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Cross Lutheran Church & School

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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,

We are in the season of Lent. This is a time when we look inwardly and honestly confess all our sins to God and ask for forgiveness in the form of Jesus Christ who died on the cross for us.

Along with Lent comes the tradition of giving something up so as to constantly remind us of what Jesus did for us on the cross. I hear the moans and groans now, what should I give up that I won't miss too much? Morning coffee? No. Popcorn? No. Watching reality TV? NO! Cell phone? NO! NO! Face book? NO! NO! NO! Going to church on Sunday? Hmmmm...

It's hard for us to give up something when we feel like we've earned it. It's hard to give up something that interferes with our comfortable life style that suits us just fine. It's hard to give up something that we just can't live without. The problem is we can't live without anything we have or so we think.

Well let me make a suggestion that might help you give up something without really losing anything you have. You won't have to give up that TV, cell phone, face book account, car, boat, etc. You won't have to give up any of your favorite food, drinks, snacks, etc. You won't have to get up early in the morning and lose sleep. No, you won't have to give any of that up at all. The only thing you have to give up is yourself.

To give up yourself is to give up the me, myself, and I. To give up yourself is to replace the self-centered me within your heart. What then would you replace it with? You give up yourself and give your self to Jesus Christ. It's that simple. Give up the "old Adam" within you and replace it with Jesus Christ on the cross. In so doing, all of the me, myself, and I goes away and what takes its place is service for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Service to others; just like Jesus Christ served us not

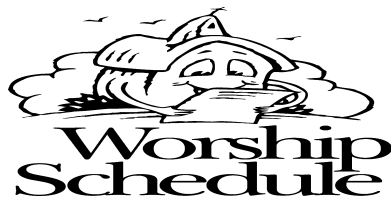
only on the cross but in his grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness that we need to give to others. There is a saying that best describes what takes place when you give your self up for Jesus Christ: "Kindness is hard to give away because it keeps coming back."

When you give your self up for Jesus Christ, the blessings you give to others returns ten fold. Knowing that, why wouldn't you give up your self for Jesus Christ and receive back more than you expected.

So this Lent, give your self up for Jesus Christ and you will still be able to eat all you want, have all the fun you want, keep all that you have because you have given your self over to Jesus Christ. Just remember, when Jesus Christ is number one in your life and you live the life style of Jesus Christ, you just might find that you will be giving away some of that "stuff" because you found something better. Jesus Christ.

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Mar. 4 – 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: 504, 487, 455 Comm. 105, 93, 291

Mar. 11 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

1R – Exodus 20:1-17
 P – Psalm 19
 2R – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 G – John 2:13-25

Hymns: 104, 542, 480

Mar. 18 – 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: 97, 385 Comm. 701, 702, 706

Mar. 25 – 5th Sunday in Lent

1R – Jeremiah 31:31-34
 P – Psalm 119:9-16
 2R – Hebrews 5:1-10
 G – Mark 10:32-45

Hymns: 95, 482, 487

Cross Lutheran Church Women

- **Morning Circle** will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Evening Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m.
- The Study material for all circles will be "Wise and Foolish." Booklets are available.
- **Love Day** will be Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Potlucks

- We will once again be having our Wednesday night potlucks during Lent, prior to the 7pm service. Please join us at 6 pm to enjoy a light

meal and good fellowship. There is no set menu just strictly "potluck" which makes for a fun meal. Come and enjoy! The first potluck will be Wed. Febr. 29.



Coffee Fellowship

- March 4 — Ministry of Education
- March 11 — Parish Life Ministry/Paper Shower
- March 18— Mission Outreach
- March 25— Worship & Music

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NRS John 6³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."³³

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and who-

ever believes in me will never be thirsty.

God's speed
 Pr Tim

In Memory



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

In memory of **Florence Otto** for Cross Building Fund by Art Woelke.

In memory of **Karen Heck**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Florence Otto**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Karl Leppien** for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Robert Englehardt** for Cross Building Fund, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Esther Baur**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Tom and Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Karl Leppien** for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

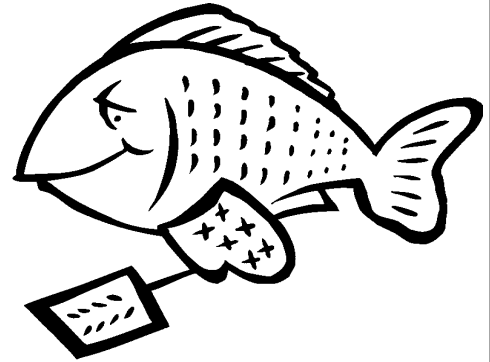
In memory of **Melvin Bergman** for Cross Lutheran School by Joyce Bergman Schlamp.

