

Cross Connection

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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Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran,

As I sit in my office, the sun is beating down on me, the skies are crystal clear blue and the wind is not blowing. What a beautiful gift God has given me today so that I may experience the awesomeness and power of His creation. All of that glory and beauty moderates what it truly feels like outside. It is minus ten degrees. UHG! When will we see temperatures in the twenties again? *NRS Psalm 27:14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

The church is in the Lenten season. A season of self-examination of ones thoughts, words and deeds that have either glorified and built others up in Jesus Christ, or where one has torn down and broken others and tarnished the glory of Jesus Christ.

NRS James 1: 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like

those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on-going away, immediately forget what they were like.

All of us like to “think and see” ourselves as faithful Christians living the life that glorifies, mirrors and builds others up in the name of Jesus Christ. All of us want to believe that we are living a faithful life that makes Jesus Christ proud of us.

NRS 1 Thessalonians 5: 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

All of us like to think in terms of sitting in a nice warm room looking outside and “seeing who we are”; sunny, crystal clear blue skies with no wind. However, that “perfect image” we have of ourselves is quickly brought back into reality with that cold bucket of ice pouring

down upon us as a result of our self-examination at the foot of the cross.

Let us not be deceived and become comfortable with the “perfect image” we have of ourselves. Let us take this time in Lent to ask God; “Who am I really in your eyes?” “Are you proud of the life I am living?” Let us then listen to God’s reply through scripture and Jesus Christ on the cross. In so doing we are brought to our knees in humble repentance begging for mercy and forgiveness.

NRS Psalm 25: 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!... 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

18 Consider my affliction
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Preparing for Worship at Cross



March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

P – Psalm 22:23-31

2R – Romans 5:1-11

G – Mark 8:27-38

Hymns: LBW 482, 487, 470 Comm.
LBW 301, 298, 305, 296

March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

1R – Exodus 20:1-17

P – Psalm 19

2R – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

G – John 2:13-22 (23-25)

Hymns: WOV 716, LBW 482, 480
Comm. LBW 249, 104, 504, 469

March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

1R – Numbers 21:4-9

P – Psalm 107:1-9

2R – Ephesians 2:1-10

G – John 3:14-21

Hymns: LBW 343, 292, 377 Comm.
LBW 448, 479, 385, 518

March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

1R – Jeremiah 31:31-34

P – Psalm 119:9-16

2R – Hebrews 5:1-10

G – Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

Hymns: LBW 294, 455, 97 Comm.
LBW 95, WOV 661, 737, 734

March 29 – Palm Sunday

1R – Zechariah 9:9-12

P – Psalm 31:9-16

2R – Philippians 2:5-11

G – Mark 14:26 – 15:47

Hymns: LBW 108, 117 Comm. WOV
668, LBW 106, 104, 98

Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

Pigeon

Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dry beans, bouillon cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. Always in need are toiletries, cereals, peanut butter and personal items. Place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you!

Cartridges for Kids

Is a recycling program that pays schools and non-profit organizations cash for: cell phones, laser and ink jet print cartridges, laptops, iPods and tablets/readers/notebooks. Only original laser cartridges are accepted. They will not take remanufactured toner cartridges. Please place all items outside the office door.

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tion and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Is there then hope for us? Is there hope for all of us who discover through our self-examination that we are not as perfect as we think we are and we are not leading that perfect life God would be proud of? Yes, there is hope through our baptism in Jesus Christ.

NRS Romans 6: 3 Do you not know that all of us who have

been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his

My dear family of Cross, take this time of Lent to truly examine yourself with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Confess all to Him. Receive His forgiveness through the cross. Then begin a new life in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and experience the grace, love, mercy and forgiveness of that glorious Easter morning with Jesus Christ.

God's speed

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

March

- 1 Robin Buschlen
- 3 Al Licht
- 4 Mark Fritz
Larry Smith
- 5 Bonnie Schulz
- 6 Joshua Barry
Peggy Licht
Kevin Ohlrogge
- 7 Leanne Schuette
Aaron Smith
- 8 Ben Smith
Chad Sturm
- 9 Eleanor Schadd
Alexis Schuette
- 12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 13 Brian Edler
Joshua Kunisch
- 14 Ray Licht
Charles Schuette
- 17 June Sturm
- 22 Alissa Peterson
- 23 Tressa Schulze
- 24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley Trowbridge
- 26 Terry Collison
Greg Prill
- 27 Nicholas Trost
- 28 Lonnie Schulz
- 29 Martin Knost
- 30 Jeff Buchholz
Roberta Danks
Olga Renn
Kobain Smith

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church

office so it can be added to our list.

Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Mary Otto, 32 years
- 30 Hazen & Arlene Fritz, 41 years

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, March. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wednesday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, March. 11 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet Saturday, March 21 from 10:30—Noon. Topic will be Professional Strength, from the book, "Embracing Your Strengths."

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Potlucks will be held before Wednesday Lenten Services at 6 p.m. Service will be at 7 p.m.

Women's Half Day Retreat—Saturday, March 28

From 9:30—Noon at Oakwood in Caseville. A light brunch will be served. The speaker is the Director of Huron County Safe-Place. To reserve your spot, please call Betty Champagne, at 856-7170.



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lillian Koehler, Keith Hurdelbrink, Hazen Fritz, Greg Prill, Deb Lange, Margi Alfaro, (bone

cancer), Rachel Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is in Camp LeJeune. Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point air base in North Carolina. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

School News



Annual Ski Trip to Apple Mountain took place on Wednesday, Feb. 4. Cross students K-8 along with staff and many parents took to the slopes. This is a much anticipated day for everyone!

March School Calendar

- 1 Athletic Awards 2 p.m.
- 4 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 5 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 13 Half Day of School
- 14 Spelling B at St. John's, Port Hope
- 18 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 25 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 26 Music Palooza 7 p.m.
- 27 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 30 Spring Break Begins

CEA Carnival

Saturday, April 11

5—7 p.m.

Fun for the whole family!!

March Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
March 1 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Laura Trost	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Bruce Baur George Gardy	Carol Diener	Johnny Higgins
March 8 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Paul Schuette	Jeanne Sting	Carole Mead	Neil Herford Al Licht Denny Smith	Marilyn Baur	Travis Fritz
March 15 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Brittany Richmond	Peggy Koehler	Phil Schadd	Larry Smith John Trowbridge	Laura Trost	Greta Elston
March 22 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Lori Smith	Kim Schadd	Gwynne Barry		Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
March 29 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Jean Sturm	John Trowbridge		Carol Diener	Johnny Higgins

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2744. Thanks and God's Blessings to you! Karen Schuette

USHERS PLEASE NOTE: Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!

CEA Meeting Minutes

Feb. 5

Present at the meeting were Pastor Tim, April Rujan, Melissa Raymond, Nicole Shupe, and Geri Kay McLean. Pastor opened with prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Family Meeting/Athletic Awards Banquet is scheduled for March 1, at 2 p.m. A basketball game is planned for the parents against the students.

Carnival is scheduled for April 11, mandatory fundraiser. Families please mark your calendar to help out this day.

Spring Pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 3. Again this is a mandatory fundraiser so families plan on helping out.

Cross Apparel is available. Feel free to stop by the office to find out more.

In the past, Ski trip adult hot lunches were paid for by the CEA. A motion was made by April Rujan to discontinue this practice and Melisa Raymond seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 4:45 p.m.

Scrip Cards make great gifts and earn money for: tuition, tuition assistance, building fund, or church general fund.

Fish Fry

Friday, March 13 from 5—7:30 p.m.

All You Can Eat Fish, Fries, Beans, Baked Potatoes, Roll, Cole Slaw, Desserts and Beverage.

Adults: **\$9⁵⁰** Kids 5-12: **\$5** Under 5: **Free**

Take Outs Available.

This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event. Proceeds will support Youth, Building Fund, Scholarship Fund, School and Church.

Spring Extravaganza

Saturday, April 18

There will be a medley of MOTOWN songs, including , *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Freeway of Love*, *Stop in the Name of Love*, *Heard it Through the Grape Vine*, *My Girl*, and *My Guy*, among others. Watch the bulletins for more details!

Mom 2 Mom

Sale

Saturday, April 25—9 a.m.—noon

Gently used baby and childrens' clothing, toys, large and small baby equipment, vendors, and more! Strollers are welcome! Concessions Available. If interested in renting a table, contact Lori Smith at 453-3953 or jsmith@avci.net for more information. Tables are \$20 each. Payments and signed rental contracts must be received by 4/20/15.

