



Cross Lutheran Church

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I'm excited about walking through Genesis 1-11 with Cross members on six Sundays starting October 7th. The stories in Genesis probe the depths of human evil and the even greater depths of God's patience and mercy. How have these stories shaped Western culture?

October 7th Genesis 1:1-2:4

The first creation story stands out as a witness to the sovereign God of Israel who brings form from darkness and chaos. Creation serves its creator by being creative according to form. Creation unfolds without violence. Creation is sustained, not by the movement of stars or by appeasing demons of the day and of the night, but by the Word.

October 28 Genesis 2:5-3:24

The first creation story ends with the creation of humans. The second, earthly story begins with the creation of humans. The serpent's invitation "your eyes will be opened and you will know good and evil" is tragically true. This story gives rich and enduring insights into freedom and faith, sexuality and shame, and work and rest and more.

November 11 Genesis 4:1-26

What an appropriate day to talk about Cain and Abel! Exactly one hundred years ago, on November 11, 1918, World War I ended. Think of it. Christian England, Christian Russia, Christian France, Christian America slaughtered each other for four years. Brothers and sisters paused one war hardly aware that they'd sown the seeds for an even greater one.

November 25 Genesis 5:1-6:24

Genesis 5 is a "Toledot," or list of generations, carried forward on the patriarchal side to Noah, who has three sons. Then, in Genesis 6, we'll try to understand the curious Nephilim and their pervasive wickedness. We are never told exactly how Noah was righteous, only that his goodness was so exceptional that it moved God to repent total destruction. Over the centuries, the church has thought of itself as a living ark. How is that true or not true today?

December 9 Genesis 7-8-9

Flood epics are common in many religions, even in some Native American traditions. Covering all three chapters will be a challenge, so we'll focus on the highlights: Partial "uncreation," then re-creation language echoing Genesis 1, thanksgiving through burnt offering, rainbow covenant and the cursing of Canaan.

December 23 Genesis 10-11

Chapter 10 is another "Toledot," listing the line of Noah. The toledot is interrupted by the Tower of Babel narrative. In the Babel verses, we encounter the typical tyranny of empire that demands uniformity of action and thought. Then narrative marches on to list the generations of Noah's son Shem and to Terah, the father of Abraham.

Chapter 11 completes the preface to the real story. That is God's free call of Abraham and the start of salvation history with a less-than-heroic people who have to live in this world.

Pastor Schneider

Worship:

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays with Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Coffee Hour is on October 7 and 21st. You may sign up in the narthex to host Coffee Hour in any of the months ahead.

Pet Blessing service will be held on October 14.

Mission Fest will be Nov. 4th. Exchange students Marlyn Mota and Pablo Salazar will give a presentation on their countries and their Christian backgrounds.

You will find nametags in your mailboxes. Please do not take these nametags home with you, but rather use them each Sunday to help our Bridge Pastor and his wife Jean get to know us.

Worship committee: We are currently using Setting 8 for our worship services. We would also 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. The Worship committee is looking forward to meeting again when our new Pastor begins.

Education:

Sunday school/Confirmation Classes

- Rally Sunday was Sunday September 9th and it was a great start to the new year of education! Our theme for September was centered around Creation with a scavenger hunt, crafts and then a field trip to Harnischfeger Park on Sunday September 30th! October's theme will cover the story of Noah. The children will also help out with the Pet Blessing on Oct. 14th.

We are looking into ordering brand new Cross t-shirts for our youth to wear during upcoming outings, service projects and events. If you haven't already, please email Angie Lorier with your child's t-shirt size.

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

- We are asking everyone to think and pray about serving as a Sunday school teacher this year. It requires about one Sunday each month as the plan is to teach the children as one group this year. If you are interested and want more information, please see Angie Lorier or Mary Frankiewicz. Thanks!

Adult Bible Study

- The Adult Ed classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except for the first class which will be held on October 7th. Beginning on October 7th Pastor will lead a study on Genesis. Here is the schedule:
 - October 7 Genesis 1:1-2:4
 - October 28 Genesis 2:5-3:24
 - 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:

Highway Clean-up: Thank you to everyone who helped clean up Highway 16 after worship on Sept. 9.

Endowment committee: The Endowment committee will be meeting on October 14th after worship.

Ixonia School: Please see the Ixonia school T-shirts on display in the narthex with Cross' name and logo on the back! Ixonia school will be sending emails out as to when they may need help with different activities during the school year. Watch for emails with details of these opportunities. Also, please continue to bring in your BoxTops for Education for the school.

