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Our mission:

***Bring people to
Christ.***

***Teach Christians
to be disciples.***

***Send disciples to
reach the world.***



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Growing together

November 2020

Message from Pastor Glenn



From the Pastor's desk at Cross Lutheran Church-NALC.

When I think of the month of November, a picture of a cornucopia immediately comes to mind; a horn of plenty that is overflowing, spilling out its abundance for all those in need to receive. Each year, there are fruits and vegetables that have been harvested; soon to be dried, canned, or frozen for later consumption throughout the winter months. God's generosity touches all the senses, and it is the most "visible" when families and friends gather around the Thanksgiving table.

As you come to the table, you see and smell the food that has been carefully and lovingly prepared. Seated at the table, a prayer of thanks is heard. As a variety of favorite foods are passed and your plate is filled, you can taste and feel the goodness of God's gifts nourishing your body. At each meal, take time to look at all the blessings that have come from the harvest. Take time to appreciate the hands that have labored to grow and prepare what is before you. Also, take time to see beyond what is on the table to see who is seated around you; friends, family, and neighbors in food and fellowship. And...take time to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings.

Not everyone's memories of the month of November may be pleasant and filled with images of celebrating. We all have experienced sorrow as well as joy in all the months of the year, yet fall and early winter seem to be a little more difficult to see the sunshine through all the dark clouds. But isn't that the life of a Christian? In our sorrows, as much as in our joys and celebrations, we need to take time to see, hear, taste, smell, and feel. We need to take time, quiet time, to truly realize and receive God's blessings for us; the blessing of receiving our daily bread, and the wonderful promise of eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The month of November has been designated as "A Month of Giving" at Cross Lutheran. Containers will be placed at the back of the church to represent our "cornucopia." It will be our horn of plenty that is continually filled to overflowing, spilling out its abundance for all those in need to receive. Please give, as you are able, any non-perishable dry or canned goods each time you attend a worship service. It is our hope to fill it to overflowing each week. The youth are also encouraged to bring similar food items to Wednesday Chapel, Confirmation class, or Sunday worship to place in the food basket. Each week, the containers will be collected and its contents will be given to the Pigeon Food Pantry during the month of November.

The invitation to freely worship each Sunday at Cross Lutheran is always open to all, but I want to especially invite those who have not come to God's house

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Preparing for Worship at Cross

Nov 1—All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17, P – Psalm 149, 2R – 1 John 3:1-3, G – Matthew 5:1-12

Nov 8—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 5:18-24, P – Psalm 70, 2R – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, G – Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 15—24th Sunday after Pentecost

1R—Zephaniah 1:7-16, P – Psalm 90:1-12, 2R – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, G – Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 22—Christ the King

1R - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, P – Psalm 95:1-7a, 2R – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, G – Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day

1R - Deuteronomy 8:1-10, P - Psalm 67, 2R - Philippians 4:6-20, G - Luke 17:11-19

Nov 29 - First Sunday of Advent

1R - Isaiah 64:1-9, P - Psalm 80:1-7, 2R - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, G - Mark 13:24-37



Women's Bible Study

Will meet in the church overflow on **Tuesday, November 10th at 1:30 p.m.** (Please note the date change.) The lesson from the Walking Together series is "Teach One Another" with Bible readings from Psalm 25:4-5, Colossians 3:12-17, and Acts 18:24-28. Let's Walk Together! Join us anytime!

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for a while. Don't wait this year until Christmas! God calls you to come and worship in His house whether you are experiencing the joys of the season or experiencing the sorrows of the season. He wants you to come to His house...this season!

Come and be fed through God's preached word. Come and be fed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Come and be fed by the love of God and neighbor. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good! Come! Receive God's grace and forgiveness, which is overflowing, spilling out its abundance for all in faith to freely receive!

