



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation December 2018

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Alternative Giving Ideas for this Christmas Season

For many years, it has been a tradition at Cross to have an “Alternative Giving Tree” set up in the Fellowship Hall. This Giving Tree has been a symbol of Jesus’ love working through others to help people who may be less fortunate than most of us. It also helps us to focus on what is truly important during the holiday season.

Our history has seen our Giving Tree set up for items for Shorehaven residents, Ixonia Food Pantry, animals bought for the Heifer Project, slippers for Reformation church in Milwaukee and gifts for PADA (People Against Domestic Abuse) just to name a few.

This year our Giving Tree has a focus on items needed by Family Promise. Family Promise is a program that addresses the challenge of *family* homelessness by using existing resources. ... *Family Promise* is not just about getting *families* into housing, but also addressing all the underlying issues of homelessness and using the community means to keep these families in housing.

The few simple items that Family Promise is looking for are: gas cards, Target/Walmart gift cards, shampoo/conditioner, body wash and body lotion. Please feel free to pick up any of these items and place them under the Giving Tree located in the Fellowship Hall. We will deliver the items shortly after Christmas.

Worship:

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays with Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Coffee Hour is on Dec. 2 and 16th, after the Children's Christmas Program practice. You may sign up in the narthex to host Coffee Hour in any of the months ahead.

Children's Christmas program will be held during worship on Dec. 16th. There will be treats after the program.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th. There will not be worship on Christmas Day.

Worship committee: The Worship Committee met on Sunday, Nov. 18th. We will be switching to Setting 3 for Communion Sundays and Service of the Word for non-communion Sundays. The Nicene Creed will be used during the Advent seasons.

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.

Dec. 30th will be a worship of Lessons and Carols. This service will be led by our membership. Sue Genz will be looking for volunteers for this service.

Education:

Sunday school/Confirmation Classes

The first two Sundays of December will be used for the Christmas Program practice. The Christmas Program will be held on Dec. 16th at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no Sunday school or Confirmation classes on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30th. Classes will resume on Jan. 6th.

Adult Bible Study

- The Adult Ed classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Here is the remaining schedule:

December 9 Genesis 7-8-9
December 23 Genesis 10-11

Serving:

Endowment committee: The Endowment committee will be meeting in January.

Ixonia School: Please continue to bring in your BoxTops for Education for the school. The PTO was thrilled with our donation of clementines and chips for their Halloween party.

Family Promise: Our next time to serve for Family Promise is December 9-16th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help with one meal on Monday, Dec. 10th. You may bring donated items/food to church on Sunday, Dec. 9th and Terri will deliver food items.

Bread and Roses: Our next time to serve will be in 2019.

Giving Tree: Our Giving Tree this year will be gifts for Family Promise. Items needed are Gas cards, Target/Walmart gift cards, shampoo, conditioner, body wash and body lotion.

Leadership:

Council will meet on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Shorehaven's new restaurant for dinner followed by Budget discussion.

Transition Update: The Call committee presented a candidate to the council at the last council meeting on Nov. 14th. The council unanimously voted to extend a Call to this candidate.

Then the Church Council met on Nov. 29th to discuss the financial package of our Pastoral candidate. We will now move ahead with the "Meet and Greet" on Dec. 9th after worship. Then on Sunday, Dec. 16th we will have an official congregational vote to 1) accept the pastoral candidate and 2) approve to either sell/rent the parsonage. If all goes well, Pastor Doug should begin on Jan. 6th.

Fellowship:

Friends of Cross Lunch will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, Dec.19 at 11:00 a.m. Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be on Dec. 2 and 16th. You may sign up in the narthex to host any coffee hours. 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/creamer in the refrigerator. You need only come in and make the coffee/serve and clean up.

Cross Book Club will be meeting again in 2019 at Barb Nyland's home. Stay tuned for date and book title!

Maintenance:

Here is the update prioritized maintenance list the council has come up with after completing the Fellowship Hall lights, the parking lot repair/resealing and the repair of the Cross on the steeple:

#1 Carpet/Interior work. A Decorating Committee has been formed – Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, Mary Frankiewicz and Terri Watermolen. This committee has prioritized improvements for the interior of the church. The prioritized list is 1) Painting the altar area walls and dome and sacristy (this includes priming the panels on the walls), 2) Painting (and priming) the paneled walls of the church area and 3) replacing the carpeting. The council has approved to move ahead with Phase 1 and 2 of this project and after receiving three bids has accepted a bid from Joe Burmeister (Angie Lorier's dad) to complete this work. The altar area work is already paid for by donations from the congregation. Along with funds from Ruth Behling's estate we will be holding a Matching fund drive. There are envelopes in the narthex to use and watch for a Paint can display of how you can help!

#2 Steeple cedar shakes

#3 Front Exterior of church. We have a committee of Sherrie/Brian Tietz and Dyan Pasano. This committee will put together estimates of improving the outside entrance area on the south side of the church.

#4 Organ Repair

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

Brian: 920-988-4949 or trs@netwurx.net

Interior Decorating:

Through the years, Ruth and Karl Behling were always generous givers to the church. They also believed in matching funds to help elevate their giving. So, with Ruth's financial gift and a matching fund drive, we hope to raise the money needed for the three-part improvements to the church. These three phases are:

1. Painting the altar ceiling, walls, sacristy and behind the statue of Jesus. **The money for this portion of the work has already been raised/donated!**
2. Painting the walls and wainscoting of the church area and balcony.
3. Replace carpeting.

Here is the schedule for the painting:

- Week of Jan. 6th – will be painting the domed ceiling of the altar area. Help is needed to take down the altar for this work.
- Week of Jan. 13th – painting the walls of the altar area, sacristy and probably the balcony area.
- Week of Jan. 20th – finish painting the walls of the church area.

