



Cross & Crownicle

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Dear friends in Christ,

As summer draws near, visions of more relaxed schedules, vacations and rest come to mind. I do hope that you will take some time to sit back, kick up your feet, and bask not only in the warmth of the sunshine but also in the "Son-shine" of God's love.

Many times in scripture we read how Jesus stepped aside from the frantic pace of his work schedule ... to rest ... to pray ... to rejuvenate. It is a good model to follow. However, the model for stepping away from his pressing schedule was to go away to a quiet place and pray ... to be in communion with his Father ... to reflect on where he had been ... and to seek guidance for the days ahead.

Some think that taking a summer break means a break from all things, even church. May that not be so with you! Taking an hour or two to attend worship each week may be just what is needed to lift your spirits, refresh your weary soul, receive inspiration for the things you'd like to do, and give clarity and direction for the work God may be calling you to do next.

We offer two opportunities for worship each Sunday in the summer ... an 8:30 AM traditional service and a 10:00 AM contemporary service with our wonderful Spirit Singers. We also offer a variety of other opportunities for faith to be nurtured ... Vacation Bible School for our children, a week of camp at Augustana College for our confirmation students, a mission trip for our high school youth, a monthly Bible study for women, a Men's Breakfast & Bible study two Saturdays a month, as well as a monthly potluck & Bible study for adults. As you can see, there is something for everyone!

Let summer time be a resting time for you ... but a spiritually renewing time as well. Recall Jesus' invitation to you: *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30)



May peace & rest be yours,

Pastor Marilyn Hanson

NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Synod Assembly will take place this year on June 16-18 at Augustana College in Rock Island. Diane Peters, Greg & Cindy Loken and I will all be attending as voting members from Cross & Crown. Julie Lewis will also be there as a member of the synod staff and will be working very hard to make sure that all things run smoothly. Please pray for this Assembly as we seek to discern God's will as we elect a new bishop. If you would like to make a contribution to the In-Kind Offering we will take with us this year, check out the Sunday morning bulletin for a list of items that are being collected.

Call Committee Update

The call committee has been working hard and we are in the process of evaluating our first candidate. We met with Pastor Jeff Clements, our liaison from the synod office, on Thursday, April 14th. Our ministry site profile went “live” that week. Pastor Jeff had a candidate in mind for us to interview. We received the profile from the candidate the following weekend. Our committee found this person to be a very positive candidate and plans were made to meet and conduct an interview. We were able to meet the candidate at an informal dinner before the interview.

As a committee we came together prior to the interview to compile a list of interview questions. We had a variety of questions that covered the candidate’s experience, philosophy of leading a church, background, leadership styles and faith story. The next

step, which will happen soon, is to listen to the candidate preach a sermon.

Next on the list, if the call committee chooses to move forward with this candidate, is to share the rostered leader profile and other information with the church council. The council will then have an opportunity to meet and interview the candidate, and then vote to recommend the candidate to the congregation.

We as a call committee appreciate your prayers and support in this process. We remember that this is a process of discernment to find the best person for our congregation. We also remember in our own prayers that this is a process where God is in our midst, and we ask for His guidance. Please keep the prayers coming for us during this time.



Another Successful Rummage and Plant Sale

Our 8th annual sale was held May 6 & 7th and the weather was great! All of your donations and hard work earned over \$7,000 for the ministries of Cross and Crown. Those of you who worked the sale Friday and Saturday heard comments from our shoppers on how they return each year because our sale has friendly, helpful worker bees in yellow t-shirts, and our stuff is good stuff, no junk!

You may not realize the enormous impact our sale has as a community outreach. Cross and Crown shows its warm, welcoming atmosphere to the many families who attend. Shoppers have confided this is their major affordable clothes shopping event for the year. Others have said they buy Christmas presents here. What doesn't sell is donated to charities-



including Becca's Closet, Rockford Rescue Mission, Rockford Restore (Habitat partner) and some local nursing and dementia homes. One nursing home staff member told the story that last year he found a game show with DVD that is a favorite of the residents. When

he said that he would attend the sale this year; the residents told him to find another game—and he did!

Whether you donated a few items or several boxes; or worked a couple hours sorting or during the actual sale, or spent time digging plants for the ever popular plant tent, the success of the sale is due to the efforts of EVERYONE involved. So thank you. Congratulate yourself and each other on an amazing job AND mark your calendar for the 2017 sale!

MAY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ After a review of the worship surveys and a recommendation from the Worship/Music Committee, we decided to keep the summer worship schedule as in previous years at 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM.
- ◆ Decided to move the June Church Council meeting to Monday, June 13, 7:30 PM, immediately following the committee meetings scheduled for that evening.
- ◆ Tabled action on the membership roster.
- ◆ Reviewed the cash flow projection sheet and financial reports presented by our treasurer.
- ◆ Heard initial plans for our fall stewardship campaign & plans for a revision of our time/talent sheets.
- ◆ Received updates on the summer mission trip, Vacation Bible School, current social concerns projects, and a fund-raising idea for children for Father's Day to raise money for the community fish ponds.
- ◆ Decided to store the trailer donated to our church outside next to our shed at this time.
- ◆ Briefly discussed the current Confirmation program and changes that may need to be made in the future regarding scheduling and curriculum.
- ◆ Discussed forming a committee to review the format of our contemporary worship service.