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:6-7)

In Christ, Pastor Glenn

Celebrate



- 3 Emily Schulz
- 4 Eric Gardy
Shane Schulze
- 5 Dorothy Rummel
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 9 Brennan Lange
Joshua Rosenthal
- 11 Steve Schulze
Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretzschmer
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith
- 16 Delores Lange
- 17 Austin Roestel
Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Polega
- 22 Kassidy Swanson
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 25 Mike Sting
- 28 Grace Higgins
- 29 Jenna Lindenberg
- 30 Craig Smith



Nov. 9 Gene & Pearl Parsell,
52 years

Special dates in November

- **All Saints' Day**, *November 1, 2020*
- **Daylight-Saving Time**
ends, *November 1, 2020*
- **Election Day**, *November 3, 2020*
- **Veterans Day**, *November 11, 2020*
- **Christ the King Sunday**, *November 22, 2020*
- **Thanksgiving Day**, *November 26, 2020*



Growing through gratitude...

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects. He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs, but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties.



Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



Remember Those at Home...

Elaine Licht, Martin Knost, Eunice Richmond.

We Lift Up in Prayer...

Betty Champagne-Grimaldi, Michelle Walsh, Corey Messing, Leanne Schuette, Marvin Trost, Clark Eidt, Marilyn Bauer, Kay Schuette, Bill Gray, Allen

Koehler, Mary Champion, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler, Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel, Marilyn Blunt, Margaret McBride and Robert Krzeszewski.

Serving of Our Country...

Nathan Schulz and Ryan Schulz, U.S. Marines, sons of Lonnie Schulz & grandsons of Bonnie Schulz. Nicholas Swanson, U.S. Air Force, son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette. Michael Cox, U.S. Navy, son of Kim Sears.

From the Desk of...Karn Brown

Hello from the DK and Kindergarten room! We are off to an awesome and JOY-filled year! Mrs. Nicole Shupe has joined our room as a classroom aide this year. She is an amazing help, especially as we navigate all the new requirements and procedures of school. This year we have 12 students in our room- this is a great number as it allows us to space ourselves out in our room. We have tried hard to make our room an inviting place to be for our class, despite the circumstances. This month we took a "virtual field trip" to an apple orchard after a unit on apples. We also celebrated the 25th day of school with a PJ day! We are constantly reminded to *Choose Joy* in everything we do- we all know that because of God's grace and salvation we don't have anything to fear. We are so fortunate to work and serve at a school that provides us with these daily reminders.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Thank you to the church family at Cross for all of your prayers and support!

Mrs. Karn Brown and Mrs. Nicole Shupe



November Calendar

- 11/6** end or 1st marking period
- 11/10** picture retake day
- 11/11** Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 11/12** 1/2 day of school
- 11/13** NO School
- 11/16** NO School
- 11/25** 1/2 day of school
- 11/26 & 27** Thanksgiving Break



Worship and Music Ministry
Cross Lutheran Church
Minutes of October 6, 2020 Meeting

Present: Chairperson Barb Degg, Pat Azarovitz, Beth Elston, Mike Sting, Peg McCrimmon, Kent McKenzie, Pastor Glenn, Karen Schuette

Meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Glenn

OLD BUSINESS

*Organ update - Mike Sting reported that he has contacted an organ company to come take a look at our organ to determine what work needs to be done.

*It was moved by Mike Sting and seconded by Karen Schuette to cancel this year's Advent/Christmas concert due to concerns surrounding Covid-19. Motion carried.

*Worship during Covid-19 – Pastor reported that we will continue our current procedures.

*Church Storage Space – Properties Ministry is addressing this issue.

*Discussed areas in which Worship and Music Ministry is responsible and our relationship with our appointed trustee. We will continue to identify all the congregational members participating in our Ministry's subcommittees and encourage new members to join in.

*Fall Decorating of church – Pastor Glenn suggested that any decorations in the chancel for fall be more minimalist. More attention could be placed in decorating the hallways, overflow, etc. He will contact those who do the decorating - Lorraine LePage (Mission Outreach).

NEW BUSINESS

*Tabled discussion of Advent Devotions until November.

