



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation June 2019

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Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' (Luke 24:45 -49)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It must have seemed an impossible task. Though crowds often gathered around Jesus and many claimed to follow Him during His time on earth none spoke up for Him on that fateful Friday, the day of His execution. Jewish tradition holds that the Messiah will not die so, after Jesus' death, the movement would have shrunk even further. Only a small core would have held firm: The 11 remaining Apostles, maybe the 70 that were sent out earlier, a few other faithful like Mary and Martha. Jesus tells these few that they are to carry the message of repentance and forgiveness to all the nations.

Estimates of the world's population at that time vary from 50 million to 150 million. Assuming 100 followers and 50 million people then each disciple need only speak to 500,000 people to get the word out! There is no mass media, no off-shore pirate radio, no Twitter or Facebook. To get the word out the disciples would have to employ what we called in the Marines "LPC's" or "Leather Personnel Carriers", better known as shoes. The disciples would have to walk hundreds or thousands of miles.

An impossible task except for one, not so small, detail. The disciples aren't alone; their mission doesn't begin until they have been "clothed with power from on high." God is with them and, though it is their feet that will walk the miles and their mouths that will speak the words, it is God's work. Those disciples carried a Word the world was desperate to hear: God loved them enough to die for them and He was a forgiving God.

And that is a message the world still desperately needs to hear. Despite all our technological advances, improvements in health care and diet, and the movement of more and more people out of extreme poverty throughout the world there is still a sense of despair. Suicide and violence remain high, especially in the advanced world. Expectations to fit in, be popular, and have "Barbie and Ken" images of beauty and success create ever more feelings of failure. The mass media that didn't exist in the time of the early disciples air programs that popularize bullying and demonizing of others who don't look like us, think like us, act like us, or talk like us.

As Pentecost approaches (June 9) we need to remember that we too are "clothed with power from on high" and are invited to participate in God's work in the world. Like those early disciples we must decide if we will risk being God's feet and mouth in a world that doesn't want to hear His Word. We carry a message that God's love and forgiveness doesn't depend on beauty, clothing style, or bank account. And even after 2000 years that is a message that still needs to be spoken.

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.

Confirmation: Congratulations to this year's confirmands Olivia Thrane, Brianna and Britney Yuker.

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.

First Communion: First Communion will be held on June 16th during worship. First Communion class will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m.

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 currently on Summer Break. Classes will resume after Labor Day. A Rally Sunday date will be decided upon later this summer.

Serving:

Endowment committee: Next meeting is July 28th 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!

Highway Clean-up: Is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd after coffee hour. Thank you, Jeff Campbell for leading!

Leadership:

Church Council: Council will meet on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a joint council meeting with Zion on Sunday, June 23. Discussion will be about how things are going with having one Pastor serve both churches. The biggest discussion point will be the worship times and if this is working out for both churches and Pastor Doug. 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 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.

New Number: Pastor Doug's phone number has changed! His new number is (262) 490- 8737

Church Office: There is a new face in the office!

Hello!!! My name is Adeline (Addy) Schultz. I will be working in the office as the new Church Secretary. Not to worry, Terri is teaching me all that she knows, and we are working to make the transition as smooth as possible. I am so excited to meet all of you! I will be attending Worship and Fellowship sometime in June (date to be determined), and I hope to see you then.

As I am sure you are curious, I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I live in Ixonia just on the edge of the border with Watertown. As it would happen, I live just about two miles from where I grew up. I am a mom to a six-year-old boy and I am married to a Firefighter. Both my husband and I, volunteer for the Ixonia Fire Department, where I am a part of IVSS. Cory, my husband, is a Firefighter/A- EMT in Walworth, Palmyra, and Ixonia. Our lives are busy, but God is so good!

Some of my favorite things are time spent with horses, reading, and knitting. For almost twenty years I rode Dressage and English on Tennessee Walkers. Currently I'm without a horse so instead, I've been raising chickens and ducks. Free time is hard to come by, but at least once a year, I spend a week fishing with the family.

In the future my family has big plans, but we are waiting to see where God leads us first. Right now that means serving with you, and I hope to for many years. Thank you for welcoming me into your lives!!!

