

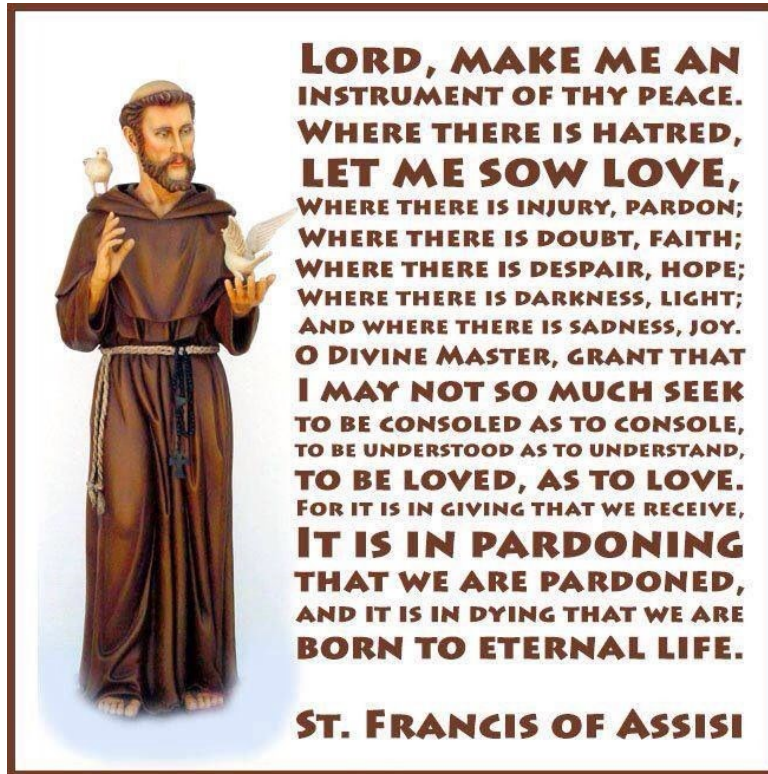


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A prayer for peace -

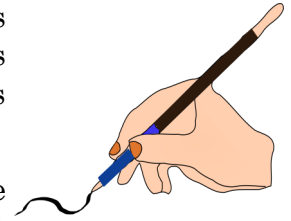


The words of St. Francis invite us to think differently about the world. The world says words like: hate, injure, doubt, despair, darkness, sadness. The words of Jesus are different words. These words are: love, faith, hope, light and joy. Which words sound better to you? The choice seems pretty easy to me.

Have you noticed the tension in our country these last few months? It's frustrating to deal with, especially when we find ourselves on the outside of popular opinion. Division and hatred are nothing new to our country, or for our world. Since the beginning of time, sin has caused us to fight one another. It's a story as old as Cain and his brother Able. Jealousy was at the root of that division. Jealousy caused brother to hate brother and eventually to murder.

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Sin has been a part of this world since the beginning of time. It causes us to hurt one another. It causes us to be jealous and seek revenge. It is at the heart of all violence and war. Sin tears families apart and causes even the Church to stumble.



Into a world that is sometimes drowning in its own darkness comes the greatest light: Jesus Christ. I know it's hard for us to see that light sometimes. There seem to be too many opportunities to see only the darkness. But we are invited into the light by Jesus.

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

We are called to be a part of the prophetic work of Jesus. We are called to live out the peace prayer. Jesus, we ask you to help us bring love where there is hatred. Jesus, we ask you to help us bring pardon where innocent ones have been injured. Jesus, we ask you to help us sow faith where doubt threatens to take over. Jesus, we ask you to help us be your light where darkness envelopes. Jesus, we ask you to help us bring your joy into other people's sadness.

Peace will be our cry. Peace will be our mission. With Jesus' help we will bring peace into this world. Amen!

Pastor Megan

Cottage Meetings

In 2017, you are invited to attend a cottage meeting with Pastor Megan. These meetings will be hosted and held in council member's homes or at church. This will be an opportunity to get to know our new pastor and have a discussion with other Cross and Crown members about what makes this ministry great.

