

Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI

CROSS CONNECTIONS—April, 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

If you've ever been to a large city, you may have noticed there are a lot of people. Melody and I recently visited New York City – known for the incredible shows on and off Broadway. While we were there, I spent time just watching the people, wondering. What are their stories? What kind of homes do they have? What sort of family did they come from? And what can they all possibly do for a living?

The Empire State Building – not the tallest in the city, but one of the more famous buildings – has its own zip code! With over 1,000 businesses, it employs over 21,000 people!! That's more than the entire population of Burlington and Burlington Township! And that's just in one building!

More than 8 million people call New York home. In the world, there are over 8 BILLION people. When you take time to look around and see all the people, it really helps put Holy Week in a totally different perspective. It's one thing to think about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection all being for you. It's even conceivable to think about all He did being for everyone in our congregation, but for all 8 billion people alive today? When you take into consideration all the people who have ever lived, the number is estimated to be between 80 billion and 117 billion.

Yet, Jesus died for each and every one.

Holy Week, the time we remember Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, all leading up to Easter, tends to be a very personal experience for each one of us. We all experience it in different ways and at different depths of understanding. These staggering numbers remind us, though, of the true power and meaning of what Jesus did.

All people are born in sin – separated from God by our own human nature. In order that all people might know God's love, Jesus allowed Judas to betray him. Jesus told the disciples he knew one would turn him over to the authorities and did nothing to stop him. Then Jesus went to the cross and died so that all people would see that God rules over death and the devil. He could have called on God to save him, but he didn't.

And then, so that each and every person could see that death is NOT the final answer, God raised Jesus from the dead on that early Sunday morning. When Jesus stepped out of that tomb it was to bring hope of the resurrection to ALL people – all 117 billion – even those who were born, lived and died before Jesus walked on the earth.

So, if you ever find yourself walking down Broadway in New York or any busy street in a large city, or even here in Burlington, look at the faces of those walking by you. Be reminded of just how many people are walking down other city streets all around the world. And then let it wash over you – just how much God did, through Jesus, over 2000 years ago.

I hope you will experience Holy Week by joining us at all worship opportunities here at Cross:

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm
Good Friday – 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil – 5:00 pm (in Luther Hall)
Easter Sunday – 10:00 am

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Pastor John**

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In Christ,
Pastor John



“Pray for another, so that you will be healed”

James 5:26



CROSS PRAYERS LIST

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cody Baumgart | Bev Leonard |
| Taylor Baumgart | Howard Murrah |
| Connor Brink | Gene Noel |
| Don Brink | John Oldenburg |
| Jim Brink | Etta Olson |
| Mary Burton | Bob Remer |
| Pat Christopherson | Char Rizzo |
| Liam Finucane | Delta Shine |
| Tiffany Freiwald | Addison Smith |
| Richard Griebel | Barb Tate |
| Jim Kohler | Lisa Tate |
| Lorie Kruppstadt | Ryan Tate |
| Kari LeDuc | Laura Whiteside |
- Jessica, Mapenzi and Clarisse, the children we sponsor through World Vision.

MARCH BAPTISMS



Everett Arthur Plehn, son of Brian and Sarah (nee Wynstra) Plehn, born on January 3, 2023, was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17



ASSISTANT MINISTERS

We are always looking for
Assisting Ministers.

If anyone is
interested, or you may
know of someone who
would be interested in,
please call the church office
at 262-763-6570.

ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for
someone to set-up
before and clean-up after
service on Sundays. It
takes roughly 10 minutes to
set-up and maybe 20
minutes to clean-up.
Please consider being part
of the Altar Guild team. If
interested or have
questions, please call
Marlene Remer at
262-210-7465

EPHESIANS 2:10

“For we are God’s

workmanship,

*created in Christ Jesus
to do good works,*

which God prepared in

advance for us to do.”

