



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation January 2019

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Sunday Education at 9:00am Sunday Worship at 10:00am
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Worship:

We have had a smooth transition from a 9:30 a.m. worship time to a 10:00 a.m. worship time. Thank you everyone for your flexibility.

Holy Communion is on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Coffee Hour is on Feb 3 and 17. You may sign up in the narthex to host Coffee Hour in any of the months ahead.

We welcomed Pastor Doug Andersen to our church family on Jan. 20th. Pastor Doug will lead worship every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. On the second Sunday of every month he will spend his entire morning with Zion. On the third Sundays of every month he will spend the entire morning with Cross. He will teach Confirmation on the third Sunday and we will also have Coffee Hour on those mornings.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. For scheduling purposes, we are looking at some changes to the timing of the Soup supper and worship. Stay tuned!

We will also be participating in the Lenten Round Robin again this year along with Zion, St. Catherine's, St. Olaf's, Holy Name and St. Paul's. We will be hosting the Lenten service on April 3rd.

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 very soon.

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. Again, another smooth transition with time. Pastor Jim Stein will be teaching Confirmation on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Pastor Doug will be teaching the class on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

The Sunday school children are holding their annual Bake Sale on Feb. 3rd after worship. If you would like to donate any food items for the sale, please feel free to do so! There will be coffee supplied while snacking on your goodies that you purchase!

The proceeds from the bake sale will be given to the Ixonia Food Pantry. The students hope to do a tour of the facility when delivering the check.

Adult Bible Study

- We look forward to working out a time for Adult Bible study that works well for all

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.

Family Promise:

Our next time to serve for Family Promise is Feb. 3-10. Cross will be serving the meal on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You may bring in food items to church that day and Terri and Marlyn will deliver. Also, if you would like to serve the meal or stay overnight, please let Terri know.

Bread and Roses: Our next time to serve will be March 28, 2019.

Leadership:

Council will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for one more person, from the general membership, to attend the Synod Convention on May 31- June 1st. Please see Arnie if you are interested in going.

2019 is also 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.

Fellowship:

Friends of Cross Lunch will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, Feb.20 at 11:00 a.m. Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be on Feb. 3rd to coincide with the Sunday school's bake sale. We will also have Coffee Hour on Feb. 17 after worship. 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 on February 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Frankiewicz's home. Stay tuned for the title of the book!

The Women's Ecumenical breakfast is on Saturday, Feb. 9th from 9am-11:30am at St. John's in Stone Bank. The guest speaker is Ann Greeneth. She will perform a fictional retelling of the Good Samaritan story. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

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 painting in the worship space and altar is complete and looks great! Thank you to Joe Rayman who painted the domed ceiling and to Joe Burmeister (Angie Lorier’s dad) for painting the walls of the altar, sacristy, worship space and balcony.

#2 Steeple cedar shakes – still waiting for quote on this.

#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, through our matching fund drive we have received \$1825.00 toward the painting. The total cost of the painting is \$4750, so with a few more donations, we will reach our 50% goal of \$2375. Ruth and Karl’s generous gift will cover the other 50%.

We will now take some time to think about carpeting, making sure to pick out a reliable product that looks as great as the painting! We also hope to have a matching fund drive to help with the cost of the carpeting when we get to that point. We will keep you posted

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!

Upcoming Events:

- **Feb. 3: Sunday school bake sale along with Coffee Hour**
- **Feb. 9: Women's Ecumenical Breakfast**
- **Feb. 17: Coffee Hour**
- **Feb. 20: Friend's of Cross Lunch at 11 a.m. at Café LaBelle**
- **March 6: Ash Wednesday**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Homegrown Nursery Orders: The Homegrown nursery order forms are here! Yes, we are thinking spring amid this cold and snowy January! Please take a form from the narthex and return by early March.

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.

Worship Assistants

Feb. 3

Lector: Jeff Campbell

Communion Assistant: Jeff Campbell and Lily Mireau

Ushers: John Butschke & Chad Ninmann

Feb. 10

Lector: Terri Watermolen

Ushers: John Butschke & Chad Ninmann

Feb. 17

Lector: Angie Thrane

Communion Assistant: Angie/Kayla Thrane

Ushers: Brian/Sherrie Tietz

Jan. 27

Lector: Mary Jo Dobberfuhr

Ushers: Brian/Sherrie Tietz

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.

February Altar Guild: Terri Watermolen

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Cross Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 13, 2018

Present: Pastor Schneider, Jeff Campbell, Arnie Groehler, Terri Watermolen, Bev Paulsberg, Mary Frankiewicz, Angie Thrane, Elmo Wendorf, Stan Jaeger, Barb Nyland.

Arnie called the meeting to order. Quorum was established.

Pastor Schneider led devotions.

