

## CROSS CONNECTIONS—April 2024

*Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8).*

*Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray. (Luke 5:15-16)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As you may have heard by now, this summer I will take a 12-week sabbatical. Sabbaticals are recommended by the ELCA and Greater Milwaukee Synod for all rostered leaders when they complete six full years in a call. A sabbatical is an opportunity to renew and refresh away from the demands of daily ministry. It also provides a time to catch up on reading, pursue other lines of education, and to rediscover the excitement of ministry.

Sabbaticals also greatly benefit the congregation, because long-term ministry is revitalized and stimulated. Ideas are fresher. Passion is renewed. This also allows the congregation to find out just what it can do - how it “fills the gaps.” When a pastor returns, there is a renewed sense of appreciation for the pastor by the congregation and for the congregation by the pastor.

In my absence, you will be led in worship by other ordained ministers. Please take the time to help them feel comfortable here at Cross. Help them understand some of the little things we do differently. Support Brian and Ginny. Support the office staff. You will also have the opportunity to care for each other. Volunteers are needed to visit those who are homebound. Perhaps you are willing to help with phone calls to check in on people. Continue to give as generously as you always do.

I am excited for this time away. But I am also excited about my return in September. I am grateful to the Mission Council for understanding the need and great benefits of a sabbatical. I ask that you pray for me – that I take full advantage of this time. Pray that the Spirit fills me with a renewed sense of ministry. While I am away, I will pray for you – that you sense the Spirit at work in and through each of you, as you move through the summer months together.

Over the next two months, I will work with Greater Milwaukee Synod, the Mission Council and our office staff to ensure that we have a solid plan in place. Please be open to helping out where you can. Care for each other. Build each other up in faith.

In Christ,  
Pastor John

*To be and make disciples for Christ*

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of Pastor John**

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## Upcoming April dates to remember:



**Bob Hulse's 100th Birthday Celebration:** Join us in celebration of Bob's 100th birthday! Cake & coffee will be served directly after Worship Service on April 7th. Bob's actual birthday is on March 22nd. Cards are also being sent to his home: 1700 Teut Road, #1207, Burlington, WI 53105.



**New Member Information Meeting:** April 14 at 9:00 am, Pastor John will hold a New Members Information meeting in the back half of Luther Hall. This is for anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of our family of faith here at Cross. Please email the church office at [crossbur@cross-church.org](mailto:crossbur@cross-church.org) to sign up.



**Ministry Time and Talent Fair:** Join us Sunday April 14th after church for a Ministry Time and Talent Fair. The Stewardship and Connecting team are hosting a Baseball Themed Event, so wear your favorite (Brewers of course) attire and find out all Cross has to offer and where you have gifts and talents to share. There will be hot dogs, all the trimmings and dessert.



**The Lifelong Learner Scholarship:** applications are available in the church office. The deadline for applying is April 15th. If you are a full-time student entering post-secondary education for the first time, you may be eligible.



**Spring Clean-up:** Please mark your calendar for Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> for our annual spring clean-up. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. We need as many people as possible to help with this task. Bring your rakes and leaf blowers to help make the task go smoothly.

**Connecting Team—Matinee “Fiddler on the Roof”**

# The Fireside



*Thank You!*

A graphic consisting of a series of horizontal brushstrokes in various colors including blue, purple, pink, red, orange, and yellow, creating a rainbow effect.

Thank you to all who donated soup and desserts for our Lenten Soup Suppers. Thank you also to those who hosted including our confirmation students, Ruth Circle and John and Patty Oldenburg. Additional thanks to Marlene Remer for always being there to set things up and create our salad bar each week. Thanks to all who gathered with us and to those who joined us in the kitchen to lend a hand. To all of you doing small things with great love, we are grateful!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Sandy Demjen
4/1	Nathan Holle
4/2	Bruce Tate
4/2	Nathan Longo
4/2	Mallory Henningfeld
4/3	Jason Barczak
4/3	Marcus Gaethke
4/4	Jack Sagedal
4/4	Lexi Robers, Lexi
4/5	Trent Robers
4/6	Shaylee Biedrzycki
4/6	Matt Nie
4/7	Dick Griebel
4/7	Larry Berg
4/7	Kellyn Henningfeld
4/11	Bonnie Bandoli
4/11	Elise Vorpapel
4/11	Jason Barczak Jr.
4/12	Elise Fohey
4/13	Julie Kreuscher
4/13	Amelie Bennett
4/14	Steve Dietzel
4/15	David Corey



4/15	Stella Wessing
4/17	Mark Gustafson
4/17	Gavin Schneider
4/19	Hailey Hotvedt
4/21	Terry Long
4/21	Pam Murphy
4/21	Reid Whiteside
4/22	Byren Peterson
4/23	Mak Litviak
4/23	Sophia Oldenburg
4/24	Brian Erb
4/25	Karen Maus
4/25	Sharon Johnson
4/25	Will Bourassa
4/25	Abigail Nie
4/26	Claudia Kreuscher
4/27	Lucy Currah
4/27	Samantha Repsa
4/28	Megan Oliver
4/29	Gina Hoppe
4/30	John Hotvedt
4/30	Adam Morehouse
4/30	Cole Walby



