

Cross Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!...and to all we do and share together as God's people, who

“WALK with Jesus!!” ... as we strive to

Worship *Joyfully*, Act *Compassionately*, Love *Deeply*
and Know *Personally* together as God's people!

Visitors—A special WELCOME! ...and an ongoing invitation to return often! Please feel welcome to share in any areas of Cross' ministry and fellowship.

Congratulations, Pastor Kimberly!...as today is the one-year anniversary of her ordination into ministry! Pastor Kimberly has served for many years in ministry, for youth, camping, and the parish as well, but we honor her on this first-year milestone for ordained ministry.

Congratulations, Pastor Christa!...Speaking of ordinations... we keep Christa Forsythe in prayers today, as she is ordained and installed at 1st Lutheran Church in Litchfield, MN, where (Uncle) Pastor Barry & Elaine celebrate with her and her family.

The Lord's Supper... We invite the community of believers—anyone baptized in Christ, no matter what church affiliation—to share in the Lord's Supper. We come to the table with humble, confessing, yet joyful hearts, forgiven by the gracious love of God in Christ. While we are still in the season of celebrating Jesus' birth, we gather around the table because of his death...AND resurrection. May the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper be a sign of Christ's everlasting presence for us. (Children who have not yet had “First Communion” instruction are invited forward for a blessing.)

Readings for Feb. 7: Isaiah 6:1–8 [9–13]; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

Lent is just around the corner!! Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 17th, with the soup suppers starting that night at 6:pm, and worship (with Imposition of Ashes, Communion, special music) at 7pm! Please join us for this unique time of fellowship, worship, and experiencing the leadership of our Confirmation youth for the services!!

The Kriscendo Bell Choir is looking for a few new faces. Whether you've played before, or have always wanted to try, you're welcome to join. No musical experience is necessary. Practice is on Thursdays at 6:30pm for ages 12-adult. Please call Janice Kolar 586/344-4653 or Bob Leverenz 586/781-3485 for more information.

Praying the Prayer List Please get your requests in early by email: officeatcross@yahoo.com; OR phone 586/791-6640; OR last minute requests may be placed on the clipboard at the “sign up ledge” in the narthex. Ongoing prayer needs may be written on the welcome sheets in the pews.

“Quiet Time” bags The Worship Committee has organized some “Quiet Time” bags of children's books, small padded toys, etc. for families to use during worship. They are hanging under the Visitors' shelf, where they should be returned after worship.

Old Candles Needed - We are once again making new altar candles. If anyone has old, used, unwanted candles to be donated and added to the altar candle wax please see Tom Johnson 586-298-0269

Act

Today is the last day for gifts for Prepare Room through Lutheran Social Services for the Wayne County Family Center will be taken through the end of this month. Cross has received a contribution for \$1,250.00 from Thrivent

Financial to help support the "Prepare Room" project. We will soon have a final total of gifts given to share with you. Thank you for your generous support for "Prepare Room."

Haiti Earthquake Relief Please consider helping in one of these ways:

Cash and checks placed in the baskets in the lobby (to "Cross Lutheran Church", with "Earthquake Relief" note)

ELCA Disaster Relief online, at <http://www.elca.org>

Thrivent Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. **One hundred percent of your donation will be used.** To make a donation to the earthquake relief effort, go to <http://www.elca.org/>. If you are a Thrivent member, you may consider a donation through them as they are matching every \$2 with \$1. Contact Pat Klenner for more information. Office: 586-773-7596; Toll-free: 800-830-4288; Email: patrick.klenner@thrivent.com. Our prayers and thoughts are with all the people of Haiti in this time of sorrow and disaster.

TANZANIA - Pastor Earnest Anaeli, of Sabilo, our sister congregation in Tanzania, has sent many items for us to sell. Belts, necklaces, bracelets, key chains, etc. We also have a new shipment of coffee, tea, cocoa mix and chocolate bars. This is an ongoing fund raiser for Sabilo. You can find everything in the welcome area on shelves. Check it out.

Cross Helping Hands Do you or someone you know need help with transportation, minor household chores or repairs, snow removal, shopping, meals, or just a friendly visit? If so Cross Helping Hands would like to help! Please use the cards located on the sign in clipboards for your requests, place them in the offering basket and someone will contact you within the week. Want to be part of our volunteer group? Check your mailbox for an important form so we can better match up your talent and availability to the requests we receive. We look forward to your support in this new ministry.

We will no longer be collecting coupons for exchange but if you would like to share coupons with the few members who currently do, please call the church office.

