

# Cross Connection

Growing together

DECEMBER 2017



## 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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My dearly beloved family  
of Cross Lutheran,

That season is once again upon us. The frenzy chaos of shopping has once again gripped this country into a feeding turmoil that resembles the uncontrolled "everyone for themselves" shark feeding. Don't get in the way or you could become a victim of the frenzy feeding.

Yet there is another season that is upon us and it's the season of "Rodney Dangerfield" i.e. no respect. The Church season of Advent gets no respect. It is a season that is in constant turmoil with the secular world. In other words, Advent doesn't promote the warm fuzzy feel good about ourselves that the secular world promotes. We like warm fuzzy programs that make us feel good. We love singing songs that warm the heart and make us feel good. We like receiving presents because that is

a sign of how much we are loved and cherished by others. We love all that attention and all the "look how good I am" and "it's all about me."

Advent is that salmon swimming upstream. It is fighting to keep its identity against a tsunami tidal wave that has worked its way into the church demanding that the church's meaning and intent of Advent be eradicated and assume the identity of the secular world. Advent, within the church, according to the secular world, must now become a season that reflects and promotes making everyone feel warm and fuzzy and good about themselves. The church liturgy, hymns and prayers must change to reflect and support the secular world in making everyone feel good about themselves.

What then does Advent mean according to the church? What is the intent of Advent? Does the church prepare us for Advent? Advent is not making us feel warm and fuzzy about ourselves. Advent is a time of preparation. A time to be solemn and

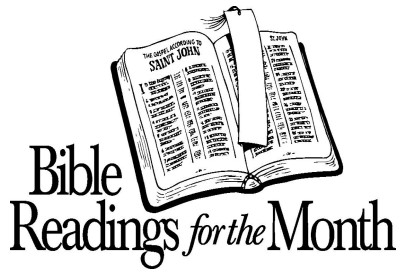
reflective. A time of apprehension of what is coming yet joyful for that great event. It is a bitter sweet time.

So what is it that the church, through its liturgy, hymns and prayers in the season of Advent, is preparing us for? Obviously it is the birth of Jesus Christ. The Messiah. The Word made flesh. The one who will save the world. You ask, isn't that something to celebrate and be joyful about? The answer is yes, by all means. However, the question that is never asked, never addressed, never thought of is why was the Word made flesh? Why did Jesus have to come into this world and save us? Why? Why? Why?

Here comes the true meaning of Advent. Here comes the part that no one likes to here because it does not give us the warm and fuzzy that the secular world gives us. Here is the answer to the why of preparation. It is because of my sin that the Word was made flesh. When I sin, there is a consequence that takes place and that is death. There is no way I

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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Dec. 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 64:1-9  
P – Psalm 80: 1-7  
2R – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
G – Mark 13: 24-37

## Dec. 10– 2nd Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 40: 1-11  
P – Psalm 85

2R – 2 Peter 3: 8-14

G – Mark 1: 108

## Dec.17– 3rd Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11  
P – Psalm 126  
2R – 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
G – John 1: 6-8, 19-28

## Dec. 24– 4th Sunday of Advent

1R - 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16  
P – Psalm 89: 1-5, 19-29  
2R – Romans 16: 25-27  
G – Luke 1: 26-38

## Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

1R—Isaiah 7: 10-14

P—Psalm 110: 1-4

2R—1 John 4: 7-16

G—Matthew 1: 18-25

## Dec. 25—Christmas Day

1R—Isaiah 52: 7-10  
P—Psalm 2  
2R—Hebrews 1: 1-12  
G—John 1: 1-18

## Dec. 31—1st Sunday After Christmas

1R—Isaiah 61: 10-62:3  
P—Psalm 111  
2R—Galatians 4: 4-7  
G—Luke 2: 22-40

## Choir Schedule:

Choirs will practice on Dec. 4 & 11 only. Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.

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can atone for my sin. There is no human restitution program that will atone for my sin and defeat death. For sin is anything that breaks my relationship with God. I solely have broken that relationship. Not God. So who / what can defeat death in order to save me? The answer, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ and only him.

*NRS John 12: 26* *Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.*

God knows I can't save myself from eternal death. Only his be-

loved Son has the power to defeat death. How then does he defeat death? Does he wave a magic wand given to him by Harry Potter to defeat death? No, the only way Jesus defeats death is that he becomes human like us, i.e. born of the flesh, and then he physically dies on the cross. Jesus must die in order to defeat death. His victory over death, and my salvation, comes on that Easter morning when he rises and lives!!! Thanks be to God!!!