Church Council Minutes



January 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, Jr. at 7:07 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Leanne Smith, Paul Schuette, Aileen Prill, John Smith and Lori Smith. Pastor Loehrke provided prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated December 9, 2014, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented, Aileen Prill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Neil Herford to approve the Agenda, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Krisie Fritz made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his written report to all present. His report covered the period of

1/1/2014 through 12/31/14.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a thank you card from Nadene Barbret, thanking Cross Lutheran for the Christmas card and angel she received.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of December/January: 1 Funeral, 1 Baptism, 1 Wedding, 6 Teachings, 15 Communions, 7 Hospital Visits, 11 Home Visits, 16 Meetings, and 12 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

- Funeral – Larry Degg – January 9, 2015
- Wedding – Kim Sturm and Larry Adams, December 13, 2014

Baptism – Taylor Schaur & Hannah Britt, Sunday, December 21, 2014

Church Calendar:

- Lent
- Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 7:00 p.m. Service
- Imposition of Ashes
- Vespers every Sunday in Lent
- Communion every Sunday in Lent
- Holy Week
- Palm Sunday - March 29, 2015
- Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2015
- Good Friday – April 3, 2015
- Easter – April 5, 2015

Pastor's Report:

Christmas Eve
Children's Program – 200 attended
Candle Light Service – 96 attended

- Christmas Day Service – 51 attended
- Thank you for the time off after Christmas. It was great to see my family again!

Gym is being utilized by:

AAU volleyball for practice

Laker soccer practice

Archery

Cross Lutheran Basketball practice and games

- I am the on call Chaplin for Scheurer Hospital for the month of February.

Pastor will hold 1st communion classes for 4th graders and older starting sometime in February - (both student and parents must consent).

School Calendar:

- Cross Lutheran Basketball tournament went very well. Lakers 8th grade were the champs.
- Basketball Games Monday & Thursday in January
- Friday, January 23, 2015 – end of 1st semester, ½ day
- Monday, January 26, 2015 – No school, Laker PD
 - o Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Lakers
 - o Only two days of school cancelled because of weather so far.
 - o Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Church Council (Cont.)

– Apple Mountain Ski Trip

o Saturday/Sunday – February 7 & 8, 2015 – Port Hope Basketball Tournament for 3-5 grades.

o Saturday – February 7, 2015 – Forensic Challenge

Monday – Friday – February 16 – 20, 2015 – Winter Break – No school

Principal's Report:

Student Enrollment for 2014-2015 School year.

K-8, 38 students

Preschool, 19 children.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that Alumni fund has had amazing financial support (approx. \$17,000.00), thanks to Gwynne Barry for sending out letters once again this year.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and advised that his ministry didn't have a meeting in the month of December; therefore, he had nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015. Leanne will speak to other ministries to do decorating and publicity.

Lenten Devotion – We will use journal writings of the upper grade students for a special Lenten Devotional. Beth Elston will coordinate with teacher, David Faupel.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH: Lori Smith was present and advised that her ministry did not meet in December.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: There was nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present and provided his oral report to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Received an estimate to repair the Gym Floor – approximate cost would be \$7,800.00.
- Working on more lights in the sanctuary and in the gym.
- Looking into if it is possible to put a speaker in the Family Room.

Working on getting new additional keys made.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Women of Faith will meet January 17, 2015.
- Coffee Hours – need to have ministries sign up.
- New Year's Eve Game Night will be discussed in the fall of 2015. Attendance was low, but a good time was had by all who attended.

• Half Day Ladies Retreat to be held March 28, 2015.

• Spring Variety Show – will work with other committees on the dinner for the choir's Spring Variety Show on April 18, 2015. Meal will be served buffet style again.

- Possible Friends and Family

Game Night in May.

Lenten potlucks will begin February 25, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Parsonage Update was given.

NEW BUSINESS:

August 30, 1891 – August 30, 2016 (Tuesday) – Cross Lutheran Church & School 125th Anniversary.

August 28, 2016 (Sunday) - If we want to celebrate - will need an Anniversary Committee set up and if we're going to invite other pastors should give a years' notice or more.

Tom Shupe made a Motion to celebrate the 125th Anniversary on Sunday, August 28, 2016. John Smith seconded his motion. Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

Ministry of Worship and Music

Feb. 5

Members present: Pastor Tim, chairperson – Leanne Smith, Karen Schuette.

Ministries

Meeting was opened by Leanne with prayer and we listened to a thoughtful Christian song for devotions.