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Demjen, Mrs Sandra Jean (Sandy)	4/15	Corey, Mr David E.
4/1	Holle, Nathaniel James	4/15	Wessing, Miss Stella
4/2	Tate, Mr Bruce	4/17	Gustafson, Mr Mark
4/2	Longo, Mr Nathan	4/17	Schneider, Gavin James
4/2	Henningfeld, Mallory Brynn	4/19	Hotvedt, Hailey Jessica
4/3	Barczak, Mr Jason	4/21	Long, Mr Terry Warren
4/3	Gaethke, Mr Marcus Allen	4/21	Murphy, Mrs Pam
4/4	Sagedal, Jack	4/21	Whiteside, Reid Wynn
4/4	Robers, Lexi	4/22	Peterson, Byren
4/5	Robers, Trent	4/23	Litviak, Mak
4/6	Biedrzycki, Mrs Shaylee	4/23	Oldenburg, Sophia Ingrid
4/6	Nie, Mr Matt	4/24	Erb, Mr Brian
4/7	Griebel, Mr Richard (Dick)	4/25	Maus, Mrs Karen
4/7	Berg, Mr Larry	4/25	Johnson, Mrs Sharon
4/7	Henningfeld, Kellyn Paige	4/25	Bourassa, William Byron Scott
4/11	Bandoli, Mrs Bonnie	4/25	Nie, Abigail Lynn
4/11	Vorpagel, Ms Elise	4/26	Kreuscher, Mrs Claudia
4/11	Barczak Jr, Jason	4/27	Currah, Mrs Lucy
4/12	Remer, Mr Robert (Bob)	4/27	Repsa, Mrs Samantha
4/12	Fohey, Mrs Elise Ane	4/28	Oliver, Megan
4/13	Kreuscher, Mrs Julie	4/29	Hopper, Mrs Gina
4/13	Bennett, Miss Amelie Joy	4/30	Hotvedt, Mr John Endre
4/14	Dietzel, Mr Steve	4/30	Morehouse, Mr Adam
		4/30	Walby, Cole James

APRIL VOLUNTEERS: Assisting Ministers

	DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER
	April 1	5:00pm	Nancy Dey
	April 2	10:00pm	Bruce Tate
	April 8	5:00pm	N/A
	April 9	10:00am	Rachel Bennett
	April 15	5:00pm	Brenda Belot
	April 16	10:00am	Barb Tate
	April 22	5:00pm	Ryan Jazdzewski
	April 23	10:00am	Lois Berg
	April 29	5:00pm	Bob Remer
	April 30	10:00am	Bruce Tate

SERVING TEAM THANK YOU & APRIL COLLECTION EVENT

"Thank you for your donations during March of men's and women's personal care items for Love, Inc."

"The April collection for Love, Inc. is **Paper and Household Products** Items wanted: Toilet paper, Facial tissues, Napkins, Paper towels, Trash bags, Dish soap, Laundry detergent, Fabric softener"



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



HOLY WEEK

April 2nd—Palm Sunday—10:00am

April 6th—Maundy Thursday—7:00pm

April 7th—Good Friday—7:00pm

April 8th—Vigil Saturday—5:00pm

April 9th—Easter Sunday—10:00am

CONNECTING TEAM—April Event

We're going to have an
Easter Egg Hunt!!
Come and join the fun!

Join the hunt!

Saturday, April 8th at 4:00pm

Cross Lutheran Church

Watch for further information. Last
years Easter egg hunt was such a
success, we are increasing the number
of Easter eggs this year!!



The
FireSide

If you are going to “Grumpy Old Men” at the Fireside in Fort Atkinson on May 6th, payment is due by April 2nd. Cost per ticket is \$74.25. If you will be paying by check, please make checks payable to: Cross Lutheran Church.

~Thank you~

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalms 34:19

SUPPORT GROUPS

- ◇For **Women's AA** contact Marlene K. at 262-210-5918 for more information.
- ◇The **Family Caregiver Support Group** that met at Cross the 3rd Wednesday of each month is a part of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County. This group is not meeting at this time. When they resume meetings, we will share information.
- ◇**Healing Hearts Support Group** (normally met the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the upper level at the Coffee House) is currently not meeting. For future information on reopening, contact: healinghearts@mail.com.

SAFE FAMILIES

This organization is dedicated to help families in crisis. It helps give temporary aid when needed. If you can help in any way, please call Terry Erb of our congregation for more info at 262-492-8615.

LOVE INC.

Love, Inc. is always in need of volunteers to help in their food pantry or sorting through donations.

Please visit love-inc.net/volunteer/opportunities for the most up to date list of volunteers needed.

For more information on how to donate and what to donate, please visit love-inc.net/donate.

Make sure to follow Love, Inc. on Facebook (@Loveincwi) for the most up to date information on hours of operation, donations being accepted and more.



ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund of Cross Lutheran Church, Inc.

The annual meeting of the Endowment Fund was conducted by Marilynn Hansen on February 5, 2023. The 2022 Endowment Fund annual report was available and reading it was encouraged. It was explained that the Endowment Fund has two accounts. The Regular Fund began with the incorporation of the Endowment in 1991. The Spiegelhoff Fund began in 1997 with gifts from the Don and Patricia Spiegelhoff Foundation. Gifts from their foundation were given until 2018 for a total of \$107,400.00. Two of the provisions regarding these gifts were that they be kept in a separate account and that the earnings be only used for the local needs of Cross. Both funds had losses in value in 2022 because of the negative performance of the stock market.

