



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS + 2021 NEWSLETTER
PASTOR DIANNE WENDT

Grace and Peace to all,

First, thanks be to God and to all of you who had a part in extending this call for me to be your pastor; from the Call committee members, especially headed by Kate Lenox, to the financial people, Craig and Julie, Bishops, and synod staff throughout, those who participated in the service I preached, the meet and greet, and all who voted.

Already, we have had a successful WELCA yard sale, Blessing of the Animals, Reformation Sunday and Open House, as well as a meaningful All Saints' Sunday. A fantastic Installation ceremony and celebration is being planned for December 12 with the Bishop presiding (see attached Invitation). In lieu of the Crab Feed Fundraiser, a second silent on-line auction is in the works just in time for Christmas shopping!

I have attended my first Professional Leaders' Conference with Sierra Pacific Synod in Lake Tahoe. It was a time to connect with colleagues, some I knew and many new friends. We also engaged in worship, education, and rejuvenation through music, art, and movement.

By the end of this calendar year, I plan to connect in some way, preferably in person, with all members and friends of the congregation. The church phone 916-456-8880 has been transferred to a cell phone which I will always have with me. I plan to call you, but you could beat me to it! I'm available for coffee, lunch, dinner, a walk at McKinley Park, a visit to your home. I am fully vaccinated and by this publication will have also received my booster. I am new to the area and love to try new restaurants and outings.

Tuesdays at 2 pm at Temple Coffee on H St at 43rd: Join Pr. Dianne for coffee and conversation at this local coffee house. This is informal at this point, but could later develop into a planned discussion, Bible, or other book study.

WELCA: From Courtney Brown-White, WELCA President. Thankoffering Service Nov. 21st 11:00am. Women of the Church will conduct the Service. We need assistance with Holiday Gifts for 10 kindergarten students at the Navajo Mission School at Rock Point. Also, stay tuned for details on items needed for the WIND Holiday Lunch and Backpack Giveaway, in later December.

FUNDRAISERS/PROJECTS: From Laura Christensen, Chair

Due to the ongoing issues around Covid-19 and our inability to have a real Crab Feed for year number 2 we are going to have another Online Crabby Silent Auction - I know - bummer - we want the in-person one, right? As most of you know, each year this fundraiser brings in lots of money for our Mission work. Within the next couple of months we will have WIND Holiday Dinner & Backpacks and Rock Point Christmas Gifts as our primary focus.

Here's how the Online Crabby Silent Auction works: there are donations of a basket or fun event of some kind that we auction off online and/or sending the link out to family and friends once it goes live so we can get lots 'o bids! The Auction will run from November 19th through 29th. Here is the link for the Auction. It will go live on Friday, Nov 19th at around 7:00pm in the evening.

<https://www.32auctions.com/Crabby2021>

This was actually a lot of fun last year and we were able to raise a significant amount of money all things considered.....

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS PROJECTS....

- If you would like to “Sponsor” one of the 10 Kindergarten Kids we are sending gifts to at Rock Point and "adopting" them by providing a new coat, PJ's, clothes, toys, etc. for that child, Laura will have a “Bio Sheet” for you to choose one (or more!). And the best way to do it would be to donate the \$75-\$100 per child that we usually spend, and send those funds by November 29th to Laura Christensen, since we are going to send the purchased items directly to the Mission this year, marked for each specific child. Laura can be reached at 916-416-0130 or email to indianskyee@earthlink.net
- In addition, please see below the List of Items needed for the WIND Youth Services Backpack Filling Project. Again, if you can donate anything, please contact Laura Christensen so she can gather these for distribution on the day we provide their Holiday Lunch.

STEWARDSHIP: From Kevin Brown, Chairperson We are not doing a Pledge Drive for 2022. But, PLEASE, we need to stay on Budget now that we have hired our new Pastor, and now that we are back to worshipping in-person. PLEASE, continue to give through the mail if you are not able to attend Worship Service. Better still, consider Simply Giving – a program through VANCO where we can directly withdraw from your checking or savings account on any date(s) in the month for any designated amount. Your information is private and secure! This helps your Business & Finance Committee better plan our Church Budget, and helps you to give your “first fruits” continuously throughout the whole year. Contact Kevin Brown for details and sign-up information at 916-628-6382 or email her at kevin.brownlk@gmail.com

WORK DAY – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th – All hands on deck to clean up the kitchen, spruce up the sanctuary after being shutdown and just in time for Advent – “Prepare the Way of the Lord”! And for Pastor Dianne’s Installation – Company’s Coming!!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: COVID-19 Protocols will be Observed, including Masking and Social Distancing.

