



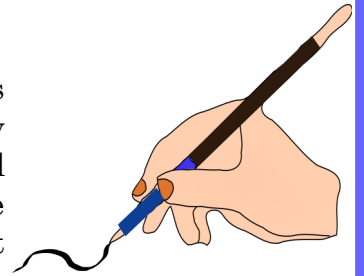
# Cross & Crownicle

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## *A time for goodbye and a time for hello . . .*

This June we say goodbye and Godspeed to Cross and Crown's long-time office administrator Barb Peterson. She has faithfully served Cross and Crown for 28 years. Such an amazingly long and wonderful career! All of you who know Barb, who have called into the office, stopped by to pick up something or volunteered, know that Barb filled more than the role of secretary. She was often counselor, emergency maintenance worker, shoulder to cry on and prayer warrior. If only the pay scale in our budget could reflect all the various jobs she took on over the years! She has been there for you, members of Cross and Crown and visitors alike as a warm and compassionate face. So it is with sadness that we bid her farewell. But in doing so, we send her and her husband Jim into God's grace.



One of the things I have appreciated about Barb is her quick willingness to pray for others. She sees the need for prayer in others often before they themselves have acknowledged the need. In this gift, she demonstrates her faithful witness to God and to Jesus Christ. In 1 Thessalonians chapter five it says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." The letter writer extols the listener to demonstrate their faith in Jesus through prayer and giving thanks. These simple acts are signs of our faith lived out. Barb's dedication to this church came from her strong faith and dedication to sharing the message of Jesus.

I have often reflected on how important the role of office administrator is for a church, more so than any other company. A great church secretary truly reflects the ministry and is often the first impression anyone receives of the church. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, the face in the church office will change but the ministry and mission of Cross and Crown will not.

This month we will welcome our new office administrator, Kathy Hull. I know Kathy from her service at Trinity Lutheran in Rockford. She comes with some invaluable experience in church office management. But more importantly, she comes to us with a faith to serve God and a passion for the gospel. This will be a season of change. But in this, as in all good things, God is working.

I encourage all the members and guests of Cross and Crown to stop in and meet Kathy and pray for her and her family as she makes this transition. We lift up this season of transition to Jesus in whom all things are made possible.

*Pastor Megan*



## ***SOCIAL CONCERNS and YOU.....***

Books on the Bus was recently shelved. Social Concerns is exploring other options. Currently we are considering Mosaic Day Center or waiting area, LSSI and Caritas waiting room areas, and Remedies. If you have already collected books, a box will be in the narthex for your books.

Social Concerns is planning on our Cross and Crown God's Work Our Hands September 2017 project to be Blessings in a Bag - simple items for a homeless person in a gallon Ziploc bag. More information will be provided in the coming months.

Please continue to support Old Stone Church food pantry throughout the summer with non perishable food items and paper goods and feminine products. Check the barrels in the narthex for grocery bags with a suggested list.

Suggestions for other Social Concern focus is appreciated. We will support the Wimpy Fund Christmas gifts for Children in December, and monetary donation requests in November for Caritas Turkey Baskets.

Quilters will meet July 11th at 10 a.m. All are welcome. We usually work until 2 p.m. with conversation and a lunch break. Our quilts have been donated to Remedies, Carpenter's Place, Rockford Rescue Mission, and MELD. No experience needed to join! We enjoy sharing our love of creating warmth for others.

Many thanks to Cindi Irons for her years of service to this congregation creating our newsletter every month.

## **RUMMAGE SALE WRAP UP!**

The 9th Annual Rummage and Plant Sale netted \$6072.12 for the church budget. Expenses included the Rockford Register Star ad, tent stakes, caution tape, and church youth mission fund for those who worked primarily the pre and post sale days. This amount is in line with previous year's totals ranging from \$3500.00 to \$8000.00. Thanks to George and Violet Bane for the donation of the tent.

At the wrap up meeting Anita and Kristin announced they would not chair another sale. If this tradition is to continue in 2018, we will need new volunteers to chair the sale. If you would be interested in chairing the sale please let the office know. If the sale is discontinued, other fund raisers will need to be found for the church budget to replace the funds earned from the Rummage and Plant Sale. Please offer suggestions to the council members regarding other ways to raise five to ten thousand dollars in 2018.

Let's be clear, The Rummage and Plant Sale is more than dollars to meet the budget. Church members are closer as they share stories. The hundreds who walk onto our grounds and enter the church are greeted by Cross and Crown members with respect and God's Love. If you didn't participate you missed those golden God moments provided to those of us who did. Be more than a Sunday attendee, become part of the church family. Decide to participate and be blessed.

## *Prayer Opportunities at Cross and Crown*

We have had a prayer chain ministry at Cross and Crown for a long time. We on the social concerns committee thought it was time to re-evaluate and to invite others to participate.

Intercessory prayer is a vital part of the church's ministry.

You are invited and encouraged to regularly pray for the ministry of Cross and Crown, the staff and community, and our church leadership. In prayer we bring our praise, thanks, and needs to God, seeking God's wisdom, response, and help. At the invitation of Jesus we spend time listening. We pray that God's will might be done and we pray for the needs of God's local and global church, and we pray that God's love be visible in us.

Are you willing to participate in our prayer ministries?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to:

\_\_\_\_ Participate in an email prayer chain and pray for others as requests are made known to us

Best email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Pray weekly for Pastor Megan and worship participants prior to worship

\_\_\_\_ Help us create a prayer room/prayer stations/prayer tools/participate in a prayer study. Circle your choices.

