

# Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation May 2022

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Dear friends in Christ,

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Do you remember the Legend of the Touchstone? According to that ancient story, if you could find the touchstone on the coast of the Black Sea and hold it in your hand, everything you touched would turn to gold. You could recognize the touchstone by its warmth. The other stones would feel cold, but when you picked up the touchstone, it would turn warm in your hand.

Once a man sold everything he had and went to the coast of the Black Sea in search of the touchstone. He began immediately to walk along the shoreline picking up one stone after another in his diligent and intentional search for the touchstone. He wanted desperately to find this miraculous stone. However, after several days had passed, he suddenly realized that he was picking up the same stones again and again and again. So, he devised a plan... pick up a stone; if it's cold, throw it into the sea. This he did for weeks and weeks.

Then one morning he went out to continue his search for the touchstone. He picked up a stone; it was cold... he threw it into the sea. Over and over and over the same thing: He picked up a stone - cold! He threw it into the sea. He picked up another stone... it turned warm in his hand, and before he realized what he was doing... he threw it into the sea!

We can come upon a miraculous moment like Easter, we can feel it turn warm in our hands and inspire our hearts. But, dulled by routine observance, before we realize what we are doing, we cast it aside. Absentmindedly, mechanically, nonchalantly, we toss it aside and miss the miracle of Easter. You may need to have your eyes opened like Mary Magdalene or your hearts set ablaze like the disciples at Emmaus; but Easter is not just any other day. It is the day when Christ begins to turn back the grip of death. He is, St. Paul wrote, the first fruit of those who have died. He is not the first and last of resurrection, only the first. As the song says, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."

Though we celebrate Easter on one, special, day; we will be in the Easter season throughout the month of May, until Pentecost on June 5<sup>th</sup>. It is my hope that in the weeks to come you will be reminded that wherever we go the Risen Christ is with us – in the joys of our gatherings and the needs, hurts, and tombs of our lives and those around us. Wherever Christ goes he reminds us that death does not have the final word; no, God's love is the final word.

We are overflowing with God's goodness! That's something worth remembering, worth celebrating throughout these weeks. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*Pastor Doug*

## **Confirmation will be May 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us in Celebrating Dillon Rossa at Worship with fellowship to follow.**

**Sunday School:** This month's Sunday School date is yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more details!

**Adult Education:** Adult education will meet Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Zion. This will be the last Adult Education class for the season. We will resume in the Fall. All are welcome!

### **Serving:**

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

**Spring Clean-up:** Spring cleaning around the Church will take place after Worship on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are needed. We encourage you to take part, it's a wonderful time.

**Highway Clean-up:** Highway clean-up will be June 12<sup>th</sup> after Worship. Volunteers are once again needed. Workers are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and gloves. More details will be announced closer to the event. Stay Tuned!

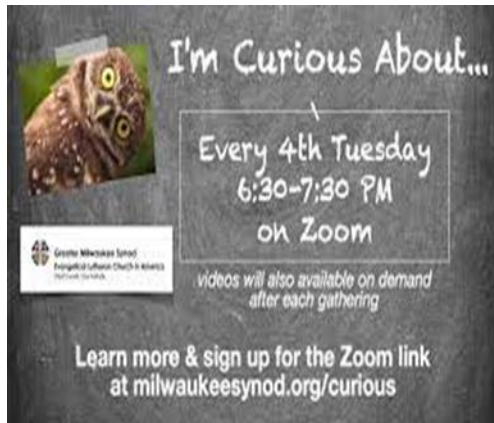
### **Leadership:**

**Church Council:** Council will meet on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Council meetings are usually open meetings. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor or Barb Nyland know ahead of time. Thank you!

### **Fellowship:**

**Fellowship Time:** Coffee Hour! We have resumed fellowship 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 once again. This time around on Monday's from 10-12. FYI Looking ahead, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> there will be no fellowship at Whelan's.



Our synod's Mission Table will host an hour-long, monthly gathering on Zoom for Christians who want to dream together about where God is leading the Church.

New topics each month, every 4th Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, via Zoom. Come, hear inspiring reflections from others. No experience is needed. All voices are welcome.

