



Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation March 2019

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Dear friends in Christ,

It's been a month since I began calling Cross and Zion home. Like any move it takes some time to settle in to new spaces and new routines. I'm still in that process – the differences between Zion and Cross and my previous parish are immense. Of course, when settling into a new place, the neighbors can make or break the joy. You folks are awesome. You've welcomed me with open arms, are bearing with patience my struggle with remembering names☺, and possibly most importantly, you bring the food! I want to thank all of you for the opportunities for fellowship we've had and will have. My son, visiting from La Crosse a couple of weeks ago, felt the sense of welcome. Again, thank you.

Despite the differences between my "homes" there are some similarities. Most important is the reason for the presence of both spaces – bearing God's love and Christ's redeeming work to a hurting world. As I settle in it is a blessing to see so many people here intentionally and actively going about that work. I look forward to working alongside you as we seek to connect with God, each other, and our community, grow in our faith and understanding of God, and serve God through serving one another, our community, and all of God's children.

Over the next few months I will be working with councils to look at more ways we can continue to grow together in our understanding of the love of God for each of us and bearing that love into the world. As the weather warms (I'm an optimist) I'm hoping to begin adult bible studies during the week, small groups, and youth activities. If you have suggestions please let me, our gracious and hardworking secretaries – Terri and Danielle, or council members know them.

May our time together be blessed, thank you.

Pastor Doug

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 March 3 and 17. You may sign up in the narthex to host Coffee Hour in any of the months ahead.

Pastor Doug will lead worship every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays here at Cross. 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. With the exception of the month of April, he will be at both churches every Sunday because of Palm Sunday and Easter. He will teach Confirmation on the third Sunday and we will also have Coffee Hour on those mornings.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. We will have our Ash Wednesday worship service at 5:30 p.m. followed by our Soup Supper. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Terri Watermolen's Hospitality group will be serving.

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. The schedule is as follows:

2019 Lenten Wednesdays Round Robin

March 13 Holy Name at Zion in Ashippun

March 20 St. Catherine's on Hwy P

March 27 St. Paul's on Hwy P

April 3 Zion & Cross at Cross

April 10 St. Olaf's on Hwy O

When each church hosts, the offering will be given to their local food pantry. There will also be fellowship after each worship. Watch for a sign-up for treats when we serve on April 3.

Maundy Thursday worship will be a joined worship with Zion at Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday worship will be a joined service hosted at Zion at 7:00 p.m.

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. 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 held their annual Bake Sale on Feb. 3rd and collected \$200 for the Ixonia Food Pantry! Thank you children, parents and members for supporting this great activity! The Food Pantry is very appreciative of our efforts to support them and our local community.

Adult Bible Study

- Watch for dates for Adult Bible study coming soon!

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.

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 volunteered to help two churches during the 2019 rotation. I will keep you posted on those dates when we know them!

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

Leadership:

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

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.

Fellowship:

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

Coffee Hour will be on March 3rd and March 17th after worship. You may sign up in the narthex to host any coffee hour. 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. We will be discussing *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi W. Durrow.

Ash Wednesday is March 6. Worship is at 5:30 p.m. followed by Soup Supper.

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 – council received the quote for this work and upon further inspection, it was decided to hold off on this maintenance item.

#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

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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. We are pleased to announce that we reached our 50% giving toward the total cost of the painting which was \$4750. Thank you everyone who donated financially and with their time with taking the altar down and putting up the scaffolding.

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 – please don't hesitate to “give” to this project whenever you want!

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. 20: Friend's of Cross Lunch at 11 a.m. at Café LaBelle**
- **March 3: Coffee Hour**
- **March 6: Ash Wednesday and Soup Supper**
- **March 13: Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name in Ashippun**
- **March 17: Coffee Hour**
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- **March 27: Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's**

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.

Rummage Sale There has been interest in having another Rummage Sale! We are looking at May 9-11th, right after the Pork Chop Dinner. More details to follow.

Pork Chop dinner will be held on May 5th. See Troy for details.

Announcements For our Sunday worship announcements, Pastor Doug will be leading these, so if you have an announcement, please let him know before worship time.

