

Growing Together

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Our mission:

Bring people to Christ.

Teach Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.



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From the Pastor's desk at Cross Lutheran Church-NALC,



For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:3-8)

Each year, my family doctor reminds me that it is once again time for a yearly physical checkup. With that advice, I make an appointment to visit my doctor if only for him to say that with the tests he has ordered, the results are satisfactory and I'm good for another year. I also love hearing a similar report from my dentist, my audiologist, and my ophthalmologist every six months.

I do the same for our car. Timely maintenance includes rotating the tires, changing the oil and various filters, replacing burned out light bulbs, and all the other things that may be worn and need attention. Even though all seems going smoothly at high speeds, it is at the lower speeds when I can clearly hear the murmur of a bad wheel bearing, or a squeal of worn brake pads when I step on the brake pedal. A friend once told me that a temporary remedy is to turn up the music to camouflage these sounds and early warnings! Yet if these concerns continue to be undiagnosed, they will eventually require action.

Similarly, the life of the church can seem to be going smoothly without even considering a "look under the hood." Maybe what seems to have worked in the past continues to work for the present and so it should be just fine for the future. Yet is a mindset that speaks, "if it isn't broken, don't fix it." It can also prove to be a practice for failure if annual maintenance isn't properly scheduled for unseen issues.

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Like our bodies and our motor vehicles, a yearly checkup makes good sense and should be regularly scheduled for our churches. But how many times have doctor’s appointments and maintenance appointments been postponed and then they are forgotten for another day? We then justify our procrastination with the reasoning, “*is it really necessary?*” Yes, regular maintenance can be time consuming and somewhat costly, but many times it is well worth the effort. It makes good sense and at the same time we are being good stewards of the things that bless us.

Like a phone call or a notecard that you receive in the mail as a reminder that your checkup is overdue, is this something that we should consider as stewards of Christ’s Church? At the very least, should we consider having the pulse of Cross Lutheran Church checked?

...so in Christ we,
though many,



FORM ONE BODY,
and each member
belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5, NIV

“...that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”
(1 Corinthians 12:25-27)

In Christ, Pastor Glenn

Preparing for Worship

February 5 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 58:3-9, P – Psalm 112:1-9, 2R – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), G – Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

1R - Deuteronomy 30:15-20, P – Psalm 119:1-8, 2R – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, G – Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

1R - Exodus 24:8-18, P - Psalm 2:6-12, 2R - 2 Peter 1:16-21, G - Matthew 17:1-9

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

1R - Joel 2:12-19, P – Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19), 2R – 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:10, G – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26 - First Sunday in Lent

1R - Genesis 3:1-21, P - Psalm 32:1-7, 2R - Romans 5:12-19, G - Matthew 4:1-11

Remember Those in Need of Continued Prayer...

Hanna Britt, Dave Licht, Sherry LaVoie, Cordelia Trost, John Finneren, Tom Shupe, Whitney Peyer, Delores Lange, Emilee Osentoski, Dorothy Henne, Joe Stodola, Matt Edler, Larry Adams, Al Collison, Rachel Higgins, Michelle Walsh, Anna House, Susan Beller, Hope Kittel, Inez Buchholz, Noah Adams, Kyle Walker, Kayle Thepsourinthone, Kay Schuette, Roberta Danks, Posie Tuckey, Corey Messing, Marvin Trost, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Deann Lewis, Robert Krzeszewski, Delores Elftman and Martin Knost.

Those in Honorable Service Our Country...

Nathan Schulz, U.S. Marines, son of Lonnie Schulz & grandson of Bonnie Schulz, Nicholas Swanson, U.S. Air Force, son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette, and Michael Cox, U.S. Navy, son of Kim Sears.



