



# Cross Lutheran Church

## Proclamation November 2019

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*Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. (Mark 10:21-22 NRSV)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Stewardship... possibly the most frightening word in Christendom. Conversations about stewardship in our congregations are often unwelcome and misunderstood. Since I have become a pastor, only a few years ago, there is one consistent theme I've heard from people who have left the church and feel a need to explain why. That theme universally is: "The church I went to the pastor (or priest, or preacher, council – fill in the blank) was always asking for more money." When some of these folks have considered returning to church the unspoken message is – "Pastor, if you start asking for money I am leaving again."

I can, at least to a small degree, empathize with this attitude. I've sat in the pews for many years and sometimes wondered why we were talking about money yet again. But I realized something, even before I began my ordination track. The pastors didn't talk about money all that often but that, whenever they did it stuck with me or, more accurately, struck a chord within me. A guilty chord – I didn't want to hear about stewardship mostly because I wasn't a very good steward. I got defensive. I had bills to pay, obligations to meet and, honestly, fun to be had. Who were these people to ask me about how I used my hard earned money?

And that sentence is the core of much of our stewardship issues. Me and My. The old Adam was rearing his ugly head. The nature of sin is self-centeredness, being focused on ourselves and what we want. That is the nature of the old man (and woman) who was drowned in the waters of baptism and the new woman (or man) who was raised with Christ is a God-centered person. God gave His only son to die for us and for all people on that cross. We are called to become Christ-like and look outward, obeying God and serving God's people. We can't do that when we are too busy serving ourselves and money. In Luke 12:34 Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." As Herb Miller says in *The New Consecration Sunday*, "Financial stewardship is treasure management that helps us to escape the trap of selfishness by keeping ourselves spiritually focused on God." And, "Each of us makes two choices in life. We either become emotionally attached to our money, or we become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money."

Changing our habits isn't always easy. I wish I could say that when I recognized that "me and my" Starr and I instantly changed our giving. We didn't. We continued to have bills and obligations to others that we needed to meet. But the process began and over years we came to recognize the truth of what Jesus told the rich young man at the beginning of this letter. The stuff that we had pointed out what we were lacking – trust in God. It took time, but we no longer grieve what we thought we couldn't live without. Jesus is calling on all of us to participate in his ministry – are you able to do that? Where does your trust lie? In the amount of money in your bank account or in your Lord?

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Doug*

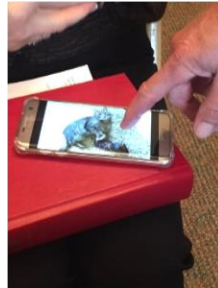
## **Worship:**

**Holy Communion:** Holy Communion will continue to be offered every Sunday. We need your help to serve as communion assistants and Altar Guild. Please see Sue Genz to volunteer to help.

**Worship Team:** If you would like to serve on the Worship Team, please let Pastor Doug or Sue Genz know.

*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.*

**Here are some pictures from the Pet Blessing service: Thank you to all who attended with their animal companions.**



## **Education:**

### **Adult Education:**

*Wednesday morning we will gather from 9:30 – 11:00 at Zion, on the 2<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month.*

*Thursday evening we will gather from 6:00 – 7:30 at Cross, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month.*

Members of either church are welcome at both gatherings so please come to whichever best suits your schedule – or both! At Cross we are doing a text study on Sunday's readings for the week.

**Confirmation class:** We will be meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 5:30- 7:00.

**Sunday school:** There will be no Sunday school on December 1<sup>st</sup> due to Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for updates next month on Christmas Festivities!

## **Serving:**

**Endowment committee:** The next meeting will be determined. Possibly, November 17<sup>th</sup>, please stay tuned for updates.

**Ixonia School:** Please continue to bring in your BoxTops for Education for the school.

**Ixonia Food Pantry:** Since Mary has moved, we've lost our Church Pantry coordinator, if anyone is interested in taking up this role please let the office know. Also the Pantry is in need of volunteers, if you have the heart and the time please consider serving the community at the pantry. Otherwise, you can still help by donating canned and boxed goods this holiday season. From our church they have requested specifically Jello and pudding products. We will be Thank you!!!

## **Family Promise:**

Thank you to everyone for bringing in food items for Family Promise. The food is much appreciated as the families have a "grab and go" breakfast at the church and then also pack their own lunches. The food items we supplied helps with this.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to spend time with the families in the evenings or as an overnight guest, the next training is Saturday, November 9. This LIVE training provides important and useful information on best practices for working with our homeless guest families. This mandatory training for all volunteers interacting with Family Promise guests.

**REGISTER** for this session on [Sign-Up Genius](#)

**Date:** 11/09/2019 (Sat.)

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am CST

**Location:** [Wales-Genesee Fire Department](#) – 600 S. Wales Rd (Hwy 83), Wales, WI

**Soap Collection:** Thank you to all who donated soaps, your donations are greatly appreciated!!!!

## **Leadership:**

**Church Council:** Council will meet on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Reminder!!!** Pastor Doug's phone number has changed! His number is (262) 490- 8737

## **Fellowship:**

**Friends of Cross Lunch** will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

**Coffee Hour** There is a new sign up sheet out on the table, please sign up to host.

**Cross Book Club** The next book club meeting will be November 6th, at Mary Jo Dobberfuhr's house. The book will be "The Lace Maker's Secret" by Kathleen Ernst.

**Coffee Shop conversation** with Pastor Doug. Come and have casual conversations to get to know Pastor Doug. He will be at Whelan's every Friday, except the Friday of Thanksgiving week.

**New Address for Mary Frankiewicz** She'd like to stay in touch with all of you and asked that I give you her new address...Mary Frankiewicz 14567 Misty Pines Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

## **Maintenance:**

**Carpet/Interior work.** The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, Mary Frankiewicz and Terri Watermolen.

**We are in the process of recovering the pew seat covers. Look before you sit. Caution: some of the seats will be missing from time to time.** Good news!!! We are almost done! Just a few more benches to go.

Please contact Kurt or Brian if you can help with maintenance work on the parsonage or church.

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## Upcoming Events:

- **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**
- **November 6<sup>th</sup> Book Club Meeting**
- **November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Adult Education at Cross**
- **November 12<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting**
- **November 17<sup>th</sup> Worship Team Meeting**
- **November 20<sup>th</sup> Friends of Cross Lunch at 11:00 am**
- **November 28<sup>th</sup> Joint Worship in Zion at 9:00 am**

## Worship Assistants

### November 3

**Lector:** Angie Thrane

**Communion Asst:** Angie and Kayla Thrane

**Ushers:** Bev Paulsberg and Roger Lindsay

### November 10

**Lector:** Jeanette Christian

**Communion Asst:** Joyce and Kurt Ketchum

**Ushers:** Bev Paulsberg and Roger Lindsay

### November 17

**Lector:** Terri Watermolen

**Communion Assistant:** Todd and Terri Watermolen

**Ushers:** Jerry and Sue Genz

### November 24

**Lector:** Starr Andersen

**Communion Assistant:** Jeff Campbell and Lily Mireau

**Ushers:** Jerry and Sue Genz

### November 28

**Lector:** Sue Genz

**Communion Assistant:** Jerry Genz and Colton Mireau

**Ushers:**

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: Laurie Schwefel

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Adeline will be in the office on Thursday Mornings

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