



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation April 2019

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Dear friends in Christ,

One of the ancient celebrations of the church has been declining for now for many years. Many traditions, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and our own ELCA, have been working to recover the celebration however our own society has made it quite the challenge. I am referring to the celebration of the “Triduum” (Tri-jewum). The Triduum is the 3-day feast that begins in the evening on Maundy Thursday comes to completion on Easter Sunday. For many centuries in the church these days were the highpoint of the year eclipsing all other celebrations, including Christmas.

However, in today’s society, priorities have changed. In our lives God has taken a back seat to work, family, and even recreational time. No longer are other activities scheduled around worship, now we see if we can find the extra time for worship. This can be clearly seen even at Sunday morning worship, so it is no surprise that expecting people to “find time” for worship two more hours in a week seems to be an unreasonable stretch. But this is our loss. Our relationship with God grows as we learn about what He has done for us. When we do not take the time to learn we begin to grow apart. Now Palm Sunday has become Palm/Passion Sunday. Instead of taking time during the week we give only one-hour Sunday morning worship and during this hour we try to tell the entire story from Jesus’ triumphal entry in Jerusalem to his hanging on a cross. Doing it this way, in such a quick fashion, we end up stripping the emotion, the passion and the depth from the festival. Then the following Sunday, Easter, we celebrate his glorious resurrection. In doing all this in a mere two Sundays we lose so much of the story.

So what happens on those three days? On Maundy Thursday (Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning commandment) Jesus gives us the commandment that we love one another as he has loved us as he washes his disciples’ feet. On this day Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper, Communion, that we celebrate every other Sunday. And, of course, Jesus is betrayed and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday Jesus is tried and condemned by Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea. Jesus is crucified on this day, dies and is placed in the tomb. Many churches are also recovering the practice of the Saturday Vigil. Remember how, as children, we could barely sleep Christmas Eve? We were too excited; we knew that this night was unlike any other, the morning would bring great things. This is how the Easter Vigil started. The congregation gathered in the darkness Saturday night with candles, too excited to sleep, awaiting the great news of Jesus’ resurrection. Even though our Savior is in the tomb we hold the light and share the stories, anticipating the resurrection of our Lord. Historically in the church the forty days of Lent were a time of teaching new converts and during the Saturday Vigil the converts were baptized and welcomed into the congregation.

These are the events of those days of the Triduum. But what the Father and Jesus were up to was so much more. I invite all of you to join us in worship learn what happened during these days. Maundy Thursday is April 18th, we will worship together at Cross, and Good Friday is April 19th, and we will worship together, along with Holy Name of Jesus, at Zion. Holy Name will hold a Saturday service and we are all invited. Our Lord has done great things for us, let us set some time aside to hear the stories.

Pastor Doug

Worship:

Holy Communion is on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

We have enjoyed participating in the Lenten Round Robin again this year along with Zion, St. Catherine's, St. Olaf's, Holy Name and St. Paul's. The remaining schedule is as follows:

2019 Lenten Wednesdays Round Robin

March 27 St. Paul's on Hwy P

April 3 Zion & Cross at Cross

April 10 St. Olaf's on Hwy O

When each church hosts, the offering will be given to their local food pantry. There will also be fellowship after each worship.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help bake treats for the April 3 Lenten service which we will be hosting.

Maundy Thursday we will host worship at Cross at 7:00 p.m. along with members from Zion.

Good Friday we will worship at Zion at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Breakfast: will be at 8:45 a.m. on April 21. Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Please see Jeff Campbell with questions or to volunteer. Thank you Jeff and Kurt for leading the preparations for Easter breakfast.

Worship committee: We will continue to use Setting 3 for Communion Sundays and Service of the Word for non-communion Sundays. The Worship Committee will meet with Pastor Doug after Easter.

We would like to use baked bread on Sundays when possible. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to bring bread if you would so choose.

Education:

Sunday school/Confirmation Classes

Sunday school and Confirmation classes are held at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor Jim Stein will be teaching Confirmation except for the third Sunday of every month when Pastor Doug will be teaching.

Sunday school and Confirmation will not be held on March 24 and 31 because of spring break. There will be no classes on Easter morning – April 21st.

Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 19.

Serving:

Endowment committee: Please welcome new member Tod Ninmann to the committee. Other members are: Barb Butschke, Michelle Nord, Val Scott, Stan Jaeger, Council president Arnie Groehler and Pastor Doug.

Ixonia School: Please continue to bring in your BoxTops for Education for the school.

Ixonia Food Pantry: Ixonia food pantry is in need of jello and pudding products. Thank you for your donations!

Family Promise:

We will not be serving Family Promise with Whitestone for quite a few months because of their construction on their church building. However, we have volunteered to help two churches during the 2019 rotation. I will keep you posted on those dates when we know them!

Bread and Roses: We are serving for Bread and Roses March 28th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food and volunteers. Thanks for your support!

Leadership:

Council will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2019 is the year that our ELCA Churchwide Assembly is returning to Milwaukee. It is scheduled for August 5th - 10th. The location is at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. This year's theme is "We are the Church." Considering that it might be several years before a national convention returns, we hope that we can all participate. We suspect that there will be a large need for volunteers from our area to help out. Expect more information on this event to follow.

Pork Chop Dinner is on May 5th. If you have not picked up your tickets to sell please see Troy Thrane! Or you can talk with Kurt Ketcham the next couple of weeks while Troy is on vacation. Proceeds from the meal will help fund the carpet replacement in the worship space.

Church Secretary position We are currently looking for an individual who can work in the office 5 hours/week. It is very helpful if they are familiar with Microsoft Word and Publisher. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please talk with one of the council members.

Fellowship:

Friends of Cross Lunch will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be on April 7 after worship. You may sign up in the narthex to host any coffee hour. This is very simple – you may use the cookies in the “coffee hour” container in the kitchen, or purchase/make your own. There is coffee/creamers in the refrigerator. You need only come in and make the coffee/serve and clean up.

Cross Book Club will be meeting on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Kim Stumpf’s home. The group will be discussing *A Circle of Friends* by Maeve Binchy.

Coffee Shop conversation with Pastor Doug. Come and have casual conversations to get to know Pastor Doug. He will be at either Roots or Whelan’s on Fridays from 10am until 1pm. He will announce in church which coffee shop he will be at on the following Friday.

Maintenance:

Carpet/Interior work. The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, Mary Frankiewicz and Terri Watermolen. This committee has prioritized improvements for the interior of the church. The painting in the worship space and altar is complete and looks great! We are now looking forward to the carpet replacement. The Pork Chop dinner revenue along with the Rummage sale revenue will go toward the replacement of the carpet. We are looking for donations of any kind for our matching fund drive to replace all of the carpet. We are hoping to raise \$5000 by summer. Through the generosity of Karl and Ruth Behling, we will be able to pay the other portion of the carpet replacement. There are envelopes located in the “paint cans” in the hallway for donations for this exciting project! You can place your gift in the offertory plate during worship. Thanks!

Thank you Kurt and Joyce for purchasing a mirror and shower curtain for the upstairs bathroom in the parsonage.

Please contact Kurt or Brian if you can help with maintenance work on the parsonage or church.

Kurt: 262-490-2362 or kketcham@wi.rr.com

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 27: Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's**
- **April 3: Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. at Cross!**
- **April 10: Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. at St. Olaf's on Hwy O**
- **April 14: Palm Sunday**
- **April 18: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at Cross**
- **April 19: Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at Zion**
- **April 21: Easter Breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Easter service at 10:00 a.m.**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Rummage Sale We have leadership to organize another Church Rummage Sale! We are looking at May 9-11th, the week after the Pork Chop Dinner. Start saving your gently used items! Proceeds will go toward the Carpeting Fund.

Announcements Pastor Doug will be leading the announcements at the beginning of worship each Sunday. If you have an announcement, please let him know before worship time.

