

# Cross Connection

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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 2020

## Message from Pastor Glenn



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

Many people I've talked in the past few weeks have mentioned that they are ready for warm and comforting weather. This Monday morning's snowfall quickly changed the appearance of the landscape outside by completely covering the ground. People living in the Upper Midwest know that it is the time of year when we must prepare for what each day brings. One day may be tee-shirt weather and then the next day (or sometimes the next hour!) may be flannel shirt weather.

As a college instructor, I would smile as I looked out the classroom window to see students walking toward the school leaning forward in the blowing wind and falling snow to begin their day. While many would be bundled in thick coats with caps and hoods covering their heads, occasionally one student would be moving a little faster toward the building than the others. Clothed only in a light jacket, tee shirt, shorts, and sandals (and yes, no hat!), I marveled at the trust they had in others as they hurried inside, taking it for granted that the building was going to be open and warm. Noting their faith, I could imagine what they must be feeling as they were exposed to outside elements, and what a wonderful feeling it must have been for them to enter the warm and inviting environment of the school. I've often wondered how the students would react if they tried to open the door to the school and found that the door did not open! Especially those who had not prepared for the unexpected.

But what if...we tried to open the door to the church building and found that the door would not open. That warm and inviting environment that we have always known to be open for weekly worship services was not accessible. For many that have put their trust in other things, it would be like standing in a snowstorm wearing a tee shirt, shorts, and sandals.

At a time when we would like to once again gather together in faith, praying for comfort and peace, we cannot. The church doors have always been open to our comings and our goings are now closed, but do we just give up and let go of our faith in God? We have heard over and over again that Christ's church is not brick and mortar, which is true! Christ's church is Christian brothers and sisters together in one body, Jesus Christ! Wherever you are sheltered on this day that the Lord has made, we are still the body of Christ in faith!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday regardless if we gather together inside Cross Lutheran Church or not. During this Season of Lent, we continue to prepare for Holy Week. We know what is coming next. We look to and prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection!

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# Preparing for Worship at Cross

## April 5—Palm Sunday

1R – Isaiah 50:4-9a, P – Psalm 118:19-29, 2R – Philippians 2:5-11, G – Matthew 26:1 - 27:66

## April 9—Maundy Thursday

1R – Exodus 24:3-11, P – Psalm 116:12-19 or 22, 2R – Hebrews 9:11-22, G – Matthew 26:17-30

## April 10—Good Friday

1R—Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12, P – Psalm 22 or 31, 2R – Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, G – John 18:1 - 19:42

## April 12—Easter Sunday

1R - Acts 10:34-43, P – Psalm 16, 2R – Colossians 3:1-4, G – Matthew 28:1-10

## April 19 2nd Sunday of Easter

1R - Acts 5:29-42, P – Psalm 148, 2R – 1 Peter 1:3-9, G – John 20:19-31

## April 26 3rd Sunday of Easter

1R -Acts 2:14a, 36-41, P -Psalm 116:1-14, 2R -1 Peter 1:17-25, G -Luke 24:13-35



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**Palm Sunday - April 5th**



**Good Friday - April 10th**



**Maundy Thursday - April 9th**



**Easter Sunday - April 12th**

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As Christians, we now know that more and more, we must be prepared for each and every day. Can you imagine how the first disciples felt? Jesus continued to teach and prepare them for what was to come, but they seemed just as unprepared for that day as the student who was wearing a tee-shirt, shorts, and sandals in a snow storm. Even today, we may feel prepared, but are we? More importantly, are we prepared each and every day for the last day when Christ promises to come?

John the Baptizer preached, ***“Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”*** (Matt. 3:2) Soon after, Jesus began His ministry by preaching, ***“Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”*** (Matt. 4:17) At Pentecost, Peter repeats this same message of repentance for all ears to hear, both present and future. ***“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*** (Acts 2:38-39)

If we are to prepare each day for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, this message cannot be put on the shelf for just one Sunday in the future, but must be proclaimed each day as we continually prepare our hearts in faith to God. Every day, be prepared for the expected, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord...every day...