Family Promise: Thank you to everyone who donated time and food to Family Promise this past week. Thanks to Jeff Campbell, Terri/Todd Watermolen, Marlyn Mota and Pablo Salazar for sleeping over, to Mary Frankiewicz and Michelle Nord for serving the Tuesday meal and thank you to Mary, Michelle, Angie Thrane and Barb Butschke for supplying the meal! The families in the program are SO appreciative of everything we do.

Home Sweet Home

Family update from Erin Pechacek, Case Manager

Anna and her young daughter, Serenity, walked through the doors of Family Promise after a referral from Safe Families for Children. Anna showed determination and grit. Within a week at Family Promise, Anna had a job lined up at Walmart. Serenity's father, Randy, soon joined the program and within his first 5 days at Family Promise, he too had a job at Walmart!

Anna and Randy diligently searched for places to call home while working full-time jobs and taking care of their daughter. With hard work and assistance from a Family Promise volunteer, Anna and Randy found an apartment in East Troy and moved in mid-September. Then through the blessing of a generous donor, Anna and her family received a car. Before receiving the car, Anna obtained her driver's license, paid for insurance and registration.

Walmart is allowing Anna and Randy to transfer from their Delafield store to their Mukwonago location. If you happen to be shopping at the Walmart in Mukwonago, be sure to say hello!

Bread and Roses: Our next time to serve is Oct. 11. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Pennies for Bibles: There was \$52.75 worth of pennies in the Penny Jar. Stan sent a check to American Bible Society for this amount. Our Penny guessing winner will be announced soon!

Leadership:

Council will meet the third Monday of every month. Next meeting is October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Transition Update: The Call committee is: Dave West (chairperson), Todd Watermolen, Cindy Kuehn, John Butschke, Angie Lorier. Kayla Thrane has resigned as a committee member because of increased school commitments. The committee feels they do not need to replace her with another member.

The Zion and Cross call committees combined their two committees in to one to increase efficiencies. A candidate was interviewed but determined by both Cross and Zion councils to not be an appropriate fit. The committee is waiting for the synod office to put forward more names.

Dave

Fellowship:

Friends of Cross Lunch will be held at Café LaBelle on Wednesday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. Come and be fed with good food and light conversation! All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be on Oct. 7 and 21st. 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 Our next book study will be held on October 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Sandy West’s home. The book to be discussed is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Sandy’s address is: N21W24083 Garden Circle #6F, Pewaukee.

Maintenance:

At the August Council meeting, we were advised by Maintenance Committee Chair, Kurt Ketcham, to move the cedar shake repair and the parking lot work up on the Maintenance list. Since then, the parking lot has been repaired by countless hours of work by Arnie Groehler and then Wolf Paving was hired to complete the resealing and painting. The Maintenance Committee has the approval of council to get cost estimates for replacing the cedar shingles with cedar or some type of composite shingles.

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. The committee is looking at a matching fund drive to pay for the painting of the church area – using some of the Ruth Behling estate money for matching the donations.

#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 (added after the May Council meeting)

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

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

Parsonage Update:

The parsonage is cleaned and ready for potential Pastor walk-throughs. Arnie and Tom Frankiewicz are working on “animal proofing” under the front porch, and around the church (lots of woodchuck activity!), Terri will work on the small window pane replacement on the outside porch door.

Upcoming Events:

- **Coffee Hour: Oct. 7 & 21 after worship**
- **Adult Education: Oct. 7 and 21 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Bread and Roses: Oct. 11 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Pet Blessing Worship: Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Church council: Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Cross Friends Lunch: Oct. 17 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Book Study: Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Mission Fest: Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour**

Thoughts to Ponder:

Sunday school teacher Please give some thought to helping to teach Sunday school this year. The children will be taught in one group, so the teachers will rotate throughout the year. It means you will need to teach about once every month or less. Or if you would like to teach on a special day (Mission Fest, near Thanksgiving, Valentine's, Holy week etc) please let Angie Lorier or Mary Frankiewicz know.

Picture Directory Please find the updated Picture Directory in your mailboxes.

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.

Worship Assistants

Oct. 7

Lector: Mary Frankiewicz

Communion Assistant: Mary Frankiewicz/Colton Mireau

Ushers: Jeff/Josh Campbell

Oct. 14

Lector: Sue Genz

Ushers: Jeff/Josh Campbell

Oct. 21

Lector: Jeannette Christian

Communion Assistant: Bev/Abigail Paulsberg

Ushers: Bev Paulsberg/Roger Lindsay

Oct. 28

Lector: Jerry Genz

Ushers: Bev Paulsberg/Roger Lindsay

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.

October Altar Guild: Michelle Nord

The Office emails have been changed to: pastor@crosslutheranchurch.com and office@crosslutheranchurch.com

2018 council members:

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Cross Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 13, 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. Psalm 111

Approve the agenda, Secretary's report – July 16th minutes, Financial report from Stan (all reports previously distributed via email and reviewed) Barb motioned to accept the reports and minutes and Bev seconded. Motion passed.

