

## **Cross Lutheran Church**

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**Epiphany 4 - January 29, 2012**

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**Welcome to Worship!!** We hear words about “the Word” today, and it provides a fitting springboard for Pastor Barry’s last sermon here as Cross’ pastor. May we ALWAYS be open to the Word of God’s gracious, yet emphatic message that calls us into relationship with and in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**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!

**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.

### **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...**

**Committee Planning Day** will take place on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. All committee chairs and members are asked to attend so we can set dates and plan together upcoming events.

**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 begin today!** 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.

**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...**

**Bunco Party** - February 10 - 7:00 pm. Cost is \$3 per person to play. Money goes toward prizes. Bring a dish/snack to share and come “roll” with us!

**Help protect your loved ones** - FIRST AID CLASS- will be offered Tues. January 31st. 7:00-9:00p.m. Contact Debbie Teasdale with any questions. Checks should be made out to Macomb CPR & First Aid. MANY thanks to Debbie and all who were a part of the CPR class this past Tuesday—a real success!

**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!!

## **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: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion-10:45a; OPEN HOUSE  
Monday: AA-8p; Praise Team-7:30p  
Tuesday: Bible Study-10:30a; First Aid-7  
Wednesday: Confirmation dinner-6p; meeting-6:30; 7p; Bells-7:15p; Choir-7:30  
Thursday: Bells  
Friday: AA/Alanon-7p  
Saturday: Scrapbooking fundraiser-8am

**Worship Schedule:**

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:**

1/29 Jan Ziaya  
1/30 Mike Robinson  
1/31 Elizabeth Blohm  
2/2 Jimmy Loftus, Dennis Foran, Schakel (1963)  
2/3 Betty Foulkes  
2/4 Mike Ruelle