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Sharing God's Love and Promise of Salvation Through Christ
All Are Welcome!



Cross & Crown Chancel Choir
at Carnegie Hall

Council Highlights

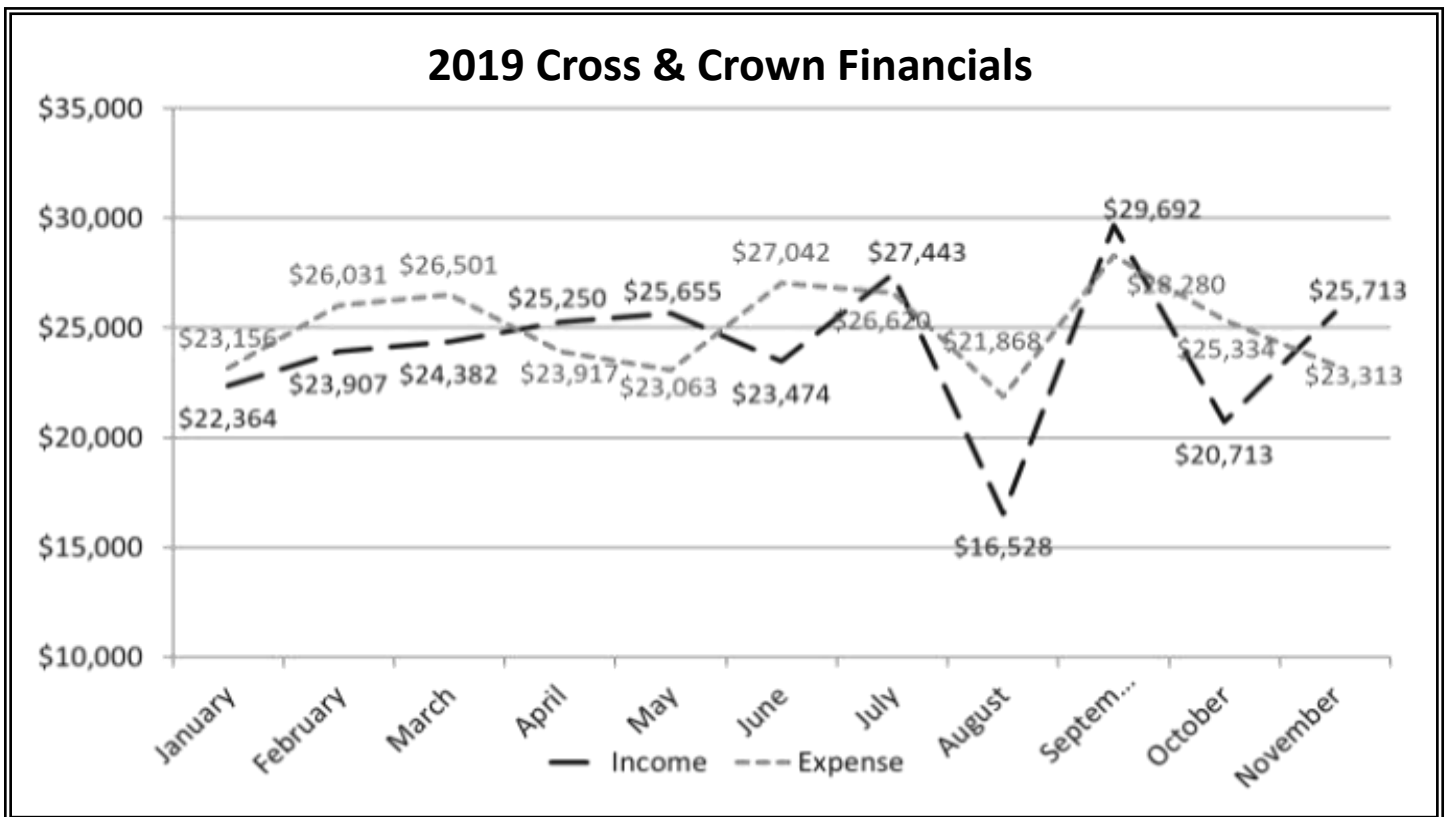
On Monday, December 16th our church council gathered for their monthly meeting.

Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- A final report was presented by the committee tasked with interviewing candidates for the Director of Youth and Family Ministries position. The personnel committee made a recommendation to the council to present an offer to the candidate. The council affirmed this recommendation.
- Angie Stone presented a revised budget from the Finance committee. Angie will continue to work with the Finance committee to make necessary revision and have the final 2020 budget ready for the January council meeting.
- Stewardship reported that additional pledges had been received. They also reported that more people pledged this year than last. The pledge amounts are vital to helping our Finance committee plan a balanced budget.
- A suggestion was made for members to be able to opt out of receiving envelopes if they are electronic givers.
- Pastor Megan reported that the Nominating committee is hard at work recruiting candidates for council elections.
- Worship and Music reported on the special music coming up in worship. The choir will present the Christmas Cantata on the 22nd. Christmas Eve services will include a trumpeter, Tim Schmidt, soloist Nicholas Janitzkey and Cassie Hartje as well as the Cancel Choir.

Committee Night: Monday, January 13th , Council Meeting: Monday, January 20th

Pam Prescott (President), Tyler Bauer (Vice President), Angie Stone (Treasurer), John Radtke (Secretary), Rick Paus, Joe Chamberlain, Keith Irons, Laurel Wright, Dean Snowdon, Amy Sorenson and Ellen Colletta.



Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.

Forever in the heart



We would like to express our condolences to the family of Maxine McQuaid (former member of Cross and Crown); and Mary Schmidt (mother of Sheila Hecox) as they mourn their loss and remember their life.

The holidays can be especially hard for those who have lost loved ones, for all those grieving we offer prayers and the peace of Christ.



Building and Grounds Updates

Our outdated fluorescent lights have been replaced by energy efficient LEDs in addition to occupancy sensors in the restrooms. Our yearly saving could be in excess of approximately \$1,500. We also received rebates through ComEd for the cost of the bulbs. The investment will be regained in a year.

We were also able to replace an element on the water heater that supplies water to the older section of the church instead of purchasing a new water heater.

Our Buildings & Grounds team along with other members are working hard to make improvements and maintaining our building while being frugal with our budget.

Thank you for all our members and our Building & Grounds Committee who spent time coordinating and installing the new bulbs, arranging vendors to assess the repairs needed.




Would you like to help update our website and Facebook page? These tasks do not require expert computer skills and are easy to learn. This is something that could be done from the convenience of your home or you can join us in the office and use one of the computers here. Information would be coordinated with Pastor Megan and Kathy Hull.

Would you like to help update our Membership Data base in 2020? After the first of the year, we will be sending out a survey to our members requesting that they give us updated information to ensure we are able to reach out to individuals, invite them to events, congratulate them on milestones, etc.

Please consider joining us as we enhance our resources for reaching out to our community and members. If you have in additional questions or would like to volunteer to help with these tasks, please contact us in the office.

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Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries -



Thursday, January 9th at 6 pm

Rejoicing Spirits

MOSAIC
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





Holiday Fun!



Sunday School meets at 9:45 am - 10:45 am between worship services. For Preschoolers/ Early Elementary—Enjoy hands on learning about the great stories of the Bible. Upper Elementary students will dig deeper in to the Bible and learn to connect stories to their own lives. Middle Schoolers will watch movie clips and learn about important faith steps in maturing their faith.

2019/2020 Confirmation Class for 5th-8th graders starts September 18th at 6:30 pm. Confirmation is a fun and interactive learning experience. We meet on Wednesday nights 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.





Social Concerns Committee – Projects & Cause of the Month

Our committee is collecting hair care products for Caritas in January. They are really short right now. Emphasis on African American hair care products.

In January we will be serving at Carpenter's place so watch for your opportunity to donate or help serve the meal.

In November, Quilters provided 6 lap quilts to the Vietnam2Now Rockford chapter that reaches 1,300 veterans in the region at 52 nursing homes. This is a yearly program we will continue to support. In addition to our quilt donations, 4 busy placemats were created and provided to Fair Oaks nursing home.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our quilting group. Quilters meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in June, July and August. The rest of the year we meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We start around 10 am, eat lunch here and finish up about 2 p.m. No experience needed, **it's a great time for fun and fellowship. Come join us!**



The need in our community is greater than you may know. After the holidays, the shelves at the Old Stone Pantry are somewhat bare! Any donations to help restock their shelves would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for supporting one of our local pantries throughout 2019 and we look forward to continuing our support in 2020!