Ruth Behling's estate distribution: Arnie announced the good news of Ruth's estate in church for a couple of Sundays. Arnie asked if anyone had any input from members regarding the distribution of Ruth's estate since his announcements. Barb had one member say that the parking lot should be resurfaced. Angie had input: two members thought we should work on the interior of church or steeple roof. She also spoke with Kurt Ketcham from the Maintenance Committee: He would like to re-prioritize our maintenance list to this: #1 cedar shakes on steeple, #2 the front exterior of the church, #3 parking lot and #4 the interior of the church and #5 Organ repair. Discussion ensued. Artificial shingles or siding instead of shaker shingles was discussed. Arnie will bring that idea back to Kurt. The consensus of the council was to leave the estate money in the General Fund for now.

Committee Reports

- a) Worship – Rally Sunday. The Sunday school committee will make the decision of the start date. Consensus of the council was to go with Sept. 9th. Highway clean-up is the same day. Confirmation – Pastor Schneider agreed to teach Confirmation. We will ask Pastor Stein for some direction on this as to what he did last year. Adult Ed will begin in Oct. Pet Blessing service discussion – will be held on Oct. 14. Pastor asked when do we usually do Mission Sunday. Council thought we would hold off on this until we see if our newly called Pastor would want to have input on this. Pastor brought up our Hymn sings. We will continue to do this during August.
- b) Sunday school: Teachers are Angie Lorier, Noel Paulsberg, Mary Frankiewicz, Jeff Campbell and Tammy Ninmann. They have met and are making plans for the school year.

- c) Maintenance updates – Hwy 16 sign. Discussion continues on what to do with the Hwy 16 sign. Barb updated us on using the arrow signs. It is a complicated process. There is a \$250 application fee, installation has to be done by the county, difficulty knowing who to contact exactly. Elmo suggested he would make an arrow sign and apply it to the sign that is already there. The council agreed this would be the easiest. Interior lights. Arnie and Elmo will move the broken light on Sunday. Terri will email Brian Tietz regarding burnt out bulbs and where the replacement bulbs are. Arnie and Elmo will replace the burnt out bulbs when we find the replacements. Asphalt sealing: Arnie updated us on costs of sealing and replacement. It is outrageously expensive to replace the blacktop. Arnie began filling in the cracks. Arnie expects to need about 100 gallons of the fill product and 8 more hours of work. Elmo motioned to dedicate \$600 for the purchase of the crack filling substance. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion about how to proceed with the parking lot maintenance after that. The consensus was to get a bid for sealing and painting the parking lot this fall. Angie will check with Troy on getting estimates for this work. Air conditioning automatic timer in church. Barb mentioned that the air conditioner turned off during church the other Sunday and it was very hot. Terri will check the air conditioning in church on Tuesdays to make sure a storm does not trip the automatic timer. Sound System: There was discussion on a need for a write up on how to turn on the sound system and put it in the sacristy. Barb and Terri will check this out after the meeting.
- d) Call committee update: Dave West had announced in church that there are two candidates who will have a second interview with both churches. The committees have eliminated one of the three original candidates.
- e) Decorating Committee update: The decorating committee is working around busy summer schedules but will get together again soon and come up with a suggested plan with color scheme and carpet sample. They have visited St. Olaf's and looked at churches online to get color ideas.
- f) Exterior committee: has not met yet but has the go ahead from council to get ideas and quotes.
- g) Cemetery garden/sign: looks good.

New Business

Septic system: Kory Van Dorf has signed off on the inspection form, but now the church has been informed that another form needs to be signed for the church. The first form was for the parsonage. There will now be two separate forms for each building. Terri will follow up with Kory.

Terri brought in a letter from Haiti Village of Hope (Ruth Behling's brother was instrumental in this program). The letter was asking for donations for recent turmoil there.

Terri also brought in a letter from the Synod with a possible leadership event that is being offered in October. Arnie thought we should talk with Zion to see if there are any leaders from there that would want to go.

Terri also brought in a letter from a law firm in Oconomowoc that had an estate check for Cross from the Gotthilf Bartel Trust. This money had priorly been asked to be put toward cemetery maintenance. Angie suggested we put this in the General Fund under a Designated donation category to be used for cemetery maintenance. Elmo motioned to receive this amount from the Bartel estate and have Arnie as council president sign the receipt. Bev seconded. The money will go toward 1/3 of the lawn mowing invoice. Angie will talk with Stan on how to set up the spreadsheet. We also need to ask Stan how much we are saving by not mowing the hill.

Next meeting Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's prayer
Arnie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Watermolen
Council Secretary