

CROSS CONNECTIONS—AUGUST 2023



***God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
Genesis 9:12-13***

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 8/1 | Kohler, Mr James |
| 8/2 | Traughber, Mr David Alan |
| 8/4 | Moen, Mrs Carlyn |
| 8/5 | Damon III, Dale |
| 8/5 | Damon, Madeline |
| 8/6 | Peuschold, Mrs Kim |
| 8/6 | Bennett, Mr Chris |
| 8/6 | Sagedal, Mr Brent |
| 8/6 | Plehn, Mr Brian |
| 8/7 | Fox, Mr Joseph F. (Joe) |
| 8/7 | Gesteland, Joseph Timothy (Joey) |
| 8/8 | Gayhart, Mr Jeff |
| 8/9 | Longo, Mrs Felicia |
| 8/10 | Logan, Evan (Evan) |
| 8/11 | Bailey, Mr Brent |
| 8/12 | Kreuscher, Austin Randall |
| 8/12 | Torhorst, Samuel Cole |
| 8/14 | Wortman, Ms Judy |
| 8/14 | Bourassa, Mrs Robyn |
| 8/18 | Lindh, Mrs Sarah |



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|------|-------------------------------|
| 8/19 | Kreuscher, Mr Robert (Bob) |
| 8/19 | Marx, Ms Deb |
| 8/20 | Belot, Mrs Brenda Sherry |
| 8/22 | Hakala, Mr John |
| 8/22 | Hintz, Mrs Barbara (Barb) |
| 8/22 | Holle, Mrs Jennifer |
| 8/22 | Fiegel, Nina |
| 8/23 | Sorenson, Mr Brian |
| 8/23 | Nelson, Mrs Jen |
| 8/24 | Kohler, Mrs Diana M. |
| 8/24 | Hammitt, Ms Elizabeth |
| 8/25 | Blodgett, Mrs Sandra J. |
| 8/25 | Hellum, Mrs Pat |
| 8/26 | Hefty, Mr Donald Todd (Donny) |
| 8/26 | Smith, Addison |
| 8/29 | DeLassus, Mrs Nicole (Nikki) |
| 8/29 | Hennegan, Samantha |
| 8/30 | Ingwell, Mr Brian |
| 8/30 | Bennett, Miss Eleanor Grace |

CROSS PRAYERS LIST



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|--------------------|----------------|
| Annie Bailey | Jim Kohler |
| Cody Baumgart | Ryan Larson |
| Don Brink | Bev Leonard |
| Jim Brink | Howard Murrah |
| Pat Christopherson | John Oldenburg |
| Mel Dey | Etta Olson |
| Liam Finucane | Bob Remer |
| Tiffany Freiwald | Ginny Richards |
| Jeff Gayhart | Delta Shine |
| Richard Griebel | Addison Smith |
| Michelle Harlan | Ryan Tate |
| Virgie Heineman | |

*“Pray for another,
so that you
will be healed”
James 5:26*

Jessica, Mapenzi and Clarisse,
the children we sponsor through
World Vision.

MISSION COUNCIL

Mission Council Minutes – June 27, 2023

Present: Pr. John Brink, President - Andy Johnson, Vice President - Ryan Jazdzewski, Joyce Etter, Claudia Kreuzscher, Secretary Patty Oldenburg.

Absent: Rachel Bennett

6:35 – Called to order.

Opening Prayer – Pastor John shared a written devotional from the book “Devotions for Church Leaders and Small Groups”, by Lynne Modranski. He would like to have each council member take a turn sharing a monthly devotional of their choice from the book. Patty will take the next meeting in August.

MOTION – by Joyce Etter, second by Ryan Jazdzewski, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting. – **Approved**

Pastors’ Highlights;

Pastor John has had positive responses to his sermons he gave the first two weekends in June. “It’s not just time to talk about what we should do, but begin doing.” It was brought to his attention that we are stewards of our relationships. Everything we do as a church is stewardship. He would like to add the RIC ideas into our Stewardship campaign. He has had great coffee hour conversations and has heard stories from those around the table expressing how they have been affected by the struggles of the LGBTQ+ community. He is very excited for the future of Cross.

• **Major Ministries**

- **RIC Discussion** – We looked at Andy’s outline of our next steps as a congregation. Joyce has agreed to be the Mission Council member on the RIC Core Team. Pastor gave council members a Faith Community Assessment questionnaire that he would like us to complete prior to the next meeting. He shared information from the RIC website, (reconcilingworks.org), and synod resources. It is recommended that the resolution should take about six months. Andy will write a letter for the newsletter to be approved by council before Carol publishes it. Andy will also give several Mission Moments to explain, “What RIC is and what it isn’t.”

