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Sharing God's Love and Promise of Salvation Through Christ

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All Are Welcome!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

August is a funny month. Northern Illinois is still experiencing the heat and humidity that forces us to flee to the air conditioning. But suddenly stores are filled with back to school supplies and sweaters! Our local school districts in Rockton and Roscoe start the new school year on August 16th. This seems really early! One day kids are jumping off the high dive at the local pool and the next day they are learning multiplication. It can be challenging for kids to focus on their school work when the nice weather is so enticing. The lazy days of Summer are replaced with the busy work load of the Fall. Let's be honest, it's challenging for us adults to focus when the weather is nice!



Here at church we feel the same transition. Sunday School and Rally Day, Adult Education and Confirmation all need to be planned and prepped. There's a great anticipation to make our Fall kick off fantastic and appealing to young families. And yet even in the great planning for the Fall the continued work of the church community continues: prayer, worship, and thanksgiving!

Sometimes in our own faith we feel pulled between two worlds. The Gospel compels us to slow down and live intentionally through quiet moments of prayer and reading scripture. But the world wants us to speed up. Our top speed is never fast enough for the busy modern life. How do we find a balance?

The desert monk and spiritual leader Arsenius said, "Be solitary, be silent, and be at peace." Most of us cannot retreat to the desert to spend a life in solitude contemplating the meaning of the scriptures. We are called by Jesus to live a more engaged life.

The only way to find balance in the mucky and distracting world is to be rooted in a community of believers. Here God's people gather to sing songs of praise, to pray for life's struggles, to lift one another with encouragement and to commune on the body and blood of Christ. To many outside the church, this might seem like a waste of time. In fact, these activities feed and nurture our souls to continue to live engaged in the world.

If you're coming back to worship after a busy Summer away, welcome back! If you are new to our community, welcome! If you're a regular worshiper, it's good to see you! Cross and Crown is a place for all God's people. Together in Jesus Christ we share this ministry of discipleship, engaged in our world for the sake of the world.

Pastor Megan



Until We Meet Again - although my retirement means a new voice greets you over the phone and a new face is seen in the office; the words 'until we meet again' seem more appropriate. For during those 28 years as office administrator many friendships were formed. And so it is with humble heart and great affection that I say "Thank You" for your many expressions of love and farewell that I received through your many greetings, cards, thoughtful gifts and most generous monetary congregational gift. I am at a loss for words to adequately express my appreciation for all that was done to celebrate my retirement. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to make the luncheon so

lovely and an expression of your love and appreciation towards me and my family. So, until we meet again...continue in your ministries to all who enter Cross and Crown and to your community at large.

In Christ's love, Barb



Until We Meet Again



Preschool Pitter Patter

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful Summer!



As our thoughts turn to Autumn, the pitter patter of happy little feet will be returning once again to Cross and Crown Preschool. Our Open House will be Sunday, August 27th from 6-8 p.m. Parents Night follows on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m. The new school year will start Tuesday, September 5th.



Donations are still needed to purchase two new tricycles for the children to enjoy. Volunteers are always appreciated, would you like to become a board member or the help with other projects. To volunteer, please call Pastor Megan or any Preschool Board member.

More news to come regarding staffing and enrollment numbers. We have openings available in the afternoon session.

Thank you to all who support our educational endeavors with the little ones!



Congratulations on a great Work Camp Week! Pictured here are our youth and chaperones who traveled to Charleston, West Virginia to help people in their community. Kevin Peters, Ethan Schubert, Tyler Bauer, Kendra Zimmerman, David Keller, Angie Henbest, Olivia Mueller, Carley Korte, Morgan Mieland, Kalin Zimmerman, Jenna Madura, Anya Henbest and Warren Jacobs.



Welcome back from Summer Break! We're excited to kick off the new teaching year with our Rally Day festivities. Join us for worship at 8:30AM and 11AM. Fun activities for kids will start at 9:45AM and include releasing balloons, bouncy house and snacks!



Sunday School Planning Meeting

We are ready to kick off a great year of Sunday School for our kids! Join our committee for a planning night on August 9th at 6 p.m., where we will talk about material and structure for the 2017-2018 school year. We are also looking for adults willing to teach throughout the year. You don't have to commit to every Sunday. We are looking for a collaborative group of individuals who can teach for a few Sundays during the year.