JUNE COMMITTEE NIGHT

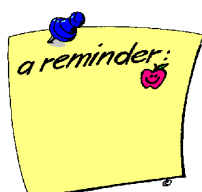
Monday, June 13, 2016

6:00 – 7:15 PM

Our nine standing committees will hold their next "Committee Night" on Monday, June 13. The format will be similar to our May meeting night but will begin a half hour earlier. The schedule will be as follows:

6:00 - 7:00 PM	Committees meet individually around tables in the Children's Chapel (or in various classrooms, if preferred) for visioning & planning.
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Committee members come together for devotions and a sharing of committee highlights in the sanctuary.
7:30 PM	The Church Council will hold their June meeting in the Choir Room.

If you aren't currently serving on a committee, consider yourself invited to come and join us on June 13. 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.



A Note to Worship Volunteers -

Thank you to all who serve at our worship each Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend church on a Sunday that you are scheduled to volunteer, **please find another church member to substitute for you and call the church office (815.623.6853) with the name of your substitute.** Thanks for your help.

PRELUDE - A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN



Women, you are invited to join the Prelude Bible Study group that meets on the 3rd or 4th Thursday morning each month at 9:30 AM in the Library. Our study theme for June 23rd will be "The Heart of the Matter – Conflict, Forgiveness & Reconciliation," and is based on the theme verse from 2 Corinthians 4:7, *"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it*

may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

The 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 June. 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, June 16th at 11:30 AM in the Choir Room. We always have 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!



SUMMER WORK CAMP

We leave for our summer mission trip on July 8th and return on July 16th. Please pray for the 18 young adults and adults attending this year. Your financial support and prayer support are also very important.

VBS IS COMING!!

What do parents, grandparents, friends, and empty two liter bottles have in common? Vacation Bible School of course! Cross and Crown will be holding another fantastic VBS the week of June 6th through the 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to arrive each day at 11:30 for the daily wrap-up and experience what the children have enjoyed during the morning. Come share their excitement for the program and music of the day.



We expect about seventy children to attend and we need all the help we can get from the congregation to help make this a meaningful, spiritual experience. You will LOVE doing this. Those who have helped in the past are excited about doing it again. Please share your talents with us.

Volunteers are needed to host Community Time at 9:30 Sunday mornings this summer. This involves making coffee and bringing a simple dessert and fruit to share. If you are able to help, please contact the church office (815.623.6853) or Eileen Herring (815.623.3648.) Your help is greatly appreciated.



Serving the Lord—June, 2016

	<i>June 5 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>June 5 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>June 12 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>June 12 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Milly & Howard Van Valzah	Louise Glon	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Dave Nugent
Ushers	Sally & Bill Clemens	Cindy & Dean Snowdon	Cindy & Gary Powalish	Louise Glon
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Amanda Sorenson	Ashlynn Swartout	Olivia Warneke	Elizabeth Martinez
Assisting Minister	Ellen Colletta		Russ Albert	
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Jan Ethington	Jan Ethington
Lector	Delores Dirks	Louise Glon	Duke Sims	Cassie Hartje
Communion Setup	Nancy Christianson		Vicki Sims	
Communion Bread	Ellen Colletta		Bev Gerard	
Communion Assistants	Terri & Steve Schubert	Michelle Lally Jim Lacy	Pam & Ralph Prescott	Sandy & Dave Nugent
Nursery	Jenny Sorenson		Bella Warneke	
Coffee Host and Clean up	Eileen & John Herring		Bev Gerard Jan Ethington	
PowerPoint Operator	Ralph Prescott		Barb Larson	
Bread Delivery	Karen Radtke		Terri Schubert	
Offering Caretaker	Howard Van Valzah	Dean Snowdon	Joe Chamberlain	Dave Nugent
Indoor Plant Care	Lisa Albert	_____	_____	_____→
Recycling	Sally & Bill Clemens	_____	_____	_____→
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).