• **Minor Ministries**

- Pastor reminded council members to provide him with a photo to be placed on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- **Stained Glass Windows** – We reviewed the information John Oldenburg provided regarding the stained-glass windows. Council decided Building & Grounds should spearhead and organize the sale, with the suggestion that we have a silent auction. ½ of the windows will be offered to Cross members, the other ½ will be open to community and online sales. Claudia stated she believed the Hintz family donated the windows when they were first installed.

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MISSION COUNCIL—Continued

- **Nursing Room** – Discussion was had on providing a nursing room for mothers. The old nursery room is ideal. The room will need blinds, a comfortable chair and updates to the sound system so the church service can be heard. Building & Grounds will be asked to be in charge of the purchase of the blinds and a chair. Pastor John will assist in updating the sound system.
- **Veteran’s Program** – Jim & Anita Mucci, Rachel Bennett and John Hakala presented a proposal for a veteran’s thank you program to be held at Cross on November 5, 2023. The event will take place in Luther Hall and include a color guard, a luncheon, (funded by Thrivent Action Team), music, and recognition of each veteran. Council unanimously approved the idea.

Thank You Notes – Patty

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer – All

Meeting adjourned – 7:53 p.m.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 10 – 6:30 in person, church library.

Devotions - Patty

Respectfully submitted, Patty Oldenburg - Mission Council Secretary



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS: Assisting Ministers

| Saturdays | Name | Sundays | Name |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| 08/05/23 | Bob Remer | 08/06/23 | Anita Mucci |
| 08/12/23 | Ryan Jazdzewski | 08/13/23 | Rachel Bennett |
| 08/19/23 | Brenda Belot | 08/20/23 | Lois Berg |
| 08/26/23 | Nancy Dey | 08/27/23 | Polly Burrigh |
| 09/02/23 | Anita Mucci | 09/03/23 | Bruce Tate |
| 09/09/23 | Nancy Dey | 09/10/23 | Barb Tate |
| 09/16/23 | Bob Remer | 09/17/23 | Rachel Bennett |
| 09/23/23 | Brenda Belot | 09/24/23 | Polly Burrigh |



2023 FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK
MILES FOR HOPE

Milwaukee Event Site

Saturday, September 30

Washington Park

Join Team OFH for our 16th annual Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser! Together, we hope to raise \$160K for grants to [our Ministry Partners](#) serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in [the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA](#).

Our Milwaukee event site features the following route options:

- 5K fun run
- 2-mile walk
- Volunteer options
- Fellowship-only participant option
- Following the walk and run, all participants and volunteers will receive an individually packaged box lunch to enjoy outdoors with the community of Outreach for Hope supporters.

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. **Sponsors are needed for September, October, November and December. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the welcome desk.** One girl can be sponsored for \$40 a month or all three girls for \$120 a month. 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 EMPOWERMENT and SPIRITUAL NURTURE." "This approach means more kids can thrive, not just those who are sponsored!"

Mapenzi will be 11 years old on September 10, 2023. A birthday card and a contribution to a birthday celebration for Mapenzi were returned to World Vision. Mapenzi lives in the African Country of Kenya."

~Serving Team Members

CONNECTING TEAM

SAVE THE DATE

Rally Day / Church Picnic

Sunday, September 10th

Brats and Hot dogs with all the condiments will be provided along with lemonade and bottled water, but a dish to pass will be very much appreciated!

Lunch will follow the 10am Worship service . . . then it's time to sign up for Sunday School along with games and activities for ALL AGES!!!

Stay 'tuned' for more information!

SERVING TEAM

The August collection will continue to fill the white shelves across from the lounge for the Love, Inc. Food Pantry. Pickles and condiments such as ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise and soy sauce are needed.

Thank you to the 15 Cross members who helped assemble 300 Personal Care Kits to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. It was amazingly accomplished in less than one hour on Tuesday, July 11th.

Thank you to the Endowment Board for the donation to the Kit Ministry that made this feat possible. The bath towels, bars of bath soap, combs, toothbrushes and nail clippers were purchased using this donation.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing Giveaway

The Clothing Giveaway is scheduled for August 12th. This is a FREE event open to the Burlington and neighboring communities. Hundreds of families benefit from this annual giveaway. Items in high demand include . . .