***“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning...”*** (Luke 12:35)

In Christ,

Pastor Glenn

# Celebrate



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jarid Heck
- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretschmer
- 8 Betty Grimaldi
- 10 Jennifer Gardy  
Brigid Trowbridge  
Doug Richmond
- 12 Pat Azarovitz  
Kevin Grimaldi  
Lance Schuette
- 13 Ellie Rujan
- 14 Zac Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle  
Grace McLean
- 18 Connor Flores
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz  
Karen Peterson  
Kyle Briggs  
Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere  
Michelle Fritz
- 22 Don Schadd
- 23 Chandler Rosenthal
- 25 Gracey LePage
- 27 Caitie House  
Brynlee Walsh
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen



### Remember our Shut-ins:

Elaine Licht, Ruth Schuette, Martin Knost, Eunice Richmond.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law

of Gerry Edler), Clark Eidt, Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel (niece of Carol Diener), Marilyn Blunt (mother of Laura Trost), Margaret McBride, Robert Krzeszewski

### 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. Nicholas Swanson stationed at the Air Force base, Colorado Springs, CO. He is the son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette.

## CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS

**Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Cross Lutheran Church and School are following the guidelines set by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. On Tuesday, March 24th, she issued a “stay-at-home” order. All Michigan residents and most businesses are required to stay in their homes under this executive order.**

**This will remain in effect until further notice.**

**The Church, school and office are closed during this time, but members can call and leave messages at the church office 989-453-3330, ext. 201 or Pastor Glenn’s cell 715-415-2994. We will periodically check for messages.**

**Also, join us online at [www.crosslutheranpigeon.org](http://www.crosslutheranpigeon.org) for devotions and sermons or keep in touch on Facebook.**

**The goal is for everyone to stay healthy and return as soon as it is safe to do so.**



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dave & Janis Elftman, 31 years
- 8 John & Lori Smith, 42 years
- 9 Denny & Leanne Smith, 37 years
- 18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 56 years
- 28 Bruce & Marilyn Baur, 58 years

## School News



### April School Calendar

1-3 No School - Spring Break



### From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

*Good As New*, a delightful picture book by Barbara Douglass, tells the story of a seemingly hopeless situation that actually turns out better than could have been imagined. One of the few children's books that I have included in the preschool curriculum over many years (since 1992!), the story has proven timeless by captivating the attention and imagination of each group that has heard it read.

It seems that, while Grandpa and Grady were minding their own business, a demanding cousin K.C. mistreated Grady's teddy bear to the point that it was left filthy, torn and soaked through with mud. Everyone in the household resigned the bear to the trash, except for Grandpa, who quietly set about making the bear "good as new" by scrubbing it, pulling out the stuffing, and even accidentally tearing off the ears. As the bear kept looking worse through Grandpa's "fixing," Grady protested repeatedly that maybe this was not the way for Grandpa to fix the bear. Of course, patience and perseverance were eventually rewarded with a revived bear and a grateful Grady, who, in a loving response to Grandpa, proclaimed the bear "better than new!"

We can draw spiritual parallels to this story in our current events. It is a very strange feeling for students and teachers to be separated, for gatherings to be canceled, and for public places to be closed. We may feel like our "bear," or our familiar way of life, is ruined. We may, like Grady, protest that maybe God doesn't know the best way to fix this bear. We may let worry set in as we see the bear looking worse for a time, even as God is making changes.



I am reminded of a song that our choir sang recently, entitled, "Footsteps." In it, God gently says, "Trust me more." How perfect. This is exactly the word of counsel and comfort we need now. So let us replace our angst with trust and true thankfulness for God's providence, and let us rejoice that God is making our hearts "better than new."

