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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

April 2019

Message from Pastor Mike



THE EASTER MESSAGE

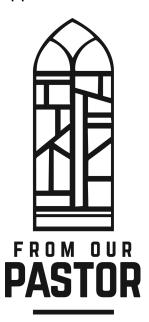
An old pastor friend of mine told the (allegedly true) story of a parishioner who only ever came to worship on Easter Sunday. One year on his the way out of church, he said to the pastor, "I like your sermons, but why do you always preach on the same thing?"

Of course my friend preached on many different things throughout the year when this gentleman wasn't in church. but the point was well taken. That is because the most important thing any pastor can preach on is the suffering,

death and resurrection of Jesus on
our behalf. We
must never stray
too far from the
cross and the
empty tomb, or we
start preaching
something that is
not Christianity.

The preeminent time of year for this core preaching is course Holy Week, week from the Palm Sunday, April 14 this year, to Easter, April 21. During these days we will zero in with razor sharp focus the central on truths of our faith. by both sermons and special liturgies. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and hear the

passion story, this year from Luke. On Maundy Thursday, the night he was betrayed, we remember the last supper and the in-



stitution of Holy We Communion. individual receive absolution for our sins in preparation for Sunday. On Good Friday the service focuses on the shadows of the (Cont. on Pg. 2)

Preparing for Worship at Cross



April 7—5th Sunday in Lent

1R - Isaiah 43:16-21

P - Psalm 126

2R - Philippians 3:4-14

G - John 12:1-8

April 14—Palm Sunday

1R - Isaiah 50: 4-9

P - Psalm 31:9-16

2R -Philippians 2:5-11

G - Luke 22:14 - 23:56

April 18—3rd Maundy Thursday

1R—Jeremiah 31:31-34

P - Psalm 116:10-17

2R - Hebrews 10:11-25

G - Luke 22:7-20

April 19—Good Friday

1R - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

P - Psalm 22

2R - Hebrews 10:16-25

G – John 18:1 - 19:42

April 21—Easter Sunday

1R - Isaiah 65:17-25

P - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

2R - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

G – Luke 24:1-12

April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter

1R -Acts 5:27-32

P -Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

2R -Revelation 1:4-8

G -John 20:19-31



April 14th - Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.

April 18th - Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

April 19th - Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

April 21st - Easter 9:30 a.m.

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crucifixion and the seven last words.

Then on Easter Sunday we joyfully relight the Easter candle, sing hymns full of "Alleluias" and recommit ourselves to Christ through the affirmation of our baptismal vows. As pastor I will try to speak the Good News as simply and clearly as I can on each of these



days – even if it's the same thing we've heard many times before.

Join us for our Easter journey here at Cross Lutheran this April.

- Pastor Mike



JEAN QUILTS -

for Senior High School Graduates will meet in the church overflow from 1 to 5-ish on Thursday, April 4th.

Celebrate



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jarid Heck
- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretzschmer
- 8 Betty Grimaldi
- Jennifer GardyBrigid TrowbridgeDoug Richmond
- 12 Pat Azarovitz
 Lance Schuette
 Cole Walsh
- 13 Ellie Rujan
- 14 Zac Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle Grace McLean
- 18 Connor Flores
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz Karen Peterson Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere Michelle Fritz
- 22 Don Schadd
- 25 Gracey LePage
- 26 Kim Adams
- 27 Caitie House Brynlee Walsh
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dave & Janis Elftman, 30 years
- 5 Dick & Peggy Koehler,33 years
- 8 John & Lori Smith, 41 years
- 9 Denny & Leanne Smith,36 years
- 17 Gary & Doralee Schulz, 37 years
- 18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 55 years



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Elaine Licht, Ruth Schuette, Martin Knost, Eunice Richmond & Clarence Schadd.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray),

Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), Mary Otto, Clark Eidt, Kylee Reardon (daughter of Scott & Vickie Buchholz and Granddaughter of Inez Buchholz).

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz stationed at Piqua, OH and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.



Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the church general fund, school's tuition assistance

fund, building fund, music fund, capital improvement fund, cemetery fund, benevolence or LEAF fund. The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the overflow area.

Mondays

April 1, 8, 15, & 29

NO rehearsals April 22

Bells at 6:30 p.m.