Sunday, November 28th – First Sunday of Advent 11AM
Sunday, December 5th – Second Sunday of Advent 11AM
Sunday, December 12th – Third Sunday of Advent 11AM & Pastor Dianne’s Installation - 4PM
Sunday, December 19th – Fourth Sunday of Advent 11AM
Friday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carols 7:00pm (we will put together luminarias around the church in the late afternoon, watch for details in coming bulletins)
Sunday, December 26th – 2nd Sunday of Christmas 11AM
Sunday, January 2nd – Lay Service of Lessons & Carols 11AM





Joy

Third Sunday in Advent

***Church of the Cross Joyfully
Invites You to the Installation Service of
Pastor Dianne Wendt***

Sunday, December 12, 2021

4:00 pm

***Bishop Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer,
Preaching and Presiding***

***Assistant Minister,
Capital Valley Conference Dean,
Rev. Kirsten Moore***

Reception Following the Service

***RSVP to Kevin Lorraine Brown by December 6th
kevin.brownlk@gmail.com***

Local COVID-19 Protocols will be followed. Masks Required.

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SIGN UP FOR WIND CENTER ITEMS 2021

ITEMS

NAME/AMOUNT DONATING

AMOUNT

200 (100 sets) Hand Warmers (New Item!)	1. 2. 3.	
100 Kleenex packs	1. 2. 3.	
Bags of Candy, Gum, Nuts & Other small, non-perishable food items	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Adult Socks – should be longer socks 50 boys/50 girls	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Brushes/Combs	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Hair Ties/Accessories for older girls (No small barrettes)	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Deodorants (60 for girls, 60 for boys)	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Toothbrushes	1. 2. 3.	

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100 – Toothpastes	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Waterless Anti-Bacterial hand soaps	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Chapsticks	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Pairs of Gloves (Adult sizes for 50 men & 50 women)	1. 2. 3.	
100 – Small Flashlights	1. 2. 3.	
100 umbrellas	1. 2. 3.	
Kotex/Tampons	1. 2.	
Shampoos/Conditioners if you have sample sizes lying around your home	1. 2. 3.	

We have Hats - Loretta

We have 100 packs of 10 disposable masks per box for each backpack

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS

Judy Kaylor

Dick Ransom who had to have a transfusion and Deanna Ransom who is having complications from her heart procedure.

Dee Stone and family on the passing of husband, Jack on March 31st

Donna Hanson who was in the hospital for a bleeding ulcer.

Congratulations to Whitney and Chris deKerguelen on the birth of a baby boy on October 27th 11:55pm.

Dean Michael Paul deKerguelen weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz and 21 inches. Grandparents, Craig & Candy Paul.

Pastor Dee, her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Avra, on the birth of twins, Theo and Hazel on Sept. 4th.

An update on the babies – Hazel was able to come home last week and join her brother!

Nina Paasikesen, sister-in-law of Merete Glick, who passed away August 27th. Prayers for comfort for her adult children, Anders, Christian and Lise, and the rest of Merete's family.

Jackie Walters who is slowly recovering from surgery. Also, Hans, Jackie's husband who has Parkinson's. And their friend Dwayne Donahue who had a stroke.

Chuck Hines, whose ablation to remove cancer from his liver was successful. He will be closely monitored for the next year. He thanks you for your prayers and thanks God for answering them.

Also, on the death of his wife, and our long-time member Ruth Ann Hines, early last Christmas morning. We will deeply miss all she has done for us and for our Missions, especially.

Buffy (friend of the Hines) successfully completed chemotherapy and stem cell replacement and is now enduring a balancing of anti-rejection drug therapy. She and her parents, thank you for your prayers.

Joanne Anger, homebound member of Cross.

Julie Andrews whose brother Conrad Becker, passed away. And to Pat Becker, his wife, their son Raymond, and the rest of their family.

Julie Nemes' friend Elizabeth Moitoza who is grieving the death of her husband in December. Also, friend Jerry Eason who has had spinal fusion surgery and had hip replacement surgeries last year.

Health care workers, including Laura, Jessica, James, Angela, Jenny, Kennedy, Chantel, Alisa, Seychelle, Merete, and others. Grocery workers, including Whitney, Chris, Brittany, Robin, and others.

Those affected by COVID-19, especially those with depression, anxiety, or stress while coping during these times of staying at home.

Bruno Deter, former member and his family on the death of Audrey Deter, his wife, who was an integral part of Cross for years.

Our various ministries locally, including St. John's, WIND, Sac Food Bank, Blue Star Moms. And Navajo Mission at Rock Point, AZ, especially impacted by COVID-19. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND MONETARY SUPPORT TO CROSS, ESPECIALLY FOR ROCK POINT NAVAJO MISSION.

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Facebook: Lutheran Church of the Cross-Sacramento Website: www.cotcsac.org

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87598987747?pwd=d3VlM3VzYkptSGxNT2tqRWprc1BBQT09>

Phone number: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting id: 87598987747#

Password: worship