So on that Christmas morning I go to the stall. I go to the manger. I pray to God that the church, through its liturgy, hymns and prayers, has prepared me for this bitter sweet moment. As I enter into that holy scene, I see gold, frankincense and myrrh. I see joy and peace in that little baby that

was just born. Yet I approach the manger with great reluctance, unwillingness and trepidation. I humbly kneel before that baby. Tears are coming down my face for I too have gifts for the Word made flesh. The King of kings. The Lord of lords. However, they are not gifts that will make the little baby feel warm and fuzzy. Knowing all of the sin within me and the wretched man I am, I give my gifts. As the gifts are open all become silent as they ponder the meaning of my gifts; a crown of thorns, nails, a hammer and a cross. And as I bow my head in reverence I say, "I'm sorry. Thank you!"

My sin and I are the reason for the season.

God's peace.

Pr Tim



# Celebrate



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays

- 1 Jordan Licht
- Denvyr Koroleski
- 3 Mark Trost
- 4 Cindy Buchholz
- 6 Troy Schuette
- 8 Beverly Knost
- 9 Neil Herford
- 10 Ryan Trost
- Arthur Hill
- 11 Grace Shupe
- 15 Roger Renn
- Kendal Delpiere
- 17 Richard Koehler Jr.
- Maria Schumacher
- Jacob Heck
- 18 Lorraine LePage
- 19 Kaoty Smith
- 20 Cheryl Sturm
- Kim Schadd
- 22 Donna Schuette
- 23 Bill Love
- 24 Denny Diener Sr.
- 25 Jim Siewert
- 27 Don Schuette
- 28 Janice Uhan
- 29 Pastor Tim
- 30 Ethan Yackle
- 31 Mitchell Schuette

### Anniversaries

- 3 Clarence & Inez Buchholz, 57 years
- 14 Paul & Karen Schuette, 43 years
- 20 Kent & Lori McKenzie, 37 years



## Christmas Caroling

Please join us on **Saturday, Dec. 16th**, as we go caroling in Pigeon! The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. right after rehearsal for the Christmas program. We will start with a pizza party to get everyone fed. Then it's off to "Home Sweet Home", Country Garden and Bay, and finish up at Long Term. ALL are invited—youth and adults. To make sure we have enough goodies, please advise Pam Sturm, 550-4128 or Sue Loehrke, 453-3053 if you can come.



## Caroling

### Coffee Hour



Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the a church fund or a school fund. The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the overflow area.



### Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Dorothy Hafner, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Don Schuette.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Kyle Walker (grandson of Ron & Bonnie Schulze), Marshall Korschner (friend of The McCrim-

mon's), Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Don Schuette, Norm Townley (brother-in-law to Eleanor Tate), Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz has returned to his base in North Carolina and Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

# School News



## DECEMBER CALENDAR



- 1 Robotics at Cass City
- 6 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 7 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 8 CEA Christmas Fair
- 13 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 20 Chapel 8 a.m.  
1/2 day of school
- 21 Christmas Break starts -  
School resumes 1/2/18
- 24 Children's Program 7 pm

## From the Desk of David Faupel

This is the second year that we have offered robotics as an after school program for junior high students. There are five students participating in the program this year. They have been working hard on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for the past three months to get a robot ready for competition. First, students worked in teams to build a basic robot from an instruction book. After they completed their first robot, students learned how to play this year's VEX IQ game, "Ringmaster". The game involves picking up and/or moving rings to various posts and goals around the game

field. There are about five different ways to score points, each of which requires a different function of the robot. After studying the game, students discussed strategies and redesigned their robots to better play the game. Students competed in their first tournament of the year on November 17 at Ubly, and they tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place! There were 20 teams competing. They have another tournament on December 1 at Cass City Elementary. As I write this, students are busy implementing new ideas for the robot they will be taking to that competition. Robotics Club has been a great opportunity for students to learn engineering and programming skills.

