



# Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation July 2019

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*Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. (Exodus 20:8-11)*

Dear friends in Christ,

I remember as a child in elementary school, summer days took on a totally different rhythm and feel. There was time for play, for imagination, even for boredom. As I got older summers meant work – more expectations at home for yard work and chores, earning money for hobbies doing work for friends and neighbors and, in high school, getting paying jobs. But still, even with all that, there was still time for play and imagination and sometimes still boredom. But now, as an adult, I find far too little time for play, to imagine and I'm usually too busy to even be bored and I almost miss that too! Taking time to just be seems more and more a thing of the distant past. I find myself wondering, when did I become too busy, or too important, or too idiotic to take a break – to enjoy a Sabbath rest?

In our present American experience, most of us aren't very good about keeping Sabbath (notice I did not say the Sabbath. I realize that many of us have jobs that don't allow us to have specific days off consistently.) For some of us taking a day off is a luxury we think we can neither afford nor want to attempt. It's like my dad used to say, "There's nothing harder than doing nothing." We've become human-doers rather than human-beings. Rarely do we take the time just to be together, to sit and talk and enjoy one another's company. We fill each and all our days with busy-ness and, unwittingly, inflict this busy-ness on other people (store clerks and waitresses, cooks, soccer coaches, etc.)

In scripture, God invites us into a different way. It's a way that begins with the first creation story (Genesis 1). God creates for six days and, after all is created, God takes a Sabbath rest. Much later, when God gives Moses the "Ten Words" (Exodus 20) to shape the people's lives as they leave slavery and enter the Promised Land (they are never called "Commandments" in this text), one of the words is "...remember the Sabbath day..." This word is clearly intended to shape and order both individual and community lives.

Not only is Sabbath intended for our welfare, it is clearly intended for the welfare of everyone and everything in our household – our children, our servants, the resident aliens (in a small-town community I think that means anyone whose family hasn't lived here at least 2 generations) and even the critters in our care. Everyone and everything is invited to take a rest from their labors, mirroring God's pattern from the first. I invite you this summer to consider and reflect on Sabbath – the ways we keep it and the ways we don't.

How can we benefit from a more intentional keeping of it? How do we cause harm to ourselves, our children, and others when we ignore it? What happens when we don't model healthy self-care? Or are biblical principles simply out of touch with the times and there are no bad effects if we disregard Sabbath? I hope you take time to talk about this with others; reflecting and deepening your faith understanding and practices. And I hope you share with me your discernments.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Doug*

## **Worship:**

**Holy Communion:** Holy Communion will be offered every Sunday through the summer months. We need your help to serve as communion assistants and Altar Guild. Please see Sue Genz to volunteer to help.

**Worship Team:** If you would like to serve on the Worship Team, please let Pastor Doug or Sue Genz know. The team will be meeting in June to discuss summer and fall worship.

*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.*

**Ashippun Days Worship:** We will be joining Zion at Ashippun Fireman's Park, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00. Please bring chairs if you have them.

## **Education:**

### **Sunday school/Confirmation Classes**

*Dear friends in Christ, even though we are still waiting for summer it is time to start planning our Fall schedule.*

*One of the questions I am getting asked a lot is about Adult Education opportunities. I am hoping to schedule two Adult Education forums each week or every other week. I am considering holding one forum on a mid-morning or early afternoon during the week (Tuesday or Wednesday) and another forum either Sunday after worship at Cross or a weekday evening (Wednesday or Thursday). One of the forums would be a study of a book of the bible and the other forum would be focused on faith-formation and faith-based discussions of current events.*

*Please think about what you would like to delve into. I would like your feedback and suggestions for topics and timing of the forums. Please send me an email or drop me a note if you have other suggestions for Adult Education that you would like me to consider. In early August we will have a short survey in the bulletin to help further define the subject matter and schedule.*

*Thanks – Pastor Doug*

## **Serving:**

**Endowment committee:** Next meeting is July 28<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**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 been asked to help out another church when it is their time to serve. This week is Sept. 29-Oct. 5. Both Whitestone and Cross will be helping Waukesha Church of Christ. We will supply one meal for that week.

**Bread and Roses:** We are serving for Bread and Roses on Sept. 19. Mark your calendar!

## **Leadership:**

**Church Council:** Council will meet on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The biggest discussion points will be the worship times, our worship space, a new “pray ground”, and pew placement. A joint council meeting is planned at 6:00 p.m. prior with dinner. Members of Cross should talk with Council members about how they would feel if our worship time changed to 10:30 am.

