



# Cross Lutheran Church Proclamation November 2018

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Every day, Family Promise Affiliates make a difference in the lives of local children and their parents. But sometimes the Family Promise “family” bridges many miles.

All it took was one late rent check for James, Nadine, and their two young children to lose their apartment. Although the rent was paid shortly after the due date, they were evicted with nowhere to turn. It was a traumatic day, but as James sees it now, it was the start of a new life for his family: it was when they found Family Promise of Waukesha County (FP-WC), WI.

At first, they were unsure. Having never experienced homelessness, James and Nadine had to overcome some common misconceptions about emergency shelter: Family Promise wasn’t a big gymnasium filled with beds; they wouldn’t be staying in an unsafe neighborhood; and most important, the family could remain together.

“Everyone was welcoming,” says James. “It took the embarrassment out of our situation.”

Since both parents had steady jobs, their finances were in good order. Family Promise helped the family navigate schools, child care, and even the maintenance of their car when it needed repairs. With their children in mind, Nadine and James participated in Family Promise’s nutrition workshop to learn about healthy cooking, and they began to look for a new home.

They didn’t have to look long. A relative offered them a house, but there was a catch: the house needed lots of repairs, and...it was in Louisiana. It was a golden opportunity for the family, but James wondered how to make it work.

That’s when Erin Pechacek, FP-WC case manager, put the “family” in Family Promise into action.

“I thought about how Affiliates around the country are in this together, working toward the same goal,” she says. “So, I contacted the closest Affiliate to the family’s new home, which turned out to be only six miles away!”

After two months in FP-WC’s emergency shelter system and lots of communication and planning between the two Affiliates, the family headed to Family Promise of Ouachita Parish (FP-OP), LA, where executive director Shawn Keyser was waiting for them.

“Erin had prepared us, so it was a smooth transition,” says Keyser. “We enrolled them in the benefit programs they needed and figured out schools, jobs, and child care.”

Eager to be in their new home, James and Nadine began work on the house and soon moved in. Family Promise helped furnish the home, and Keyser and other FP-O staff and volunteers pitched in with various repairs.

“It’s amazing how all these people who never met worked together to give this family a whole new life,” says Pechacek. “We were there for each other, and that made all the difference.”

## **Worship:**

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays with Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Coffee Hour is on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up in the narthex to host Coffee Hour in any of the months ahead.

Mission Fest is on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. International students Marlyn Mota and Pablo Salazar will give a presentation on their countries, cultures and their Christian backgrounds. Worship will be followed by a Coffee Hour with special treats.

Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas program will be held during worship on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Council would like the feedback from members on whether or not we should offer a Christmas Day Worship service. Please share your thoughts with any of the council members before our next meeting on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship committee:** The Worship Committee will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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**

- Thank you to Angie Lorier and the Sunday school children for supplying treats for our Pet Blessing Sunday! All of our furry friends loved them!
- November's theme is "gratitude and giving thanks" of course!
- The Sunday school kids will be doing treats for Coffee Hour on Nov. 18.
- There will be NO Sunday school on Nov. 25, the weekend of Thanksgiving.

Confirmation Class is held on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and is led by our Bridge Pastor Curt Schneider until our new Pastor is hired. Sermon notes for Confirmation students can be found in the mailboxes in the narthex.

### **Adult Bible Study**

- The Adult Ed classes will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month except for the first class which will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on October 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor will lead a study on Genesis. Here is the schedule:

November 11	Genesis 4:1-26
November 25	Genesis 5:1-6:24
December 9	Genesis 7-8-9
December 23	Genesis 10-11

## **Serving:**

**Endowment committee:** The Endowment committee will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Ixonia School:** Please continue to bring in your BoxTops for Education for the school. Thank you to members who volunteered to help at the school's book fair. Council donated food items to the school's family Halloween Party.

**Family Promise:** Our next time to serve for Family Promise is December 9-16<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a sign-up, closer to that date, to supply one meal for that week.

**Bread and Roses:** Our next time to serve will be in 2019.

## **Leadership:**

Council will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Terri, Michelle and Angie Thrane will attend "Fed for the Journey" on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Paul Erickson and Assistant to the Bishop Matthew Short have been leading five regional "Fed For the Journey" dinners. Attendees will engage in conversation about how we are stronger in mission when we are church together and engaged in ministries of love and reconciliation. We will together imagine ways we can strengthen our common witness in this rapidly changing context. We will share our stories and our dreams about where God is calling us together!

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

## **Fellowship:**

**Friends of Cross Lunch** will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 11:00 a.m. Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

**Coffee Hour** will be on Nov. 4 and 18<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up in the narthex to host any coffee hours. 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 again in 2019 at Barb Nyland's home. Stay tuned for date and book title!

## **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 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. The council has approved to move ahead with Phase 1 and 2 of this project and after receiving three bids has accepted a bid from Joe Burmeister (Angie Lorier's dad) to complete this work. The altar area work is already paid for by donations from the congregation. Along with funds from Ruth Behling's estate we will be holding a Matching fund drive. There are envelopes in the narthex to use and watch for a Paint can display of how you can help!

#2 Steeple cedar shakes

#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](mailto:kketcham@wi.rr.com)

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

## **Parsonage Update:**

The parsonage is cleaned and ready for potential Pastor walk-throughs. We will need to do some light cleaning to rid the home of cobwebs when our Pastor is chosen.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Coffee Hour:** Nov. 4 & 18 after worship
- **Adult Education:** Nov. 11 & 25
- **Church council:** Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Cross Friends Lunch:** Nov. 21 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Mission Fest:** Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour
- **Thanksgiving Worship:** Nov. 22 at 9:30 a.m.