### Of Note:

2nd Quarter Hot Lunch Payments are now Due



### Teaching Staff:

- Beth Elston, Preschool/Music
- Jean Hatch, Preschool/K-2 Aide
- Deb Musolff, K-2 grades
- Gwynne Barry, 3-5 grades
- David Faupel, 6-8 grades
- Marcine Moore, Cook
- Susan Hass, Title I tutor



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

CEA is gearing up once again for our annual Christmas Fair, on **Friday December 8th!** We are looking for any donations that we could use for our fun event! New items, handmade items, baked goods, monetary etc. This is a fun day for the children, where they can purchase gifts for their family and friends! Then they top off their shopping by wrapping and preparing the gifts for Christmas morning! Please help us make this another **EXCEPTIONAL** year for our children. Donations can be dropped to the school office. Any questions, please give April a call at 553-0663.

# December Time & Talents



Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
<b>Dec. 3</b> 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Norm Nelson	Eileen Johnson	Norm Nelson	Bruce Baur Neil Herford	Marilyn Baur	Zach Kretschmer
<b>Dec. 10</b> 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Wes Trowbridge	Karen Schuette	Carol Mead	George Gardy	Laura Trost	Nichola Trost
<b>Dec. 17</b> 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Michelle Fritz	Paul Schuette	Al Lichtt Denny Smith	Jean Sturm	Kyle Briggs
<b>Dec. 24</b> 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Leanne Smith	Gwynne Barry	Larry Smith John Trowbridge	Carol Diener	Riley Fritz
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<b>Dec. 24</b> 10:00 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynn Barry		Joh Trowbridge		Marilyn Baur	Zachary Kretschmer
<b>Dec. 25</b> 10:00 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Leanne Smith	Paul Schuette		Laura Trost	Nicholas Trost
<b>Dec. 31</b> 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Phil Schadd	Kari Halvorsen				Grace Trost

**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!

## 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 in the box of- fice. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

## Pigeon Food Pantry

Christmas baking is nearing. You can help by supplying flour, sugars, spices, chocolate chips, cooking oil, etc. All cooking supplies are appreciated for holidays. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door En-

trance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

## Communion Bread

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. Thank you!

## Women's & Men's Group Schedules

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wed., Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, Dec. 5 & Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**Quilter's will NOT meet in the month of December.**



# Church Council Minutes



## CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 10:57AM on the above date. The meeting was held in the sanctuary of the church. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Pastor Tim Loehrke. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Gwynne Barry to approve the Agenda as provided, seconded by Bruce Baur. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The 2016 Annual Meeting minutes, dated November 6, 2016, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Jack Sturm to approve the minutes as presented. Neil Herford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT:** Pastor's annual report was provided in the 2017 Annual Report.

**SCHOOL'S ANNUAL REPORT:** The school's annual report was provided in the 2017 Annual Report.

**NOMINATION AND VOTING OF COUNCIL POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES:** The results of the election are:

**President** – Kent McKenzie

**Secretary** – Rachel Higgins

**Mission / Outreach** – Lorraine LePage

**Parish Life** – Nancy Schuette

**Auditing Committee** – Mike LePage & Connie Herford

**Stewardship** – Norm Nelson

**School Board Secretary** – Robbi Shaffer

**Nominating Committee** – Bridgid Trowbridge & Duane Peterson

**MINISTRY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No one had any questions or comments regarding these reports.

**TREASURER'S REPORT & 2018 BUDGET:** The treasurer's report and the 2018 budget were provided in the 2017 Annual Report. John Trowbridge made a motion to vote on accepting the 2018 Budget. The motion was seconded by Pat Azarovitz. The result of the vote to approve the 2018 budget was 79 yes, 6 no.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The summary of the congregational surveys were provided to the congregation.

The possibility of returning trustees to the council sometime in the future was discussed.

It was announced that the financial status of the church and school would be reviewed by council prior to May 2018, with the possibility of cut backs to the school staffing, if necessary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE VOTING RESULTS:** After the ballots were counted, the results were announced to the congregation.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Pastor Loehrke led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further items to address, the meeting ended at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 14, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:02 PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, Gretchen Roestel, Nancy Heck, Nancy Schuette, Barb Degg, Kim Delpiere, Norm Nelson, Phil Schadd and Rachel Higgins. Phil Schadd provided the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Kim Delpiere to accept the agenda as provided, seconded by Gretchen. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated October 10, 2017, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Phil Schadd to approve the minutes as presented. Barb Degg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS:** Gwynne Barry and Paul Schuette were present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Barb Degg made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Kim Delpiere. Motion carried.

# Council Minutes (Cont.)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Rachel Higgins read a thank you note from Samaritans for a \$400 donation given to support their ministry.