Celebrate

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeanne Sting
- 3 Brenda Kretzschmer
Eileen Johnson
- 4 Charles Buchholz
Matt Zimmerman
- 6 Kimberly Sears
- 7 Connie Eden
Alex Cucinello
Mike LePage
- 9 Greta Elston
- 10 Shelly Baur
- 13 Kirk Yackle
Lucy Thepsourinthone
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink
Grace Trost
Travis Roestel
Christina Cucinello-
Stoutenberg
- 16 Jacqueline Finneren
- 19 Tim Fritz
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Thuemmel
- 23 Joe Grammentz
- 24 Paul Kunisch
- 26 Lily Yackle
Gwyn Zimmerman
- 27 Sara Schadd

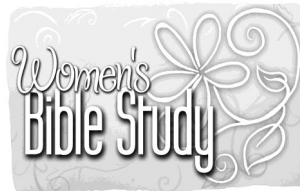
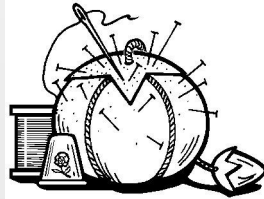
ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb. 6 Bill & Janet Love, 54 yrs.
- Feb. 13 Robin & Ann Buschlen,
41 years

NOTES FROM THE QUILTING GROUP

2022 was quite a year for the quilters here at Cross. We sent 232 quilts, blankets and a few afghans to the NALC Disaster Relief Warehouse in Caldwell, OH. We also sent 58 baby layettes and more than 30 Bibles.

We are already working toward the first batch of quilts to be sent out for 2023!



Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 8th in the church at 1:30 pm. The devotional is titled *Identity - Finding Myself in God*. Session one is titled *Belovedness*. Join this small group anytime, booklets are available at the study. Questions, Call Leanne Smith at 989-553-4241.



The Annual meeting is **Sunday, February 12th** immediately following the service.
All members are urged to attend!

TUCKEY UPDATE

An update on Posie Tuckey from her grandfather, Randy Schuette. At the end of December, Posie had a doctor appointment at U of M Hospital, Ann Arbor. She had just finished her 2 years of treatments for leukemia. She got to "Ring the Bell" signifying she is cancer free. She will still have to see the doctors for occasional check-ups to be sure the cancer hasn't returned, but for now no more treatments.

Praise God and thank-you for all your thoughts and prayers.

The Tuckey/Schuette families



From the Desk of...Leslie Eberly

It has been a busy couple months in the DK/K classroom. In December our room was bustling with the preparation for Christmas.

On top of learning our letters, reading, writing, addition and subtraction, we made a lot of

Christmas crafts, wrapped gifts, went Christmas Caroling to the "Big Kids and wrote and published a classroom book! But through all of that, we focused our attention on Jesus and his coming as a baby. Our class went through the Advent devotion the Jesse Tree. It walked us all the way from Jesse in the Old Testament all the way to Jesus' birth in the New Testament. Now we are back and already halfway through the year. It is so much fun seeing these littles growing academically, socially and spiritually. They are going to do big things for God's Kingdom!

Music has also been busy. The students did an amazing job during our Christmas Extravaganza. The DK/K are working on learning how to use their singing voices and matching pitch, 1st & 2nd are learning note values and rhythms while using unpitched instruments and the 3rd-5th grade are using all their music knowledge to begin learning the Tin Whistle! Next up? The Spring Arts Extravaganza!

Thanksgiving:




50 Days of School:




DKers making letters:





FUNDRAISER WINTER
Dinner

The CEA is hosting a Winter Dinner Auction on **February 11th** at the Pigeon Event Center. Doors open at 4:30p with a catered dinner at 6:00p. The evening will consist of dinner and drinks with a silent and live auction. Proceeds will go to the CEA to help fund the playground equipment project and other educational advancements for our students. Join our Facebook group to stay up to date on the latest developments of this event. "2023 Cross Lutheran School CEA Winter Dinner Auction "



Silent
& Live Auction

memorials & gifts

**In memory of
Janet Schumacher, for Cross
Lutheran Music fund:**

Dave & Peg McCrimmon

**In memory of Hazen Fritz for
Cross Building fund:**

Linda Fietzer

Carol Diener

Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Hazen Fritz, for
Cross Lutheran Church:**