Contact Rev. Matthew Short at [matt@milwaukeeesynod.org](mailto:matt@milwaukeeesynod.org) with questions.

## **Maintenance:**

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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day**
- **May 15<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday**
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring clean-up**
- **June 12<sup>th</sup> Highway clean-up**
- **July 24<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic at Harnischfeger Park**

**Usher Schedule: May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brian and Sherrie Tietz  
 May 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> John and Barb Butschke**

**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:**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>: Angie Thrane / Tracy Thom**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup>: Barb Butschke / Jeff Campbell**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>: Tammy Ninamnn / Barb Nyland**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Kuehn / Barb Nyland**  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>: Cathy Stein / Cathy Stein**

**Altar Guild for May: Jeff Campbell**

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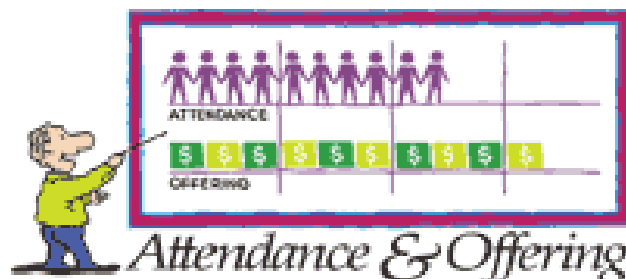
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## **March Attendance**

6	20
13	30
20	28
23	22
27	28



## **Collections**

March 2: \$395

March 6: \$1029

March 9: \$171

March 13: \$1582 / LWR \$1301

March 20: \$1600

March 23: \$192

March 27: \$728 / Memorial \$25

Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2022

Establish quorum-Present: Barb Butschke, Angie Thrane, Janice Bartel, Cindy Kuehn, Val Scott, Pastor Doug, and Elmo Wendorf

Devotions- Pastor led us in devotions: discussion was about social justice and how it affects us the church and those around us.

Approved the agenda, secretary's report/minutes, financial and pastors report (reports all previously distributed and reviewed. Angie approved and Cindy 2nd motion carried.

Team reports

- a. Worship Team - Lenten service schedule will stay the same as previously discussed. Lenten services will be Holden Prayer Led by Jim Stein.
- b. Sunday school – Children’s Choir will sing on March 20th and Cindy will contact Jeff Campbell before each council meeting to get a Sunday School report,
- c. Decoration Team,- Kurt Ketchem is getting bids for the front of the church and report back to the council.
- d. Maintenance- Working on bids for the front of the church.
- e. Mission - On March 13 we will have a special collection for the country of Ukraine.
- f- Cemetery- Pastor Doug and Elmo will get together to go over the Cemetery policies.

5. Old Business

- a. Renter's contract- they have accepted the \$100.00 increase in rent, and they are going to do the automatic deposit in to the Church account.
- b. The Jeff Blank Memorial, Janice will follow up with contacting the Allison Airport in Iowa to see if they any funds we can donate to.
- c. Mailboxes have been updated with correct names.

6. New Business

- a. Council approved the Endowment Committee report and \$200.00 each will go to the Ixonia and the Watertown food pantry.
- b. Maundy Thursday service will be at Cross Church and Good Friday Service will be at Zion .
- c. We will have fellowship after Easter Sunday Services, but No Easter Breakfast this year.

- d. it was approved to start with Easter Sunday No Mask recommended ,start using Bread for communion  
and if people want to shake hands instead of the sign of peace, they can but if an individual does not want to shake hands respect their choice.
- e. briefly discussed possible 145th anniversary may just do a potluck this fall but in three years start to plan for the 150th.
- f. Church Picnic is scheduled for 7/24/22 at Harnishfeger park with Zion Church, 10:00 service and more details to follow.
- g. Cross choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday with a practice after church on the 3rd with everyone welcome to sing in the choir.
- h. Church Mutual bill will be paid in one payment of \$919.00.
- I. Dillion Rosa will be confirmed on May 15th and Barb N. will do the presentation at Confirmation. and council will purchase the confirmation cake.

Next Council meeting will be 4/12/22 at 6:45  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Meeting was Moved and 2nd to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elmo Wendorf, Council Secretary