Funeral - 1 Weddings - 0  
Baptisms - 0 Teaching - 16  
Communion - 16 Hosp Visits - 1  
Home Visits - 10 Meetings - 17  
Services - 7

## Pastoral acts

- Graveside service at Cross cemetery, interment of Linda Danks, Tue. Nov 7, 2017.

## Church calendar

OCC sort night, Tue, Nov 14

- OCC pack night, Thur, Nov 16
- Community Thanksgiving service, Sunday, Nov 19, Salem United Methodist, 3:00 pm
- Men's Bible Study, Tue, Nov. 21, 6:30 pm
- Thanksgiving service, Thur, Nov 23, 10:00 am
- Fri, Nov 24 office closed
- Sunday, Nov 26, Christ the King Sunday
- Dec 3, 1st Sunday in Advent
- Christmas Caroling, Sat, Dec 16
- Choir/Bell Christmas concert, Sun, Dec 17, 3:00 pm. Reception following in the gym
- Sun, Dec 24, morning service 9:30 am, Children's service 7:00 pm, Candle light service with communion 10:00 pm
- Mon, Dec 25 Christmas Day service with communion, 10:00 am

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

The annual Deans meeting with the Bishop is scheduled for Tue,

Nov 14 – Thur, Nov 16 in Columbus, OH. I will be attending as Dean for the Michigan Mission District.

## Principal's report

School enrollment, K-8 is 25, Preschool 20, no 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

TALL All Art Day, Fri, Oct 27, was a great event. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work in organizing and running the show. Thanks to our chef for feeding approximately 60 students and adults. Kudo's to all.

CEA spaghetti dinner went well. The spaghetti dinner made \$763.50.

CEA Family night, Thru, Nov 30, 5:30 pm will involve prepping for Christmas Fair

CEA Christmas Fair, Fri, Dec 8  
School Christmas break, Thru, Dec 21, 20147 – Jan 1, 2018

Annual fund, donations from alumni as of Nov 8, \$10,555

DC trip this year is scheduled for May 2018

All 6-7 graders (7students)

Cost is around \$1,000 per student

Fund raisers being planned to assist in the cost of the trip

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Gretchen provided her oral report informing the board that there have been 42 donations to the Annual Fund in the amount of \$11,405 so far in 2017.

**MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:** Norm Nelson was present and gave his oral report

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Barb was present and provided her oral report. Research is being done for the 2018 Lenten season.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Kim Delpiere reported that there will be an open meeting in the family room immediately after service Sunday, Nov. 19 to brainstorm about programs to minister to our youth.

**MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:** There was nothing to report.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:** There was nothing to report.

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:** There was nothing to report.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** A written report was submitted.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Vote tallies were reported from the annual meeting. There were 79 yes votes and 6 no votes for the proposed 2018 budget.

All nominations on the ballot were voted in.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Nancy Heck has decided to vacate the treasurer position after many years of faithful service. Discussion is ongoing to insure a smooth transition for a new person to fill this role.

- The audit committee submitted a written report with recommendations for the 2018 internal audit. This report will be reviewed and discussed further.

- Since an overview report was created and distributed to the congregation a motion to destroy the original congregational surveys was made by Gretchen Roestel and seconded by Barb Degg. The motion carried.

A motion was made to give Christmas gifts of \$50 scrip cards to the staff and support help by Phil Schadd and sec-



# Ministry Minutes, & More

ended by Norm Nelson. The motion carried.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 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 were shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Higgins, Secretary

## Church Service CDs

Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome Desk for Shut Ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcen for preparing and making the CD's.

## Coffee Hour

Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the church general fund, school's tuition assistance fund, building fund, music fund, capital improvement fund, cemetery fund, benevolence or LEAF fund. The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice!

## SCRIP CARDS

Orders will be placed on Mondays and the cards can be picked up on the following Sunday after service.

## Mission/Outreach

### Ministry Notes

**SCRIP CARD SALES** – will take place every Sunday from Dec. 3rd thru Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see a member of Mission/Outreach at the Welcome Desk. These make great stocking stuffers so get your Christmas shopping done early! Orders will be placed on Mondays and the cards can be picked up on the following Sunday after service.



Cross Church Giving Tree is in the overflow area. Anyone wishing to help bring Christmas to a local family who needs a little extra help this year can take a tag off the tree. Please be sure to write your name on the register list for our tracking purposes. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 10th. If you know of someone who needs help with Christmas this year, Please call the church office.