Fellowship:

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

Coffee Hour Our coffee hour will be on June 2nd before the Highway Clean-up. Come and say goodbye to Marlyn on that day, as she will return to Mozambique on June 11th. The next coffee hour will be June 16th please sign up in the narthex to host.

Cross Book Club will be meeting on June 24th at Angie Lorier's home. We will be discussing "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides.

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 and on Facebook 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.

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. Approximately \$2500 is covered by the Pork Chop dinner revenue and \$1000 from the rummage sale. So far we have \$550 in member donations! So, we will only need to raise \$1300 more to pay for the replacement! 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!

Cathy Stein has put together a lovely display of carpet, paint, wood that will be presented at worship on Memorial Day weekend. When a date is set for the replacement, we will need a "crew" to remove the pews and old carpeting. Stay tuned for dates!

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

Upcoming Events:

- **June 2: Highway Clean-up**
- **June 23: Church picnic with Zion**
- **July ?: Carpet replacement**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Rummage Sale: The Rummage sale brought in \$1220! 10% will go to benevolence, which has been designated to go to Ixonia Food Pantry. The remaining profit will help fund the carpet replacement. Thank you, Tammy Ninmann for being the main leader of this undertaking. Also a big thank you goes to Mary Frankiewicz, Michelle Nord, Cindy Kuehn, Joe Rayman, Elmo Wendorf, Virginia Jaeger, Sue/Jerry Genz, Terri Watermolen, Laurene Gunderson.

Pork Chop Dinner: The Pork Chop dinner was a huge success. Thank you again, Troy Thrane for leading this fundraiser! Here is the detailed report:

Pre-sold tickets	347
Served	358
To-go	116
Sold at door	27
Children	11

Gross	\$5312.00
Cost of Pork chops	-\$1748.10
Other expenses	-\$499.00
Profit	\$3064.90
10% Benevolence	-\$550 (\$350 to Ixonia Food Pantry, \$200 from lake Area Free Clinic)
Net Profit	\$2514.90

Thank you:

Dear Cross family

I want to thank you for the generous amount of Chamber gift certificates I received from all of you. I appreciate your gift and thoughtfulness so much! I also appreciate the gratitude you have shown me over the past years while working in the office. I have played just a small part in carrying on the work of the church – all of you have also “upped the ante” over the last couple of years with your gifts and talents. That is what makes us a church family! Like I said at the retirement celebration, it is not the beautiful setting our church is located at, or the wonderful Fellowship space, or the newly painted walls or the new carpet that we are all so excited about that makes this church a church. The church is each and every one of us, reaching out and helping each other and others around us. It is all of us joined together on our faith journey. And I am thankful that my faith journey has brought me to know each and every one of you. ~Terri

Worship Assistants

June 2

Lector: Barb Nyland

Communion Assistant: Mary Frankiewicz/Abigail Paulsberg

Ushers: Jerry/Sue Genz

June 9

Lector: Jeannette Christian

Communion Assistant: Bev Paulsberg/Alexa Paulsberg

Ushers: Jerry/Sue Genz

June 16

Lector: Sue Genz

Communion Asst: Jerry Genz/Joyce Ketcham

Ushers: Tod/Tammy Ninmann

June 23

Lector: church picnic

Communion Assistant: church picnic

Ushers: Tod/Tammy Ninmann

June 30

Lector: Mary Jo Dobberfuhl

Communion Assistant: Mary Jo D./Riley Lorier

Ushers: Tod/Tammy 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: Jeanette Christian

The Office emails: pastor@crosslutheranchurch.com and office@crosslutheranchurch.com

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
April 9, 2019**

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

Arnie called the meeting to order. As all were present, a quorum was established.

Pastor Doug led devotions. Galatians 5. Servitude.