In memory of **Roger Haley**, for Cross Lutheran Garden Bench Fund, by Mike and Connie Eden.

In memory of **Roger Haley**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Tom & Bernice Shupe.

Friday, March 16

Fish Fry



Serving 5 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Here in Cross Lutheran Gym—All you can eat fish, fries, baked potatoes, beans, coleslaw, roll and desserts.

\$8 adults \$5 kids 5-12 and under 5 are Free

Proceeds for Summer Youth Camp Ministry

A Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.

In memory of **Roger Haley**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Bruce & Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Roger Haley** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Dale Christner and Greg Foy family.

In memory of **Roger Haley** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Peter & Melissa Shupe.

In memory of **Roger Haley** for Cross Lutheran School, by Clarence & Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Roger Haley**, for Cross Building Fund, by Brian & Kim Delpiere

In memory of **Roger Haley** for Cross Lutheran School, by David and Nicole Shupe.

Celebrate



March 2012

- 3/1 Robin Buschlen
- 3/3 Al Licht
- 3 /4 Mark Fritz
Larry Smith
- 3/5 Bonnie Schulz
- 3/6 Joshua Barry
Peggy Licht
Kevin Ohlogge
- 3/7 Leanne Schuette
Aaron Smith
- 3/8 Ben Smith
Chad Sturm
- 3/9 Eleanor Schadd
- 3/11 Loranzie Deer
Jim Pionk
Alexis Schuette
- 3/12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 3/13 Brian Edler
Josh Heck
Joshua Kunisch
- 3/14 Ray Licht
Charles Schuette
- 3/16 Lindsay Hutchinson
- 3/17 June Sturm
- 3/18 Carrie Mancini
- 3/22 Alissa Peterson
- 3/23 Danielle Irion
Tressa Schulze
- 3/24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 3/25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley Trowbridge
- 3/26 Terry Collison
Greg Prill
- 3/27 Nicholas Trost
- 3/28 Lonnie Schulz
- 3/29 Hannah Harder
Martin Knost
Jim Licht
- 3/30 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.

March Anniversaries

- 3/10 Greg & Aileen Prill, 5 years
- 3/12 Mike & Mary Otto, 29 years
- 3/13 Fred & Lois Chisholm, 59 years
- 3/24 Larry & Barb Degg, 33 years
- 3/30 Hazen & Arlene Fritz, 38 years

KITCHEN SHOWER

Parish Life is sponsoring a "Kitchen Shower" to stock our pantry with supplies for the Coffee Fellowship and other church events. Please join us March 11 for some special treats to say "Thank You". Items can be brought in that day or dropped off

anytime in the overflow room. Much needed include:

- * Plastic Forks & Spoons
- * Kleenex & Napkins
- * Dish Soap & Liquid Hand Soap
- * Small Paper Plates
- * Paper Towels

Remember our Shut-ins:

George & Ruth Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Marge Krause, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Bruce Baur, Sally Rogers, Ken Schulze, John Trowbridge, Connor Flores, Joyce Smith, Denny Smith's mother; Duane Peterson, Kay Schuette, Lisa Sturm, Art Woelke, Todd Lay, Landon Livingston, nephew of Gina and Larry Smith, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Helen Connors, mother of Wendy Gettel, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Stephanie Maust, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Tina Smith, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, Harold & Shirley Deering, Marge Krause, George and Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman. Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

Special Dates

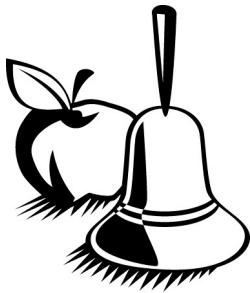
- World Day of Prayer, March 2
- Second Sunday in Lent, March 4
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 11
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 11
- Girl Scout Sunday, March 11
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18
- First Day of Spring, March 20
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 25



In the Service of Our Country:

Tim Neal, the brother of Kayla Smith, who is in the army and was deployed to Afghanistan.

