



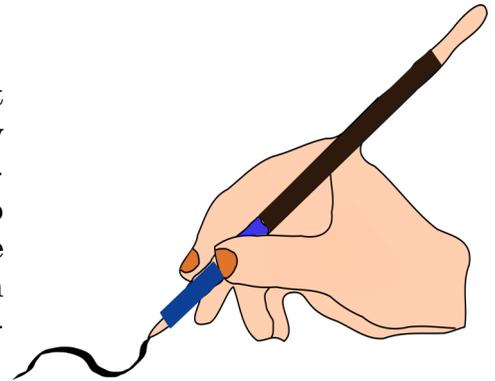
Cross & Crownicle

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July, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

It's been a wonderful week at Cross & Crown! We just had our special congregational meeting this past Sunday (July 17) and voted to extend a Letter of Call to our pastoral candidate. Our candidate now has 30 days in which to prayerfully consider the call. So, as a congregation we continue in prayer as well, trusting that God is at work in this whole process and in God's good time will provide continued pastoral leadership for this congregation.



As I have been reflecting on this whole call process, I have been reminded of the story of Esther from scripture. Her story has always fascinated me. As a young girl, Esther had been orphaned but then went to live with her cousin Mordecai who worked for the king of Persia. As a young and beautiful woman, Esther found favor with the king and was appointed to serve as queen. All was well until news came that a law had been passed that all Jews ... young and old, women & children ... were to be killed. That is when Mordecai pleaded with Esther to go in and speak to the king and ask that he spare the Jews. She was fearful to do this because, according to the law, no one could go in to speak with the king without an invitation. Esther didn't have one but Mordecai pleaded with her and finally said to her, "Maybe God has let you be queen **for just such a time as this.**" (Esther 4:14). Queen Esther then called for three days of prayer and after that, she went in to speak with the king. He listened to her pleas and changed the law to spare the lives of the Jewish people.



There are many things I appreciate about this story, but I'll just name three. First, this is a story about listening to others. It was only after the pleading of Mordecai that Esther even considered approaching the king. Secondly, it is a story about "timing." Mordecai told Esther, "Maybe God has let you be queen **for just such a time as this.**" Thirdly, it is a story about the power of prayer. Esther was reluctant to go in before the king but finally agreed to but not until three days were spent in prayer. Esther knew that prayer is always a good place to start when big decisions lie ahead of us. And then, we leave the outcome to God.

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AUGUST COMMITTEE NIGHT

Monday, August 8, 2016

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Our standing committees will hold their next “Committee Night” on Monday, August 8. The format for the evening will be as follows:

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| 6:30 - 7:30 PM | Committees meet individually around tables in the Children’s Chapel (or in various classrooms, if preferred) for visioning & planning. |
| 7:30 - 7:45 PM | Committee members come together for devotions and a sharing of committee highlights in the sanctuary. |
| 8:00 PM | The Church Council will hold its August meeting in the Choir Room. |

If you aren’t currently serving on a committee, consider yourself invited to come and join us on August 8. Any of our committees would warmly welcome new members. Serving on a committee is important work and a way you can help shape the ministry of this congregation as we move forward into the future.

JULY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Cassie Hartje from the Church Council.
- Appointed Kristi Schott to fill Cassie’s unexpired term on the Church Council through the Annual Meeting in January of 2017.
- Approved the minutes of both the June 13 & June 23 Church Council minutes as edited.
- Reviewed the membership roster and established our confirmed membership at 320 members, with a final review to be completed at our next meeting.
- Decided to open the Nursery Attendant position to other youth in the congregation who may like to serve, beginning September 1, 2016.
- Approved a \$1,000 expense to hire Craig’s Carpet Cleaning to clean the carpets throughout our building.
- Approved the salary package for our pastoral candidate.
- Reviewed the updated Time/Talent sheet presented by Matt Warneke, Stewardship chairperson. Once final revisions are made, the sheet will be distributed to our membership.
- Discussed the start-up of Sunday School and set Sunday, September 18 as the start-up date.
- Set Monday, August 8, 6:30 PM as the date for the next Committee Night. The Church Council meeting will follow at 8:00 PM.



CHURCH ADDRESS CHANGE

By now, you have probably noticed that we have a mailbox at the church. We have closed out our mailbox at the Post Office so all our mail is now being delivered directly to the church. Therefore, all correspondence sent to Cross & Crown now needs to include our address (7404 Elevator Road) and **not** the Post Office box number we had. **Please note:** If you mail your offering envelope to the church, please cross off the box number listed on it and write our church address instead. **Special thanks** to Howard Van Valzah, Building & Grounds Committee chair, for installing the mailbox for us. It is much appreciated!