Choir at 7:30 p.m.



Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, April 2 & 16 at 6:30 pm

Quilters will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 1 pm

Mission/Outreach will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm

Women of Faith will meet Saturday, April 6 at 10 am

School News

April School Calendar



- 3 Chapel 12:45 pm
- 4 CEA 4:45 pm
- 4 School Board at 5:30 pm
- 4 Meet & Greet 6-7:30 pm
- 10 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 17 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 18 1/2 day School
- 19 NO School Good Friday
- 24 Chapel 8 a.m.

From the Desk of ... Carrie Ward

were sional cold snap to make us many seasons of life. aware that it truly was winter. It wasn't until I came to Michigan, for college, that I really was able to experience the excitement of spring. My friends laughed at me as I celebrated the first bug I saw, the first flowers popping

up, the birds returning, and being able to go outside without my heavy winter coat. I had been taught about the signs of spring, but they never really made sense until I was able to experience it for myself. There truly is an excitement that comes spring. What a lovely reminder too, that just as the Lord brings us out of winter and into spring, He does so in our lives as well. Games, Prizes, Cake walk, What a time of refreshing finally here! we experience when He Growing up in the Bay Area brings us through troubled of California I never really times and into a time of experienced a true coming peace. I hope you and your of spring. The robins didn't loved ones can take the ever really disappear and time to experience the exalways in citement of spring all over bloom. The weather was again. May God bless you usually a comfortable tem- and hold you near as you perature with the occa-walk with Him through the





CEA Carnival

Saturday, May 4th from 5-7:30 p.m.

Bounce House, Face Painting, Raffles

Fun for ALL ages, so bring family & friends!!



Meet, Greet & Treat Night is Thursday, April 4th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Put this date on your calendar and start spreading the word! This will be an open house and an opportunity to register for the 2019-2020 school year. Each family that attends will earn a ticket for the Scholarship drawing.

April Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte.
Apr. 7 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schu- ette	Phil Schadd	Karen Schuette		Jeff Elston, Mike LePage,		Grace Trost
Apr. 14 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Connie Eden	Pastor Mike	John Trowbridge	Norm Nelson, Kent McKenzie	Jeanne Sting	Grace Shupe
Apr. 18 7 p.m.	Mike Sting	Paul Schu- ette		Paul Schuette		Peg McCrimmon	Kyle Briggs
Apr. 19 7 p.m.	Karen Schu- ette						Chandler Rosenthal
Apr. 21 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Lori Smith	Eileen Johnson	Gwynne Barry		Jean Sturm	Rylee Fritz
Apr. 28 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	June Sturm	Leanne Smith				Grace Trost

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTI-TUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2744. Thanks and God's Blessings to you! Karen Schuette

USHERS PLEASE NOTE: Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!

Church Council Minutes



CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES March 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Lutheran Church Council was as called to order by President Norm Nelson. Motion carried. someone from the Contempo-

Norm Nelson, David Faupel was present to carried. represent the school. Gretchen GUEST Roestel offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:

Kent McKenzie, at 7:00 PM on MINUTES: The Council Minthe above date. Members pre- utes dated February 12, 2019, sent were Kent McKenzie, were reviewed by all present. A Gretchen motion was made by Krisie Roestel, Krisie Fritz, Mike Fritz to approve the minutes as LePage, Barb Degg, Nancy presented. Gretchen Roestel Schuette and Rachel Higgins, seconded the motion. Motion

PRESENTATIONS/ **REQUESTS:** Karen Schuette addressed the council concern-The agenda was ing the benefits of having compresented to all present. A mo- munication between the new The tion was made by Gretchen Contemporary Worship Team monthly meeting of the Cross Roestel to accept the agenda and the Music Ministry. Barb provided, seconded by Degg made a motion to invite

Council Minutes Cont.

rary Worship Team to attend the Music Ministry monthly meetings and Krisie Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike LePage volunteered to reach out to both teams to work out the details.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Mike LePage reviewed the report Nancy Schuette made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Mike was not in town at the time of the meeting so he was contacted by phone to update council with his pastoral report. He informed the group that our shut in members have been visited.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

David Faupel submitted a written report.

March 3-8 was National Lutheran Schools week.