Worship Assistants

March 3

Lector: Mary Frankiewicz

Communion Assistant: Mary Frankiewicz/Riley Lorier

Ushers: Jon/Michelle Nord

March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

Lector: Sandy West

Communion Assistant: Dave West/Abigail Paulsberg

Ushers: Jon/Michelle Nord

March 10

Lector: Barb Nyland

Ushers: Jon/Michelle Nord

March 17

Lector: Jeff Campbell

Communion Assistant: Jeff Campbell/Olivia Thrane

Ushers: Troy/Angie Thrane

March 24

Lector: Jeannette Christian

Ushers: Troy/Angie Thrane

March 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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**Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Jan. 15, 2019**

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

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

Angie led devotions that were emailed from Pastor Schneider.

Pastor Doug shared his email with members. danderse@luthersem.edu. Pastor needs to be included on communications.

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report, Joint council meeting on Dec. 30, December council minutes, Financial report which were previously distributed.

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

Committee Reports

- a) Worship – Jan. 20 Installation service. Both Installations are on Jan. 20th. Discussed Pastor's worship schedule. Pastor Doug will spend one full Sunday per month at Zion and one full Sunday per month at Cross. Discussed subs for the one Sunday per month. Will talk with Zion to see who they are using.
- b) Sunday school/Confirmation/Adult Ed. Adult Ed could be once per month when Pastor Doug is at Cross all morning. Confirmation will be following the "Here We Stand" series through May. Pastor Doug will meet with volunteers in the next week to help figure out how/who will lead Confirmation.
- c) Decorating Committee update: painting is moving along fine. Went over financials. With a couple more donations still coming in, we will have reached our 50% goal. The altar will be put back together this Thursday.
- d) Joint Council Meeting Notes: Angie brought up that we need to appoint a member to the "Liaison Team" that will meet to see how things are going with our new partnership with Zion. Angie motioned to nominate Arnie and Elmo to be on the Liaison Team. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. So this Team will be Arnie, Elmo, Jerry Liesener(Zion) and Jeanine(Zion).

Church Secretary Position Zion's secretary is receptive to doing both churches. Discussed pros and cons to this. Prior 2 point church for Pastor had one secretary for both churches. Terri's last day is May 12. New secreatry would start the week after Easter. Mary had one candidate in mind. Elmo will find out how much Zion pays their secretary. Council should talk with people over the next month to see if there is anyone interested in the position. Pastor suggested creating a "team" of 2 or 3 that would take this forward. This same team would then have reviews with the secretary from time to time to see how things are going. Elmo suggested that Pastor should be part of this team, one other council member and one parishioner. Will need to identify this team to the congregation.

Parsonage: Discussion around sale vs. rent of the parsonage. Elmo talked with Zion about the sale of their parsonage. All money from the sale of their parsonage was put into the synod's Endowment Fund. Discussed possibly talking with Thrivent to see what sort of interest rate they would have with investing. Pros and cons discussed regarding investing. Arnie suggested renting it, but also moving forward with the zoning process. Elmo will talk with one of his friends about suggestions for renting. It was suggested that Stan should begin the rezoinig process, however the cost of this would be around \$3000. Terri passed out pros and cons list to renting vs. selling that her and Stan put together. Pastor suggested that we should think about tything part of the sale of the house. The goal would be to rent by early spring.

Add advantages to selling: the large lump sum to invest and collect interest.

Annual church Meeting Council members at the end of their first term are: Bev, Jeff and Terri. All will run again. Terri passed out a draft of the Annual meeting report and agenda. Corrections were made. A Synod assembly volunteer is needed from the membership. Arnie and Pastor will attend. Youth member can go too – must be Confirmed through age 26 to be considered a youth.

Finalize 2019 Budget

Pastor suggested a target number for benevolence that is based on prior years actuals. Council members recognize that this small church has been historically very generous. Do we celebrate that? We should take one Sunday to recognize that. Will talk about this in future council meetings. Members reviewed Stan's email that he sent regarding John Kohn's salary. Elmo offered to pay for the gas for mowing the lawn. Salary for secretary was discussed. Terri will track her hours this next month to help figure out the number of hours needed. Lots of discussion about the budget. Benevolence was discussed at length. Council decided to give 50% of what we did last year. Elmo motioned to accept the budget with the new numbers for 2019. Angie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

The Y is using the space again in February.

Elmo has a 12 foot lighted Xmas tree with 2000 lights he would like to donate to the church.

We need to replace the wooden ladder that we have with a 12 foot aluminum one. Perhaps bring it up at the Annual meeting to see if anyone wants to donate.

Rummage sale suggested by Joe Rayman. See if there is leadership interest in the rummage sale.

Next meeting: Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Watermolen

Council Secretary