**2020/21 School year  
Enrollment Forms**  
for DK-8 grades are available online at  
[www.crosslutherschool.org](http://www.crosslutherschool.org)

## April Time & Talents—Tentative

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Youth Message	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
April 5 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Wes Trow-bridge	Pastor Glenn	Jeff Elson Mike LePage	Jean Sturm	Caden Carriveau
April 12 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Pastor Glenn	Norm Nelson Kent McKenzie	LuAnne Sokolowski	Caden Carriveau
April 19 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Leanne Smith		Jacque Fin-neren	
April 26 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Lori Smith	Rachel Higgins		Carol Diener	

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me Karen Schuette (989) 453-2744. Thank you for serving!**

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

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: March 10, 2020

The meeting was called to Order by Church Council President, Michael LePage, at 7:04 p.m. Present were: Krisie Fritz, Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski, Nancy Schuette, Norman Nelson, Kent McKenzie, and Steve Schulze. Absent: Gretchen Roestel, Corey Messing and Nancy Heck. Pastor Glenn Sokolowski opened the meeting with a devotion from Matthew 5:9, 43-48, and was followed with prayer.

**AGENDA:** Kent Mc Kenzie made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** February minutes were not available.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Krisie Fritz, Secretary - No communications

Nancy Heck, Treasurer - Nancy was not available, Mike LePage gave her report.



Motion was made by Norman Nelson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

**A second Motion was made by Nancy Schuette to add Nancy Heck, Treasurer, to the bank accounts, seconded by Kent McKenzie. Motion carried.**

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:**

**David Faupel** gave his School Board Report as follows:

- 2019-2020 Enrollment DK/K: 11; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: 11; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: 13; 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 7; **Total: 42**
- Our robotics team placed 31<sup>st</sup> in the State Robotics Championship on March 1, 2020.
- The Daddy-Daughter Dance was held on February 22, 2020. There was a very good turnout (50-60).
- DK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a field trip to Splash Village on March 6, 2020. The trip was sponsored by the CEA.

Upcoming Calendar:

- Sun., 3/15- Kids Sing in Church
- Tues., 3/17 – Meet, Greet and Treat, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Fri., 3/20 – JH Service Project at Zion
- Fri., 3/20 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Sat., 3/21 – Mother-Son Game Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Thurs., 3/26 – Music Palooza, 7 p.m.
- March 30- April 3 – Spring Break
- Thurs., 4/9 – Half Day
- Fri., 4/10 – Good Friday, No School

**Sarah Brooks** gave her Early Childhood Center Report as follows: A small profit being seen. Purchasing a door barrier for the center that has been recommended and approved by the State.

**ADVISOR'S REPORTS:**

**Pastor's Report:** (1) hospital visit, (2) wedding preparation classes, (1) family funeral meeting, (2) Holden Prayer service practices, Ash Wednesday Service, (1) Wed. Lenten Service, participated in the United Christians in Prayer Service at Michigan Ave. Mennonite Church, (1) New Member Class, Finalized Lenten and Easter services. Ongoing weekly: Confirmation Classes, Religion Class at Cross School, Cross Lutheran ministry meetings, phone conversations, home visits, scheduled and drop-in office visits with parishioners, church and school staff and members of the community.

**School Board Report:** Gretchen Roestel was not available to give a report.

**MINISTRIES REPORTS – TRUSTEES:**

**A Motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the trustees as named for the following ministries, seconded by Nancy Schuette. Motion carried.**

Property: Corey Messing, Worship & Music: Kent McKenzie, Youth & Education: Steve Schulze  
Parish Life & Mission Outreach: Nancy Schuette, Nancy Schuette, Stewardship: Norman Nelson

Reports were given to council by the above trustees.

Further, there was a discussion to have the ministries relooked at and possibly change some of the duties given to them in the past. Also spoke who is in charge when there is a funeral to take care of the bells, teardown of tables and chairs in the overflow area, and hang the black cloths. It was agreed by Norman Nelson to be in charge of doing it or asking a trustee to assist him if he is unable to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Video Equipment – Update was given by Kent McKenzie.  
Fish Fry Fundraiser – Update given.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Music Ministry – Update was given, work is in progress.

Pastor Orth - Discussion of whether Cross should pay for the funeral luncheon, and the reason the burial was not at Cross. Pastor Orth wanted to be buried from an ELCA church.