**Church Wide Assembly:** 2019 is the year that our ELCA Churchwide Assembly is returning to Milwaukee. It is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Reminder!!!** Pastor Doug's phone number has changed! His number is (262) 490- 8737

**Church Office:** Last month, we welcomed a new church secretary. She is still settling in and learning new things.

## **Fellowship:**

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

**Coffee Hour** There won't be coffee hour for the month of July due to carpet replacement and the fellowship space being used for worship.

**Cross Book Club** The next book club will be September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Terri Watermolen's house, 9523 North River Road, Ixonia. The Book is yet to be determined.

**Coffee Shop conversation** with Pastor Doug. Come and have casual conversations to get to know Pastor Doug. He will be at Whelan's on Fridays from 10am until 1pm.

**Community Fundraiser:** On Friday, July 19, there is a Paint Night fundraiser scheduled for The Haus of Peace with the help of Set Apart Art. It will be hosted by River Valley Alliance Church, in Watertown, located at 610 Welsh Rd, Watertown. The Painting is a beautiful picture of birds. The Cost is \$25.00 a person, and reservation is required. For more information check their add on our bulletin board. It's a fun night, with fun people, and a great cause!

## Maintenance:

**Carpet/Interior work.** The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, Mary Frankiewicz and Terri Watermolen.

Council has approved the replacement of the carpeting this summer. The cost is approximately \$10,600. \$5300 (50%) will be covered by the Ruth Behling estate. As of the end of May, we have \$4518.00 pledged to the project, which includes our Pork Chop dinner, rummage sale, and donations. We still need about \$800 donated for the project. There are envelopes located in the hallway for donations for this exciting project! You can place your gift in the offertory plate during worship. Thanks!

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the process of taking out pews and carpet. Please help out if you can after Church, watch for more information for carpet removal and floor repair.

Due to the repairs we will be moving worship. July 14<sup>th</sup> will take place in Ashippun and thereafter we will be meeting in the Fellowship hall till the work is completed.

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

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Brian: 920-988-4949 or [trs@netwurx.net](mailto:trs@netwurx.net)



**Prayer Garden** Want to thank all who have been weeding the church prayer garden. A special thanks to Cindy Kuehn who has purchased flowers and weeding a ton!!! Thanks Cindy for motivating us all once again! To see more pictures, take a look at Cross Lutheran's facebook page.

## Upcoming Events:

- **July 7 -29 : Carpet replacement!**
- **July 14: Worship at Ashippun Picnic at 10:00 a.m.**

## Thoughts to Ponder:

- We need help with taking Pews and Carpet out! Watch for Information! We start July 7<sup>th</sup>!

## Worship Assistants

### July 7

**Lector:** Sandy West

**Communion Assistant:** Kurt Ketchum / Joyce Ketchum

**Ushers:** David and Sandy West

### July 14

**Lector:** Tammy Ninmann

**Communion Assistant:** Jim and Cathy Stein

**Ushers:** David and Sandy West

### July 21

**Lector:** Terri Watermolen

**Communion Asst:** Jeff Campbell and Terri Watermolen

**Ushers:** Cindy Kuehn and Elmo Wendorf

### July 28

**Lector:** Angie Lorier

**Communion Asst:** Mary Jo Dobberfuhl and Riley Lorier

**Ushers:** Cindy Kuehn and Elmo Wendorf

### August 4

**Lector:** Angie Thrane

**Communion Assistant:** Angie and Kayla Thrane

**Ushers:** Phil and Mary Jo Dobberfuhl

**July Altar Guild:** Barb Butschke

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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Pastor Doug's number: (262) 490- 8737

Pastor Doug's office hours: Tuesday mornings and all day on Thursdays

Adeline will be in the office on Thursday Mornings

### 2019 council members:

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**Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019,**

Present: Pastor Doug, Jeff Campbell, Arnie Groehler, Terri Watermolen, Bev Paulsberg, Mary Frankiewicz, Angie Thrane, Barb Nyland.

Arnie called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mary Frankiewicz led devotions: acceptance and trusting in God.

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report – April minutes, Financial and Pastor's report  
Barb motioned to accept the reports and minutes and seconded by Bev. Motion passed.