Roger & Janice Elenbaum

**In memory of Lydia Decker,
for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Sheila Yackle

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Larry & Gina Smith

Richard & Christine Knoblock

**In memory of Lydia Decker,
for Cross Building fund:**

Denny & Leanne Smith

Bruce Baur

David & Susan Southworth

Bonnie Schulz

Vivian Buschlen

JB & Gwynne Barry

Shirley Deering

Mike & Jeanne Sting

Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Lydia Decker,
for Cross Lutheran School:**

Cordelia Trost

**These gifts were received to
the glory of God in memory
or honor of the following
people:**

**In memory of
Janet Schumacher,
for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Sheila Yackle

Denny & Leanne Smith

James & Connie Bygland

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Terri Deering

Nelson & Eunice Binder

John Stallman

Ted & Peg Leipprandt

Jane Walker

Linda Fietzer

**In memory of
Janet Schumacher,
for Cross Building fund:**

Cordelia Trost

Carol Diener

Bonnie Schulz

Bruce Baur

Shirley Deering

Dorothy Thuemmel

Nancy Schuette

Neil & Connie Herford

Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Hazen Fritz, for
Cross Altar Guild:**

Dale & Donna Schuette

Willard & Mary Kropp

Mike & Maggie Stevenson

Sue Sturm

Jim & Barb Hornbacher

Norm & Tonja Nelson

Linda Walsh

James & Judy Ewald

Marjorie Reist

Lydia Decker

Ron Elbing

Carolyn Morrison

Ron & Cherilyn Diebel

Janet Luedtke

Patricia Anderson

Peggy Hellwig

Peggy Lockhart

Denny & Leanne Smith

Thumb Bank & Trust

Larry & Gina Smith

Dennis & Rebecca Weiss

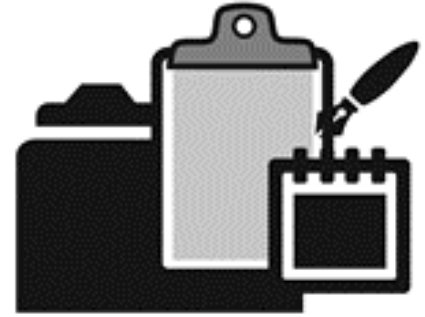
**In memory of Hazen Fritz, for
Cross Lutheran Music fund:**

Dave & Peg McCrimmon

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

(Unapproved)



Church Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Church Council President, Matt Zimmerman, at 7:00pm

Present: Matt Zimmerman, John House, Norm Nelson, Jason Shaw, Nancy Schuette, Dick Koehler, Al Licht and Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski.

Absent: Kim Sears, Kristy Carriveau

Guests: David Faupel, Phil Schadd & Karen Schuette.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor shared a devotion and prayer.

AGENDA: Approved *Al Licht made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by, Jason Shaw Motion carried.*

MINUTES: *Richard Koehler made motion to approve the amended Minutes, seconded by Jason Shaw. Motion carried.*

STAFF REPORTS:

Cross School: David Faupel, Principal

Total students enrolled for 2022-2023: 68

School board recommends adding one full time teacher for 2023-24 school year due to projected higher enrollment of 75 students.

The lunch director position is still open

Title 1 teacher resigned, looking to hire a replacement.

School board voted to continue to pay some school-related bills that the church normally pays.

School board will renew the additional custodial payment for extra school cleaning of \$1800 for 6 months pending council approval.

School board recommends increasing tuition for 2023-24 year.

Daycare: Written report provided by Jessica Schwartz, Director, was read by Matt Zimmerman.

25 students enrolled

Looking to hire 1 or 2 more staff.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Matt Zimmerman, President- Nothing to report.

Phil Schadd reported for Kristy Carriveau, Secretary – Nothing to report.