Reviewed minutes of Jan. 6, 2015 meeting.

MUSIC – BETH

Although Beth was unable to attend, she gave a list of topics to discuss.

Organ update – Beth is still checking into quotes and information to correct the organ shades. Mike Sting fixed some sticking keys on the organ.

Beth purchased \$500 of choral music from the Advent/Christmas concert offering (\$708 total).

Beth has completed Psalms for Lent. A cantor will lead the congregation in chanting the day's Psalm with a refrain added.

Due to interest in recording the service for shut-ins, Beth has been investigating the copyright laws affecting which music from the service may be recorded and which is not legal.

WORSHIP – PASTOR

Due to small number of members attending, Leanne postponed discussion of article from *Liturgy With Style* (pp. 16-17) until the March meeting.

Ash Wednesday service is February 18 at 7 p.m.

Service liturgy will be from LBW Setting #1 beginning with the first Sunday in Lent – Feb. 22.

For the weekly Wednesday night worship during Lent, Leanne and Pastor chose the worship resource – “Watchers on the Hill” which contains a number of skits. Leanne has already found most of the volunteers to act out each script.

OLD BUSINESS

Our Daily Bread – Still haven't received first quarter devotionals. Aileen has been emailing them for status. Since payment is by donation, we could pay the same amount we have paid to Augsburg for *Christ in our Home*.

Hymnal Repair – Leanne read a report from Peg – 50 LBW's have been repaired and put back into service. This should be enough for now. There is still a number to be done. Acolyte and AM robes have color tags for better identification. Peg will make a chart in March.

Lenten Reflections – Hr. High Journals – Beth needs help with this. Leanne will ask Aileen to type up the Journal Entries. A publication possibility would be to put them on the back of our weekly worship bulletin.

Lenten book order – Leanne ordered devotional materials from Creative Publications. Along with sample devotionals from the

past, there are booklets for children, teens, and adults.

Variety Show – April 25 – Leanne will ask people from the congregation to help with food and decorations. Parish Life will help, also. Leanne will apply to Thrivent for matching funds.

Flooring in the sanctuary – A small committee (Mike Sting, Beth Elston, Lorraine LePage, and Pastor Tim) will be formed to research the possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Mission / Outreach Ministry

Jan. 27

Lori Smith called the Cross Lutheran Mission Outreach Ministry meeting to order with prayer on Jan. 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Krisie Fritz, Bonnie Schulz, Gwen Ovcen, Lorraine LePage, Lori Smith and Pastor Tim.

The minutes from the meeting on Nov. 25, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Lori Smith read a thank you from Nadine Barbret for the Christmas Ornament that she received.

The treasurer's report was given

Ministries (Cont.)

with a balance of \$6,814.57 in our checking account. A motion was made by Lorraine LePage and seconded by Krissie Fritz to accept this report.

Business:

The food pantry is in need of cold weather supplies.

Scrip Cards are still being handed out. The schedule will be as follows for February: 1st - Bonnie, 8th - Lorraine, 15th - Gwen, 22nd - Krisie.

Bonnie is still sending Greeting Cards. Krisie Fritz will update the shut-in list.

The Mom 2 Mom Sale will be April 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cross Gym. A motion was made by Bonnie Schulz and seconded by Gwen Ovcen for Lorraine LePage to order 8 printed corrugated signs at the rate of \$35 per sign. These signs will be used each time we have the sale.

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-16, 2015. Lori Smith is working on a theme.

The Family Room does not have speakers in it. If possible, we discussed moving the speakers from the Choir Room to the Family Room.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were mainly delivered to children in Ecuador. A reminder to start looking for sale items for this year's collection.

The Giving Tree helped numerous children. It was felt that we could have more names placed

on the tree for next year.

We have been in contact with Kathie Harrison from the Homeless Solutions in Bad Axe. She is to call Pastor Tim and they will arrange for Kathie to speak during a church service about the homeless and at-risk people of Huron County. A free will offering for the Homeless of Huron County will be taken following the service. All monies collected go directly to helping the people.

Lori Smith has been working on Valentine Cards for the Shut-Ins. She will be sending them out shortly.

The Variety Show is scheduled for April 18. Our ministry will help with table decorations.