Upcoming Calendar:

Thurs., 3/21 – Music Palooza/ Science Fair, 7:00 p.m.

Fri., 3/22 – End of Quarter

3/25 - 3/29 Spring Break Thur., 4/4 - Meet, Greet & Treat Open House 6:00 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:Gretchen Roestel reported

that the board had not yet met and a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019.

MINISTRY OF STEWARD-SHIP: Norm Nelson gave a report of benevolence distributions.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Written report.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: No report

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH: Krisie Fritz reported that the group had not met.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: No report

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Nancy Schuette submitted a written report.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Corey Messing was not able to be present but submitted a report that lighting in the sanctuary had been adjusted and is being monitored. The furnaces continue to be monitored as well and estimates for repair and replacement are ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ongoing Day Care planning: Applications for the Director position are currently being accepted and reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Call committee had a skype interview scheduled immediately following the council meeting.

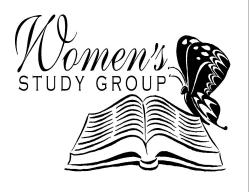
Mike Fritz submitted a new

contract for lawn mowing and maintenance for the 2019 season with no increase from last year. Mike LePage made a motion to accept the contract and Barb Degg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned and good things from around the room were shared. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Higgins, Secretary



Woman's Bible Study April 3 at 1:30 pm in the church overflow. We will begin a 9 session study titled, The Proverbs 31 Woman and the Stories of Faithful Women in Scripture. We would love you to join us, please contact Leanne Smith to have study guide available for you.

Ministry Reports

Fish Fry Report

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others. as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. 1 Peter 4:10-11

We had an incredible turn out for the Fish Fry and served over 580 people! Included in the number were a record 337 takeout orders! We had over 90 volunteers who served, prepped, made rolls, baked, set-up, hosted, fried, chopped, scrubbed, ran fish, battered fish, served drinks, filled, smiled, made desserts, cleaned-up, and did so many, many jobs, thank you for your dedication!!!

Also thank you to Kevin Sturm, Thrivent Financial, Thumb Bank and Trust, Bay Port State Bank, CD Sandblasting, Wallace Stone Quarry, Huron Gas, Holli-jays, Shoreline Snowplowing and the many generous anonymous donors who continue to make this event a success!

A total over \$6,700 will go into a fund and the council will determine how it will be disbursed. What a pleasure to see God's hands and feet working through the service of His people. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for your support!!

Joy in the Journey, Leanne Smith Benevolence Report
January 7 to February
25, 2019
Thumb Basket
Cross Luth. \$200.00

Benevolence \$282.00

OCC Shoebox \$160.00

Total \$707.00

Norm Nelson, Stewardship Chairman

...SERVE ONE

ANOTHER





1 PETER 4:10



Ministry Reports continued



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

In memory of Francis Brenner and Earl & Betty Crabtree, for Cross Building fund:

Sheila Yackle

In memory of James Bridges, for Cross Building fund:

Olga Renn

Karen Anklam

Nancy Schuette & family

In memory of Elna Mae Kanyak, for Cross Building fund:

Nancy Schuette & family

In memory of James Bridges, for Cross School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In Memory of James Bridges, for Cross Praise & Worship:

David & Joyce Jarvis



Praise and Worship Team

We are performing our second Praise and Worship Service on Sunday, March 31st. I am hoping the congregation is even fuller than the first performance in February! We will repeat some of the songs so you can become familiar with them, but we also have three new ones for you to hear and join in on. We received much positive feedback on the February service, so thank you for letting us know how you felt about it.

The Praise and Worship team will be hosting the coffee hour on Sunday, April 14th, which is Palm Sunday. Donations will be added to the Equipment Fund for the Praise and Worship Services.

The third Praise and Worship Service will be on Sunday, April 28th. I am confident that you will have enjoyed the March 31st performance so much that you will be inviting your friends/family/co-workers/teens to come and experience the joy that arises from singing these great songs to God. We can all use a "happy fix" to start off our week!

Joyce Jarvis Praise and Worship Committee

Parish Life Ministry

Parish Life met March 5, 2019 in the church overflow. Members present: Betty Grimaldi, Alice Trost, Paul Schuette, Pastor Mike, and Nancy Schuette. Betty opened with devotions and prayer.