## CROSS PRAYERS LIST

Cody Baumgart	Ples Ivy
Don Brink	Phil & Lynn Klein
Jim Brink	Jim Kohler
Pat Christopherson	Ken Krause
Mel Dey	Ryan Larson
Liam Finucane	Bev Leonard
Tiffany Freiwald	Howard Murrah
Jeff Gayhart	John Oldenburg
Jerry Graff	Etta Olson
Richard Griebel	Ginny Richards
Michelle Harlan	Delta Shine
Virgie Heineman	Mary Wolfe

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

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



## ASSISTING MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>APRIL TO JUNE 2024</b>				
<b>Special Service</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Name</b>
	4/6	Anita Mucci	4/7	Lois Berg
	4/13	Ryan Jazdzewski	4/14	Bruce Tate
	4/20	Anita Mucci	4/21	Rachel Bennett
	4/27	Brenda Belot	4/28	Polly Burrigh
	5/4	Polly Burrigh	5/5	Bruce Tate
	5/11	Anita Mucci	5/12	Barb Tate
<b>Pentecost</b>	5/18	Brenda Belot	5/19	Lois Berg
	5/25	Ryan Jazdzewski	5/26	Rachel Bennett
	6/1	Polly Burrigh	6/2	Lois Berg
	6/8	Ryan Jazdzewski	6/9	Bruce Tate
	6/15	Brenda Belot	6/16	Barb Tate
	6/22	Anita Mucci	6/23	Rachel Bennett
	6/29	Ryan Jazdzewski	6/30	Bruce Tate



### **Military Connections:**

We would like to update names and addresses of people with connections to Cross Lutheran Church that are currently serving in the military. If you have a relative or friend serving our country that would appreciate acknowledgement through prayer or an occasional card, etc. please let us know. Share their name and address and maybe a little information regarding their military service, their families, or whatever they would like to share. With their permission (please ask them if we can share their names and addresses, etc.) we will provide a list for our congregation.

**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.”***

Thank you

## SERVING TEAM

Thank you for the donations of women's and men's personal care items collected for Love, Inc. during March. Your donations are especially needed because Wisconsin FoodShare benefits cannot be used for nonfood items.

The April and May collections for Love, Inc. are Household and Paper products: Toilet tissue, Facial tissue, Paper towels, Paper napkins, Dish soap, Cleanser, Glass cleaner, Garbage bags and Laundry detergent. Once again, these items that are necessary for personal and household cleanliness cannot be purchased with Wisconsin FoodShare benefits. Therefore, donations of them are appreciated.



**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](http://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](http://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.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—PACK 373 PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ CROSS LUTHERAN



**Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Pie Auction:** Pack 373 is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Cross Lutheran Church to raise money for Cub Scout activities. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, coffee, milk, and juice.

Cub Scouts will be bringing their best and favorite baked goods to sell, and there will be a cake and pie auction with goods both homemade and donated by local businesses.



### SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

Breakfast and bake sale begin at 8:00am  
Cake and Pie Auction begins at 11:00am

\$10/Adults, \$5/kinds 6-12, kids under 5 eat free.



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 need for Clarisse and Mapenzi for 2024. Each girl can be sponsored for \$40.00 a month or both girls for \$80.00 a month. Checks can be written to Cross Lutheran Church with "World Vision Sponsor" noted on the memo line.

It was indicated that we can give with confidence because "In 2022, 89% of World Vision's total operating expenses were used for programs that benefit children, families, and communities in need. World Vision provides hope and assistance to communities through our presence in nearly 100 countries.

## **ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH SIMPLY GIVING**

If you plan to start giving through Simply Giving, please remember to contact the Financial office.

Forms are in the church office for new requests. We would be happy to email or mail you a copy to fill out and return. If you are changing your giving dollar amount, an email or signed letter is acceptable. Contact Bobbie Abel at [financial@cross-church.org](mailto:financial@cross-church.org).



## **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Consider a Contribution to the Cross Lutheran Lifetime Learner Scholarship. Are you looking to help others in our congregation who are guided by Christ get a post-secondary education?

Consider donating to the Cross Lutheran Church Lifetime Learner Scholarship Fund. To do so, mark "Scholarship Fund" on your giving envelope.

This annual fund (totaling \$1000 to \$5000) is awarded to up to three congregation members who are enrolling full time into a university or college for the first time in their lives. A heartfelt thanks for your consideration.

### **DIFFERENT WAYS ON HOW TO GIVE:**

◆ **MAIL a check to: Cross Lutheran Church at  
126 Chapel Terrace, Burlington, WI**

◆ **ON THE APP: Click "Give"**

◆ **TEXT: "GIVE" TO 608-888-9247**

◆ **ONLINE: Visit the homepage [www.cross-church.org](http://www.cross-church.org).**

### **NOTICE OF FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

When you attend service or an event at Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur.

If you choose not to have your image used, please see one of the pastors, church leaders, or communications director.