Do you have a need that you would like others to be praying for?

Mail or email your responses to Cindy Loken at:  
cindylokenm@comcast.net



## *Serving the Lord—July, 2017*

	<i>July 2 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>July 2 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>July 9 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>July 9 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>July 16 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>
Greeter	Pam & Ralph Prescott	Louise Glon	Milly & Howard Van Valzah	Mike Metcalf	Ann & Joe Chamberlain
Ushers	Diane & Chris Peters	Greg Loken	Cindy & Gary Powalish	Louise Glon	Cindy & Dean Snowdon
Acolyte/Cup Collector					
Assisting Minister	Mitch Olson		Loren Sass		Ralph Prescott
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Jan Ethington	Jan Ethington	Dean Snowdon
Lector	Nancy Christianson	Cindy Loken	Duke Sims	Louise Glon	Cindy Snowdon
Communion Setup	Nancy Christianson		Vicki Sims		Nancy Christianson
Communion Bread	Bev Gerard	Louise Glon	Terri Schubert	Cindy Snowdon	Nancy Christianson
Communion Assistants	Barb & Dan Larson	Cindy & Greg Loken	Eileen & John Herring	Cheryl & Mike Metcalf	Ann & Joe Chamberlain
Nursery					
Coffee Host and Clean up	Volunteers Needed	—————→			Sue & Dave Chaney
PowerPoint Operator	Ralph Prescott		Diane Peters		Barb Larson
Bread Delivery	Sheila Carey		Ann Chamberlain		Penni Korte
Offering Caretaker	Doug Nichols	Dean Snowdon	Gary Powalish	Mike Metcalf	Joe Chamberlain
Indoor Plant Care	Sue Chaney	—————→			
Recycling	Schuberts	—————→			
Snow Shoveling					

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

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Greeter	Christy Swartout	Vicki & Duke Sims	Jennifer Ezop	Eileen & John Herring	Floyd Hermann
Ushers	Tyler Bauer	Sally & Bill Clemens	Jim Lacy	Kristin & Bill Franks	Mike Metcalf
Acolyte/Cup Collector					
Assisting Minister		Ben Vaughn		Ellen Colletta	
Message for Children	Dean Snowdon	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs	Mitch Olson	Mitch Olson
Lector	Cassie Hartje	Julie Lewis	Mike Metcalf	Kristin Frank	Warren Jacobs
Communion Setup	Nancy Christianson	Vicki Sims	Vick Sims	Nancy Christianson	Nancy Christianson
Communion Bread	Christy Swartout	Vicki Sims	Jennifer Ezop	Michele Lally	Vicki Davis
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## Summer Announcements



### Summer Mid Week Worship

Starting July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a midweek service. Worship will be Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. This will be an informal chance to worship for those who might be traveling on the weekends. Sunday Summer worship times will continue as usual at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.



### Bible Study at Jessica's Restaurant

Every Wednesday morning in summer join Pastor Megan for a Bible study on the gospel reading for the week. We meet at 7:30 a.m. at Jessica's restaurant (5091 Edgemere Ct, Roscoe) for about an hour. All are welcome! We encourage you to bring a friend and share in some good devotional time.

### No Committee meetings or Council meetings in July

Just a quick reminder, there will not be a monthly committee night or council meetings in July. Have a great summer! We'll see everyone in August.



## Happy Birthday

Drew Madura	7/1	Alexandra Nugent	7/13	Jennifer Ezop	7/24
Kelsie Pixler	7/2	Zachary Johnson	7/14	Bethany Johnson	7/25
Lacey Jensen	7/3	Maximus Hermann	7/15	Michele Lally	7/26
Fred Martinez	7/4	Marilyn Cramp	7/17	John Davis	7/27
Courtney Hanke	7/6	Jan Ethington	7/18	Dorothy Melquist	7/30
Jennifer Sorenson	7/8	John Herring	7/20	Alice Forseth	7/31
Connie Hoffman	7/10	Scott Homann	7/22	Ralph Prescott	7/31
Meghan Grilc-Stiklestad	7/13				

## Happy Anniversary

John & Betty Downing	7/2	Jim & Joan Giblin	7/21
Rick & Debbi Paus	7/10	Ken & Meg Lewis	7/22
Drew & Sheryl Madura	7/18	Warren & Sandra Jacobs	7/28

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule -- Rally Day through May 22

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Community Time  
9:45 a.m. Education Hour  
10:00 a.m. Adult Enrichment  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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Worship

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## ***Preschool Pitter Patter***

Welcome to our preschool column which will appear monthly in the church newsletter as a way to keep the congregation informed of the latest happenings at Cross and Crown Preschool.

The preschool is now in a state of transition as we begin our search for a new Director/Teacher. Jennifer Ezop has stepped down after blessing us with 10 years of dedicated service. She felt in her heart a mission to give to her student's Christian values while creatively teaching the academics, arts, and life skills needed for kindergarten. Many thanks and God's blessings to Mrs. Ezop and her family.

Repainting and redecorating will soon begin. New flooring needs to be installed within the next year. Donated funds are needed to purchase two new tricycles. Please contact Pastor Megan or any preschool board member to make a donation or to help with painting. Enrollment for Fall stands at 19 in the a.m. session and possibly 3 in the p.m. session.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Preschool Board: Julia Leslie, Chairperson; April Burdick, Co-Chairperson; Laurel Wright, Council Representative; John Radtke, Financial Advisor; Becki Johnson, Secretary



### ***Cross and Crown Staff***

Megan Vaughan, 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  
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