There are envelopes located in the "paint cans" in the hallway for donations to this exciting project! You can place your gift in the offertory plate during worship. Thanks!

We need volunteers to help take down the altar on Sunday, Jan. 6th after worship and to put it back together on Jan. 13th

Upcoming Events:

- **Coffee Hour:** Dec. 2 and 16 after worship
- **Adult Education:** Dec. 9 and 23
- **Church council:** Dec. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Shorehaven
- **Cross Friends Lunch:** Dec. 19 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Meet and Greet:** Dec. 9
- **Congregational vote:** Dec. 16
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Take down altar area:** Sunday Jan. 6th

Thoughts to Ponder:

Coffee Hour Please take turns signing up for hosting Coffee Hour. Responsibilities include making the coffee, supplying juice and cookies (store bought is fine!) and cleaning up after.

We will need 6-8 volunteers to take down the altar on Jan. 6th after worship. Please see Elmo Wendorf if you can help.

Fundraiser for Brian and Sherrie Tietz's grandson If you were unable to attend the fundraiser for Brian and Sherrie's grandson, Theo, you may send your cards and/or financial support directly to Brian and Sherrie at N8515 Hustisford Rd., Watertown 53094. You can make checks out to Theo or Josh Gutzdorf.

Pastor Schneider's last worship will be Christmas Eve. We thank Pastor Schneider for his service to our congregation since this summer.

Worship Assistants

Dec. 2

Lector: Angie Thrane

Communion Assistant: Angie Thrane and Riley Lorier

Ushers: Cindy Kuehn/Elmo Wendorf

Dec. 9

Lector: Jerry Genz

Ushers: Cindy Kuehn/Elmo Wendorf

Dec. 16 Christmas Program

Ushers: Tod and Tammy Ninmann

Dec. 23

Lector: Tammy Ninmann

Ushers: Tod and Tammy

Dec. 24

Lector: Sue Genz

Communion Asst: Sue and Jerry Genz

Ushers: Tod and Tammy

Dec. 30

Lector: Various Readers

No Communion

Ushers: Tod and Tammy

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.

December Altar Guild: Sue Genz

The Office emails have been changed to: pastor@crosslutheranchurch.com and office@crosslutheranchurch.com

2018 council members:

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Cross Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

Present: Pastor Schneider, Jeff Campbell, Arnie Groehler, Terri Watermolen, Bev Paulsberg, Mary Frankiewicz.

Arnie called the meeting to order. Quorum was established.

Devotions were led by Pastor Schneider. “When two or three Gather...” Loneliness

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report – September 10th minutes, Financial report from Stan was discussed and Stan left a note with explanation of what items are under “Repairs and Maintenance.” Discussion on the advantages of having Stan present at a couple of meetings each year. Especially when working on the budget at end of the year.

Bev motioned to accept the reports and minutes and Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a) Worship – Mission Sunday is Nov. 4. Terri’s exchange students have agreed to present that day. Thanksgiving service discussion. It was decided to extend an invitation to Zion for a joined Thanksgiving worship at Cross. Pastor Schneider will plan to do Thanksgiving and Xmas Eve/Day. Council will talk with church members between now and next meeting to see if we should do a Christmas Day service. Xmas Children’s program is Dec. 16. Worship Committee should meet. Terri will contact those members. Pastor would like to be finished by the first of the year.
- b) Sunday school/Confirmation/Adult Ed: 6 confirmands. Pastor reported that the students will have a quiz this Sunday on first 5 lessons from the Old Testament. They are to do Worship notes too. Adult Ed will continue. Mary will follow up with the Penny jar and who is leading the Xmas program.
- c) Maintenance updates: Elmo not here to give update on signage. Snow plowing contract reviewed. After discussion, it was decided to go with the same company, MW Group LLC. Some discussion about grass cutting. Next year’s lawn mowing contract will be reviewed next year as we are not saving by not cutting the hill.

- d) Call committee update: Zion and Cross will be interviewing together as one Call committee. Dave mentioned that one candidate was going to be available soon.
- e) Decorating Committee update: Presentations to the congregation are complete. Donation envelopes are in narthex. Visibility of these envelopes discussed. Roger Lindsay is donating the use of scaffolding for the painting and was wondering if he could store this in the parsonage garage. Council agreed that he can store this in the garage.
- f) Exterior committee: Kurt is working on quotes for steeple shingles.
- g) Cemetery garden/sign: Some of the grave sites have settled compared to others. Do we add soil to this and re-seed? Pastor suggested calling other churches to see what they do. Mary will call Pankow brothers and Phil Dobberfuhl and Our Saviors to get ideas of how to correct this.
- h) Ixonia Grade school: Barb and Michelle went to the Open House. The office is receiving emails from the school for assistance with different functions. Terri will pass these on to members as they come in.
- i) An individual request for a donation for a school trip was discussed. Council decided that we need more information. Ie: When is the trip, what is the purpose of the trip, why were these students chosen, cost of the trip. The need for a written policy was also discussed.
- j) Endowment Committee: Endowment Committee presented their suggested disbursements for Council approval: \$200 for Outreach For Hope, \$100 to Community Laundry in Watertown, \$250 to Haus of Peace and \$250 to Crossroads both of Watertown. Jeff motioned to ratify the Endowment committee's recommendations. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Update on Laure Schwefel time off: March 3-April 14, 2019. Jeanine Griebenow is not available. Pastor Goodrich is if his health continues to do well. Will also ask Wendy Shugrue.

Next meeting Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14th so that Stan can be here to begin budget talks.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Watermolen
Council Secretary