



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation June 2018

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Dear Members of Cross,

It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion about pastoral leadership and preparations for calling a pastor following my departure at the end of May. I spoke with Pastor Kristin Nielsen from the synod office this week. Our conversation clarified what will occur in the weeks to come.

First, our call committee has recently conducted a “mock” interview of a candidate. A pastor from the area posed as a potential candidate so that the committee could experience the interview process and learn from any possible issues that may have arisen. Zion has done the same.

At the same time, a Bridge Pastor has agreed to serve you until a new pastor arrives. He will “bridge” the time between my interim ministry with you and the installation of your new pastor. The person being considered will work with the call committee at their mock interview and meet with the church council at the June meeting to work out details of the bridge ministry. Pastor Kristin will also work with the pastor and council to determine what duties the bridge pastor may assume in addition to leading worship on Sundays.

Pastor Kristin also mentioned that there will be at least one candidate to interview in the coming weeks. Both Zion and Cross will interview candidates separately. If both call committees wish to proceed with a second interview, that interview will be conducted jointly by both church’s committees.

I hope that this information helps to clear up any confusion that may exist regarding the steps that will be taken over the next weeks as you look forward to welcoming a new pastor and a new chapter in your ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Stein".

Worship:

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays with Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Coffee Hour is on June 3 and 17th –You may sign up to host Coffee Hour in June.

Through the month of June we may have Supply Pastors as well as our Bridge Pastor. In order to help these Pastors know us (as well as our new pastor when he/she is hired) we will be supplying Nametags for everyone. You will find these in your mailboxes. Please do not take these nametags home with you. Please leave them in your mailboxes to use each Sunday.

Worship committee: We are currently using Setting 4 for our worship services. We would also 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.

Church Picnic: This year's church picnic will be on June 24th at Elmo Wendorf's home. W2440 Evergreen Rd., Ixonia. Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck to follow. Tables and some chairs will be supplied. You may bring your own lawn chairs too.

Education:

Sunday school/Confirmation Classes

- Sunday school and confirmation are in recess for the summer! Enjoy your time off! See you at worship!

Adult Bible Study

- There will not be Adult Bible study for the summer.

Serving:

Endowment committee: The next Endowment committee meeting is Sunday, June 3 after worship.

Family Promise: We will supply and serve the meal for Family Promise on Thursday, May 31. It will be hamburger casserole with rolls, salad and dessert. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. There are three families and 11 people in the program right now. There will never be more than 14 people in the program. Terri will help in getting the food to Whitestone Church. Thanks!

Bread and Roses: Thank you to everyone who helped with Bread and Roses on May 10!

Pennies for Bibles: Bring in your pennies! The jar is almost full! We will then send this money to American Bible Society to purchase bibles for those in need.

Leadership:

Council will meet Monday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Transition Update: The Call committee is: Dave West (chairperson), Todd Watermolen, Cindy Kuehn, Kayla Thrane, John Butschke, Angie Lorier.

The Call Committee had a mock interview on Wed. May 23. Please see Pastor Stein's letter regarding an update on the Call process.

Fellowship:

Friends of Cross Lunch will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be on June 3 and 17th. You may sign up in the narthex to host any coffee hours. This is very simple – there are cookies in the “coffee hour” container in the kitchen and coffee/creamer in the refrigerator. You need only come in and make the coffee/serve and clean up.

Cross Book Club will meet again on Thursday, June 7 at Terri Watermolen's home at 7:00 p.m. 9523 North River Road, Ixonia. The book being discussed is Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan.

Maintenance:

Here is the prioritized maintenance list the council has come up with:

#1. Fellowship hall lights: replace the burnt-out bulbs and broken glass light shade. Thank you Brian Tietz for working on this.

#2: Steeple repair – will be done in early part of June.

#3 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 and is currently getting estimates for the work. 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. A timeline to accomplish this list, or just part of the list, has not been established. The committee hopes to have a display of color and carpet sample along with estimates and different ways members can help financially by early June.

#4 Front Exterior of church. We are looking for 3-4 people to be on this committee.

#5 Steeple cedar shake.

#6 Church parking lot sealing

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

Parsonage Update:

The parsonage is cleaned and ready for potential Pastor walk-throughs. Arnie and Tom Frankiewicz are working on “animal proofing” under the front porch, and around the church (lots of woodchuck activity!), Terri will work on the small window pane replacement on the outside porch door.

Upcoming Events:

- **Family Promise Meal: Thursday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Coffee Hour: June 3 and 17**
- **Church Picnic: June 24 at Elmo Wendorf’s home at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck to follow.**
- **Church council: June 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Exterior Decorating Committee The council would like to form a committee to help prioritize options and cost estimates for improving the exterior of the church – mostly the front door area and above the front door area. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact any of the council members.

Picture Directory The Council would like to create a Picture Directory to help our future Pastor get to know all of us. Please send a close-up picture of you and/or your family to office@crosslutheranchurch.com. If you do not have access to a computer to send a picture, please let Terri know. We will take pictures of people/families that are not equipped to do this on their own.