School News



School Calendar

- Mar. 1 School Board 5:30
- Mar. 4 Athletic Awards 2 p
- Mar. 5—9 Lutheran School Week
- Mar. 5 Field Trip
- Mar. 6 CEA Family Pot-luck 6 p.m.
- Mar. 7 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
CEA 6 p.m.
- Mar. 10 Spelling B 9 a.m.
- Mar. 12 No School
- Mar. 14 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- Mar. 15 Kindergarten Roundup
- Mar. 21 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- Mar. 22 Kids Against Hunger
- Mar. 28 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- Mar. 29 Music Palooza
- Mar. 30 1/2 Day of School

Music Palooza!

**Thursday, Mar. 29
at 7:00 pm.**

The band students will be playing, as well as K-8 presentation of the mini-musical *We Can Praise*. School families, church and community are invited.

FROM THE DESK OF... DAVE FAUPEL

March is recognized by schools around the country as "Reading Month." In my teacher preparatory classes in college, it was emphasized again and again how fundamentally important reading is to learning, and that is so true. I think it is the goal of every teacher to instill a love of reading (and learning) in their students. I still remember my second grade teacher reading books like *Little House on the Prairie* and *Romona the Pest* out loud to the class and how much I enjoyed those times.

Here at Cross Lutheran School, the teachers have been planning a number exciting activities to celebrate this month and help instill that love of reading in our students. Some of the planned events include dressing up as a favorite character, reading to younger students, and having community members come in to share their favorite books. The halls of the school will be filled with cutouts of famous characters from children's books, thanks to our junior high students.

We all remember our favorite books that we read, and that were read to us, as children. Here at Cross, not only do we hope to give students the opportunity and skills to read these kinds of books, but also to introduce and help them learn more about the most important book of all: the Bible. It is a tremendous blessing to teach at a school where this essential book is openly referenced and promoted on a daily basis. May God bless us all as we continue to read and learn from His Word!

Would you like to come in and read to our students?

Contact the office at 453-3330 to schedule a

time! Mondays and Wednesdays are available between noon and 1:30 p.m.



March Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's time	Communion Assistant	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
March 4 9:30 a.m.	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Neil Herford George Gardy Denny Smith	Marilyn Baur
March 11 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Laura Trost	Leanne Smith	Carole Mead	Larry Smith Craig Smith Mike Trost	Laura Trost
March 18 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Vivian Buschlen	Sue Loehrke	Paul Schuette		Carol Deiner
March 25 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Connie Eden	Ray Licht	Phil Schadd		Marilyn Baur

LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD

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 Kids Carnival

We are accepting donations for game prizes and raffle drawings during the CEA sponsored Kids Carnival which takes place Saturday, April 14. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please call the church/school office at 453-3330. Thanks!

March is

Parenting Awareness Month

March 2 at 10 a.m. there will be a PAM Kickoff event at the Huron County Courthouse. Senator Green will be the guest speaker.

March 8 Dr. Thomas Haller will be presenting the workshop, "The Six Best Parenting Strategies Ever." at HISD from 6—8 p.m.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

Sunday, March 18

In the School Cafeteria

2—5 p.m. with a supper break then finishing from 6—9 p.m.

This is a 6 hour DVD Presentation by Mark Gungor. All the humor, and powerful, practical information that Mark brings in the live seminar is now available to churches or groups via video. You will see Mark on-screen presenting the majority of sessions including "The Tale of Two Brains" and "The #1 Key to Incredible Sex". Everyone welcome to attend. Sponsored by Parish Life.

Council Meeting Minutes



January 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:00 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Kevin Trost, Mike Fritz, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Aileen Prill, Gretchen Roestel, Lori Smith, and John Smith. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated December 13, 2011, were reviewed by all present. Nancy Heck advised that acting should be removed in the 1st paragraph, Richard Koehler, Jr., is no longer acting as president since the vote took place in November, and Aileen was missed as being present for the meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Trost to approve the minutes as corrected, Tom Shupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the agenda, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$30,460.67 for the month of December and expenses of \$32,405.16. The General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund - \$732.49, Roof Repair Fund - \$3,695.14, Organ Repair Fund - \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund as a Fund Balance of \$10,586.36, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$8,975.00. Krisie Fritz made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2011, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were 272,274.57 which is \$9,824.57 over budget. Other monies received to date were as follows:

Building Fund	\$ 50,461.00
(\$2,461.00 over budget)	
Benevolence	\$10,848.06
Other Donations	\$ 1,182.00

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke gave an oral report to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Pastor updated council on Duane's condition.
- December went very well

and fast!

