



Cross Lutheran Church

March Proclamation 2023

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Psalm 32

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered

²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

In this season of Lent, let us remember the Lord is with us. Guiding, teaching, reproofing us. My hope is that we focus in this season, on the daily devotion of trusting in the Lord. I hope we look deeply this season at where we are succeeding in this task and where we still need some work to be done.

Each day the Lord meets us, wherever we are. Whether we are faithfully plowing ahead or stuck in a ditch. May we see Him and recognize His presence in our lives and call on Him in times of distress instead of being stubborn and independent.

Remember, our Lord is our Redeemer. Are you stuck in a ditch? Do you not know how you got there or how to get out? Do you feel weary and repressed? Do you feel overlooked and broken? Do you feel ashamed? Well, guess what, Jesus, "yup, that guy", saw the weary, the broken, the marginalized, the shameful, and made them whole and made them new. He restored, He healed, and He saved. He demonstrated His redeeming nature in his ministry on the earth by restoring sight, repairing the broken, and healing the sick. All these things he did and will do again. Call on Him and he will restore. Although, He may not "fix" things in the way we expect or the way we want, but He works out all things with love and faithfulness.

Sometimes repairs take changes on our part. Is God calling you to walk away from a vice? Do you prioritize things that ultimately destroy you? Have you gone your own way and ended up broken and ashamed? Let God counsel and teach you in the way you should go. Let Him lead and guide you. Ponder upon His word and study His precepts. He will shepherd you and restore you to goodness. The Lord reproofs those He loves. As the Psalmist mentions in vs 3 and 4 of Psalm 32. Reproof hurts. It's not fun. Feeling guilty is "yucky."

Nobody likes it, but the quicker we are to recognize our sins and call on Him for forgiveness the quicker He can restore our joy.

In this season, we focus on Jesus' life and ministry before the Cross and at Holy Week we recognize Jesus' death, burial, and most importantly His resurrection! Jesus a spotless lamb, a healer, and redeemer. As we review the readings this season, look at how Jesus met each and every person He encountered with grace and love, where they were. He wasn't "too good" to help the lowly or "too perfect" to help the unclean. Can He meet you where you are? And will you call on Him?



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm at Cross

Good Friday: 7:00pm at Zion with Holy Name

Easter Sunday: 8:30am at Zion and 10:30am at Cross

Lenten Worship Schedule:

For Lent, we will be taking part in a Round Robin Worship schedule again this year for Wednesday evenings. Services will start at 7:00 PM, after worship the host congregation will serve a light meal and fellowship time. If you are unsure where these services are, please ask Pastor Doug.



March 8th - St. Catherine's

March 15th - St. Paul's

March 22nd - Cross Lutheran

March 29th - St. Olaf's

Lenten Dinner: We will be hosting Worship on March 22nd. As part of our duties, we will be providing a meal afterward. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food donations. Thank you!

Sunday School: Sunday School will be meeting on March 12th after Worship. Please stay tuned for more information, planning is in progress.

Adult Education: Adult Education Class will be from 10:00-11:30am at Zion on the 1st- 4th Wednesday mornings. It's a great time to join in. All are welcome! At this time, we are doing text study on the weekly scripture readings. Readings are available for pick up the Sunday before class on the table in the narthex.

Serving:

Ixonix Food Pantry: As always remember to donate goods when you can, it's a much-needed resource in our community, especially now. Also, please remember to check the dates on items donated. The food pantry will not accept expired food. Thank you!

Bread and Roses: Arnie Groehler has taken over as coordinator for this ministry at Cross. Thank you, Arnie for representing our church and organizing volunteers!

Bread and Roses will be continuing curbside at this time. The 2023 dates we are scheduled to serve are June 15th and December 14th.

Adopt a Highway: Arnie Groehler has taken over this ministry. Thank you, Arnie, for serving as coordinator!

Leadership:

Church Council: Council will meet again March 14th at Church. Council meetings are usually open to the congregation. If you are interested in attending, please let Elmo Wendorf or Pastor know ahead of time. Thank you!

Fellowship:

Fellowship Time: Coffee Hour! We will be fellowshiping after worship the third Sunday of the month and are looking for volunteers to bring in treats to share. Sign-ups are available in the Narthex.

Coffee Shop conversations: Pastor will be at Whelan's for the winter. Join him Friday mornings from 10-12. All are welcome!

I would like to thank you for all of your prayers, visits, cards and food we received after my fall. We are so blessed to belong to such a close and caring Church family.

Also, thank you for all your prayers for my son Andy.