Worship Assistants

April 7

Lector: Mary Jo Dobberfuhl
Communion Assistant: Mary Jo D. and Olivia Thrane
Ushers: Joyce/Kurt Ketcham

April 14

Lector: Angie Lorier
Communion Assistant: Angie/Riley Lorier
Ushers: Joyce/Kurt Ketcham

April 21

Lector: Mary Frankiewicz
Communion Asst: Mary F/Lily Mireau
Ushers: Jeff/Joshua Campbell

April 28

Lector: Angie Thrane
Ushers: Jeff/Joshua Campbell

April Altar Guild: Sue Genz

Willing to serve? Contact Jeannette Christian if you're willing to serve as an usher and Sue Genz if you're willing to serve as a lector or communion assistant. Thank you!

Need to switch? Please find a replacement and contact Jeannette or Sue.

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Council meeting minutes

February 19, 2019

Present: Mary Frankiewicz, Bev Paulsberg, Elmo Wendorf, Pastor Doug Andersen, Arnie Groehler, Angie Thrane & Jeff Campbell

Devotions by Pastor Doug – the story of Naman – book of Kings. Who have we overlooked? What are the needs of the community? Discussion about Ixonia food pantry and the community.

The consent agenda: Jan 15th minutes, financial reports, Pastor's report. The financials need to be corrected to reflect the correct amount paid to the painter of \$4750. Bev made a motion to approve. Second by Mary. Motion carries.

Council appointments: President – Arnie Groehler

Vice-President – Barb Nyland

Secretary – Terri Watermolen

Elmo made a motion to appoint the officers to their prior positions. Bev seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Doug talked about forming teams (committees). Teams we should look at identifying: Worship team, Parsonage team, Maintenance team, Education team, & Mission team to start. Council would empower the teams to make decisions. Teams should have a member on council. Council meetings would focus more on faith. Teams would provide reports to council. Pastor will put together a list of proposed teams, and council will review, then propose teams to the congregation.

Worship committee: Ash Wednesday – council decided to have worship at 5:30pm with soup supper to follow. Cross will host the Lent worship on April 3rd for the round robin. There was discussion about supply pastors and lay preachers. Also, a discussion about when announcements should be done. Members should give announcements to Pastor before the service. Pastor will make announcements at the beginning of the service.

Education: Confirmation had 3 attendees on Sunday. Tom Schwefel will fill in as confirmation teacher when Jim Stein is gone. Angie Lorier and Tammy have been teaching – looking for new teachers. Pastor suggested inviting potential candidates to watch a class so they can see how the classes work.

Decorating committee: Phase one is done with painting; pork chop dinner funds will go to carpet which will be the next project in the spring.

Maintenance: The next project will be the front of church, then the steeple. Steeple should hold up for a couple more years. Dishwasher: should be replaced before it stops working. Elmo made motion to purchase a dishwasher, Mary seconded it. Mary will contact Stan or Chad to purchase the dishwasher.

Church secretary position: Zion pays \$15.50/hour. The open position will start the week after Easter with about 2 weeks of training with Terri. We need to have 5 hours per week for Pastor. Council will look at using Zion's secretary, Danielle. Council will decide next month.

Parsonage: Elmo has been in contact with John Koepke who has knowledge of the rental process. The team will start looking for renters March 1st. They will post the rental on Craig's list. Tom Frankiewicz may assist in posting on Craig's list. Elmo moved that we start the rental process. Bev seconded. Motion carried.

New business: any interest in a sunrise service? A joint sunrise service with Zion? To be decided in March. Pastor will be on vacation April 22-28.

Discussion was had about having Maundy Thursday at Cross? Good Friday at Zion? We can decide in March.

Lake Country cluster: Pastor will attend cluster meetings; He is meeting with several pastors in the area. Pastor will look at partnering with other churches for trips, youth group etc.

Arnie wants to look into how we can help for the Church-wide assembly.

Look at the roles: Pastor suggested we should change the bylaws to remove communion records as a part of the attendance. Send letters to those who do not attend; a process that happens over 2-3 years. Elmo suggested to send a letter to invite members to attend and meet pastor Doug. Look at this later in the year.

Discussion about having a rummage sale. Possibly on Mother's Day weekend. More info to follow. Proceeds to go to carpet fund.

Mary suggested we need garbage pickup at parsonage. To be determined when we get a renter.

Next meeting Tuesday March 12 2019 6:30pm

Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thrane