**Motion was made by Norman Nelson to have Cross Lutheran Church pay for Pastor Orth's funeral expense of meat and potatoes, seconded by Kent McKenzie. Motion carried.**

Lettering on Buildings & Road Signage – Obtaining quotes from Goat's Graphics for Church and Day Care Lettering & Signs.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Lawn Proposal received from Mike Fritz for 2020 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

**Motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the lawn contract for Mike Fritz in the amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by Kent McKenzie. Motion carried.**

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Additional requests from Pastor Sokolowski that need motions approved. 4 People completed the new member class – Allen Fletcher, Jason Shaw, Kimberly Jodoin, and Marcine Moore.

**Motion was made by Kent McKenzie to accept the above new members, seconded by Nancy Schuette. Motion carried.**

Grace Shupe has taken instruction and will affirm her baptism on Confirmation Sunday.

**Motion was made by Kent McKenzie to accept Grace Shupe, seconded by Steve Schulze. Motion carried.**

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Good things were shared around the table. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:22 p.m.

### **MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES: March 3, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. Those present were Lorraine LePage, Tonja Nelson, Krisie Fritz, LuAnne Sokolowski and Connie Eden. The minutes of the February 4 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections: Tonja Nelson was not present at this meeting, and Parish Life Ministry paid \$5 each for the church cookbooks that were part of the Welcome Bags for new members. The Treasurer reported \$1,997.61 in the checking account, and the report was approved. A thank you note from Huron County Homeless Solutions was read.

**BUSINESS:** Ministry Chairman, Treasurer and Membership – Lorraine will continue as Chairman of the Ministry until such time as Lori Smith feels able to take over. We are going to try to recruit more members for this ministry. LuAnne will write up a note for the bulletin and newsletter, inviting new members. Food Pantry – Lorraine, Tonja and Krisie will take the food pantry items collected during the month of February to First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 4. Representatives from Cross are invited to a food pantry meeting being held there on March 10 at 1:00 p.m. Scrip Cards – Krisie and LuAnne will sell Scrip cards on Sunday, April 5. The church secretary asked that we use the half size yellow forms for cash sales and the full size forms for ordering cards. Our Shut-In list was reviewed and updated. Easter Cards and Easter Flowers – Lorraine will make Easter cards with a picture of the church for our shut-ins and Connie will send the cards out. Mission/Outreach Ministry will take care of ordering and placing the flowers in the church for Easter. The coffee hour on March 8 will be hosted by M/O Group 2 (Kay, Connie, Nancy, LuAnne and Rachel.) Our new church pens have arrived and will be put in the holders in the pews tomorrow by Lorraine, Tonja and Krisie. June 11 and 12 are the dates for this year's church garage sale. Plans are well underway for VBS, which will be held in July.

**OTHER:** Connie shared information about ordering notepads with our church information on them. LuAnne reported that Parish Life Ministry would again purchase church cookbooks for the welcome bags to be given to new members on March 29.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on April 7.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

## Memorials

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

**In memory of Gloria Lewis, for Cross Building fund:**

Norm Nelson  
Bruce & Marilyn Baur  
Carol Diener

**In memory of Gloria Lewis, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Cheryl Elenbaum  
Carolyn Morrison  
Jean Sturm  
Ray & Elaine Licht  
Fred & Margaret Edler  
Jack & Pam Sturm

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann  
Janet Schumacher  
Shirley Deering  
Sheila Yackle  
Tom & Bernice Shupe  
Dorothy Henne  
Karen Anklam  
Cordelia Trost  
Nietzke & Faupel PC  
JB & Gwynne Barry  
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Jeff & Beth Elston  
Betty Guenther  
Denise Pitcher family  
Roger & Janice Elenbaum  
Peter & Heather Drabek  
Brenda Sommer  
Mary Bauer  
Barbara Binder  
Larry & Karen Prime  
Myrna Born & Robert Prime  
Denny & Leanna Smith  
Roger & Pat Elston  
Alan & Peggy Licht  
Peggy Ondrajka  
Elmer & Joyce Bussema  
Larry & Gina Smith & family  
Cynthia Engelhard  
Larry & Deb Dubs  
Kay Schuette