~ Love Michelle Nord

Maintenance:

The restoration project is complete on the front of the church. It looks lovely! Drive by slowly and check it out! We are still collecting offerings for the project to offset the costs.

The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, and Terri Watermolen.

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 or Brian: 920-988-4949 or trs@netwurx.net

Upcoming Events:

- **March 22nd Cross hosts Wednesday night Lenten Worship**
- **April 2nd Palm Sunday**
- **April 6th Maundy Thursday**
- **April 7th Good Friday**
- **April 9th Easter Sunday**

**Usher Schedule: March 5th and 12th Jerry Genz and Lily Mireau
March 19th and 26th Chad Ninmann and Arnie Groehler**

Ushers please note: When lighting candles, all of the candles are lit on holidays and special Sundays. On “normal weeks” light only the Altar Candles. Thank you!

Communion Assistant/ Reader Schedule:

**March 5th: Jerry Genz / Cindy Kuehn
March 12th: Jeanette Christian / Tammy Ninmann
March 19th: Cole Butschke / Barb Butschke
March 26th: Cindy Kuehn / Tammy Ninmann**

If you would like to volunteer please contact the office or Cindy Kuehn.

Altar Guild for March: Barb Butschke

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**Cross Lutheran Church
Council Secretary Minutes
January 10, 2023**

1. Establish quorum Present-Barb Nyland, Tod Ninmann, Val Scott, Cindy Kuehn, Janice Bartel, Pastor Doug, Angie Trane and Elmo Wendorf
2. Devotions – Were led by Barb Nyland with a short prayer.
3. Approve the agenda, secretary's report, previous minutes (Dec. 13th), financial and pastor's report (all reports previously distributed and reviewed - consent agenda - motion to approve). Angie Moved to accept, Val 2nd, motion carried
4. Team Reports
 - a. Worship Team -Lenten Services Ash Wednesday is 2/22/23 at 5:30 with a soup supper to follow. Wednesday round robin services will be held this year and Cross Church will be hosting 3/22/23. Maundy Thursday service will be at Cross Church and Good Friday will be at Zion and both churches will have Easter Sunday Services.
 - b. Sunday School – Next Sunday School Class will be 1/22/23 we are looking for a volunteer overall leader to replace Jeff and Lilly will still be the assistant.
 - c. Maintenance team- The front of church is completed on 1/2/23 with the railing the last piece to be installed. And Brian Tietz finished the north light on the building it was working for our Christmas Eve service.
 - d. Mission Team- Mission festival will be in spring of 2023 and we will discuss it at the Feb. meeting.
 - e. Cemetery Team- no report
5. Old Business
 - a. Bread and Roses- We are looking for a new chairperson to head up this project which meets twice a year. Arnie has expressed an interest in leading this project.
 - b. 150th Anniversary celebration will be announced at the annual meeting/begin forming the committee.
 - c. new council members? We need to elect three new Council members at the annual meeting. And elect two members to the endowment committee.
 - d. Church schedule change- we will have to vote at the annual meeting if Cross Church will be willing to change our service time from 10:00 to 10:15 or 10:30 and Zion is going to vote for starting earlier at 8:20. The reason we will no longer have Pastor Stein as our relieve pastor for the Sunday each month that pastor Doug is at Zion. And its over \$2500.00 in savings with milage included in this total so it is going to be a major cost saver for both churches if we don't have to have a guest Pastor once a month.
 - e. Budget review was completed at the Jan. council meeting, for the annual meeting.
 - f. All committee reports are due at the office by 1/9/23

g. Laure substitution for 2/18/23-2/26/23 Pastor and Debbie are checking around to get an organist for those dates and Debbie will fill in the rest of the time that Laure is on Vacation.

6. New business

a. Recognition Service for Pastor Jim Stein, Elmo is to contact Pastor Stein to see if 2/19/22 will work for the Steins for the celebration service.

b. Begin thinking about Easter Sunday Breakfast- Jeff Campbell had been in charge so we will need a new leader if we want to continue this tradition.

c. The new sign for on Hwy CW to announce Easter service at cross church is being worked on as we speak.

d. The new washer and dryer have been installed and are working well.

7, Determine the next council meeting, tentative date until new council selects meeting date 2/14/23 at 6:30 at church

8. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

9. Adjourn- Tod moved and Cindy 2nd motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elmo Wendorf
Secretary



ATTENDANCE

January 1:	34	\$4404
January 8:	28	\$1576
January 15:	44	\$1483
January 22:	28	\$1559
January 29:	16	\$441

(Weather Event)