Bauer	
Ushers—10:45	Skip Wellman Mary-Rita Williamson Jeff Eisenhauer	Paul Gilster John Umland	Jeff Eisenhauer Skip Wellman Mary-Rita Williamson	
Communion				
Servers—9:15				
Pulpit Bread	Pastor Newt Kerney		Pastor Newt Kerney	
Pulpit Wine	Myrna Kappler		Ann Scheder-Bieschin	
Lectern Bread	Bob Roth		Ed Slingland	
Lectern Wine	Carol Roth		Shelley Slingland	
Support	Jane Kaczmarek		Deb Trefz	
Servers—10:45				
Pulpit Bread	Pastor Newt Kerney		Pastor Newt Kerney	
Pulpit Wine	Cathy Fusco		Carole Bossaller	
Lectern Bread	Carole Bossaller		Deb McAllister	
Lectern Wine	Suzi Wylie		Bev Hammond	
Support	Skip Wellman		Lynn Eckert	
Altar Guild for December: Sandy Noreen, Barbara Crumbley and Mary Omodt				

Health Ministries Team Schedule Changes

The Health Ministries are changing to a once-a-month blood pressure clinic schedule. They will do Blood Pressure Screenings on the second Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates are December 11 and January 8.

They will continue to do screenings between 1st and 2nd services, and between 2nd and 3rd.

Thanks.

November Scripture Readings

December 4:

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 87:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-25a
 Mark 1:1-8

December 11:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 126
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Luke 1:46b-55
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 25:

Isaiah 62:6-12
 Psalm 97
 Titus 3:4-7
 Luke 2:1-20



Bunco will not meet in December. Our next Bunco night will be on January 20.



ATTENTION TO ALL WITH BULGING COAT CLOSETS

We are collecting gently used coats, scarves, hats and gloves/mittens to be donated to Redwood Gospel Mission. There are bins located in the Welcome Center and Narthex in which to put your donations. Items will be collected through December 5. Thank you for your good stewardship.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



- 12/2 Scott Clark
- 12/2 Mark Sharp
- 12/3 Michele Geils
- 12/3 Sean Dapiran
- 12/4 John Fredrickson
- 12/4 Amanda Burns
- 12/5 Mary Mullnix
- 12/7 Karen Juhnke
- 12/8 Jesse Shirley
- 12/10 Liz Hoelter
- 12/10 Carol Roth
- 12/12 Charles Waltman
- 12/13 Carol Bernheim
- 12/14 Teri Koehler
- 12/17 Georgia Perani
- 12/17 Kevin Guinn
- 12/18 Pat Anderson
- 12/20 Marissa Greenband
- 12/22 Carole Bossaller
- 12/22 Steve Mastro
- 12/23 Cathy Henrich
- 12/25 Nick Caston
- 12/26 George Bernheim
- 12/27 Shirley Skeen
- 12/28 Janis Brokaw
- 12/28 Neal Geils
- 12/30 Suzette Godfrey



- 12/4 Art and Myrna Kappler
- 12/16 Don and Allison Batemon
- 12/17 Gabe and Lora Brenner
- 12/19 Bill and Cathy Fusco
- 12/20 Merlyn and Connie Pfeiff
- 12/21 George and Jane Kaczmarek
- 12/28 Steve and Sherry Wren
- 12/30 Mike and Kelly Byrd

Prayer Concerns



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

The family of Nancy Crawford, who died on November 14;
Michael Pope, son of Chris and Scott Pope, who is in Memorial Hospital after undergoing multiple operations for blood clots in the brain. The cause of the clotting has not yet been determined and additional testing is being scheduled;
Laura Van Eps, daughter of Barb Alpers, who will undergo surgery on December 1 in Tennessee;
Amelia, the daughter of Linda Odgers, who is battling a chronic disease;
Our Bishop, Mark Holmerud, who will undergo surgery for prostate cancer in January;
The Williamson Family on the recent death of Mary-Rita's mother;
Naydean Del Carlo, recuperating at her son's home after recent hospitalization;
Pete Schmitt, father of Curtis, recovering from recent surgery;
Lois Runion, aunt of Beverly Hammond and sister of Noni Robnett, struggling with multiple medical issues;
Scott Clothier, for numerous medical problems;
Karen Haig, in treatment for neck and throat cancer;
John Fredrickson, for health issues.

For those who are living in skilled nursing facilities:

Connie Bartz, Hanna House West
Art Kappler, South Pacific Rehab in Petaluma
John Lund, Windsor Care in Petaluma,
Ruth Meacham at Creekside Rehab
Helen Obergfell at Creekside Rehab

Military personnel related to our church family:

Joseph Foss, nephew of Ron and Ann Rasmussen
Kevin Grimwood
Alex Loegering
Dennis Wikoff, grandson of Mary Faith Miller

**Women – Hold the Dates for
 “Waves of Grace”
 Spring Retreat – April 13-15
 At Walker Creek Ranch
 More information soon!**



Lynne Carlson, who has volunteered in the office for some time, will be moving at the end of the year, and a volunteer is needed to replace her. Days and hours are flexible, but good computer and telephone skills are required. Barb Alpers will be out of the office until Monday, December 21, but you may e-mail her at bankrldy@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

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and

Serve others by the power of the Holy Spirit."