Margaret Edler  
Dale & Mary Truemner  
Ron & Dana Irion  
Richard & Pam Gardner  
Marvin & Alice Trost & family  
Nancy Folk  
Jean Sturm  
Jack & Pam Sturm  
Terry & June Sturm  
Georgina Elliott & family  
Pat & Kathy Azarovitz  
Norm & Tanja Nelson  
Karl & Marilyn DeSimpelare  
Nancy Schuette & family  
John & Jill Champagne  
Chuck & Jeanie Squires  
Vicky Turner  
James & Jean Seman  
Mike & Lorraine LePage  
Lydia Decker  
Kevin & Mary Sting  
Robert & Bonnie Libka  
Ervin Haley  
Pam Vammer  
Mark & Brenda Kretzscher  
Paul & Sarah Caruso  
David & Janalou Blecke  
Don & Dulcia Wichert

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth for, Cross Building fund:**

Carol Diener  
Neil & Connie Herford  
Bruce & Marilyn Baur

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Olga Renn  
Kathleen Engelhard  
Alex & Patty Cucinello & family

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Cemetery fund:**

Ron & Cherilyn Diebel

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe  
Jeff & Beth Elston

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Shirley Deering  
Dorothy Henne  
Karen Anklam  
Olga Renn  
Sheila Yackle  
Lydia Decker  
Denny & Leanne Smith  
Dale & Donna Schuette

**In memory of Fred Edler for, Cross Building fund:**

Carol Diener  
Neil & Connie Herford  
Bruce & Marilyn Baur  
JB & Gwynne Barry

**In memory of Ray Buchholz, for Cross Building fund:**

Neil & Connie Herford

**In memory of Mary Gettel, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Elsie Trowbridge, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Denny & Leanne Smith  
Paul & Karen Schuette  
Dale & Donna Schuette

**In memory of Elsie Trowbridge for Cross Building fund:**

Carol Diener  
Bruce & Marilyn Baur

**In memory of Ervin Schuette Jr., for Cross Building fund:**

Bruce & Marilyn Baur



**Memorial Gifts**



***Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of heavenly lights,  
who does not change like shifting shadows. ~ James 1:17.***

Our 10th annual Fish Fry was again challenged by circumstances out of our control. God had people in place to help with decision making, brainstorming on different ways to set up, get the word out, and pick up more supplies for take outs only, to name only a few. God did not change, he was there in our midst, working through His people.

With the support of our congregation and community we served 542 take-out meals. We had over 85 volunteers who served, prepped, chopped, filled containers, made and baked rolls, set-up, hosted, sliced potatoes, fried, ran fish, battered fish, made and packaged desserts, filled more containers, cleaned-up and did so many, many jobs. Thank you for your dedication!!!

Also thank you to Kevin Sturm, Thrivent Financial, Thumb Bank & Trust, Wallace Stone Quarry, Caseville Family Market, Huron Gas, Krzeszewski & Sons Masonry, Walsh Packing, Pigeon Family Market, Scheurer Hospital, and the many generous anonymous donors who continue to make this event a success!

A total to date of \$5,400 has been deposited in a fund and the council will determine how it will be disbursed, there will be a donation to the hot lunch-kitchen fund included in the disbursement.

What a delight to see God's hands and feet working through the service of His people. The Father of heavenly lights does not change!

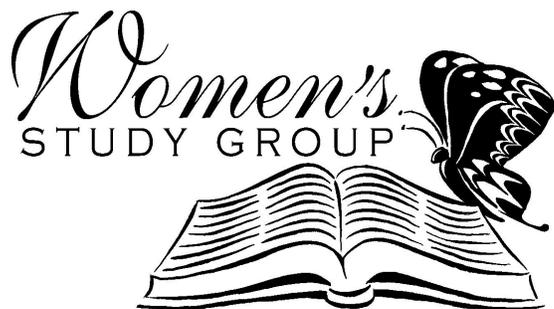
**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you  
for your support!!**

Joy in the Journey, Leanne Smith

Woman's Bible Study is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st beginning at 1:30. With the changes in our daily lives, we will evaluate meeting date the last week in March.