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report – October minutes, Financial report

Angie motioned to close the Capital improvement fund and move the remaining funds to the General fund. Mary seconded. Motion carried. Stan made a motion to donate proceeds of \$308 from the Thanksgiving Worship to Ixonia Food Pantry. Elmo seconded. Motion carried. Arnie suggested that the “emergency” council meeting minutes be changed to “special” council meeting minutes. Terri will make the changes.

Committee Reports

- a) Worship – Barb made a motion to begin our worship time change from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 6th. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Arnie reported that Pastor Doug Andersen would like to be Installed and have his first day on Jan. 20th since this is when Synod staff is available. Jan. 6 and 13 will be covered by Pastor Schneider, with Pastor Stein as backup if the weather is bad. After discussion it was decided to change our Annual Meeting date to Jan. 27th so that it would not interfere with the Installation day.
A Joint council meeting with Zion is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 30th after worship to review points that were discussed in our initial joint meeting. Terri, Stan and Elmo cannot meet on that day. Arnie is going to ask Zion's council if there is another day that might work.
Children's program this Sunday.
Christmas Eve service is at 6pm. Special music is being organized for Christmas Eve. Angie will check with Kayla to see if she would like to play her violin. Bev will ask Alexa if she would like to play her clarinet. We will also need to think about special music on Installation Sunday.
- b) Sunday school/Confirmation/Adult Ed: Adult Ed will finish on Jan. 6th. Children's program is Dec. 16th. No Sunday school on Dec. 23 or 30th. Pastor Schneider did not think he would start Confirmation up after Christmas – that we should wait for Pastor Doug to begin this.
- c) Maintenance updates: The Hwy 16 sign is updated. Thank you Elmo and Joe. Dishwasher: the handle is broken, it is working for now, but does not work all of the time. Mary made a motion to purchase a new dishwasher. Bev seconded. Motion passed.

- d) Call committee update: there are a few changes to the schedule. There could be more changes as we are working with many schedules. Our Congregational vote is this Sunday, Dec. 16: the question will read: Are you in favor of extending a Call to Pastor Doug Andersen as a 2 point position with Zion Lutheran in Ashippun. Blank ballots will be handed out to put either “yes” or “no.” We will need paper work from synod. Arnie will follow up with the synod on this.
Parsonage discussion. Stan met with Mike Herro and did a walk through of the parsonage to give us an estimated price to sell or rent. It is not zoned residential, it is zoned agricultural. In order to sell the parsonage, it will require a variance or rezoning. \$500 for a variance. The parsonage needs to be a whole acre to rezone. A Surveyor will be needed and will have a cost associated with this. Variance may take about 3 months. Price to sell was estimated at low \$200,000. \$1400-1500/month for renting. Pros and cons to renting vs selling were discussed. Renting would give us more usable income - \$10,000-12,000/year. If we sold the parsonage, this money would be put into a long term savings account with maybe 3% interest which would bring in approximately \$6000/year. If rented, Mike Herro would look for renter and collect rent etc. Could we perhaps put this money into an Endowment Fund that would bring in a larger annual interest rate? Angie suggested that we rent while we look into the variance situation. It was agreed that renting will cover the cost of the new pastor more than selling it would. This Sunday the congregation will vote on what to do with parsonage. The ballot should read: Should Cross 1) keep the parsonage as is without occupancy or 2) to either sell or rent, contingent upon the council’s decision. Another Congregational vote will be needed if we decide to sell it. Arnie will follow up on whether or not the sale of the parsonage belongs to the ELCA or to the congregation.
- e) Decorating Committee update: Jan. 6th taking altar down. Elmo and Arnie will look at the altar prior to this. Take altar down on the 6th and put it back up on 13th. Painting will be completed first and then we will look at carpeting. Elmo will announce at church on Sunday. Terri has been putting this in the Announcements.
- f) Family Promise – Jeff, Todd, Terri, Marlyn, Angie, Jeannette and Tammy served and/or donated items and time. Two families are currently in the program. Giving Tree items due by Christmas. We will only serve twice in 2019 due to construction at Whitestone church, but there will be opportunity to help other churches if we want to.
- g) Bread and Roses – the next serving date is March 28th.

2019 Budget initial discussion

Reviewed 2018 and 2019 proposed budget item by item. Benovolence will be left blank until we know more about our financial status. Maybe until April? Will vote on current proposed budget at the January meeting.

Terri suggested to have annual meeting on the last Sunday of January.

Coffee Hour will be served after the Installation and a potluck after the annual meeting.

New Business

Thank you note to be signed for Mary Schnecks estate donation

Gift for Pastor Schneider was given

Annual meeting reports due Jan. 13.

Next meeting: Jan. 15th at 6:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Watermolen

Council Secretary