Yoga classes have been changed to Mondays from 5-6 p.m.

Serving the Lord—August, 2017

	<i>August 6 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>August 6 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>August 13th 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>August 13th 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Steve & Terri Schu- bert	Greg Loken	Gary & Cindy Powalish	Louise Glon
Ushers	Joe & Ann Chamberlain	Cindy Loken	Chris & Diane Peters	Tyler Bauer
Acolyte/Cup Collector				
Assisting Minister	Ralph Prescott		Loren Sass	
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Ellen Colletta	Ellen Colletta
Lector	Jay Kabitzke	Greg Loken	Pam Prescott	Louise Glon
Communion Setup	Sue Chaney	Sue Chaney	Sue Chaney	Sue Chaney
Communion Bread	Jan Ethington	Sally Eversoll	Ellen Colletta	Louise Glon
Communion Assistants	Dean & Cindy Snow- don	Greg & Cindy Loken	Gary & Cindy Powalish	Louise Glon Jim Lacy
Nursery				
Coffee Host and Clean up	Dorothy Melquist		Pam Prescott	
PowerPoint Operator	Barb Larson		Ralph Prescott	
Bread Delivery	Sheila Carey		Debbie Paus	
Offering Caretaker	Joe Chamberlain	Dean Snowdon	Gary Powalish	Mike Metcalf
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson
Recycling	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan

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	<i>August 20th 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>August 20th 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>August 27th 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>August 27th 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Doug Nichols Hilde Magnuson	Christy Swartout	Bill & Sally Clemons	Debbie Paus
Ushers	Eileen & John Herring	Jim Lacy	Dean & Cindy Snow- don	Mike Metcalf
Acolyte/Cup Collector				
Assisting Minister	Ellen Colletta		Ben Vaughan	
Message for Children	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs	Jan Ethington	Jan Ethington
Lector	Bill Frank	Cassie Hartje	Amy Sorenson	Mike Metcalf
Communion Setup	Penni Korte	Sue Chaney	Sue Chaney	Sue Chaney
Communion Bread	Bill & Kristin Frank	Christy Swartout	Hilde Magnuson	Cindy Snowdon
Communion Assistants		Vicki Davis Christy Swartout	Terri & Steve Schubert	Mike & Cheryl Metcalf
Nursery	Anita Drake Hilde Magnuson			
Coffee Host and Clean up	Diane Peters		Pastor Megan & Ben Vaughan	
PowerPoint Operator	Penni Korti		Angie Henbest	
Bread Delivery	Doug Nichols		Ann Chamberlin	
Offering Caretaker		Dean Snowdon	Howard Van Valzah	Mike Metcalf
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson	Hilde Magnuson
Recycling	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan	Mary Jordan

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship/Comm. 9:30 am Community Time 9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Adult Enrichment 11:00 am Contemporary Worship/Comm. 12:00 pm Spirit Singers	7	8 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group	9 6:30 p.m. SS Planning Mtg	10 11:30 a.m. Quilting Group	11	12
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20 8:30 am Worship/Comm. 9:30 am Community Time 9:45 am Education Hour 10:00 am Adult Enrichment 11:00 am Contemporary Worship/Comm. 12:00 pm Spirit Singers	21 6:30 p.m. Church Council	22 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group	23 Volunteers Assemble Newsletter	24	25	26
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I am looking for volunteers to help out in the church office. If you are available and would enjoy helping in the office, please contact Kathy Hull.



August Birthdays

Katherine Dach	8/2	Brent Swanson	8/11	Keith Dexter	8/18
Shawn McFall	8/2	Jack Johnson	8/12	Ethan Schubert	8/18
Conner Burdick	8/3	Autumn Scudder	8/12	Ruthann Tonak	8/19
Debbi Paus	8/3	Katie Colletta	8/13	Brian Peters	8/20
Kristi Schott	8/3	Mike Cramp	8/14	Erika Navin	8/21
John Radtke	8/6	Weston Schott	8/15	Gary Forseth	8/22
Mitchell Olson	8/7	Andrew Smith	8/15	Dean Snowdon	8/28
Robert Woodward	8/7	Abby Hanke	8/16	Tate Vaughan	8/28
Kurt Korte	8/8	Jeffery Madura	8/16	John Walters	8/28
Olivia Warneke	8/8	Alyssa Martinez	8/17	Laurel Wright	8/31
Sandra Jacobs	8/10	David Burdick	8/18		