Pastor will be starting a new member class soon.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School children totals for 2011-12 school year are as follows: Grades K-8 – 32 students Pre-school – 17 students

- Basketball tournament went well.

K-8 skiing trip to Apple Mountain – January 17, 2012.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and advised Council that the School Board has contacted Kasey Turner to help with a video to promote our school, and the T.A.T. program will be held January 15th & 16th, 2012 for the school children.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present, he had no minutes to provide for the December 27th meeting they had. Benevolence report was prepared by June Sturm, which Tom gave orally. Envelopes are in and have been distributed. Dick Koehler and Tom Shupe will give an oral financial report to members in February to let all know how were doing financially. They will also bring up the audit issue and update the congregation at that time.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette advised that her ministry didn't meet in December. She did indicate that the ministry is working on a Member Survey and will bring to council for approval. (Continued page 8)

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She also addressed that Beth Elston needs to be reevaluated per her job description. Council turned this matter over to Stewardship to look over the contracts and report back to council.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was present, and provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- ◆ VBS is set for July 16-19, 2012, which will be held the week of Farmer's Festival.
- ◆ Baptism Bulletin Board is needing an update, and discussed the current situation regarding the Bibles for Baptism.
- ◆ Coffee hour money that was collected went to purchase Christmas ornaments for the Sunday School children.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present. Highlights of her oral report were as follows:

- ◆ Our ministry collected \$300.00 and many boxes of food, and etc... for the Food Pantry. Ministry will continue to collect throughout the year.
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child - a box was traced and went to India.
- ◆ Giving Tree was successful.
- ◆ Cookies and a small ornament went to all shut-ins and staff.
- ◆ Outreach Ministry will start to work on updating our brochures for school and church.
- ◆ Mom to Mom sale will be held in April.

- ◆ Scrip Program is going well, and will continue weekly throughout the year.
- ◆ Lori also discussed needing an account set up so that we have money to assist our congregational families when needed due to accidents, fires, etc....
- ◆ **Nancy Heck made a Motion to authorize Mission Outreach to setup an account at Bay Port State Bank and designated Lorraine LePage and Lori Smith to be named on the account, supported by John Smith. Motion carried. This account will need to be audited at the end of each year.**

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Kevin Trost advised that they didn't meet in December, but did indicate that Christmas Caroling went well.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Mike Fritz was present and will take care of installing the signs for deliveries, school entrance, etc...

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

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

- ◆ Church Directory has been updated.
- ◆ Reminded groups to sign up for Coffee Hours.
- ◆ Lent Potlucks will start at 6:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012, and will be held every Wednesday in March.
- ◆ Paper Shower was scheduled for March 11, 2012.
- ◆ Dr. Sherry Baker will be here on Sunday, May 20, 2012, from 2 to 4 p.m., topic for the afternoon is yet to be determined.

- ◆ Discussed a Fellowship offer by Midland Loons. A date of Tuesday, August 12, 2012 was set.
- ◆ Looking into offering a couples evening featuring a DVD called "Laugh your way to a Better Marriage."
- ◆ Talked about having a New Year's game night next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ NALC Constitution update – Paul will be working on this soon as the Ratification Vote needs to take place soon, as there are deadlines through the NALC.
- ◆ Principal for 2012-2013 school year, Pastor Tim will bring data hopefully to the next council meeting for review.
- ◆ Paul Schuette spoke with Troy Schuette regarding new names for money counters, they are working on this and will give an update to council in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Aileen Prill agreed to organize a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Duane Peterson and his family.

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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Ministries

Parish Life Ministry

Feb. 7

Meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. with an opening with prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Alice Trost Paul Schuette, Pr. Tim.

- Parish Life will take Coffee Hour on March 11 which is the date of the paper shower.
- Betty gave an update on the Women of Faith Study which will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10:30 - noon
- We will again have Lent Potlucks at 6 p.m. on Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21, and 28.
- The topic for Dr. Sherry Baker on Sunday, May 20 from 2-4 will be "Self-Care: a remedy for stress"

Discussed the DVD series "Laughing Your Way to a Better Marriage" by Mark Gungor. It was decided to present it in one day on Sunday, March 17 beginning at 2 p.m., taking a break around 5 p.m. for a potluck meal, then continuing. Betty will try to get a hold of the people from Harbor Beach who presented the series to learn how they promoted it.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 7 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

Youth Ministry Minutes

January 18

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Kevin Trost- Chair, Pr. Tim, Leanne Smith, and Rachel Higgins.