Phil Schadd reported for Kim Sears, Treasurer:

Reported that income is under budget by \$150.23. *Motion was made by Richard Koehler to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Nancy Schuette, motion carried.*

ADVISOR'S REPORTS

PASTOR'S REPORT:

2 funerals / memorial services – Janet Schumacher & Hazen Fritz.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Nothing additional to report other than what was in the Principal's report.

MINISTRY REPORTS – TRUSTEES

Property: Al Licht

Nothing to report. No meeting this month

Music & Worship: John House & Karen Schuette (guest)

Committee recommends that council create a contract for the music employee.

Stewardship: Norm Nelson

Written report provided to the council. Nineteen payments totaling \$14,337.00 were distributed from the Benevolence Fund.

Mission Outreach: Nancy Schuette

Nothing to report. No meeting this month.

Parish Life: Nancy Schuette

Potlucks & Christmas Caroling highlighted this month's events.

Youth: Jason Shaw

No meeting this month. Gwynne is planning a Fat Tuesday event.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed offer of free chairs for the replacement of the overflow chairs. Motion was made by Jason Shaw, seconded by John House to request 60 free chairs. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Al Licht, seconded by John House to allow the CEA to have tickets available for winter event after the church services on Jan 15th, Jan 22nd & 29th. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Nancy Schuette, seconded by Richard Koehler to compensate Beth Elston for the New Song group rehearsals for \$1,890.00 for 21 previously uncompensated rehearsals and \$1,415.76 per year going forward. Motion passed.

Motion made by Richard Koehler, seconded by Al Licht to increase tuition by \$200 per child for members 1st child, \$250 per child for members additional children & \$300 per child for non-members. Motion passed.

Motion made by Richard Koehler, seconded by John House to transfer \$5000 from CD #35210 and another \$5000.00 from the Special Event Fund to the General Fund. Motion passed.

Motion made by Richard Koehler, seconded by Jason Shaw to hire an additional teacher for the 2023/24 school year. Motion passed.

Motion made by Richard Koehler, seconded by Jason Shaw to accept the school board's proposal for the school to pay Marcine Moore a total \$1800 for additional cleaning of the school. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted, Phil Schadd

**Cross Lutheran School Board Minutes from:
January 5, 2023**

(To be approved at February meeting)



Members present: Dick Koehler, David Faupel, Rebecca Yackle, Kevin Trost, Kevin Stachowiak, Eileen Johnson, Michelle Walsh **Abs.** Pastor Glenn

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Koehler at 5:30 pm. Prayer was led by David Faupel

Agenda:

A motion was made by Michelle to accept the agenda, seconded by Rebecca and carried-

Minutes:

A motion was made by Michelle, seconded by Rebecca and carried to approve the minutes of December 1, 2022.

Guests: None present

Treasurers' Reports:

School Balance: \$ 66,135.87

CEA/PTO Balance: \$14,473.62

Hot Lunch: \$15,179.59

A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Rebecca to accept the Treasurers' Reports. The motion was carried.

CEA President's Report:

Michelle reported successful Christmas Fair and Walsh's sales. She also reported on the upcoming Winter Event, Krispy Kreme sales, Mother/Daughter Tea, and Father/ Son Glow Night.

Principal's Report:

Students Registered for 2022-2023 remain the same: 68

DK/K: 17 1st and 2nd: 20 3rd-5th: 19 6th-8th: 12

January 13- ½ day of School: End of Marking Period

January 16 No school

Basketball schedule to be finalized

Old Business:

- Statement of Faith-No update
- David will draft a simple policy for all staff concerning appropriate dress to be included in the Staff Handbook.
- The Hot Lunch/Head Cook position has still received no applicants.
- The school will continue to pay bills in the same manner as last year. A motion to this effect was made by Kevin S. and seconded by Rebecca. It was approved.

- Kevin S. made a motion to give \$1800 to the church earmarked to be paid to Marcine Moore in addition to her custodial contract for additional help for the second semester from the Annual School Fund. It will be revisited at the beginning of the next school year. The motion was seconded by Michelle and passed.