August Anniversaries



Nathan & Jessica Olson	8/2	John & Dorothy Melquist	8/10	Jim & Michele Lally	8/18
Dave & Deb Keller	8/4	Mike & Marilyn Cramp	8/12	Gary & Alice Forseth	8/20
Greg & Cindy Loken	8/7	Gerald & Leanne Upward	8/13	Howard & Mildred Van Valzah	8/25
Matt & Alison Schmidt	8/8	Ben & Megan Vaughan	8/14	George & Violet Bane	8/26
Dean & Cindy Snowdon	8/9	Tim & Ginny Anderson	8/16		
Joe & Ellen Colletta	8/10	Brent & Nancy Swanson	8/17		

Blessings in a Bag- *God's Work Our Hands* Project

For Cross and Crown's *God's Work Our Hands* 2017 project, please consider the following project. Area shelters and the Synod office, give to the homeless, gallon-size plastic bags filled with basic essentials. Below is a similar list that they use to fill the bags:

Basics: hat, gloves, socks, and a scarf, handwarmer packet

Toiletries: small packet multipurpose wipes, chap stick, lotion, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, water bottle, first aid -band aids, small packet of kleenx, feminine care items

Food and Drink: beef jerky, trail mix, nuts, granola bars

A handout will be provided in August, and a drop off spot in the narthex identified. As you go about your day consider the items you always use without a second thought. It might resemble this list. This is a sample list, to get you thinking!

Look for more information via email and in the weekly bulletins. Thanks for your support of this project to extend a hand to those less fortunate. We will finish this project in late September.



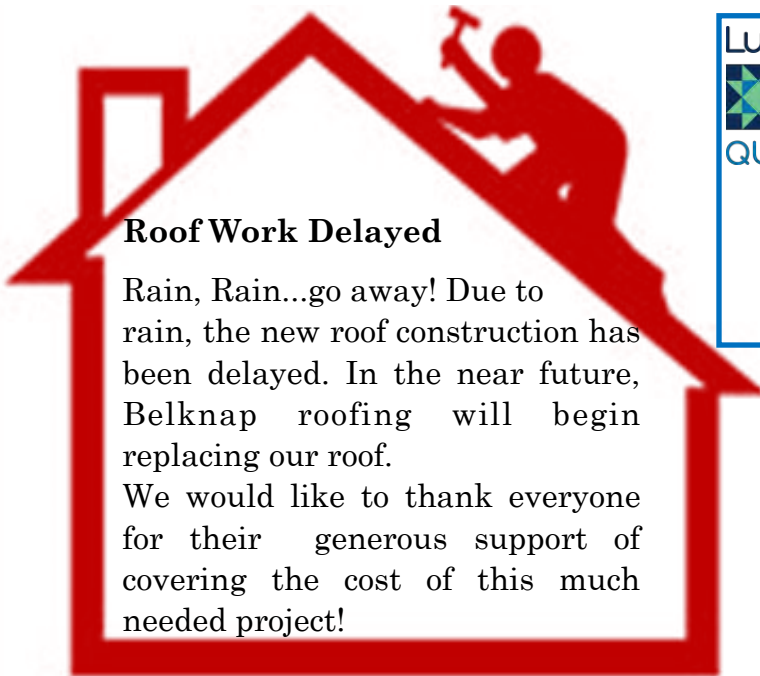
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Roof Work Delayed

Rain, Rain...go away! Due to rain, the new roof construction has been delayed. In the near future, Belknap roofing will begin replacing our roof.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support of covering the cost of this much needed project!

Lutherdale Fest



QUILT AUCTION

Friday, August 11th

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Fish Fry & Quilt Preview

Saturday, August 12th at 8 am - 4 pm

Auction starts at 10 am

For more information, visit
www.lutherdale.org.



Do you take pictures of activities at church? If you do, please forward to info@crosscrown.org. We will file and use a space allows in our newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your help!

-Kathy

Cross and Crown Staff

Rev. Megan Vaughan, Pastor; Kathy Hull, Office Administrator; Dr. Mitchell Olson, Director of Music and Organist; Warren Jacobs, Director of Youth & Family Ministries; Dr. Matt Guschl, Hand Bell Director; Deb Dunnavan, Assistant Organist; Violet Bane, Custodian