- ♦ Infant, toddler, children and teen clothing.
- ♦ Infant supplies, diapers, wipes, strollers, pack 'n plays
- ♦ Educational toys, car seats (no cribs)
- ♦ Teen clothing, shoes, boots, coats, winter gear
- ♦ Men and women's clothing... gym shoes (good condition)

PLEASE make sure clothing is in GOOD, CLEAN and WEARABLE condition. All donations can be brought to Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace, Burlington. All donations need to be in a disposable containers (in bags/boxes — no plastic bins please)

AUGUST 9TH IS THE LAST DAY WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS!!

If left after church hours, please leave at the door, labeled GIVEAWAY. PLEASE consider donating. Many families look forward to this event each year. 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.

JOIN US FOR A

FISH FRY and FELLOWSHIP

Sign up in the Narthex
For AUGUST 11!

At Lutherdale Bible Camp
N7891 US Highway 12, Elkhorn WI



Serving 4:30-7:00 pm

Adults \$18.00

Children 10 and under \$10.00

Meet at Church at 5pm to car pool

Sign up sheet is in Narthex



Gather with us for dinner with a view!

We thought it would be fun to come together to enjoy the surroundings and meal. Check out Lutherdale's website at Lutherdale.org for additional information regarding the menu (chicken tenders available upon request).

We can pay at the door or on line.

Fish Fries are available the second Friday of each month until September. We hope you can join us!

The Fish Fries help support the ministry of Lutherdale.

FINANCIAL REPORT—As of 06/30/2023

| | INCOME | EXPENSES | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Jan. | \$22,793.76 | \$33,431.50 | -\$10,637.74 |
| Feb. | \$26,787.59 | \$25,281.34 | \$1,506.25 |
| Mar. | \$25,204.32 | \$23,948.74 | \$1,255.58 |
| Apr. | \$21,188.86 | \$23,814.90 | -\$2,626.04 |
| May | \$24,533.15 | \$24,506.18 | \$26.97 |
| Jun. | \$19,230.78 | \$20,935.44 | -\$1,704.66 |
| Jul. | | | \$0.00 |
| Aug. | | | \$0.00 |
| Sept. | | | \$0.00 |
| Oct. | | | \$0.00 |
| Nov. | | | \$0.00 |
| Dec. | | | \$0.00 |
| Totals | | | -\$12,179.64 |
| Major Maintenance | | | \$70,938.70 |
| Parking Lot Fund | | | \$40,436.35 |
| Parking Lot CD | | | \$125,000.00 |
| General Scholarship | | 2024 | \$140.00 |



Endowment Fund

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Cross Lutheran Staff & Ministry Leadership Teams as of May, 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays In-person - 5pm

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

* Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

* [YouTube Channel](#)

* Website: www.cross-church.org

[Online Fellowship](#) - 15 minutes following worship

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

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

SYNOD VOTING MEMBERS

Jim Hansen

Marilynn Hansen

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Herrmann: 262-716-5454

Call 800-Thrivent to direct your "choice" dollars

MISSION COUNCIL

Andy Johnson, President

Ryan Jazdzewski

Claudia Kreuzscher

Patty Oldenburg, Secretary

Rachel Bennett

Joyce Etter

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John Oldenburg

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Bob Remer

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Steve Schneider

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Pam Murphy

Marlene Remer

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Terry Erb

Marie Way

Brenda Fanter

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Cheryl Theis

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Chuck Stublely

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Sharon Johnson, Trustee

Beth Oliver, Trustee

AUGUST 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 6 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study | 7 6pm Endowment Fund Board Meeting—via Zoom | 1 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Connecting Team | 2 CLOTHING DRIVE SET-UP IN LUTHER HALL | 3 6:30pm Mission Council Meeting | 4 9am Quilting Ministry | 5 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship |
| 13 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study | 14 | 15 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Pastor John at Pine Brook 6pm Building & Grounds | 16 | 17 6:30pm Ruth Circle | 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 19 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship |
| 20 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study | 21 | 22 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting | 23 2pm Pastor John @ The Bay | 24 | 25 9am Quilting Ministry | 26 9am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship |
| 27 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Communications Gathering | 28 | 29 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting | 30 | 31 | |  |



Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI

**126 Chapel Terrace
Burlington, WI 53105
(262) 763-6570**

**Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Saturday: Open for worship at 5pm until after service.
Sunday: Open for worship at 9am service (summer)**

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