Old Business:

Michi-Lu-Ca Camp update – Letters have been

sent to all families with children of LYO and confirmation age. Registration forms and deposits are due back by February 1, 2012.

New Business:

Souper Bowl Sunday collection is February 5, 2012. Cross youth will collect donations in the overflow area after the worship service and all donations are sent to the Saginaw Soup Kitchen.

A fundraising meal is scheduled for February 26, 2012 to support the Peterson family as Duane continues recover from a recent work related accident. Youth are invited to help in the preparation, serving and clean up.

Youth Sunday will be March 4, 2012. Planning is underway for youth participation.

March 12, 2012 the youth have an opportunity to prepare and serve meals at the Saginaw Soup Kitchen. Details and transportation will be determined at the next meeting.

A Fish Fry Fundraiser is scheduled for March 16, 2012. Kevin Sturm will chair the event again this year. Proceeds will support the Youth Ministry and assist youth in attending camp. Thrivent funds have been requested. All youth and families are asked to help prepare and serve the meal.

Youth Ministry will host the Easter Breakfast. A signup sheet will be available for several weeks before for the congregation to provide dishes to share. Thrivent matching funds have been requested.

Kevin Trost is looking into planning an ice skating outing for the youth at the rink in Bad Axe.

Next meeting planned for 2/8/12/11 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Higgins

Ministries

Ministry of Education

January 20

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Roestel at 4:30 pm. Pastor led us in prayer. Members present were Laura Trost, Gretchen Roestel, Pastor Tim and Connie Eden. The minutes of the November 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

LEAF FUND: There were no requests.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The children were given Advent calendars and offering boxes for their Christmas Eve offering on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Each child also received a Christmas ornament, as did all the visiting children at the Children's Christmas Eve service. The Christmas Eve offering from the Advent offering boxes totaled \$76.05, which was designated for NALC Missionary support.

VBS: Pastor reported that John & Lori Smith have accepted the leadership of VBS, to be held the full week of July 16-20, 2012.

BAPTISMS/BABY BIBLES: A NRSV Gift Bible was presented to Nathaniel Flores in honor of his baptism on December 4, 2011. Jonah Lee Yackle received a Spark Story Bible in honor of his baptism on December 18, 2011. Kelson Lee Smith will be baptised on February 5, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS: Connie reported that the Baptism bulletin board has been redone and brought up to date.

NEW BUSINESS: We are responsible for coffee hours on February 5 and March 4. We decided to go with a Valentine theme on February 5.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 4:30 pm. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

Ministry of Worship and Music

January 26

Members present: Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Correction to November minutes: old business – tape ministry – Beth found out Cross needs to be reporting and paying for "music sung or played by choir" when recorded on tape according to copyright laws. (Hymns are OK)

MUSIC – BETH

- Beth will be gone on the following Sundays and has contacted people to play: Feb. 12 – Michaela Love, Feb. 19 – Cindy Engelhardt. Karen will welcome them.

- Beth has a list of possible organists/pianists.

- Marianne Dast expressed an interest in seeing a copy of an old German Psalter book that was used here at Cross. We are looking for it.

- Decided that Beth will obtain membership in Association of Lutheran Musicians and we will pay for it probably out of Coffee Hour money. More information in February.

- Received \$523.10 from the collection at the Christmas concert. Most has been spent on music for the choirs. Number in attendance is in dispute. One possibility is 157.

- Beth is building a new liturgy from CCLI music.

- Will use LBW Setting #1 for Lent and Easter season.

Screen in front of organ pipes – If remove, do it before organ tuning.

WORSHIP – PASTOR

- Lenten Worship dramas – Pastor and Karen selected a drama series from SOLA. Suggestion: have a black screen in the chancel behind altar and actors will sit behind to deliver the monologue/dialogues.

- Devotional Materials will be selected by Peg and Karen.

Discussed possibility of producing Advent Devotional materials written by Cross people. Will investigate further.

COUNCIL NOTES – Shared information from January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ushers – will be asking people to usher. Guidelines ready to copy and distribute.

