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# Cross & Crownicle

## December 2018

*Sharing God's Love and Promise of Salvation Through Christ*

***All Are Welcome!***

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*Silent night, Holy night*

*You are invited to join us for*

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Worship**



**Cross and Crown  
Lutheran Church**

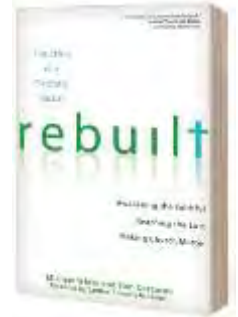
**December 24, 2018  
5pm and 7pm**

*"A child is born to us, a son is given to us." - Isaiah 9: 6*

## Council Highlights

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On November 18th the council meet for their monthly session. We began by discussing the first two chapters of a new book, *Rebuilt: The story of a Catholic Parish*. This led us to an interesting discussion about challenges we face at Cross and Crown and how to meet those challenges head on.



Here are some of the other highlights from the meeting:

- Buildings and Grounds reports that the security panel will need upgrading. The panel is original to the 1982 building and new parts are not compatible.
- Joe C. gave an update on the responses to the Long Range Planning survey that was sent out last month.
- Stewardship reported on 2019 pledges and sign pledges that had been received currently.
- Council reviewed pledges received for the new sign and are pleased that we are approaching a goal set by the council to begin work on the project.
- Next meeting will be held Sunday, December 16th after the Children's program and second service at 11am.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** will be available in the Narthex, December 9th. Please remember your envelope number may have changed.

The initial offering helps with the cost of the envelopes and the Lutheran magazine.



**All 2018 Offerings need to be in the office or postmarked by December 31st.**

If you have any concerns regarding the renumbering, please contact the church office at 815-623-6853.



**This years annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th.**

**Please make sure your annual reports are submitted to the office by no later than, Thursday, January 7, 2019**

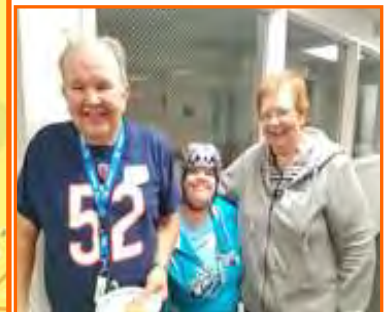
## Confirmation 2018

Joe Lengjak, son of Jim & Molly Lengjak was confirmed on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Congratulations to Joe who made his public affirmation of his baptism. We give thanks for Joe and his family.



In November, our quilting group donated 20 quilts to Fair Oaks Health Care Center in South Beloit and St. Anne's Place in Rockford. Thank you to our quilters who donate their time and talents to the quilting ministry.

Our Quilters meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. They start around 10 a.m., eat lunch and finish up about 2 p.m. No experience needed, it's a great time for fun and fellowship.



- A ministry of  
Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries -




# Rejoicing Spirits



A life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities

Second Thursday of the month  
6pm

Alpine Lutheran Church  
5001 Forest View Ave.  
Rockford, IL 61108

Rejoicing Spirits enriches the spiritual lives of people with intellectual disabilities through meaningful Christian worship service and fellowship time in a shush-free, expressive environment.

Everyone in the community is welcome

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Psalm 98:4





# Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford

## Next Rejoicing Worship Service: December 13th at 6pm

### December Happenings:

**Rockton Christmas Parade:** Saturday, December 1st at 6 p.m. Come join us as we participate in the Rockton parade and share information regarding our ministry here at Cross & Crown. Meet us at the HHS Parking Lot at 5 p.m. to line up for the parade.



**Sounds of the Season:** Saturday, December 8th at 7 p.m. We will enjoy Christmas music featuring Nicolai Janitzky, Mitch Olson and the Cross & Crown Choir. Dessert and refreshments will be served.

**Children's Christmas Program:** Sunday, December 16th - 10 a.m. Service. Our children's program "The Unfriendly Beasts" by Ruth Elaine Schram & Scott Schram will be performed during our 10 a.m. service along with our Spirit Singers.



**The Christmas Cantata** will be held on Sunday, December 23rd during both services. We will be uplifted by our Chancel and Handbell choirs as they present "Jesus - The Advent of the Messiah."

**Our Christmas Eve Services** will be held on Monday, December 24th at 5 and 7 p.m. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior Jesus.