## THANKS

Mission Outreach Ministry is extremely grateful for all the donations to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. We were blessed with the MANY hands that helped and also with the Monetary Donations. We are sending out 535 boxes this year! Thank you for giving and sharing in this Mission of Outreach. *God's Love will be shared around the world*



## Memorial Gifts

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

**In memory of Travis Baur, for Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund:**

Ronald & Bonnie Schulz

Randall & Cynthia Buchholz

**In memory of Edna Schulz, for Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund:**

Ruth Schuette

**In memory of Travis Baur, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Janet Schumacher

Rod House

Dale & Donna Schuette

Carol Forster

Vivian Buschlen

Dennis & Carol Diener

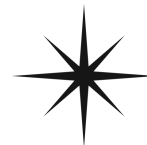
Thomas & Bernice Shupe

Michael & Mary Otto

Michael & Lorraine LePage

Linda Fietzer

David & Peggy McCrimmon

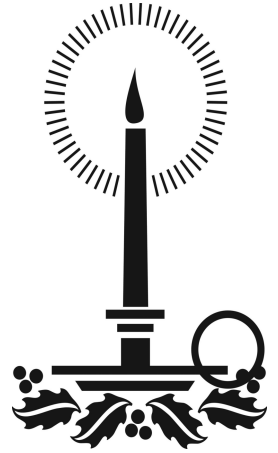






**Sunday, Dec. 24th:**

Communion Service @ 9:30 am  
Children's Program @ 7:00 pm  
Candlelight Service @ 10:00 pm



**Monday, Dec. 25th**

Communion Service @ 10:00 a.m.

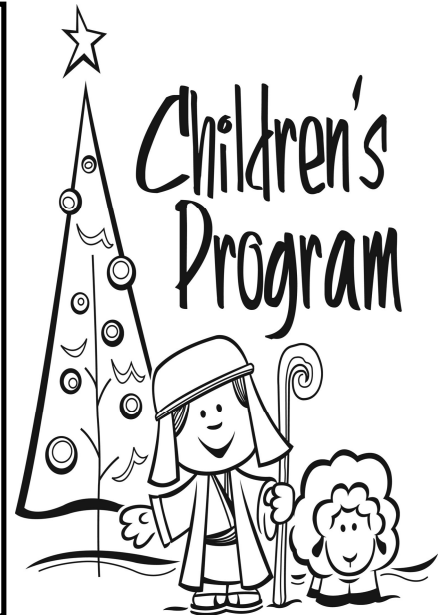
**Children's Christmas Program  
December 24th @ 7:00 pm**

Practice Dates:

- + Sunday, 11/26 @ 10:45—11:30(right after church)
- + Sunday, 12/3 @ 10:45—11:30 (right after church)
- + Sunday, 12/10 @ 10:45—11:30 (right after church)
- + Saturday, 12/16 @ 10:00—11:30 in the sanctuary
- + Thursday, 12/21 @ 6:30—7:30 in the sanctuary  
(Dress Rehearsal, please have your child there!)

Please contact (text, call or email) Kristy Carriveau at 989-553-3584  
or

[kristy@scenicrealtyco.com](mailto:kristy@scenicrealtyco.com) for more information.



*Christmas Music*



**Advent Hope, Christmas Joy**

A choral and handbell concert

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Cross Lutheran Church

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI

Join us for a program of choral and  
handbell music, carols and scripture.

A reception will follow.



# Merry Christmas December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1st Sunday of Advent 3</b> Comm. Service 9:30 am SS 10:45 Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Choir : Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Chapel 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	<b>8</b> CEA Christmas Fair	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Choir: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	<b>13</b> Chapel 8 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m..	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Children's Program Practice 10-11:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling 11:30 a.m.
<b>17</b> Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Christmas Concert 3 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Laker Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> 1/2 Day School Christmas Break starts Comm. Serv. 7 p.m.	<b>21</b> No School Children's Program Dress Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> No School	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Children's 7 pm Candlelight 10 p.m.	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Comm. Service 10 a.m.	<b>26</b> No School Office Closed	<b>27</b> NO 7 pm Comm. Service	<b>28</b> <b>School Closed</b> <b>Office Open 9 - Noon</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Worship Service 9:30 a.m.						

# Ministers - The People of Cross



## Officers, Ministries and Committees

### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

### Music Director

Beth Elston

### Church Council

Kent McKenzie, President

Gretchen Roestel, V P

Rachel Higgins, Secretary  
open, Treasurer

Raylene Henkelmann, Financial Secretary

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