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- Internal Time and Talents survey – Karen gave out survey to current Assisting Min., Readers, Comm. Asst., etc. This should make scheduling easier.

Christmas Eve Children's Worship – Decided to direct people with questions to Ministry of Education.

NEW BUSINESS

- Organist/Bell Choir/Vocal Choir Director Evaluation – Will develop na instrument of evaluation. Question to Council – does Beth have or need a Letter of Call? She has not signed or has any letter or contract.

Cross All Ministry Survey – Karen will present to Council a time and Talent type survey for the Congregation. Each Ministry can make contributions to the list that will benefit their ministry.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be Feb. 23.

Submitted by

Karen Schuette

Mission / Outreach Ministry

Scrip Cards Scrip Cards can be ordered every week and picked up the next week. Get cards for Easter Basket gifts and even for your own regular purchases, like groceries, and dining out! Using scrip cards helps to generate funds for our church and school children!

Pigeon Food Pantry Remember the food pantry the next time you do your shopping. Donations are needed all year long!

Mom 2 Mom Sale We will be

hosting a Mom 2 Mom Sale in the gym on April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a \$1 entrance fee and moms (or anyone!) are invited to shop for awesome deals on quality used baby and kids clothing, maternity clothing, toys, baby and kid items, vendors, and more! Strollers are welcome and concessions will be available!

If you have clothing, toys, and other items your children have outgrown or if you knit or crochet baby items or make something attractive to moms, you might want to rent a table at our sale to make some extra cash. Clean out your closets, basement, or garage! Contact Lori Smith at 453-3953 or e-mail jsmith@avci.net. Tables rent for \$15 / round table, \$20 for a rec. table and there is a \$1 lg. item fee (like outdoor climbers, strollers, cribs, etc. Payment and signed rental contracts must be received by 4/20/12. Vendors welcome!

Church Garage Sale Remember to start saving items for the church garage sale this summer!

Choir/Bells


Rehearsals for

March:

Mondays

Mar. 5,

12,19, 26





Palm Sunday, April 1
9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday,
Communion & Foot
Washing

April 5, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6,
7 p.m.

Easter Vigil begins after Fri-
day service and continues
throughout the night, ending
at noon on Saturday, April 7.

Easter Sunrise
Service

at Cross Lutheran
Cemetery, 7 a.m.

Easter Communion
Service

9:30 a.m.

Youth sponsored Easter
Breakfast 7:30—9:30 a.m.

CEA Minutes

February 1, 2012

President April Rujan

Vice-President Melissa Helmuth

Secretary Melisa Raymond

Treasurer Rachel Higgins

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, Rachel Higgins, and Pastor Tim

Pastor opened with Prayer at 5:30pm.

Video Presentation

The CEA and staff are working on a documentary video about Cross. The video will be 5-7 mins in length and the main idea is to reach out to others to let them know about Cross and what we have to offer. We are down to the final script of the documentary and filming will start to take place the beginning of March. We are looking forward to the outcome.

Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme sale will start Feb. 2nd and go till Feb 15th. Donuts will be delivered Feb 21st.

Cross Carnival

Our annual Cross Carnival is set for April 14th. The CEA will need volunteers for this event so anyone interested contact the CEA.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up is scheduled for March 15th

Lutheran School Week

Lutheran School Week is set for March 5th – 9th. Children come to school wearing a certain theme that is set for each day.

Family CEA Meeting

Our next family meeting is set for March 6th at 6pm. All parents, including Preschool parents, come with your child/children, a dish to pass, wearing your best pair of pajamas, and be prepared to have some fun. In light of Lutheran School week, on this day the children will wear their pajamas to school so us parents will also join in and wear our pajamas to the meeting that evening. The focus of the meeting is to just have fun and get to know one another. This time will also be spent encouraging Preschool parents to continue their child/children education here at Cross.

CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Tues March 6, 2012 @ 6pm

Cross Apparel

We now have Cross apparel, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 6:45pm

EASTER FLOWERS



Kindergarten & Preschool Roundup Thursday, March 15

We are proud to offer a Christ-centered, high-quality academic environment for students Pre-School through 8th grade. If you or anyone you know want more information, please stop by between 4 and 5:30 p.m.



Easter Flowers

In a few weeks we will once again have the list of various spring flowers to purchase to decorate the Chancel area on Easter morning. Watch your Sunday bulletin for the order form.