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

Team Reports

- a) Worship Team – Zion needs a reader for Good Friday – Elmo volunteered; Maundy Thursday is at Cross. April 28th worship Pastor will be on vacation. Suggestions for a substitute were made. Angie suggested doing a hymn sing with readings. Pastor will pick the readings and Mary and Elmo will pick the hymns. Gathering, confession, Kyrie will need to be led and then will go into the readings. Terri will ask Dave West to lead.
- b) Education Team – steady as she goes. Confirmation on May 19th. Pastor Jim will preach that worship service. Moving forward we need to make sure the students attend worship as well as class. Pastor Doug and Jim will work on this. Need to invite students to attend Lutherdale this summer. Mary said that there are no SS students planning on going. Pastor brought up Lifefest. Lifefest is a large christian rock festival in Rockford. He suggested that we can informally go as a group with kids and parents. Pastor will be bringing this up with the kids. It happens in mid-July. Arnie brought up that Lutherdale has a lot to offer. Different things we can do with them also.
- c) Decorating Team – Cathy is putting together a board with paint colors and the carpet that we have decided upon along with the cost estimate from Vic's Carpet. Have not been pushing donations yet until after Pork chop dinner and rummage sale. Basic cost is around \$10,000. \$5000 of that will be paid for by Ruth's estate. And a portion of the remaining \$5000 will be paid for by the Pork Chop dinner and rummage. So members will need to match a similar amount as with the painting. Approximately \$2000-2500. Mary will follow up with Cathy to see when she is planning on doing this. Plan to replace the carpet this summer, probably in July.
- d) Maintenance Team – discussion on what would be the next maintenance item. According to the maintenance list it would be organ repair vs. front outside of church.
- e) Mission Team – vision and thoughts. Will address after Easter and begin sometime in May. This team will identify both local and global outreach.
- f) Endowment committee – the committee agreed to donate \$200 to Mary's room in Watertown. Congregation will be asked to bring diapers in the next two weeks with all diapaers due by April 28th. The committee also wanted to donate \$400 to Lutheran Disaster Relief for the cyclone in Mozambique. Elmo moved to approve the committee's suggestion of \$400 to Lutheran Disaster Response for Cyclone Idai relief in Mozambique and \$200 to Mary's Room. Angie seconded. Motion passed.

Church Secretary Position Update: There are no strong leads for the office position. Barb had a lead that she will follow up with. Angie suggested posting it in the local papers. Arnie suggested that his nephew Jacob showed some interest. We will post it in Enterprise, Freeman, Watertown Daily Times. First leads that respond need to be communicated to the council. Interview team was set up: Pastor Doug, Terri, Barb. Will ask Virginia. Position paramater: \$15/hr. 5 hours/week. One day per week when Pastor is there, preferably Thursday.

Parsonage Update: Terri gave Todd's update on renters and maintenance items accomplished and yet to be done. Kurt Ketcham talked with council on Sunday about needing to pay \$2000 taxes. So an amount should be set aside monthly for tax purposes. Jim Stein suggested a welcome basket for the renters. We have a basket – Elmo will bring cheese, Mary will donate the wine. Give them local phone numbers. Terri will bring coffee and chocolate. Pastor will do sausage. Barb crackers and granola bars. Bev will do nuts, Angie will bring Easter candy, Arnie will bring venison jerky, Jeff will bring fruit and church cookbook. Mary has a card. It was suggested to give them local phone numbers. Flat roof on parsonage was discussed. Jon Nord gave an estimate of \$6200 for this work. Elmo and Pastor volunteered to help Todd W repair this. Rental checks can be delivered to the office monthly. Long range selling/rezoning conversation. We will look at rezoning in 6 months. (October). Lease is May 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020.

New Business

- a. **Pork chop** – 300 tickets are out. Posters will be delivered. And emailed to office.
- b. **Rotating the devotions** for council meetings– we all should proclaim and share – it's a good safe place. Pre-written devotions are available. It helps us to remember that we gather in God's name, not for our agendas. Allows us as leaders to become comfortable with proclaiming God's Word. Will do devotions on our birthday month. Mary is May. Bev will do June, Angie July, Barb August, Jeff September, Arnie is October and Elmo is November. Pastor will do December.
- c. **Adopt a Highway** we will continue to do this. June 2 was the suggested date. And then again in September. Jeff is the point person for this. Thank you Jeff.
- d. **Bread and Roses** Barb reported that Bread and Roses went very well. They had plenty of food and volunteers.
- e. **Flower pickup** is on May 14. Elmo and Terri will help unload at 2:00 p.m. Members can pick up flowers at 4pm. Terri will put in announcements.

Determine next meeting date: May 14. Mary/Barb motioned to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Watermolen
Council Secretary