

## **Cross Lutheran Church**

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### **Epiphany 3 - January 22, 2012**

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**Welcome to Worship!** May you hear God's Word, experience the presence of the Spirit, and be touched spiritually by the Body of Christ, both in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and in the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ!

**Epiphany\* themes** come through clearly today, as we hear a Gospel reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> verses of Mark, where Jesus is announcing the kingdom's presence, even as he is calling followers to commit and to follow him...

*\*Epiphany—a "showing," or "manifestation," and for the church in particular, the season which focuses on Jesus Christ being revealed to all peoples as Lord.*

**Visitors—a special welcome!** Please "sign in" on the worship registration sheets! Feel free to include your prayer requests, for yourself and others. Please be aware of the invitation to the Lord's Table, AND, come again!

**Service of Christian Unity** – TODAY at 4pm, we celebrate with six other Fraser & Clinton Township churches our oneness in Christ. Congregational choirs have prepared some "mass choir" numbers, and the Cross praise team will help lead. EVERYONE is invited to the fellowship hour afterwards. We are also delighted to welcome the preacher for the day, Rev. Michael Brown, who along with his wife, Imelda, leads the new congregation of New Life Ambassadors for Christ Christian Church (Utica & Garfield). The service takes place at the new Hope UCC facility, on Garfield, just north of 15-Mile Rd.

**Prayer List** All are invited to make requests as soon as they are realized. You may send them by email: [officeatcross@yahoo.com](mailto:officeatcross@yahoo.com) OR phone 586/791-6640. 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.

## **Congregational Annual Meeting TODAY— after late service**

### **We Worship...**

**Welcome to the Lord's Table!** All those who are desiring to grow in their relationship with God in Christ Jesus are invited to come to Communion... We join together with humble, confessing, yet joyful hearts, forgiven by the gracious love of God in Christ, enabled to be there because of his death on the cross for our sins... AND his victorious resurrection to eternal life. We come, that the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper might be a sign of Christ's everlasting presence for us.

*(PLEASE NOTE! Gluten free wafers are now available. Let the pastor know if you need to receive one. If other medical/health concerns give you reason to avoid the cup or the bread, remember our teaching: **Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or cup.** Younger children who have not yet had "first Communion" instruction are invited for a blessing.)*

### **We Serve & Reach Out...**

**Cross Helping Hands** Volunteers are available!!...for household chores, repairs, transportation, yard care, shopping, meals, or a friendly visit. Please use the cards that may be found in a basket on the Welcome shelf to recommend someone, or yourself!

## **We Learn...**

**First Communion Classes** We have scheduled a series of three classes to prepare children to receive their first communion. Topics including an overview of the Seder meal, communion as a sacrament, and other information will be discussed. The classes will be lead by Jennifer Phillips and will be held on three Sundays as follows: Sundays, January 29, February 5 & 12 - beginning at 10:45am

A parent or guardian is expected to accompany a child to each session. There is a lot of material that is covered in this short amount of time. A parent accompanying a child makes the learning more family-focused and helps ensure it runs smoother.

Please contact the church office at 586-791-6640 to let us know if you and your child will be joining us in these classes to prepare for first communion. We look forward to seeing you!

**In an ongoing effort to raise funds for Youth Activities** there will be ***Bagel Sales*** each Sunday (with some exceptions; that will be announced) in the Fellowship Hall after each service. This is a free-will donation. Thanks for your support!

**Adult Education Groups**—meet in the Fellowship Hall. ***Parenting Class*** with Karen Loftus; ***Book club*** just started a new book: “Friday Night Knitting Club” and the ***Wired Word*** with Tom Blohm. There’s always room for more! Coffee & treats can be found there as well!

## **We “Fellowship” & Support...**

**Help protect your loved ones** - in adult/infant CPR, and AED training. Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m. Sign-up sheet and additional information will be available on the bulletin board or contact Debbie Teasdale. HURRY! Space is limited. FIRST AID training will be made available at another date if there is enough interest. The minimum required is 6 participants. The cost would be \$30 for First Aid training only or \$25 if taken after the CPR sessions.

FIRST AID CLASS- will be offered Tues. January 31st. 7:00-9:00p.m. Taken alone \$30 or if taken in combination with the prior CPR Training \$25 (total for both \$55). Contact Debbie Teasdale with any questions. Checks should be made out to Macomb CPR & First Aid.

**Help!** We find our reserve of coffee (both regular and decaf) is down to a mere “drip!” If you are a regular at the coffee pots and can donate a can/bag of your favorite brew, please feel free to do so. Thanks in advance!!

**Pastor Barry's Retirement and Farewell Open House.** Please be sure to join us next Sunday, January 29th from 3pm - 6pm for the farewell to Pastor Barry & Elaine. A short program will take place at 4:30. Hot and cold appetizers, desserts and beverages will be served. We need you to RSVP today! We need many helping hands for set-up, clean-up, as well as the donations of appetizers and desserts, so please see the hall bulletin board to sign up for these duties. If you have any questions please contact Val and Steve Buckley or Sally and Frank Maisano of the Fellowship Committee.

## **MACOMB HOMELESS COALITION SCRAPBOOK FUNDRAISER**

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

**Where:** Cross Fellowship Hall

**Time: Open Session**--8 am - 8 pm = \$35 per person

(includes: crop space, continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Half Sessions**--8 am - 2 pm OR 2 pm - 8 pm = \$20 per person

(includes: crop space, either continental breakfast & lunch or dinner)

**Mail payment to:** Macomb Homeless Coalition; P.O. Box 856; Mt. Clemens, MI 48046 Ph #: 586.468.1775 **Include with your payment:** your name, complete address, phone # & which session you are interested in attending.

**You can show your support for our Youth programs without spending money?** You sure can! Bring us your cans (and bottles too) and we will happily return them for you in exchange for keeping the deposit. If you cannot bring them into church or wish to have us pick them up for you please call the church office and ask for Claudia or contact me via e-mail [ck4youth@yahoo.com](mailto:ck4youth@yahoo.com) to make arrangements and we can come to you!

### **This Week's Schedule:**

Sunday: ANNUAL MEETING-noon; CELI-1p

Monday: AA-8p; Praise Team-7:30p

Tuesday: Bible Study-10:30a

Wednesday: Confirmation-7p; Bells-7:15p; Choir-7:30

Thursday: Community Supper-5p; Bells

Friday: Euchre; AA/Alanon-7p

### **Worship Schedule:**

1/29	8:15	Blues/Gospel	10:45	Contemporary
2/5	8:15	Folk 2	10:45	Contemporary
2/12	8:15	Chicago Folk	10:45	Contemporary
2/19	8:15	Blues/Gospel	10:45	Blues/Gospel
2/26	8:15	With One Voice	10:45	Contemporary

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

1/22 Jeanine Haugen, George Wojdacki

1/23 Nancy Halter, Sara Armour

1/24 Kurt Blossey, John Wright

1/25 Janet Cavanaugh

1/26 Edna Rivard

1/28 Norm Soeder