Nancy reported \$129.74 from coffee hours. With help from many, coffee hours are filled well into May. Parish Life thanks everyone that signed up for this wonderful ministry and we pray for your continued support.

Women of Faith will meet March 9 in the overflow at 10:30. They will study the last lesson in their book and choose a new topic to begin in April.

Parish Life is looking into possibly using round tables in the overflow to see if there would be more seating space available. We will be setting up the overflow for Lenten Wednesday night potlucks and Paul will have the coffee ready. Join us for food and fellowship before the service at 7:00 pm.

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to make communion bread – we have enough bakers. Thanks to all.

Betty is looking into having Secret Sisters. She will do more research and report at our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:15 with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Nancy Schuette, chairman



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Saturday, April 13th 9 a.m. - Noon

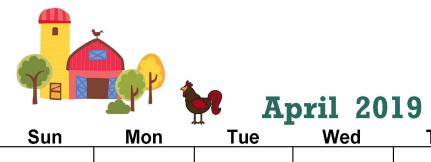
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Sun	Mon	** Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 1 Fools Day Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	Parish Life 1 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Mission/Outreach 6:30 pm	Chapel 3 12:45 pm Women's Bible 1:30 pm Potluck 6 pm Service 7 pm	Jean Quilts 4 1-5 pm Meet & Greet 6 - 7:30 pm Praise Team 7 pm	5	Women of Faith 10 - 11:00 am
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible & Coffee Hour 10:45 am	Stewardship 5:30 pm Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	Executive 6 pm Council 7 pm	Chapel 8 a.m. 10 Quilting 1 p.m. Potluck 6 pm Service 7 pm	CEA 4:45 pm 1 1 School Board 5:30 pm Praise Team 7pm	Pastor Mike back in Pigeon.	Mom2Mom 13 Sale 9 a.m noon
Palm Sunday Comm. 14 Service 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible & Coffee Hour 10:45 am	15 Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	Music & Worship 3:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	Chapel 8 a.m. 17	Maundy Thursday 7 pm 1/2 day of School	Good Friday 7 pm NO School Office closed	20 Confirmation 10:30 am
Easter Sunday 21 Easter Brunch 7:45 - 9:00 am Comm. Service 9:30 am	Newsletter Deadline 22 Pastor Mike leaves for OH NO Choirs	23	Chapel 8 a.m. 24	Praise Team 7 pm	26	27
Praise & Worship 28 Service 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible & Coffee Hour 10:45 am	29 Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	30				

Ministers - The People of Cross

Officers, Ministries & Committees

Pastor -

Music Director - Beth Elston

Church Council

Kent McKenzie, President Gretchen Roestel, V P Rachel Higgins, Secretary Mike LePage, Treasurer Raylene Henkelmann, Financial Secretary Gretchen Roestel, School Bd. Corey Messing, Properties Barb Degg, Worship & Music Norm Nelson, Stewardship Jean Sturm, Education Tim & Michelle Fritz, Youth Nancy Schuette, Parish Life Krisie Fritz, Mission/Outreach

Ministry of Properties

Corey Messing, Chair Mike Eden Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Barb Degg, Chair Peg McCrimmon Beth Elston Karen Schuette Mike Sting

Ministry of Mission / Outreach

Lorraine LePage, Chair Krisie Fritz Connie Eden Rachel Messing Bonnie Schulz Kay Schuette Tonja Nelson Lori Smith Nancy Heck

Ministry of Stewardship

Norm Nelson, Chair Carol Diener Paul Schuette June Sturm Cyndi Buchholz

Ministry of Education

Jean Sturm, Chair Gretchen Roestel Kim Delpiere June Sturm

Ministry of Youth

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Ministry of Parish Life

Nancy Schuette, Chair Betty Champagne Pam Sturm Alice Trost Paul Schuette

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Mike LePage Connie Herford Bob Tate Trevor Carriveau Fred Henkelmann Dorothy Thuemmel

Nominating Committee

Kim Delpiere Peggy Koehler Brigid Trowbridge Duane Peterson George Gardy Donna Schuette

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Gretchen Roestel, President Vicki Yackle, Vice President Robbi Shaffer, Secretary Nicole Shupe, Treasurer April Rujan, CEA President David Faupel, Advisor

C.E.A

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

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