## FINANCIAL REPORT—As of February 29, 2024



	INCOME	EXPENSES	
Jan.	\$29,262.40	\$28,804.68	\$457.72
Feb.	\$21,313.81	\$25,709.16	-\$4,395.35
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
<b>Totals</b>			-\$3,937.63
Major Maintenance			\$51,137.26
Parking Lot Fund			\$43,170.63
Parking Lot CD			\$125,000.00
General Scholarship		2024	\$1,535.00

### Endowment Fund of Cross Lutheran Church, Inc.

The Endowment Board of Trustees met via zoom on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Blaine Warren has stepped down from the board and a trustee will be sought to fill the vacant position. Blaine is thanked for the years he served as a trustee and as secretary on the board. The following officers were elected to serve for this year: President-Marilynn Hansen, Vice President-Annie Bailey, Secretary-Beth Oliver, and Treasurer-Chuck Stublely. Sharon Johnson, Anita Mucci and Mike Olson, who was affirmed as a trustee on March 19, complete the Board of Trustees.

The account statements indicated that the two Endowment Funds increased in investment value during January and February. The Regular Fund was given a total of \$100.00 in honor of Don and Char Brink's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Regular Fund received a memorial of \$100.00 for Bob Remer and a memorial of \$50.00 for Jerry Graff. A \$200.00 donation was received for the Seminary Assistance Trust.

Pastor John's request for \$1327.00 to complete the computer/network updates was approved. A withdrawal of \$1327.00 will be made from the Spiegelhoff Account for this donation. That leaves a balance of \$6817.17 from this account's 2023 earnings for 2024 donations.

Everyone is encouraged to read the thank you notes from some of the recipients of the 2023 donations. They are posted on the bulletin board across from the welcome desk.

The next zoom meeting of the trustees is planned for 7 pm on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

# Cross Lutheran Staff & Ministry Leadership Teams as of February, 2024

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays In-person - 5pm

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

\* Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

\* [YouTube Channel](#)

\* Website: [www.cross-church.org](http://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 - Ken Krause

## 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](mailto:crossbur@cross-church.org).

Noah's Ark: 262-767-9095

Website: [www.cross-church.org](http://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

President, Andy Johnson

Vice President, Ryan Jazdzewski

Claudia Kreuzscher

Secretary, Patty Oldenburg

Rachel Bennett

Joyce Etter

## BUSINESS BOARD

Director, Lois Berg,

Treasurer, Brett Metzger

Secretary, Doug Bochat

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Brian Erb

John Oldenburg

Terry Long

Steve Schneider

Mike Ladd

## CONNECTING TEAM

Anita Mucci

Pam Murphy

Marlene Remer

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Terry Erb

Marie Way

Brenda Fanter

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair, Cheryl Theis

Patricia Christopherson

John Hakala

Chuck Stublely

## SERVING TEAM

Bonnie Flitcroft

Marilynn Hansen

Lisa Schneider

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Garry Giller

Tammy Hogan

Jenny Morehouse

Betty Olson

## ENDOWMENT BOARD

President, Marilynn Hansen

Secretary, Blaine Warren

Treasurer, Charles Stublely

Trustee, Annie Bailey

Trustee, Sharon Johnson

Trustee, Beth Oliver

Trustee, Anita Mucci

# April 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8:50am Sunday School— <b>Sings</b> 9am Adult Bible 9am Coffee hour <b>10am Worship</b>  <b>Bob Hulser's 100th Birthday celebration after service</b>	8 6:30pm Bear Den Meeting 6:30pm Chocolate City Quilters Guild	9 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Lions & Tigers Meeting	10 6pm Confirmation 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30pm Webelos Meeting	12 9am Quilting Fellowship	13 8am Men's Minister <b>5pm Worship Service</b>
14	8:50am Sunday School 9am Adult Bible 9am Coffee hour <b>9am New Member Info Meeting</b> <b>10am Worship</b> <b>Ministry Time &amp; Talent Fair</b>	15	16 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Pastor John at Pine Brook Point 6:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting 6:30pm Mission Council	17 6pm Confirmation 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Rehear	18 11:15am Pastor John at Oak Park Place 7pm Ruth Circle	19 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	20 8am Men's Minister <b>5pm Worship Service</b>
21	<b>8am Pack 373 Pancake Breakfast in Luther Hall</b> 8:50am Sunday School 9am Adult Bible 9am Coffee hour <b>10am Worship—Choir Sings</b>	22	23 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Business Board Meeting 6:30pm Pack Meeting	24 1:30pm Pastor John at the Bay 6pm Confirmation 6pm Praise Band 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25 11am Pastor John at Stone Brook	26 9am Quilting Fellowship	27 8am Men's Minister <b>5pm Worship Service</b>
28	8:50am Sunday School 9am Adult Bible 9am Coffee hour <b>10am Worship</b> <b>11am Communications Gathering</b>	29	30 9:30am Gospel Gatherings 10:45am Staff Meeting				





**Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI**

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

**Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: Open for worship at 5pm until after service.  
Sunday: Open for worship at 9am service (summer) &  
in September services go back to regular time—10am**

**[WWW.CROSS-CHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.CROSS-CHURCH.ORG)**



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