However, on the positive side, the earnings in 2021 were the highest so far and over \$29,000.00 was donated from the Regular Fund and over \$10,000.00 was donated from the Spiegelhoff Fund in December, 2022. Remarkably, more than \$427,00.00 has been donated from these funds during the past 31 years. This generosity was made possible because of the initial \$61,521.66 bequest from John and Hazel Schuette that was used to establish the Endowment Fund of Cross Lutheran Church.

The Endowment Fund is governed by a board of seven trustees. They are Doug Belot, Annie Bailey, Marilynn Hansen, Sharon Johnson, Anita Mucci, Beth Oliver, and Blaine Warren. Chris Bennett and Anita Mucci were thanked for their time serving as trustees on the board. There were three trustee positions to be filled this year. Beth Oliver and Blaine Warren had completed their first three year term and they agreed to be candidates for another term. Chuck Stublely was the third candidate. Beth, Blaine and Chuck were elected by unanimous ballot.

The congregation was thanked for their interest in the Endowment Fund and their support of it was encouraged through gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, as memorials, as bequests, etc.

ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Endowment Fund Board of Trustees had a zoom meeting on February 16, 2023. The officers elected for this year are President-Marilynn Hansen, Vice President-Doug Belot, Secretary-Blaine Warren, and Treasurer-Chuck Stublely. Annie Bailey, Sharon Johnson and Beth Oliver complete the Board of Trustees.

There was an increase in the value of the two Endowment Funds and the Seminary Assistance Trust reported on the January account statements. The Regular Fund was given a memorial of \$50.00 for Barbara Kumbier in January and a memorial of \$50.00 for Vera Frosch in February.

The Endowment Board will communicate with Thrivent that the investments in the Seminary Assistance Trust need to be in compliance with the trust requirements. A review of the 2021 and 2022 funds by an outside accountant will be sought.

Everyone is invited to read the thank you letters from the recipients of the 2022 donations that are posted on the bulletin board across from the welcome desk.

The next zoom meeting of the trustees is planned for 6 pm on June 1, 2023.

World Vision is a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Sponsors are needed for Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse, the three World Vision girls sponsored by Cross. One girl can be sponsored for \$40 a month or all three girls for \$120 a month. Currently the Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. Designate "World Vision Sponsor" on the memo line of your check. "Your donations get combined with other sponsors' gifts to support community-wide projects that benefit" Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse and other vulnerable children in areas like "CHILD PROTECTION, CLEAN WATER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC ENMPOWERMENT and SPIRITUAL NURTURE." "This approach means more kids can thrive, not just those who are sponsored!"

"Easter cards were received from World Vision for Clarisse, Jessica and Mapenzi. A little note was written on each of them and they were signed and then returned to World Vision for delivery to the girls. The storybook cards told the story of Jesus-his life, death, and resurrection-in a language they can understand."

~Serving Team Members

Mission Council Minutes—

Mission Council Minutes – March 14, 2023

Present: Pr. John Brink, President Andy Johnson, Vice President Marie Way, Rachel Bennett, Terri Erb, Joyce Etter, Secretary Patty Oldenburg.

6:35 – Called to order.

Opening Prayer – Pastor John

MOTION – by Terry Erb, second by Marie Way, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting. – **Approved**

Pastors' Highlights:

- **Pastor John**, reported that the soup suppers have been well attended. The Holden Evening Prayer service seems to be enjoyed by all those attending. He will be changing things up a bit for the Holy week services. This is one of his favorite times of the church year. He enjoys reaching out to worshipers that we don't often see. He informed us he will be on vacation March 20th and 21st.

Major Ministries

- **Nominating Committee Update** – Dorothy Hakala has submitted an almost complete ballot for the Semi Annual meeting. There are just four vacancies left for the Nominating Committee that need to be filled. If anyone is interested in joining this short-term committee, please contact Dorothy at; john.dorothy.hakala@gmail.com.
- **Spring Semi-Annual Meeting** – will be held on Sunday May 7th, immediately after the 10:00 service. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary.
- **RIC Partner Discussion** – Council reviewed a small portion of documentation from the synod and discussed the beginning stages of what it means to become an inclusive church, and becoming an RIC Partner congregation. A few questions were raised that will require answers from the synod.
- ◇ **MOTION** – by Marie Way, second by Terry. "Mission council is asking that Pastor John contact the ELCA synod office to request further information and direction of our next steps in the RIC Partner process."
Approved.

Minor Ministries/Other Business

- **New Door Installation** – The installation of the new automatic sliding glass doors that lead into the narthex has been completed. There have been many positive comments on their appearance, the increased light coming in to the narthex and the welcoming feeling they provide. Keys for the new doors will be limited to church staff and the Mission Council President.