Keep collecting, please! A Bench for Caps We are partnering with *Green Tree Plastics, LLC* and *ABC Promise* to collect plastic lids and caps which will be recycled and turned into a bench. It will be used as a teaching tool for a lifetime habits of green living. You may visit www.greenplastics.com for more details. There will be a collection bin available in the Narthex. Join us in collecting today!

Acceptable Caps: #2, 4 or 5. **Not Acceptable:** Caps or lids with (1), (3), (6) or (7) recycle number. No bottles or containers, plastic bags, pumps, straws, K-cups, anything that is not a cap.



Pitter Patter
CROSS & CROWN
PRESCHOOL
Follow, Learn and Grow

Happy New Year to one and all! It is a time to look back over the year that has passed, a time of renewal, new beginnings, and looking forward to all of the potential 2020 has to offer.

The preschoolers began December with an optional field trip to Williams Tree Farm on Friday, December 6th and then the lighted Christmas parade in Rockton on Saturday, December 7th. Thank you to all who participated by walking in the parade or donating candy to distribute to the crowd. The children learned about candy canes, our woodland animal friends and why we celebrate Christmas! Jesus is the reason for the **season! The spirit of caring and giving was among us as the kids participated in Wimpy’s Fund**, food donations partnering with our neighboring schools. Donations were appreciated! December ended with a nativity play for families to enjoy, refreshments and fellowship as they dismissed for Winter break.

The children will return on January 6th, to learn about wintery things . . . Warm mittens, **frosty snowmen and penguins wearing their “tuxedo suits”**. January will also bring knowledge of astronauts and blasting off into outer space! What a way to launch in to 2020!

Priority Registration for families already enrolled will begin January 6th and run through January 16th. Open Registration for new students will begin with an open house on Saturday, January 18th from 10-11 a.m. Our current enrollment is at 30 students between both classes.

There will be more fundraisers and parent group events, details coming soon!

Our wish list includes white constructions paper, white washable tempura paint and large motor skill toys.

As always, thank you to all who support us in our mission to grow our precious children! It takes a community of caring people to raise and educated a well-rounded little person!

Blessings in the New Year! *-Beckie Johnson*





january



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Church Office Closed  | 2 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm BASICS (at Sophia's) | 3 | 4 |
| 5 8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Community Time 11 am Cont. Worship Noon Spirit Singers | 6 Annual Reports Due Preschool Resumes 7 pm Girl Scouts Leader Mtg | 7 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts | 8 6:30 pm Confirmation | 9 11:30 am OWLS 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm BASICS (at Sophia's) 7 pm Chancel Choir 6 pm Rejoicing Spirits at Alpine Lutheran | 10 8 am - 3pm Classical Conversations | 11 |
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| 19 8:30 & 11 am Christmas Cantata w/ Casual Breakfast between services. | 20 Martin Luther King Day No Preschool 6:30 pm Council Mtg | 21 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts | 22 6:30 pm Confirmation | 23 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm BASICS (at Sophia's) 7 pm Chancel Choir Volunteers Assemble Newsletter | 24 8 am - 3pm Classical Conversations Serving at Carpenter's Place | 25 |
| 26 One Service Only at 10 am Annual Mtg following service. | 27 | 28 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts | 29 6:30 pm Confirmation | 30 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm BASICS (at Sophia's) 7 pm Chancel Choir | 31 8 am - 3pm Classical Conversations | |

Annual Reports

As we begin to look ahead to 2020, our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th.

The deadline for submitting your committee's annual report is Monday, January 6th.

Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Curtiss Gerard | 1/2 | Pam Prescott | 1/9 | Hannah Landenberger | 1/23 |
| Elizabeth Martinez | 1/2 | Sheri Taylor | 1/9 | Nancy Christianson | 1/24 |
| Randall Wright | 1/3 | Sandra Ferro | 1/11 | Mitch Drydahl | 1/25 |
| Rebecca Johnson | 1/4 | Jennifer Loy | 1/11 | Lauren Downing | 1/26 |
| Morgan Lacy | 1/4 | Shelbey Puppe | 1/11 | Ethan Wright | 1/26 |
| Dave Leslie | 1/5 | Sheryl Madura | 1/11 | Bill Clemens | 1/28 |
| Alisa Rhodes | 1/5 | Liam Ashton | 1/15 | Karen Radtke | 1/28 |
| Loren Sass | 1/7 | Meghan Lichte | 1/17 | Scott Taylor | 1/28 |
| Michael Grilc | 1/9 | Kassidy Richardson | 1/17 | Chris Wright | 1/30 |
| Amelia Pixler | 1/9 | Deb Peterson | 1/18 | Melissa Smith | 1/31 |

Anniversaries

James & Shaun Lacy 1/4 Floyd & Lara Hermann 1/20

Happenings...Worship Services! Fall Worship services beginning September 15th are at 8:30 am and 11:00 am on Sundays.