Dates for February Cottage meetings

Date: Saturday, February 11th

Time: 10am-noon

Location: Cross and Crown (7404 Elevator Rd, Roscoe)

Host: Cindy and Greg Loken, Jan Ethington

Date: Sunday, February 12th

Time: 2-4pm

Location: 7114 Harkin Way, Roscoe

Host: Julie Lewis

Date: Sunday, February 19th

Time: 2-4pm

Location: 2184 N. Boone School Rd., Caledonia

Host: Kristi Schott

You're Invited!!



SOCIAL CONCERNS and YOU.....

LWR Drawstring Backpacks Ready To Sew

The pattern instructions and some cut fabric are in the green plastic bin on the shelf above the coat rack in the children's chapel. Return the completed bags to the green bin. We need heavy weight fabric such as canvas donated to cut out more bags and we need cording. When we have more fabric, a day will be scheduled in March to cut fabric, sew and cord at church. Last year most backpacks were sewn at home. Any questions ask Kristin, or another quilter. Last year we donated 126 drawstring backpacks filled with school supplies that were sent to Haiti.



Thrivent Action Team Projects

This is how it works - think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time service activity or educational event that can be completed in 90 days. Once your project with your listed expenses expected is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action kit. The leader, who applies for the grant receives and is responsible for a \$250 prepaid Visa card to purchase supplies for the project.

Church Committee chairs received information on the Thrivent Action Team Projects available to Associate and Benefit members of Thrivent. Cross and Crown Church has recently received two \$250.00 grants. One grant purchased batting for the quilts that are donated to local nonprofits. The other grant purchased additional school supplies to fill some LWR drawstring backpacks. Kristin Frank and Cindy Loken were your Action Team Leaders for these two projects.

If you are a Thrivent member, check to see if your insurance or annuity product qualifies you to apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Any questions go to thrivent.com. or ask a Committee Chair for more information.

February Cause of the Month—"Adopt a Nursing Home"

We will be collecting donations of items for Bingo Prizes. There will be a box in the Narthex. Please help fill it with small items suitable for bingo prizes - notecards, small sizes of lotions etc., large print books, individually packaged candy or cookies, small stuffed animals, picture frames, note pads, etc.

We will also be assembling and writing Valentine cards during community time on Sunday, February 12. They will be delivered to the nursing homes on Monday, February 13th.

Quilters Update

The quilters, including Sunday School children, have completed 22 quilts to share with the homeless in Rockford. The quilt tied by the Sunday School students will be shared with Carpenter's Place to be given to a homeless person. Sunday January 22, Pastor Megan received the quilts as part of the church service. Quilts were displayed on the chairs for all to admire and enjoy. MELD's transition housing for teen moms and their children and Carpenter's Place clients have received our gifts of warmth and love.



SHOUT OUT TO OUR 8 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT WHO DONATED HIS BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO THE WIMPY'S CHRISTMAS FUND- a great example for us all .

Caritas Request and Update

Thirty-two hair care items have been delivered to Caritas and we need you to continue to give for a couple more weeks. The past two years we have donated over one hundred items each year, so keep our record going! ALSO, please respect our neighbors when you donate any items - only give items which have not expired, or been opened or are soiled and torn. Thank you for always being generous

Serving the Lord—February, 2017

	<i>February 5 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>February 5 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>February 12 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>February 12 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Jennifer Ezop	Vicki & Duke Sims	Cindy Loken
Ushers	Kristin & Bill Frank	Jim Lacy	Cindy & Dean Snowdon	Greg Loken
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Amanda Sorenson	Joe Lengjak	Amelia Pixler	Tate Vaughan
Assisting Minister	Ralph Prescott		Russ Albert	
Message for Children	Puppets	Puppets	Dean Snowdon	Dean Snowdon
Lector	Russ Albert	Cassie Hartje	Bill Frank	Warren Jacobs
Communion Setup	Michele Lally			
Communion Bread	Michele Lally	Cindy Snowdon	Milly Van Valzah	Vicki Davis
Communion Assistants	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Mike Metcalf Steve Shoudy	Amy Sorenson Milly Van Valzah	Cindy & Greg Loken
Nursery				
Coffee Host and Clean up	Evangelism Committee			
PowerPoint Operator	Angie Henbest		Diane Peters	
Bread Delivery	Debbi Paus		Karen Radtke	
Offering Caretaker	Joe Chamberlain	Steve Shoudy	Dean Snowdon	Mike Metcalf
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson			
Recycling	Tyler Bauer			
Snow Shoveling	Jay Kabitzke		Matt Warneke	