Love

"Lights Camera Action"— May 15th 7pm. Family night funniest home videos. Enter videos you already have or use the time between now and the event to capture new, funny videos. Sign up coming soon

Men's golf league is looking for more members...we are starting April 13th @ 5:30pm and playing @ Cracklewood located 24 Mile east of Romeo Plank...contact Mike Beauvais 586.612.3800 or email mbeauva@att.net.

Euchre Night is back at Cross! Please plan to join us on Saturday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and fellowship. Registration will begin at 6:30 pm, and play will start no later than 7:00 pm. The cost is \$6.50 per person, which includes 1 50/50 ticket as well as your tournament entry fee. Bring your own beverages, and a snack to share (peanut-free, of course!) The proceeds from this month's tournament will be donated to the American Red Cross to benefit relief efforts in Haiti. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board adjacent to the narthex. Invite a friend or neighbor to share in the fun with you, and come join us!

There is a Super Bowl party planned for 7-12 graders. It will be on Feb. 7th starting at 5pm. Norm & Tomie Soeder are helping to lead and there will be games as well as *THE GAME!* Will need parent involvement. Please invite your friends - they are WELCOME. Join the fun and food.

Know

The Sunday morning small group will be meeting again at 9:30 -10:30 am on the following Sundays: February 7th and February 21st. Our topic will be "The stages of Forgiveness." Please join us in Pastor Kimberly's office. Contact Kathy Ming if you have questions.

"Dealing with Depression in Youth & Families" --special presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7:15pm, by Lisa Beauvais, licensed psychotherapist and member of Cross. The Stephen Ministers invite ANYONE who desires more of how to understand and deal with this difficult mental health issue. Lisa will present on some

basic coping strategies, and provide guidance for how we can be resources for family members, friends, etc. *Lisa would like an approximate "count" to help her plan, so see the sign-up at the ledge.*

This 'N That

Camper Alert!!! Meeting will take place next Sunday, Feb. 7th after the late service regarding summer camping opportunities...Elementary, Confirmation and Work Mission.

Scout Sunday - On Sunday, February 21st, Cross will observe Scout Sunday. All who are members of a scout activity, youth and adults, are encourage to wear their uniform on Sunday, February 21st.

Fraser Public Schools K-12 Art Department along with The Fraser Grille presents: EMPTY BOWLS - a fundraiser. Please join us Thursday, February 11th 5 -7pm in the FHS cafeteria \$10 donation per person \$25 donation per family, 3 or more. Students, parents, and teachers have created clay bowls for this event. You will be served a simple meal of soup, bread and water, keeping your bowl as a reminder of those who go to bed hungry every night. Proceeds from this event will go to MCREST, who assists the homeless and hungry in our community.

Bring your used Christmas/Greeting cards to Cross to be used for special projects. Tear the backs off them. Deadline is March 28th.

"SCRAP 'TIL YOU DROP" event to benefit the Macomb Homeless Coalition! Saturday, Feb. 27th from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm here at Cross. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes lunch & dinner. There will also be a couple of scrapbook vendors on site to show new products & techniques. Checks payable to: "Macomb Homeless Coalition" & return by 2/15/10 to: Macomb Homeless Coalition, PO Box 856, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046 (include your Name, Contact Phone # and Check #). Further info contact: Evette @ 586-996-5525. (Flier posted on "The Board")

Pastor Kimberly Vaughn contact info: Cell: 313-720-5421 E-mail: pastorkimberly@genesislutheran.org

Congratulations!...for this Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries:

1/31 Elizabeth Blohm, Nathan Livingston
2/2 Glenn Gagnier, Jimmy Loftus, Dennis Foran, Schakel (1963)
2/3 Betty Foulkes, John Stevens
2/4 Mike Ruelle, Jensen (1977)
2/5 Sarah Kolar

Worship Schedule:

Feb. 7	8:00 & 9:30 Folk 2	11:00 Contemporary
Feb. 14	8:00 & 9:30 Jazz	11:00 Contemporary
Feb. 17	7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY	
Feb. 21	8:00 & 9:30 With One Voice	11:00 Contemporary
Feb. 28	8:00 & 9:30 ELW	11:00 Contemporary

This week's schedule:

Monday: Photography-7p; AA-8p
Tuesday: Drama Team-7:30p
Wednesday: Confirmation Supper, Parents meeting w/Pat Klenner-6p; Teen Praise band-6:15p; Adult Choir-6:30; Confirmation-7p; Kristus Bells-7pm
Thursday: Bible study-10:30a; Kriscendo Bells-6:30p
Saturday: Sanctuary enhancement-9:30a; Euchre-6:30p