Thank You Notes – Marie

Closed with The Lord's Prayer – All

Meeting adjourned – 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 6:30 in person, church library.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Oldenburg - Mission Council Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT—As of 02/28/2023

Financial Report	2/28/2023		
	INCOME	EXPENSES	
Jan.	\$22,793.76	\$33,431.50	-\$10,637.74
Feb.	\$26,787.59	\$25,281.34	\$1,506.25
Mar.			\$0.00
Apr.			\$0.00
May			\$0.00
Jun.			\$0.00
Jul.			\$0.00
Aug.			\$0.00
Sept.			\$0.00
Oct.			\$0.00
Nov.			\$0.00
Dec.			\$0.00
Totals			-\$9,131.49
Major Maintenance			\$101,876.10
Parking Lot Fund			\$165,956.05
General Scholarship		2023	\$1,090.00

“TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST”

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Church Spring Clean-up:

Building & Grounds scheduled the date for the church spring clean-up on April 8th, starting around 8:30am. The rain date is scheduled for April 22.



**WORKDAY AT THE
CHURCH**

Cross Lutheran Staff & Ministry Leadership Teams

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays In-person - 5pm

Sundays In-person & On-line - 10am (9am Summer)

* Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

* YouTube Channel

* Website: www.cross-church.org

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor - Pastor John Brink

Church Office Administrator - Carol Fischer

Financial Administrator - Bobbie Abel

Custodian - Bob Remer

CHURCH MUSIC STAFF

Organist - Ginny Richards

Part-time Organist - Brian Plehn

Contemporary Music Director - Brian Plehn

Joyful Voice Director - Brian Plehn

Chapel Bells Director - Open position

CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday—9:30am to 2:30pm

Cross Office: 262-763-6570

Emergency: 262-757-8111

E-mail: crossbur@cross-church.org.

Noah's Ark: 262-767-9095

Website: www.cross-church.org.

Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

Instagram: [@crosslutheranburlington](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Call the office for further information

LUTHERDALE REPRESENTATIVES

John Hakala

Blaine Warren

LIFETIME LEARNERS SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy Hakala

Matt Nie

SYNOD VOTING MEMBERS

Cheryl Theis

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Herrmann: 262-716-5454

Call 800-Thrivent to direct your "choice" dollars

MISSION COUNCIL

Andy Johnson, President

Marie Way, Vice-President

Patty Oldenburg, Secretary

Rachel Bennett

Terry Erb

John Hakala

BUSINESS BOARD

Lois Berg, Director

Chuck Stublely, Secretary

Doug Bouchat, Treasurer

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Scott Bourassa John Oldenburg

Brian Erb Rodney Oliver

Terry Long Bob Remer

CONNECTING TEAM

Anita Mucci

Pam Murphy

Marlene Remer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dorothy Hakala Pam Murphy

Anita Mucci Beth Oliver

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Patricia Christopherson John Oldenburg

John Hakala Chuck Stublely

SERVING TEAM

Theresa Bandoli

Marilynn Hansen

Barb Tate

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Bonnie Flitcroft

Suzanne Sorenson

Amy Warren

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Marilynn Hansen, President

Doug Belot, Vice President

Blaine Warren, Secretary

Chuck Stublely, Treasurer

Annie Bailey, Trustee

Sharon Johnson, Trustee

Beth Oliver, Trustee

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2—PALM SUNDAY 8:50am Sunday School—Sings 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3 6:30pm Tiger Den Meeting</p>	<p>4 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Connecting Team 4:00pm Serving Team 6:30pm Pack Meeting</p>	<p>5 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 7pm—Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7 7pm—Good Friday Service</p>	<p>1 9:00am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship</p>
<p>9—EASTER SUNDAY 10:00am Easter Sunday Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Mission Council Meeting 6:30pm Webelos Meeting</p>	<p>12 NO Confirmation Class 6pm Praise Team 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Bear Den Meeting</p>	<p>14 9:00am Quilting Ministry</p>	<p>15 9:00am Men's Ministry 5:00pm Worship</p>
<p>16 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Pastor John at Pine Brook Pointe 6pm Building & Grounds Meeting</p>	<p>19 6pm Confirmation Class 6pm Praise Team 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Ruth Circle</p>	<p>21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>22 9:00am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship</p>
<p>23 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Business Board Meeting</p>	<p>26 2:00pm Pastor John @ The Bay 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Praise Team 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:00am Quilting Ministry</p>	<p>29 9:00am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship</p>
<p>30 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:00am Communications Gathering</p>	<p>31</p>					



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Sunday: Open for worship at 10am service

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