PRELUDE - A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Women, you are invited to join the Prelude Bible Study group that meets on the 3rd Thursday morning each month at 9:30 AM in the Library. Our study theme for August 18th will be “The Heart of the Matter – The Ministry of Reconciliation,” and is based on the theme verses from 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. In this study we will examine how conflict can draw us closer to God and to one another. This study was written by Angela Shannon and is in the Women of the ELCA’s monthly publication *Gather*, which is available on the table in the Narthex for those who plan to attend. We do hope you’ll join the group in August. A cup of coffee and a healthy snack will await you as you arrive.

“OWLS” POTLUCK & BIBLE STUDY

Looking for something fun to do each month? If so, consider yourself invited to join the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints) of the congregation for a potluck meal and Bible Study. They’ll be meeting next on Thursday, August 11th at 11:30 AM in the Choir Room. There will be an amazing assortment of delicious food and lively conversation over lunch. We then have about a 30-minute Bible Study, connecting scripture with some current event of the day. Newcomers are always welcome!



NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION

Any high school or college-aged students interested in helping to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship and education hours beginning in September are invited to apply. The Nursery Attendant is a paid position (minimum wage) and is staffed between 8:15 AM and 12:15 PM during the school year. A background check and attendance at a training session is required. To apply, you may contact Pastor Marilyn via e-mail and request an application form (pastor@crosscrown.org) or stop by the church office and pick one up. All applications are due in the church office no later than Monday, August 15.

Prayers of Sympathy to Pam and Larry McFall upon the death of their son, Shawn on June 24, 2016.



You are invited...to celebrate the July 3 wedding of Katie Colletta and Keegan Huckfeldt at a reception on August 14, from 1:00—4:00 at Cross and Crown. Congratulate the couple, view wedding pictures and the video, and enjoy a meal and cake. Everyone is invited! No gift necessary.

Please let Ellen know if you are planning to attend
(815-494-4742 or colletta4@charter.net)

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 17, 2016

- Established that a quorum had been met with 70 people in attendance at the meeting.
- Welcomed our pastoral candidate who presented an opening devotion for us.
- Had a question/time with our candidate.
- Voted by ballot to extend a Letter of Call to our pastoral candidate.

Note: The Letter of Call will now be sent to the bishop's office. The bishop will sign it and forward it on to our candidate. The candidate has 30 days to consider the call and if accepted, an installation date will be set.

CAMPFIRMATION THANK YOU'S

(The following thank you notes were received from our girls who attended Campfirmation at Augustana College in Rock Island in June)

Thank you so much for helping me get to camp. Also, thanks for praying for me. I really liked care group time at night to discuss the day. I learned that I'm a child of God and can be forgiven for my sins. Thanks again so much for all your help.

Madelyn Craft

I am happy my parents sent me to this camp. I got to meet a lot of new good people. This camp was a good experience for how to have a better understanding of our relationship with God. All kids should go to this. It was a lot of fun. I made the best out of this trip and got more close to God.

Elizabeth Martinez

I would like to personally thank you all for praying for me to have a good time here at camp. One thing that I really enjoyed about camp was all the new friends I made here. I hope I can keep in contact with them all. While I was here, I learned many things about God, but the one thing that really stuck with me was how I can keep my relationship with God growing. I leave this camp with more respect for the church and I am very proud to be a part of this congregation.

Ashlynn Swartout

I thank Pastor John and Jake Jacobs for bringing us to this camp because it really strengthened my belief and my relationship with God. I enjoyed many things at Campfirmation, but what I most enjoyed was care groups because at the ending it almost felt like a family and I was comfortable around people I had just met about three days ago. What I learned here about God is that his arms will always be open to me. I learned that I can be a leader at times. And I learned that being a part of God's church is an honor and something that I won't take for granted.

Olivia Warneke





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ELCA STATELINE CHURCHES

OUTDOOR WORSHIP, PICNIC and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4th, 10:30 am

Worship followed by picnic and games
HONONEGAH FOREST PRESERVE
TOWERING PINES SHELTER

Bring a chair, lawn games, and...

SIDE DISH (Open Arms and Faith) DESSERT (Open Arms and Cross and Crown)
(drinks, meat, tableware provided)

RAIN LOCATION – Cross and Crown Lutheran



Serving the Lord—August, 2016

	<i>August 7 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>August 7 Contemporary 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>August 14 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>August 14 Contemporary 10:00 a.m.</i>
Greeter	Eileen & John Herring	Debbi Paus	Barb & Dan Larson	Christy Swartout
Ushers	Kristin & Bill Frank	Greg Loken	Sally & Bill Clemens	Jim Lacy
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Olivia Warneke	Elizabeth Martinez	Amanda Sorenson	Ashlynn Swartout
Assisting Minister	Ellen Colletta		Loren Sass	
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Jan Ethington	Jan Ethington
Lector	Joe Colletta	Cindy Loken	Bill Frank	Cassie Hartje
Communion Setup	Sue Chaney	—————	—————	—————
Communion Bread	Hilde Magnuson	Violet Bane	Penni Korte	
Communion Assistants	Terri & Steve Schubert	Cheryl & Mike Metcalf	Cindy & Dean Snowdon	Jim Lacy Louise Glon
Nursery	Bella Warneke		Jenny Sorenson	
Coffee Host and Clean up	Millie Van Valzah Eileen Herring		Cindy & Greg Loken	
PowerPoint Operator	Ralph Prescott		Barb Larson	
Bread Delivery	Terri Schubert		Vicki Simms	
Offering Caretaker	Bill Frank	Mike Metcalf	Dean Snowdon	Dave Nugent
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson	—————	—————	—————
Recycling	Tyler Bauer	—————	—————	—————

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and call the church office by Wednesday for bulletin changes (623-6853).