### **Team Reports**

- a) Worship Team – Pastor would like to change communion to every Sunday this summer starting in June. Reasons for the change were discussed. Sue Genz is reaching out to members to increase Altar Guild and communion assistant participants. First communion: Pastor would like to remove age restrictions. The students and parents of these students will meet with Pastor to see if they understand the basics of communion and will proceed from there. Planning on First communion to be held on June 16. Will have two students and maybe two more. Picnic at Harnischfeger park June 23 was discussed. Tammy Ninmann is leading this. Zion will bring hot dish and drinks. Cross will bring salads and desserts.
- b) Confirmation: Pastor presented Brianna, Britney Yucker and Olivia Thrane for approval for Confirmation. Angie motioned to accept them as our 2019 Confirmands, seconded by Jeff. Motioned passed. Angie will present the students at the Confirmation worship.
- c) Education: Sunday school is finished for the year. Mary spoke about for next year. At this point there will be 4 students in Sunday school. Pastor will assist in leading how to proceed with Sunday school. Discussion will need to be had regarding Confirmation classes next year as well.
- d) Decorating Team – Cathy Stein sent a display of carpet/paint and carpet quote for council to review. Council discussed financials of this project. Will plan to present the display and costs to membership after Confirmation Sunday. The quote is for \$10,660, Ruth Behling's estate will cover 50% of this. Pork Chop dinner and Rummage will cover approximately \$3600 and there is over \$500 in donations so far. So there is roughly \$1200 left to raise. Angie Motioned to move forward with carpet purchase and installation. Barb seconded. Motion passed.
- e) Maintenance Team – leaking upstairs porch of parsonage. Kurt Ketcham received an estimate for repair of \$715. Drain in parsonage was snaked out and paid for. We need to have a conversation with renters about septic systems and what should and should not be put down into the system. Todd will talk with them about this and their burn barrel. Barb motioned to fix the parsonage roof not to exceed \$800. Bev seconded. Mary brought up the wood chuck holes in the front of church. Arnie will take a look. Mary said a member is adamant that we should change the lock on the church door. Decision was to proceed to find out if and how to change the code on the door. Council will be given the code and if anyone else wants that code they should contact Pastor Doug. Angie will google how to change the code on the lock to begin with.
- f) Arnie stopped in to the bank to sign for the safety deposit box. The second safety deposit box key has not been found yet.
- g) Cemetery Discussion: Maintenance on the current sunken grave: Brian Tietz was contacted by Mary F.  
Bev Paulsberg called several churches with cemeteries to compare fees for cemetery plots. These costs ranged from \$100 to \$1200 and some included a one time service fee that varied in cost also. Discussion followed regarding costs and what Cross should charge a member vs. non-members vs associate members. It was decided we needed more information. A Cemetery Team was

suggested which would be comprised of Arnie, Mary F, Bev Paulsberg and Phil Dobberfuhl. Arnie will talk with Phil. Brian Tietz should be involved or copied on discussions since he was going to follow up with the sunken grave. The Team can refer to the previous Cemetery Guidelines. Stan Jaeger sent an email stating that John Kohn said there were tree roots sticking out of the ground in the cemetery that was damaging his mower blades. Tom F worked on some of these roots. We need dirt delivered for both tree roots and sunken grave. The Cemetery Team will handle all things cemetery. The Team will make a list of "cemetery items" along with dates, ie who does the digging etc. They will also order the top soil that is needed for the sunken grave and tree roots. They will meet in the next couple of weeks. Tom and Mary will section the tree root area off so John Kohn does not mow over this until we get it fixed. Arnie will contact the Team.

**Church Secretary Position Update:** Adeline (Addy) Schultz started learning the position last Tuesday. Terri will follow up with Addy to see if she could be at worship on June 2 or 9<sup>th</sup> to welcome her to Cross.

**Fund raisers update** Pork chop dinner brought in \$2514.90. 10% Benevolence from the dinner will be determined yet. Suggested to look at the synod webpage for benevolence possibilities. Rummage sale took in approximately \$1220. The 10% benevolence is also yet to be determined.

**New Business:** Mary brought up the use of alcohol in the Fellowship Hall and the legalities of this. And what we, as members, think about the use of alcohol in our space. We would need to check with Church Mutual to see if this is covered. Suggested that Stan may be able to follow up with the insurance company. Discussion followed. Mary will talk with Stan.

~Joint council meeting on June 23. This date was set up back in January to discuss how things are working out with sharing a pastor. Arnie will contact Jerry Liesener, Zion's council president, to make sure this still works for them. Angie suggested meeting before the 10am worship, which is also the combined church picnic. The agenda for the June meeting will need to be formulated. The biggest discussion point was the worship times and if this is working out. Pastor has little time to spend with Zion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays as he needs to get to our 10 a.m. worship service. We discussed moving our worship time to 10:30 a.m. We should all get feedback from members on how they feel about this. Suggested to meet at 11:30 for meeting.

**Determine next meeting date:** June 11. Barb/Mary motioned to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Watermolen  
Council Secretary