**A Service of Lessons & Carols** will be held on Sunday, December 30th - **One Service Only** at 10 a.m.



**On Christmas Eve, the Church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The Church office will be closed December 25th - January 1st.**

*We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

### Poinsettias

We are now taking orders for 6" poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Poinsettias choices are red and white at \$13 each. Please sign up in the narthex and place your payment in the offering, marked poinsettia order. **The deadline to order poinsettias will be Thursday, December 13th.** Thank you in advance for contributing to make our sanctuary festive.



## Social Concerns Committee – Projects & Cause of the Month

We are supporting Wimpy's Fund this year which provides gifts to less fortunate children in the Roscoe, Rockton, and surrounding area. Please watch for the Christmas giving tree in the narthex with children's names, ages, sizes and requests. The turnaround time is usually short- Return your wrapped gifts with the child's name by Friday, December 14th. Thanks for supporting this local project with your Christian faith treating others as Christ would treat them.



**CROSS AND CROWN  
PRESCHOOL**

Follow, Learn and Grow

## *Pitter Patter*

The November winds have blown the last of Autumn's color from the trees as Nature settles in for the Winter months. We, however, are ramping it up for the holidays and all of the hustle-bustle, pageantry, and family gatherings that create for us many happy memories. The preschoolers will kick off the season with Thanksgiving vacation beginning Wednesday, November 21st and returning on Monday, November 26th.

Conferences continue to go well. Our budding performers have been practicing for the Christmas program which will be presented December 20th at Noon for both AM and PM classes, with a party to follow in the Children's Chapel area. They will then leave for Winter break and return on Monday, January 7th.

Fundraisers have been successful with our most recent event at Culvers on Monday, November 19th. Ten percent of all sales, including drive through, go to the preschool. Thank you to all who participated.

Preschool's wish list includes: playdough, tempera paints and puppets. A Smart Board, which will add to the children's learning experience and keep us competitive with our preschools in the area, is also on the Preschool's wish list.

We give thanks at this time to God for his guidance and support through our many earth angels! We are very blessed to have Becky Hendrickson and Mary Dempsey at the helm, along with preschool families, volunteers and friends who give of themselves in so many ways. We truly are family!

May God's Love fill your hearts and homes!  
Beckie Johnson

CROSS AND CROWN LUTHERAN  
CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

# SOUNDS OF THE SEASON



FEATURING LYRIC OPERA ARTIST  
NICOLAI JANITZKY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
AT 7PM  
7404 ELEVATOR RD.  
ROSCOE, IL 61073  
DESSERT AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED  
WITH DR. MITCHELL OLSON ON KEYBOARD AND THE CROSS AND CROWN CHOIR

## **Cross and Crown Choir to sing at Carnegie Hall.**

We have been invited to sing under the direction of renowned composer Mark Hayes at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The concert will take place December 2, 2019. This is an exciting opportunity brought to us by Choir Director Mitch Olson. During the next year the choir will be fundraising to offset the expenses of this once-in-a-lifetime trip! If you are interested in singing with the choir at this event or any in the future please contact Mitch Olson at 815-978-2336.

## **Gods Work Our Hands**

Our Confirmation students and their families gave back to the community at the Old Stone Food Pantry in Rockton on Wednesday, November 14th as they prepared Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. We had a very productive evening packing approximately 60 Baskets for families in the Rockton, Roscoe and the surrounding areas. Thank you to the Confirmation students and their families.



## Proposal for New Sign on Elevator Road

The excitement of having a new sign to promote the activities of the church and pre-school remains very high. It is seen as a means of informing the neighborhood and community about what happens here and is intended to engage more people in the mission of the church. There is a children's bible song "This Little Light of Mine" which says "hide it under a bushel no, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." Our new sign will do just that: let our light shine so that others know about the love of Christ and how we share our service here at Cross & Crown.

Make you pledge today! Every dollar helps us make our new sign a reality!

*Your Stewardship Committee and Church Council*

## Cross and Crown Sign Summary

### History

- Established basic design criteria
- Solicited 3 quotes
- Evaluated quotes
- Selected Mega Signs
- Presented overview to congregation (Annual Meeting)
- Final bid \$22,270.00