Lori Smith advised that a Flooring Committee is going to be formed to start the process to replace the current flooring. Our ministry has been collecting funds for flooring and has had several discussions regarding flooring over the past two years. After a lengthy discussion from this meeting and ideas from previous meetings, the group came to the following suggestions:

Hire an interior decorator for professional advice. They have the ability to produce visual plans and drawings.

Different styles of flooring should be considered: carpeting, wood, tile, and more.

Interior decorating plans should include: flooring, bench cush-

ions, overflow, hallway and the side rooms options. Depending on cost, this plan may have to include a current and long-term plan.

Plan to visit other churches for ideas.

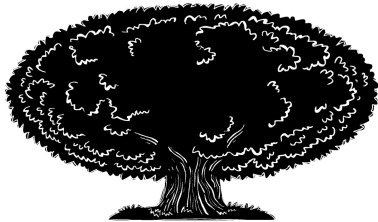
Take into consideration when making flooring plans: overall room noise; slipping and wet floors; cleaning and maintaining of floor; the appearance of a cold atmosphere if no carpeting; and, acoustics of different flooring.

There should be several drawings / pictures of the different flooring / decorating options and the cost of each option available for the congregation to view.

The congregation to vote on different flooring/decorating plans. With no further business the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by, Lorraine LePage

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Harold Blome, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Don & Nancy Heck
Dorothy Henne
Robert & Deb Henne
Ronald Blome
Ellery & Shirley Fritz and Jeremy & Melissa Deming
Randy Elenbaum
Kevin & Laura Burk
Steve, Michele, Sharon & Kyle Garari
Ronald & Elaine Gayari
Cheryl Elenbaum
Dave Fritz
Ted & Margaret Leipprandt
Herb Stark
Clarence & Inez Buchholz
Albert Schulze
Kim & Brian Delpiere
Ray & Elaine Licht
Leroy & Pat Elliott
Cooperative Elevator
Robert & Jean Shiloff
Gordon & Dolores Bock
Roxanne Errer
Layne R. Henne
Denny & Leanne Smith

In memory of Harold Blome, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur
Randy & Dindy Buchholz

In memory of Shirley Buschlen, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Lisa DiCamillo

In memory of Ruby Damm, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Troy & Leanne Schuette
The Ruby Damm Family
Dennis & Carol Diener
Barbara Degg

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Edward & Dr. Cheryl Canfield
Dennis & Carol Diener
Bob & Kathy Church

In memory of Ruby Damm, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Roberta Danks

In memory of Ruth Eden, for Cross Garden Bench Fund:

Dennis & Carol Diener

In memory of Arline Shield, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Dennis & Carol Diener

In memory of Jerry Casteel, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Dennis & Carol Diener

In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Ron & Bonnie Schulz
Dave & Joyce Jarvis
Dennis & Carol Diener
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink
Tom & Deb Armbruster
Fred & Margaret Edler
Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel
Maureen Vandenabeele
James & Tammy Armbruster
Janet Konen
Robert & Deb Henne
Dorothy Henne
Dave Tait
Dale & Donna Schuette
Steve & Jan Schulz

Steve Wruble
Dick & Teri Stretter
Larry Rosenthal
Diann Rosenthal
Fred & Sandy Haley
Ray & Elaine Licht
Jerry Rosenthal
Don & Kay Schuette
Ray & Darlene Rothe
Donna Ziel
Glenn Shaw
Ruth Damm
Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz
Al & Sharon Bumhoffer
Denny & Leanne Smith
Ervin Schuette
Dave & Shelley Smith
Clarence & Inez Buchholz
Ernie & Sandy Schuette
Mr & Mrs. Dave Armbruster
Mr. & Mrs. Syl Kubiak
Mark & Collette Bauer
Robert Kellermann
Brian & Kim Delpiere
Dale & Linda Oeschger
Ron & Michelle Bergman
Patti & Alan Lubeski
Terry & Christine Gettel
Kent & Lori McKenzie
George & Linda Gardy
Mike & Lorraine LePage
Rodney Swalwell
Lydia Decker
Robert & Mary Lou Thiel
Ron & Patti Damm
Danielle Nagle
John & Suzanne Bivens
Nancy Schuette & sons
Janet Luedtke
Vivian Buschlen
Gert Crump
Jim & Carol Bridges
Bob & Janet Rosenthal
Deborah Sturm
Carla, Damon & Anya Rosenthal
Brian & Dawn Rosenthal
Ray & Elaine Buchholz
Brenda Miller
Paul & Nancy Humphrey
Ron & Helen Green

Memorials

**In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross
Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe
Clare & Donna Schuette

**In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross
Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:**

Randy & Cindy Buchholz
Jake & Cheri Diebel
Olga Renn
Karen Anklam

Bruce and Marilyn Baur
Sheila Yackle

**In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Lu-
theran Parsonage Building Fund:**

Lois Geppert

**In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross
Lutheran Cemetery Fund:**

Jim & Shirley Dutcher

This and That



We really need people to help with baking the communion bread. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.