Serving the Lord—August, 2016

	<i>August 21 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>August 21 Contemporary 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>August 28 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>August 28 Contemporary 10:00 a.m.</i>
Greeter	Millie & Howard Van Valzah	Dave Nugent	Jan Ethington Amy Sorenson	Mike Metcalf
Ushers	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Louise Glon	Cindy & Dean Snowdon	Cheryl Metcalf
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Olivia Warneke	Elizabeth Martinez	Amanda Sorenson	Isabelle Myers
Assisting Minister	Ralph Prescott		Mitch Olson	
Message for Children	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs	Dean Snowdon	Dean Snowdon
Lector	Delores Dirks	Louise Glon	Karen Radtke	Mike Metcalf
Communion Setup	Sue Chaney	—————→		—————→
Communion Bread	Milly Van Valzah		Jan Ethington	
Communion Assistants	Ellen & Joe Colletta	Dave & Sandy Nugent	Amy Sorenson Michele Lally	Vicki Davis Christy Swartout
Nursery	Bella Warneke		Jenny Sorenson	
Coffee Host and Clean up	Anita Drake Jan Ethington		Volunteer Needed	
PowerPoint Operator	Diane Peters		Angie Henbest	
Bread Delivery	Sheila Carey		Ann Chamberlain	
Offering Caretaker	Joe Chamberlain	Dave Nugent	Doug Nichols	Mike Metcalf
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson	—————→		—————→
Recycling	Tyler Bauer	—————→		—————→

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Pastor's Letter (Continued)

This process of calling a new pastor to serve at Cross & Crown has certainly involved listening to each other as a Ministry Site Profile was developed for our congregation. At "just the right time" our profile was completed and the name of a pastoral candidate presented to us. More listening to each other took place as Call Committee members, Church Council, congregation and pastoral candidate met each other, asked questions of each other and listened to each other. Throughout it all, we have been in prayer ... both pastor and people ... and now we await the outcome. We trust, like Mordecai & Esther did, that God answers prayer ... and in our case ... will raise up new pastoral leadership for this congregation ... *"for such a time as this."*

In patient trust,
Pastor Marilyn

NEW YORK, HERE WE COME! Mission Trip 2016

Cross and Crown Youth in
 front of donated trailer



Happy Anniversary

Scott & Jessica Sable	8/4	Gerald & Leanne Upward	8/13
Greg & Cindy Loken	8/7	Tim & Ginny Anderson	8/16
Dean & Cindy Snowdon	8/9	Jim & Michele Lally	8/18
Joe & Ellen Colletta	8/10	Gary & Alice Forseth	8/20
John & Dorothy Melquist	8/10	Howard & Mildred Van Valzah	8/25
Mike & Marilyn Cramp	8/12	George & Violet Bane	8/26

Happy Birthday

Conner Burdick	8/3	Olivia Warneke	8/8	Jeffrey Madura	8/17
Debbi Paus	8/3	John Heins	8/10	Alyssa Martinez	8/17
Kristi Schott	8/3	Sandra Jacobs	8/10	David Burdick	8/18
John Radtke	8/6	Katie Colletta	8/13	Ethan Schubert	8/18
Mitchell Olson	8/7	Mike Cramp	8/14	Brian Peters	8/20
Robert Woodard	8/7	Weston Schott	8/15	Gary Forseth	8/22
Kurt Korte	8/8				

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Worship Schedule

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Community Time
10:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

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CROSS & CROWN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 12, 2016

Featuring the 2016

Annie Award Winning Animated Film:

The Good Dinosaur

Schedule:

**6:30 pm. Cartoons, hot dogs, sno-cones, Kool-Aid,
and popcorn**

**7:00 pm. Feature film: *The Good Dinosaur* (This event
will be held in the air-conditioned comfort of the
church Sanctuary)**



Cross and Crown Staff

Marilyn Hanson, Interim Pastor
Mitchell Olson, Director of Music
Warren Jacobs, Dir. of Youth and Family Ministries
Matt Guschl, Hand Bell Director
Deb Dunnavan, Organist
Barbara Peterson, Office Manager, Bookkeeper

Jennifer Ezop, Preschool Director
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