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—February, 2017

	<i>February 19 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>February 19 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>	<i>February 26 8:30 a.m. Traditional</i>	<i>February 26 11:00 a.m. Contemporary</i>
Greeter	Milly & Howard Van Valzah	Christy Swartout	Eileen & John Herring	Floyd Hermann
Ushers	Diane & Chris Peters	Mike Metcalf Tyler Bauer	Sally & Bill Clemens	Jim Lally
Acolyte/Cup Collector	Emerson Rehnberg	Chris Myers	Tim Leslie	Isabelle Shipman
Assisting Minister	Loren Sass		Ellen Colletta	
Message for Children	Warren Jacobs	Warren Jacobs	Jan Ethington	Jan Ethington
Lector	Pam Prescott	Mike Metcalf	Loren Sass	Cassie Hartje
Communion Setup	Michele Lally	_____	_____	_____
Communion Bread	Vicki Sims	Jennifer Ezop	Jan Ethington	Christy Swartout
Communion Assistants	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Vicki Davis Christy Swartout	Eileen & John Herring	Jim Lacy Steve Shoudy
Nursery				
Coffee Host and Clean up	Evangelism Committee	_____	_____	_____
PowerPoint Operator	Ralph Prescott		Diane Peters	
Bread Delivery	Vicki Sims		Terri Schubert	
Offering Caretaker	Howard Van Valzah	Mike Metcalf	Bill Frank	Steve Shoudy
Indoor Plant Care	Hilde Magnuson	_____	_____	_____
Recycling	Tyler Bauer	_____	_____	_____
Snow Shoveling	Volunteer	Needed	Steve Schubert	

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Lenten Worship Series 2017

Were you there?

Stories at the foot of the cross

Our Lenten Wednesday evening worship series will focus on the stories of those who witnessed the final days of Jesus. These events, including the interrogation, beating and crucifixion, shaped the lives of all who were present. We will hear firsthand accounts from witnesses like Pilate and Mary Magdalen. Dramatic monologues will be performed by members of the congregation. These stories will invite us into a deeper narrative of Jesus' final days on earth.

Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm after soup supper.

preschool registration



Cross and Crown Preschool Open Enrollment

Saturday, February 4

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

ALTAR FLOWERS

Commemorate a special day, recognize someone or honor our Lord with a flower arrangement for the Altar on a Sunday in February. Notify Barb in the office with the date or sign up on the chart in the hallway across from the office. The cost for the flower is \$20.00. After second service you are welcome to take the flowers home or let it be known they can be given to someone else.



February

Happy Anniversary

Christopher & Christy Swartout 2/23

Happy Birthday

Mary Jordan	2/2	Jon Jensen	2/12	Ashlynn Swartout	2/20
Jenna Madura	2/2	John Downing	2/13	Doug Nichols	2/22
Floyd Hermann	2/5	Elijah Shipman	2/13	Kara Olson	2/22
Jerry Kloster	2/7	Amanda Sorenson	2/14	Joryn Ezop	2/23
Penni Korte	2/8	Cheryl Kabitzke	2/17	Justin Schott	2/23
Dave Keller	2/9	Ginny Anderson	2/20	Hal Frank	2/24

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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

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

Taste of Cross and Crown Potluck Dinner And Trivia Night for Local Charities March 19th starting at 5P.M.

Support your favorite local charity by signing your name at their table and winning the highest number of points. This year's charities will be: Carpenters Place, Rockford Rescue Mission, Old Stone Church, Meld, Caritas, Hoo Haven, Katie's Cup, and Noah's Ark. Additional donations will be accepted at each table. Mark you calendar for an evening of fun and always great food. There will be a \$5 cover charge per person. Children under 12 free.

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?



George and Violet Bane will be selling homemade candies to include caramels and turtles on Sunday February 12th. All proceeds will benefit the local charities on Trivia Night. Trivia night will immediately follow dinner on March 19th.

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

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