COOKBOOKS

Are still available for \$10 each in the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say "thank you." Proceeds help support our youth ministry.

LEAPShop Details

- Tuesday, March 17 at Good Shepherd, Saginaw from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21 at St. Michael's, Richville from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Who should come:

Congregations that are lacking any of the following: Childcare (all day, before/after school, snow day, holiday break, summer) Individuals vested in young families / new members, big picture thinkers, trustees, building committee members, board of education members, entre-leaders, ones already involved in

Early Childhood and willing to share, etc.

Cost: \$20 per LEAP congregation (unlimited people) \$30 per non-LEAP congregation (unlimited people)

Breakfast snacks / Refreshments provided

Parish Life Ministry

Feb. 3

Present at the meeting were Aileen Prill, Sue Loehrke, Betty Champagne, Linda Shope and Pr. Tim. The meeting opened with devotions and prayer.

Women of Faith will meet on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Coffee Hours: We will host on Feb. 15 if no one has signed up for it.

Easter Brunch 7:45 – 9 a.m. March, April 5 – in overflow area. We will contact Jean Sturm, who has expressed an interest in hosting it. If she needs help, we will offer ours.

Loons Game Fellowship dates. We looked over the 4 days they had available for Fellowship dates and chose Sunday, Aug. 9. It is a 2 p.m. game.

Half Day Ladies Retreat on Saturday, March 28. Aileen will contact the Safe Place Director, who will be our speaker to see how much time she will need for her presentation and also what their needs are, so that a collection can be taken for them. Aileen will also prepare a Press Release beforehand to invite the community to attend.

Spring Variety show on Sat-

urday, April 18. There is no theme this year and the meal will be served buffet style again. We'll discuss this more at the next meeting.

Friends and Family game night has been scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Lenten potlucks will begin Feb. 25

We discussed the possibility of joining with other ministries in purchasing a small freezer for the overflow area. This could be used as storage for dinner rolls/cinnamon rolls which could be sold as a fund raiser.

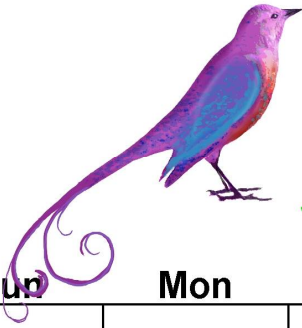
The meeting closed at 5:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m.



The 2015 signup poster for Coffee Hours is ready. Please schedule your group to host several!

OCC This month, let's focus on purchasing washcloths and bars of soap for our shoeboxes. This is something we try to include in each shoebox gift, and it is one of the first things that the recipients are so thankful for. Most American kids try to get away from a bath, but in other countries it is a sacred luxury! Bring your donations to the OCC storage room and bless you!



March 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Comm. Service 1 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Athletic Awards 2 p.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	2 Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m. Choirs B 6:30 / C 7:30	3 Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Gym in use 3:15 - 7:30 p.m.	4 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Lenten Service 7 p.m.	5 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Gymn in use 6 - 7:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	6 Gymn in use 3:30 - 5 p.m.	7
8 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	9 Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m. Choirs B 6:30 / C 7:30	10 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m. Gym in use 3:15 - 7:30 p.m.	11 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Lenten Service 7 p.m.	12	13 Half Day of School Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 p.m.	14 Spelling B at St. John's, Port Hope
15 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	16 Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m. Choirs B 6:30 / C 7:30	17 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.	18 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Lenten Service 7 p.m.	19	20	21 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - noon
22 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	23 Choirs B 6:30 / C 7:30	24 Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m. Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.	25 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Lenten Service 7 p.m.	26 Music Palooza 7 p.m.	27 End of Third Marking Period	28 Women's Half Day Retreat 9:30 - Noon at Oakwood
29 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	30	31 Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.				

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