Serving the Lord—June, 2016

	<i>June 19 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>June 19 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>June 26 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>June 26 10:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Doug Nichols Dan Larson	Mike Metcalf	Pam & Ralph Prescott	Debbi Paus
Ushers	Eileen & John Herring	Jim Lacy	Linda & Chuck Hanson	Greg Loken Tyler Bauer
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Amanda Sorenson	Isabelle Myers	Olivia Warneke	Ashlynn Swartout
Assisting Minister	Loren Sass		Ralph Prescott	
Message for Children	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs	Mitch Olson	Mitch Olson
Lector	Jan Ethington	Cheryl Metcalf	Karen Radtke	Cindy Loken
Communion Setup	Nancy Christianson			→
Communion Bread	Terri Schubert		Mary Walters	
Communion Assistants	Barb & Dan Larson	Louise Glon Jim Lacy	Kristin & Bill Frank	Vicki Dais Christy Swartout
Nursery	Jenny Sorenson		Bella Warneke	
Coffee Host and Clean up	Delores & Bob Dirks		Kristin & Bill Frank	
PowerPoint Operator	Diane Peters		Angie Henbest	
Bread Delivery	Debbie Paus		Vick Sims	
Offering Caretaker	Doug Nichols	Mike Metcalf	Bill Frank	Dave Nugent
Indoor Plant Care	Lisa Albert			→
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Synod In Kind Offering Deadline at Church June 12th

We are empowering domestic violence survivors to build a safe and peaceful future with freedom and dignity. On behalf of domestic violence victims and their children we are requesting the following.



Please fill a reusable grocery bag (cloth preferred) with the following and deliver it to church by June 12. Each bag must have all of the requested items or it will not be accepted.

Items to put in the bag:

shower gel/soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, brush and comb, full size shampoo and conditioner, shaving razor (women), floss, face wash, one package diapers (size newborn thru 5), deodorant, baby wipes, diaper rash cream

Please look in the narthex for the signup similar to the Christmas LSSI gift program. Each completed bag will cost nearly \$50. The filled bags will be delivered to the Synod Assembly to be distributed to local shelters.



Graduation 2016

Congratulations and God bless our graduating high school seniors this year. They have been so special as part of our young adult program and it will be, as always, hard to see them move on to their next plateau. We pray that they will be successful in their new endeavors.

Congratulations also to Kevin Peters who graduated May 7 from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, with a Bachelor of Science in film, TV and digital media with an emphasis in sports broadcasting and a minor in journalism.

Mike & Sue Blair at Pipin' Hot - Katie's Cup

You are invited to Pipin' Hot, the annual "fun"draiser for Katie's Cup on Friday, June 3rd, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The evening includes coffee and other beverages, appetizers, luscious little desserts. There will be exciting music throughout the evening, featuring Mike and Sue Blair. Mike is the campus pastor at Luther College in Decorah, IA. He and Sue have been singing together since they were cast members in

high school musicals together in Rockford. They will be singing a variety of music and will be debuting original music from their new album "Ever Singing". It will be a great evening. Please join us! \$25 donation. To reserve your spot, contact Cindy Loken or email katiescuprockford@gmail.com.



MELD and Katie's Cup send thanks

Thanks to all who donated seventy-four board books for MELD moms and children and to all who purchased Mother's Day cards and notecards. Card and notecard sales support teen moms and dads through MELD



programs. We also received thanks for the large box of baby bibs.

Katie's Cup sends thanks for the Lenten offering donation to support their programs. If you have not been to Katie's Cup check out the website for upcoming events or just stop in for a cup of coffee or a yummy bite to eat.



Back Pack Project

Over the last four months, the quilters and sewing volunteers have made over eighty drawstring backpacks. Our goal is 100+ completed by late July. If you can sew a straight line with your sewing machine we'd love your help to finish the bags. The pattern is cut and there are instructions, its very simple. When the stores begin the school supply sales in late July and August, we will provide the extensive list of school supplies needed to fill the backpacks.

As an example, we will need one hundred pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades). Watch next month for the full list. Thanks for your support of this worthy project.



Angela Henbest is the winner of the quilt!!

We will enjoy it a little longer while it hangs in our narthex as Angie decides where to hang it at home.

Thanks to all who entered the drawing and thank you to Doug Nichols for the donation of Jeanette's beautiful work and to the quilters for finishing it.



Happy Anniversary

Dave & Sue Chaney	6/1	David & April Burdick	6/18
Bob & Dolores Dirks	6/5	John & Eileen Herring	6/22
Mark & Jamie Jacobi	6/6	John & Mary Walters	6/26
Bill & Sally Clemens	6/14	Russ & Lisa Albert	6/28
Loren & Diane Sass	6/15		

Happy Birthday

Matthew Albert	6/1	Linda Hanson	6/16	Scott Sable	6/22
Benjamin Glon	6/7	Hailey Saladino	6/16	Jennifer Nugent	6/25
Tyler Bauer	6/9	Amanda Glon	6/17	Wyatt Schott	6/26
Samantha Sable	6/13	Gary Korth	6/17	Vicki Sims	6/27
Mildred Van Valzah	6/14	Samantha Henbest	6/20	Kevin Peters	6/30
Derrick Paus	6/15	Lucas Whisenand	6/20	Kristi Sims	6/30

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Summer Worship Schedule:

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

Address Service Requested



COME, WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUMMER!

Summer Schedule
(Sunday, May 29 – Sunday, September 4)

8:30 AM Traditional Worship
9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship (with Spirit Singers)

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
Cindi Irons, Newsletter Editor and Counter
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