### Quote

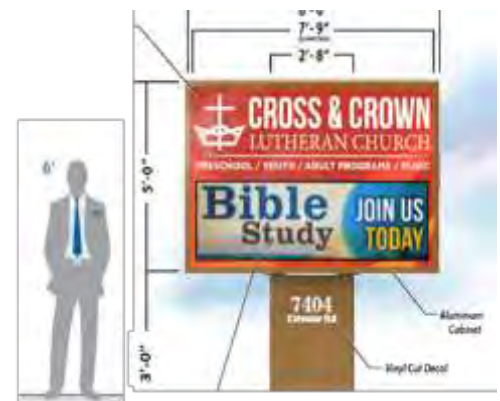
- Updated quote on 9/24/18 - Valid 60days \$24, 295.54
- Basic sign features
  - ◇Alpha Premier Feature Benches
  - ◇5 Year Parts
  - ◇Lifetime technical support
  - ◇Lifetime software support
  - ◇Cloud based software (subscription free)
  - ◇10 Year parts availability guarantee
  - ◇Made in USA
- Quote includes -
  - ◇Dual face cabinet
  - ◇Dual 16mm LED displays
  - ◇Pedestal
  - ◇Extended range
  - ◇Shipping
  - ◇Install
  - ◇Permit pull

### Other

- Preschool sign removed
- Tree trimming for line of sight



Current Church Sign



Proposed New Sign



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 pm Rockton Parade
2 8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Community Time 9:45 pm Adult Education 11:00 am Cont. Worship 12:00 pm Spirit Singers Rehearsal	3 5:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Girl Scouts Leader Mtg	4 6:00 pm BASICS Bible Study (Sophia's) 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	5 6:30 pm Confirmation	6 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	7 8:00 am - 3pm Classical Conversations	8 7pm Sounds of the Seasons
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16 8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Community Time 10 am Children's Christmas Program 11am Council Meeting 12 pm Spirit Singers Reh.	17 5:00 pm Yoga	18 6:00 pm BASICS Bible Study (Sophia's) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	19 <i>Volunteers Assemble Newsletter</i> 6:30 pm Confirmation	20 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	21	22
23 8:30 am & 11 am Cantata - <i>Jesus Advent of the Messiah</i>  9:30 am Community Time	24 Church Office Open 8:30 am - Noon  5 & 7 pm Christmas Eve Services	25 <b>Christmas Blessings!</b>	26	27	28	29
30 One Service Only 10 am Lessons & Carols	31 Church Office Closed  <b>New Year's Eve</b>	Church Office Closed				





## December Birthdays

Betty Downing	12/3	Gerald Upward	12/9	Scott Hanke	12/22
Jacob Shockley	12/3	Violet Bane	12/10	Larry McFall	12/22
Sarah Shockley	12/3	Bob Dirks	12/14	Matt Tonak	12/23
Kevin Homann	12/6	Cathie Martinez	12/14	Timothy Leslie	12/25
Marcus Proctor	12/7	Deb Keller	12/18	Brandi Ashton	12/28
Kim Pixler	12/9	Steve Schubert	12/19	Ann Chamberlain	12/30
Kati Tonak	12/9	David Loken	12/20	Craig Carey	12/31



## December Anniversaries

Steve & Jean Shoudy	12/7	John & Terri Joern	12/22
Scott & Sheri Taylor	12/17	Larry & Pam McFall	12/31



### *Come Join Us!*

**Music Ministry: The Handbell Choir** rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We invite you to join us! No experience is necessary! If you would like to know more about bell choir, please contact Matt Guschl at 217-417-5952 or matt.guschl@gmail.com.

**The Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. in the Sanctuary of Cross & Crown Church. The choir sings at the 8:30 am service. All are welcome to attend! We would like to start out our year with all sections full and ready to sing the praises of our Lord. Please consider joining us. No experience necessary!

**2018/2019 Confirmation Class** is for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Confirmation is a fun and interactive learning experience. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. through the school year and cover Old and New Testament stories along with Small Catechism material. Besides classes we also have fun nights and service trips. Call the church office for more information by talking to Pastor Megan at 815-623-6853.

**Sunday School:** We invite your child, ages preschool through 4th grade, to join us for a fun filled time of learning, prayer, and community service! We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the Cross & Cross Educational Wing.