Ironically the Bible study is titled "Walking Together" A Bible Study on the Importance of Fellowship in our Lives as Disciples of Christ. Even though at this time in our world we are restricted to walk close or side by side one another, we must remember that the Spirit of God continues to connect us in spiritual ways that the world cannot see.

choir has an anthem that proclaims, "*Who knows where the wind blows, where it comes from, where it goes? Hear the wind blow, for such is the kingdom of God.*" Watch, listen and learn from our God who walks with us as we fellowship together in His Spirit and truth! The title of Session 2 is "Forebear One Another". The readings are from Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-26. Let's continue to walking together! I chuckled as I read the lesson! The word virus is in it and God's timing for this session is amazing!



Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Questions contact Leanne Smith 989-553-4241.

## **PRAYERS DURING THE CURRENT HEALTH CRISIS**

### **For the Sick**

God of compassion, strengthen with your healing power those we bring to you in prayer. Look upon those who are sick and surround them with your love [especially ...]. Bless the labors of those men and women who are skilled in using your good gifts of medicine. By your Spirit, move us to be among the instruments you use to offer comfort where we have the opportunity. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **For Those Who Seek Cures**

God of life, direct the efforts of your servants who labor to seek a cure for the current virus that has swept across the world, which has sapped the strength and already claimed the lives of many. According to your gracious will, grant doctors and researchers success in what they do, that disease and despair may be replaced with newfound hope and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **For Strength and Healing**

God of grace and comfort, stretch out your saving hand to touch the lives of those for whom we pray. Visit them with your almighty power and strengthen them with your eternal love. According to your gracious will, heal their illness, lead them to recovery, and bring your comfort to their spirit. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who are Afraid**

Come to the aid of all who are living in anxiety and fear in this time of world pandemic, especially those who are vulnerable to illness and those who are already suffering with health issues. Provide wisdom and skill to all in the health care profession so that they may be agents of your healing care. Help us all to act in a caring and responsible manner for the sake of others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(provided by "Holy Families" at [www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com))*

### **PARISH LIFE MINUTES: March 3, 2020**

Parish Life met March 3 at 4:00 pm in the Choir room. Betty opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Members present: Alice, Betty, LuAnne, Paul and Nancy. Parish Life will host coffee hour March 15th.

Women of Faith has cancelled their study for March 7th. Next study will be on April 4th at 10:00 am in the overflow.

We again talked about a picture directory. Paul has been putting pictures in a file. More options will be discussed as we have more information.

We again remind everyone about the potluck suppers before Wednesday Lenten Services. All are welcome - bring a dish to pass or just come and enjoy foo and fellowship. LuAnne will see that coffee is made and other drinks will be available.

Jean Sturm will again coordinate Easter Breakfast. Parish Life will help as needed.

The cookbooks were well accepted by the new members and Parish Life voted to continue to pay \$5 per book for as long as they are available.

The next meeting will be April 7th at 4:00 pm. With no more business to discuss, the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Schuette





# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Service online	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday  Office closed	10 Good Friday  Office closed	11
12 Easter Sunday Service online	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday Service online	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday Service online	27	28	29	30		

# Ministers - The People of Cross

## **Officers, Ministries & Committees**

**Pastor** – Glenn Sokolowski  
**Music** Director - Beth Elston

## **Church Council**

Mike LePage, President  
Gretchen Roestel, V P  
Krisie Fritz, Secretary  
Nancy Heck, Treasurer  
Gretchen Roestel, School Bd.  
Kent McKenzie, Trustee  
Norm Nelson, Trustee  
Nancy Schuette, Trustee  
Cory Messing, Trustee  
Steve Schulze, Trustee

## **Advisors**

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

## **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**

Lori Smith, Chair  
Krisie Fritz, Council Rep.  
Connie Eden  
Rachel Messing  
Kay Schuette  
Tonja Nelson  
Nancy Heck  
LuAnne Sokolowski  
Lorraine LePage

## **Ministry of Stewardship**

Norm Nelson, Chair  
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