Ministers - The people of Cross

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Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

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Gretchen Roestel, Education

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Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

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Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden, Paul Schuette

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Barb Buchholz 453-2127

Inez Buchholz 375-4165

Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forester 375-2754

Vickie Forester 883-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Lou Ann Jarvis 453-2790

Lillian Koehler 453-2121

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Olga Renn 453-2150

Carol Schadd 269-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Arlene Wold 856-4988

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

Growing Together

<u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u>		JANUARY	2012	
BALANCE ON HAND	1/1/2012			* 29,488.99
INCOME:				
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES		27,347.94		
BRICK FUND		-		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		12.00		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds		-		
LEAF		-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT		-		
LINE OF CREDIT ADVANCE		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>27,359.94</u>	27,359.94	
EXPENSES:				
PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN		-		
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES		<u>29,351.04</u>		
		29,351.04	<u>(29,351.04)</u>	
NET INCOME			<u>(1,991.10)</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND	1/31/2012			27,497.89

<u>GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:</u>	
LEAF FUND	732.49
ROOF REPAIR	3,695.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	6,795.26
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	<u>8,975.00</u>

<p>Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able</p>

TOTAL: 27,497.89
 Total balance in all funds \$27,497.89 - Total balance in General Fund \$6,795.26 (positive balance)

<u>BUILDING FUND:</u>				
BALANCE ON HAND	1/1/2012			** 19,217.92
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*		1,185.37		
FUND RAISERS		-		
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND		-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>1,185.37</u>	1,185.37	
EXPENSES:				
OFFICE SUPPLIES			-	
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT			(3,000.00)	
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES			(2,500.00)	
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID			-	
TOTAL EXPENSE			<u>(4,314.63)</u>	(4,314.63)
BALANCE ON HAND	1/31/12			14,903.29

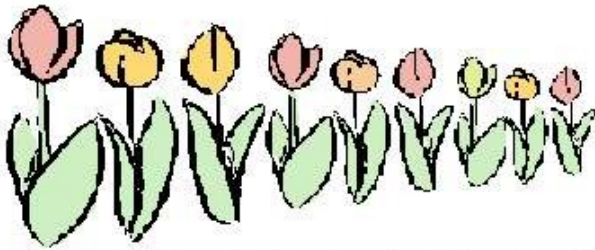
***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR FEBRUARY IS \$7,250.00.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES	(30,594.67)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES	<u>27,359.94</u>
UNDER	(3,234.73)
DEBT OWING 1/31/2012	
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	47,700.05
PRIVATE LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>
	297,700.05
OPERATIONAL LOAN	<u>17,885.00</u>
TOTAL LOANS	315,585.05
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	<u>315,585.05</u>


* Ending balance 12/31/11 report \$30,288.99, less \$1,800.00 expenses for 12/31/11 not listed on report
 ** Ending balance 12/31/11 plus end of year contributions of \$2,710.00 - dated 12/31/11 but received after 1/1/12.

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Archery Practice will be Mondays thru Fridays from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

				1 School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	2 Rehearsal for Youth Sunday 11 a.m.	3
YOUTH SUNDAY Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour: Min. of Education Athletic Awards 2 p.m.	LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK					10 Spelling B 9 a.m. in Sebewaing
11 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Paper Shower Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	12 NO SCHOOL Volleyball Practice 6:30 - 8:30 Choirs: H 6:30 / C 7:30	13 Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	14 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Love Day 1:30 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. C Service 7 p.m.	15 Kindergarten Roundup	16 Ministry of Education 4:30 p.m. FISH FRY 5 - 7:30 p.m.	17 
18 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour: Mission/Outreach Marriage DVD 2-9 p.m.	19 Moms in Touch 5 - 6 p.m. Choirs: H 6:30 / C 7:30	20 Pigeon Pastor's 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study at Bay Cafe 7 p.m. Evening Circle 7 p.m.	21 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m. C Service 7 p.m.	22 KIDS AGAINST HUNGER Worship & Music 7 p.m.	23	24 CHRISTIAN PARENTING DAY
25 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour: Worship & Music Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	26 Moms in Touch 5 - 6 p.m. Choirs: H 6:30 / C 7:30	27 Mission/Outreach 5:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	28 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m. C Service 7 p.m.	29 MUSIC PALOOZA	30 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL	31

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale



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I can make.