Name Tags You will find in your mailboxes your own personal nametag that has magnetic strips on it so you do not have to “pin” in on to your clothes. Please do not take this nametag home, but rather leave it in your mailboxes to use each Sunday. As we will be having supply Pastors and a Bridge Pastor, followed by our called Pastor, these nametags will help all of these people know us better.

Thank you!

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the gifts and potluck last Sunday. You were very generous with us not only with your gifts, but also with your warmth, faith and friendship!

God bless you all. Jim & Cathy Stein.

Worship Assistants

June 3

Lector: Barb Butschke

Communion Assistant: Barb Butschke/Lily Mireau

Ushers: Dave/Sandy West

June 10

Lector: Jeannette Christian

Ushers: Dave/Sandy West

June 17

Lector: Angie Thrane

Communion Assistant: Angie Thrane/Riley Lorier

Ushers: Elmo Wendorf/Chad Ninmann

June 24

Lector: Tammy Ninmann

Ushers: Elmo Wendorf/Chad Ninmann

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.

June Altar Guild: Laure Schwefel

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

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**Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018**

Present: Pastor Stein, Angie Thrane, Arnie Groehler, Bev Paulsberg, Jeff Campbell, Mary Frankiewicz, Elmo Wendorf and Terri Watermolen.

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

Devotions were led by Pastor Stein – “The Applause of Heaven” the Beatitudes

Approve the agenda, secretary's report – March minutes, Financial and Pastor's report (all reports previously distributed electronically and reviewed).

Terri made a motion to accept the emailed reports as presented with a second by Elmo. Motion passed.

Committee reports

- a. Worship – Easter season recap. Shared Good Friday service with Zion ~ Pastor reported that 10 members from Cross attended. It was discussed that we should continue with the Round Robin and also to host it one time. Easter Breakfast went well. Thank you Jeff for volunteering to be in charge of this. Choir sounded good. Choir has been made easy to join with the one rehearsal. Confirmation coming up on May 6. Tammy will do the presentation. They will choose a Bible verse and explain what it means to them. Question about the gift of a tree for Confirmation students was brought up. It was thought that this was the Women's group that did this. Barb will follow up with Jeannette. If the Women's group can't do it this time, the council agreed to purchase the trees. Barb will contact Deb Moosreiner who works at Ebert's to see what the price might be. Assign Hospitality group to serve for Confirmation. Terri will contact Kim. Bev will order and pick up cake. Bev will order the corsages too. Pastor purchased stoles and a gift too. Picnic: June 24 at Elmo's place. Picnic will be just Cross, not a joined party with Zion since the Call process is not moving along as quickly as we thought. Elmo said they will need approximately 5 tables and multiple chairs brought from church. Estimate 40 people will attend. Pastor's last day is May 20. Supply Pastors will be needed. Terri will begin looking for those.
- b. Maintenance update – No steeple progress. Waiting for nicer weather. Highway signs: Todd W volunteered to put the new sign up on Gopher Hill in warmer weather. Lights on CW sign need new solar lights. Sign on 16 needs to be made into a two sided. Kitchen updates are complete and everything worked well for Easter Breakfast. Brian has all of the new LED lights for Fellowship Hall. Arnie will finish the animal proofing of the parsonage.
- c. Call Committee update – So, no update from Synod office. Pastor Kristin has not replied to emails and calls. Orientation with Zion is still not set up.
- d. Decorating Committee update: Interior/Exterior. Interior committee: Kathy Stein, Mary F, Joe, Elmo and Terri. Should have the carpet cleaned again when the weather is warmer and we can open doors and windows.
Exterior committee members? No one has volunteered. Kurt Ketcham was suggested. An announcement needs to be made on Sundays. An explanation needs to be made on what the responsibilities of the Exterior Restoration committee are. It was agreed that the purpose of this committee would be to prioritize renovation/redecoration ideas for the south (front) side of the church. The prioritized list will then be brought to the council for discussion on what can financially be accomplished. There was further discussion regarding the small signage area in the cemetery and whether to make it maintenance free or not. It was decided that Terri will put something in the May newsletter asking for a volunteer to maintain the small space under the sign. This volunteer needs to be established by May 15. If we do not get a volunteer, we will move forward with putting a landscape mat and then stone on top of that.

New Business

Ruth's estate – Elmo reported that we should see the finalized estate very soon.

Synod Convention delegates: May 31/June 1, 2: Arnie is going. Pastor is not as his last day is May 20. Arnie will make an announcement in church that we need another volunteer.

Directory: Terri will print the updated Directory and place in mailboxes. She will also begin informally asking for family photos to put together a picture Directory to assist a new pastor.

AED needs new parts. Pastor and Terri will look at it tomorrow.

June 28 Bread and Roses

Next meeting date/time May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Pastor and Kathy Stein's home.

We closed with the Lord's prayer

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Terri Watermolen

Council Secretary