*Worship folders – Mike Sting moved to change the bulletin format as presented by Pastor Glenn. Pat Azarovitz seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Karen Schuette

memorials & gifts

These gifts were received to the glory of God in memory or honor of the following people:

In memory of Raymond Licht, for Cross Building fund:

- Shirley Deering
- Bruce & Marilyn Baur
- Carol Diener
- Neil & Connie Herford
- Randy & Cindy Buchholz
- Nancy Schuette family
- Terry & June Sturm

In memory of Raymond Licht, for Cross Lutheran School:

- Sheila Yackle
- Fred & Raylene Henkelmann
- Denny & Leanne Smith
- Cordelia Trost
- Pigeon Coop Elevator
- Joyce Heinitz
- Ed & Lori Kemp
- Ted & Peg Leipprandt
- Dave & Irene Gehring
- Norma King
- Dorothy Thuemmel
- Marvin & Alice Trost

- Lisa DiCamillo
- Paul & Heidi Stecker
- Rachel Higgins
- Jim & Sue Licht
- Duane & Loann Rieman
- Denny & Brenda Filary
- Norm & Ethel Geist

In memory of Raymond Licht, for Cross Lutheran Church:

- Bonnie Schulz
- Michael & Connie Eden
- Karen Anklam
- Wayne & Sheree Goebel
- C. J. Widney
- Ken & Connie Engelhardt
- Alan & Lori Paulsen
- Paul & Karen Schuette
- Janet Konen
- Eric & Anne Bell
- John & Dianne Kohr
- Al & Patty Cucinello
- Larry & Gina Smith
- Mike & Kathy Southworth
- Carol Bridges
- Dennis Schulze
- Don & Nancy Stecker
- Robert Schuette
- Dave & Janet Sharpsteen
- Matt & Jennifer Booms
- Jeff & Heidi Faist
- Dave & Deb Armbruster

- Doug & Deb Edler
- Kyle & Vicki Yackle
- Olga Renn

In memory of Raymond Licht, for Cross Cemetery fund:

- Ken & Betty Licht

In memory of Raymond Licht, for Cross Music fund:

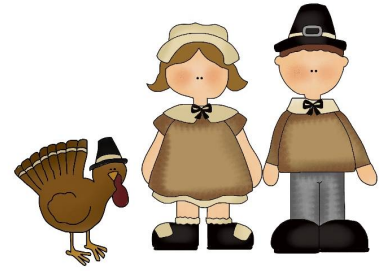
- Margaret Edler
- Dave & Peg McCrimmon



PIGEON FOOD PANTRY

Throughout the month of November, Cross Church will be collecting items for the Pigeon Food Pantry. If you wish to donate nonperishable food, detergent, personal and feminine hygiene items, bar and hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes or paper goods, you can place the items in the tote located in the overflow area of church. Thank you for helping others in need!





November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Saints' Day Comm. Service 9:30 am 1	2 Music Rehearsals 6:30-8:30 TBD	3 Worship & Music 7 pm	4 Chapel 8:15 am	5 Jean Quilts 1 pm CEA 4:45 pm School Board 5:30 pm Properties 7 pm	6 1st Marking Period ends	7
Comm. Service 9:30 am 8	9 Music Rehearsals 6:30-8:30 TBD	10 Picture Retake day Women's Bible 1:30 pm Council 7 pm	11 Chapel 8:15 am Quilters 1 pm P/T Conferences 4-7 pm	12 1/2 day of school	13 NO School	14
Comm. Service 9:30 am 15	16 NO School Music Rehearsals ??? 6:30-8:30 TBD	17	18 Chapel 8:15 am Quilters 1 pm	19 Jean Quilts 1 pm	20	21
Christ the King Comm. Service 8:30 am 22	23 Newsletter Deadline Music Rehearsals 6:30-8:30 TBD	24	25 Chapel 8:15 am 1/2 day of School	26 Thanksgiving Day NO School Office Closed	27 NO School Office Closed	28
Advent 1 9:30 am 29	30 Music Rehearsals 6:30-8:30 TBD					

Officers, Ministries & Committees

Pastor – Glenn Sokolowski
Music Director - Beth Elston

Church Council

Mike LePage, President
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Krisie Fritz, Secretary
Nancy Heck, Treasurer
Gretchen Roestel, School Bd.
Kent McKenzie, Trustee
(Worship & Music)
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(Stewardship)
Nancy Schuette, Trustee
(Parish Life
Mission/Outreach)
open, Trustee
(Property)
Steve Schulze, Trustee
(Youth)

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Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

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Eileen Johnson
Betty Grimaldi
Barbara Degg

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School Board

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April Rujan, CEA President

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Sheila Yackle 453-2589

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**Please let the office know of any changes to these Ministries and Committees.**

Updated 11/15/2020

(Officers, Ministries & Committees)