New Business:

- A Tuition Assistance Request was reviewed. David will gather more information and it will be revisited in February.
- A letter of resignation was received from the Title I Teacher. Kevin S. made a motion to formally accept the resignation with regret. It was seconded by Kevin T and passed unanimously. The position will be filled internally.
- A motion was made by Michelle recommending to the Church Council to hire an additional teacher for the 2023-2024 school year due to anticipated growth in student numbers and to have an additional classroom. It was seconded by Rebecca. The motion was passed unanimously.
- After much discussion, a motion was made to recommend to the Church Council the following tuition changes for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Member 1st child raised from \$1550 to \$1750
 - Member each additional child from \$750 to \$1000
 - Non-Member 1st child from \$1900 to \$2200
 - Non-Member additional child from \$900 to \$1200
 This motion was made by Kevin S. and seconded by Kevin T. It was passed unanimously.
- Kevin S. made a motion to give \$100 discount per family for early registration. This was seconded by Rebecca and the motion was passed unanimously.
- The playground land was purchased.
- A donation of 3 leave days was made by a staff member to be donated to a fellow staff member. A motion approving this was made by Michelle, seconded by Kevin T., and was carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin S., seconded by Michelle and carried.

The meeting closed at 7:55 with the Lord's Prayer.

The date of the February meeting is tentatively set for February 2, 2023 at 5:30.

Worship and Music Ministry

January 3, 2023

*Advent/Christmas concert review – Beth reported that 94 people attended with 19 performers. \$296.25 was collected in donations and sent to Human Development Commission of Huron County. The reception in the overflow went well.

*Beth and Mike will create job descriptions for the choir directors and organist. They will bring these for our discussion in February.

*Motion by Mike and seconded by Barb to recommend to Council that they provide a contract for paid church music employees. Passed.

*Karen will send pay information to Matt Zimmerman and Jason Shaw as a result of the musician review conducted with Beth in November.

*Ushers – discussed the need to make ushering more informal. Pastor will contact some key people to find ushers at each worship.

*Motion by Mike and seconded by Barb to donate 50 copies of our *With One Voice* to the Mission church in Escanaba. Passed. Pastor Glenn and LuAnne will deliver these next month.

*Events coming up:

+Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Worship will be at 6:30pm.

+Pastor Glenn and LuAnne will be attending a conference January 29 to February 2.

+Congregational Meeting – February 12 after worship.

+Pastor and LuAnne will be gone February 12 – 20.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 3 pm.



SAVE THE DATE!

Cross Lutheran Fish Fry will be Friday, April 21st. We will serve from 5-7pm. Meals will include Fish, Beans, Baked Potato, Roll, Cole Slaw, and Homemade Dessert. Details are being worked out and will be updated in the March Newsletter. This will be a Thrivent Sponsored Event. This event is only a success with the help of all of you! Donations in any way are welcome! Looking forward to gathering together for fellowship, serving fellow members and the community! Watch for more details to come!

Joy in the Journey,
Leanne Smith

be mine



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Chapel 8:05 am 1	2 Jean Quilts 1 pm School Board 5:30 pm Properties 7 pm	3	4
Comm Serv. 9:30 am 5	6 Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	7 Worship & Music 3 pm Council 7 pm	Chapel 8:05 am 8 Quilters 1 pm New Song 4:30	9	10	11
Comm Serv. 9:30 am 12 Annual Meeting Pastor leaves for vacation 2/23 to 2/21	13 Stewardship 5:30 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	 14	Chapel 8:05 am 15	16 Jean Quilts 1 pm	NO School 17	18
Transfiguration Sunday 19 Comm Serv. 9:30 am	NO School 20 Office Closed Newsletter deadline	21 Pastor returns from vacation	Chapel 8:05 am 22 Quilters 1 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm	23	24 Set up for Mother Daughter night	25 Mother/Daughter Tea Party
Comm Serv. 9:30 am 26	27 Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	28		NOTE: Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 12th, following the service.		