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 meets on Thursdays from 6-7:30 pm at Sophia's, dinner is optional. Contact the church office or Larry Bauer 815-382-1022 for questions.

Yoga: Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. 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 questions, contact Mary Dahlstrand at 815-871-2468.

The Chancel Choir are now rehearsing for our 2019/2020 Season. The Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm. in the Sanctuary of Cross & Crown Church. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and 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!

Serving the Lord - January

| | <i>January 5th 830 am</i> | <i>January 5th 11 am</i> | <i>January 12th 830 am</i> | <i>January 12th 11 am</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeter | Joe & Ann Chamberlain | Louise Glon | Amy Sorensen Lee Ann Harp | Cheryl Metcalf |
| Ushers | Bill & Sally Clemens | Jim Lacy | John & Eileen Herring | Steve Shoudy |
| Acolyte | Reyde Leslie | Elijah Shipman | Jasper Vaughan | Conner Burdick |
| Assisting Minister | Loren Sass | | Isabelle Myers | |
| Message for Children | Jan Ethington → | | Larry Bauer → | |
| Lector | Kristin Frank | Louise Glon | Loren Sass | Mike Metcalf |
| PowerPoint Operator | Steve Schubert | Cassie Hartje | Ralph Prescott | Cassie Hartje |
| Communion Setup | Violet Bane → | | | |
| Communion Assistants | Joe & Ann Chamberlain | Louise Glon | Ralph & Pam Prescott | Cheryl Metcalf |
| Communion Bread | Hilde Magnuson → | | Terri Schubert → | |
| Coffee Host / Clean up | Social Concerns → | | | |
| Bread Delivery | Ann Chamberlain → | | Debbi Paus → | |
| Offering Caretaker | Kristin Frank | Ben Vaughan | John Herring | Mike Metcalf |
| Indoor Plant Care | Violet Bane → | | | |
| Snow Shoveling | Duke Sims → | | Joe Colletta → | |

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 - January

| | <i>January 19th 830 am</i> | <i>January 19th 11 am</i> | <i>Annual Mtg One Service Only January 26th 10 am</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Greeter | Bill & Sally Clemens | Joan Cavil | Jerry & Leanne Upward |
| Ushers | Dean & Cindy Snowdon | Louise Glon | Joe & Ann Chamberlain |
| Acolyte | Jake Lengjak | Jacob Wright | Reyde Leslie |
| Assisting Minister | Ellen Colletta | | Ralph Prescott |
| Message for Children | Dean Snowdon → | | Mitch Olson |
| Lector | Jan Ethington | Cassie Hartje | Louise Glon |
| PowerPoint Operator | Joe Colletta | Jan Ethington | Cassie Hartje |
| Communion Setup | Violet Bane → | | |
| Communion Assistants | Jan Ethington Kristin Frank | Jim Lacy | John & Eileen Herring |
| Communion Bread | Ellen Colletta | | Vicki Sims |
| Coffee Host / Clean up | Social Concerns → | | |
| Bread Delivery | Karen Radtke → | | Vicki Sims |
| Offering Caretaker | Dean Snowdon | Steve Shoudy | Joe Chamberlain |
| Indoor Plant Care | Violet Bane → | | |
| Snow Shoveling | Karen Radtke → | | Ben Vaughan |



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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A big thanks to Laurel Wright for organizing the Sunday School Christmas program: A Super Hero Christmas. 17 kids participated in the program on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Thank you to teachers Julia Leslie and Sally Eversoll who helped organize kids and costumes, and to Mitch Olson who led music and technical support. A big thanks to parents who helped and brought cookies and treats for Sunday morning.

Cross and Crown Staff: Rev. Megan Vaughan, Pastor; Kathy Hull, Office Administrator; Dr. Mitchell Olson, Director of Music and Organist; Deb Dunnavan, Assistant Organist; Violet Bane, Custodian; Preschool Director, Becky Hendrickson and Teacher Assistant, Mary Dempsey.