## Serving the Lord - December 2018

	<i>Sunday December 2nd 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 2nd 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 9th 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 9th 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 16th 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 16th 11:00 a.m.</i>
Greeter	Duke & Vicki Sims	Mark Cavil	Dave & Sue Chaney	Cheryl Metcalf	Howard & Millie Van Valzah	Debbie Paus
Ushers	Cindy & Gary Powalish	Louise Glon	Eileen & John Herring	Mike Metcalf	Bill & Sally Clemens	Jim Lacey
Acolyte	Emerson Rehberg	Elijah Shipman	Amelia Pixler	Conner Burdick	Tate Vaughan	Isabelle Shipman
Assisting Minister	Isabelle Myers		Ellen Colletta		Loren Sass	
Message for Children	Jan Ethington	→	Larry Bauer	→		
Lector	Joe Colletta	Louise Glon	Pam Prescott	Cindy Loken	Jan Ethington	Mike Metcalf
PowerPoint Operator	Barb Larson	Cassie Hartje	Ralph Prescott	Cassie Hartje	Barb Larson	Cassie Hartje
Communion Setup	Sue Chaney	→	Sue Chaney	→	Kristin Frank	→
Communion Assistants	Joe & Ellen Colletta	Steve Shoudy	Dean & Cindy Snowdon	Mike Metcalf	Jan Ethington Kristin Frank	Greg Loken
Communion Bread	Viki Sims		Ann Chamberlain		Michelle Lally	
Coffee Host / Clean up	Education					→
Bread Delivery	Terri Schubert	→	Vicki Sims	→	Debbie Paus	→
Offering Caretaker	Gary Powalish	Steve Shoudy	Dean Snowdon	Mike Metcalf	Howard Van Valzah	Mike Metcalf
Snow Shoveling	Joe Colletta	→	Fred Marinez	→	Kevin Lewis	→
Indoor Plant Care	Michelle Lally					→

**Just a reminder . . . If you are unable to serve on the date assigned, please find a replacement and contact the church office of the changes for the bulletin. Thank you for serving.**

## Serving the Lord - December 2018

	<i>Sunday December 23rd 8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 23rd 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Monday December 24th 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Monday December 24th 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday December 30th 10 a.m. One Service</i>
Greeter	Leanne & Jerry Upward	Floyd Herman	Bill & Sally Clemens	Mike & Cheryl Metcalf	Hilde Magnuson
Ushers	Ann & Joe Chamberlain	Tyler Bauer	Dean & Cindy Snowdon	Kristin Frank Louise Glon	John & Eileen Herring
Acolyte	Jake Lengjak	Logan Moore	Timothy Leslie	Emmerson Rehnberg	
Assisting Minister	Cantata	Cantata	Ralph Prescott	Ben Vaughan	Ralph Prescott
Message for Children	Cantata	Cantata	Pastor Megan	→	Mitch Olson
Lector	Cantata	Cantata	Duke Sims	Joe Colletta	Steve Schubert
PowerPoint Operator	Steve Schubert	Cassie Hartje	Jan Ethington	Joe Colletta	Steve Schubert
Communion Setup	Louise Glon	→	Kristin Frank	Louise Glon	→
Communion Assistants	Cindy & Gary Powalish	Louise Glon	John & Eileen Herring	Amy Sorenson Michelle Lally	Steve & Terri Schubert
Communion Bread	Bev Gerard		Cindy Snowdon	Louise Glon	Hilde Magnuson
Coffee Host / Clean up	Education	→			→
Bread Delivery	Sheila Hecox	→		→	Penni Korte
Offering Caretaker	Joe Chamberlain	Steve Shoudy	Bill Frank	Mike Metcalf	Howard Van Valzah
Snow Shoveling	Steve Schubert	→			→
Indoor Plant Care	Michelle Lally	→			→

**If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let the church office know so we can keep your information current.**



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## **Happenings...**

**Blood pressure screening** will be offered on the 3rd Sunday of the month in one of the classrooms during community time.

**B.A.S.I.C.S. Bible Study:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ—searching, studying, sharing and serving. We will meet on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sophia's. Dinner is optional. Contact the church office or Larry Bauer 815-382-1022 for additional information.

**Yoga:** Monday night yoga classes are from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with ages ranging from “mature” to 90. All are welcome! The group is led by Mary Dahlstrand, a long-time yoga instructor and practitioner. Cost of the class is \$5.00 each session. For more information, contact Mary Dahlstrand at 815-871-2468.

**Invite a friend!** Calling cards are available in the Narthex for you to share. Simply take a few and invite a friend. Sometimes we find ourselves sharing our faith stories with others who may not have a home church...use a calling card, invite them to come join us at worship!

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### ***Cross and Crown Staff***

Rev. Megan Vaughan, Pastor; Kathy Hull, Office Administrator; Dr. Mitchell Olson, Director of Music and Organist; Dr. Matt Guschl, Hand Bell Director; Deb Dunnavan, Assistant Organist; Violet Bane, Custodian