## **Thoughts to Ponder:**

**Coffee Hour** Please take turns signing up for hosting Coffee Hour. Responsibilities include making the coffee, supplying juice and cookies (store bought is fine!) and cleaning up after.

**A Trip to Israel** First Congregational UCC church in Oconomowoc is planning a trip to Israel with an optional four-night extension to Jordan. The dates of the trip are May 8-17, 2019. They have room for several more people to join them. The all-inclusive price of the trip is \$4,799 for a double and \$5,849 for a single. If you are interested in going please call Carolyn Crom at 262-567-9093. A final decision needs to be made by Nov. 9.

**Fundraiser for Brian and Sherrie Tietz's grandson** If you were unable to attend the fundraiser for Brian and Sherrie's grandson, Theo, you may send your cards and/or financial support directly to Brian and Sherrie at N8515 Hustisford Rd., Watertown 53094. You can make checks out to Theo or Josh Gutzdorf.

## **Worship Assistants**

**Nov. 4**

**Lector:** Barb Nyland

**Communion Assistant:** Jerry Genz/Dillon Rossa

**Ushers:** Arnie Groehler/Mary Frankiewicz

**Nov. 11**

**Lector:** Kayla Thrane

**Ushers:** Arnie Groehler/Mary Frankiewicz

**Nov. 18**

**Lector:** Terri Watermolen

**Communion Assistant:** Jeff Campbell/Alexa

Paulsberg

**Ushers:** Jerry/Sue Genz

**Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving)**

**Lector:** Jeff Campbell

**Ushers:** Jerry/Sue Genz

**Nov. 25**

**Lector:** Barb Butschke

**Ushers:** Jerry/Sue Genz

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.

**November Altar Guild:** Laure Schwefel

## **2018 council members:**

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## **Cross Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018**

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

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

Devotions were led by Pastor Schneider. Hinges/Doors. Revelations

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report – Aug. 13th minutes, Financial report from Stan (all reports previously distributed via email and reviewed) Angie motioned to accept the reports and minutes and Bev seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

- a) Worship – Rally Sunday was yesterday and was a good success. Pet Blessing service discussion – will be held on Oct. 14. Mission Sunday: we discussed the purpose of Mission Fest and if there was energy to have Mission Fest this year. It was decided that yes, we would. Terri will talk with her exchange students to see if they will give a presentation at church on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Sunday school/Confirmation/Adult Ed: Adult Ed: Pastor Schneider sent a schedule out via email. First class is on bells followed by a study of Genesis. Will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Pastor has sent out a letter to the confirmands and they will start this Sunday. It was decided that Confirmands would be encouraged to help in worship. Pastor will make a list for the kids to sign up for what they are interested in helping with. Xmas program will be Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Maintenance updates: Elmo will install white arrow signs on Hwy 16 when the mosquitos are gone. Interior lights switched have been switched. It was suggested to buy LED's for replacement so they aren't as hot. Asphalt sealing: Arnie has been patching the cracks. We have received two quotes from Poblocki and Wolf. Wolf was more specific and would get the sunken areas fixed. Their estimate: \$4650. Poblocki was slower to respond. Mary moved that we accept the proposal from Wolf to resurface the parking lot for a total of \$4650. Elmo seconded. Arnie will call. It's possible they will do it this week or next. Money for the resurfacing will be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

- d) Call committee update: Dave West announced in church that the two committees could not agree upon a pastor from the first three candidates. The two Call committees decided to combine both committees for the interview process for next candidate. Dave said that there is one candidate.
- e) Decorating Committee update: The committee received a new bid from Joe Burneister, Angie Lorier's dad. The committee will have a presentation for church members on September 16 and 23. Elmo made a motion to accept Joe Burmeister's estimate for \$4750.00 for Phase 1. Mary seconded. Motioned carried. Elmo then amended his motion that this estimate includes both Phase 1 and Phase 2. The committee wants to pay for this work partly with Ruth Behling's estate and a matching fund drive. Joe Rayman is already donating his time on painting the dome and we have another donation to pay half of the cost of the altar area. Elmo made a motion that it is the intention of the committee and council to pay for the Interior work using Ruth's estate along with a matching fund type of program from the congregation. Mary seconded. Motion carried.
- f) Exterior committee: Next exterior project should be cedar shake shingles on the steeple. Elmo suggested for Kurt and Brian to investigate the cost of cedar vs. steel and to move forward with getting quotes for this work.
- g) Cemetery garden/sign: Arnie will talk with Edgar.

## **New Business**

Stan sent out information on what our returns would be to put the recent donations in an interest bearing account. The \$36,000 would earn a \$1.50 interest a month at the .05% in the Capital Improvement account. If it was invested into a 18 month CD, it would earn 2.18% for the first six months and the last 12 months would earn 1.75%. It was decided not to put the money in a CD at this time.

There was discussion on whether or not we had a projector for use in church. Pastor and Terri will check out the one that is in the office to see if this can be used.

Laure Schwefel has asked for time off: March 3-April 14, 2019. Terri will reach out to substitutes for this time.

Family Promise: is Sept 23-30. We will be serving the meal on Sept. 25. A sign-up is in the narthex.

Bread and Roses is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Barb will need some help in the beginning as she is working that day.

Next meeting Monday, at 6:30 p.m. It was decided that we will hold our meetings every third Monday of each month. That will be Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

We closed with the Lord's prayer

Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Watermolen  
Council Secretary