

# Cross Connection

Growing together

August 2015

## 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 Church,

### QUASQUICENTENNIAL

*Pronunciation:*  
(kwos"kwī-sen-ten'ē-ul)

This is a new word all of us need to learn and pronounce. It means the marking and celebration of 125 years. For the next year; Aug 2015 – Aug 2016, Cross Lutheran Church and School will be planning its marking and celebration of 125 years of proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Pigeon and surrounding communities.

On August 30, 1891, Pr Richard Praetorius and eight founders; Henry Bergman, Henry Licht, Fred Mente, John Nitz, Henry Schutte, Fred Trost, Henry Trost and William Trost, organized Cross Evangelical Lutheran Congregation and

adopted the constitution as presented by Pr Praetorius.

On Sunday, August 28, **2016**, the family of Cross Lutheran Church and School will celebrate its Quasquicentennial. The theme for this Quasquicentennial is "Lift High the Cross."

A committee has been organized for the preparation and planning of the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Pam Sturm and Leanne Smith are co-chairs of this committee. Subcommittees are being organized to plan out all the details that will go into this celebration.

This is a Cross Family celebration and subsequently a Cross Family event where all will be needed to help in preparing this gala festivity. God gave us all the gift of volunteering so

please use that gift to its fullest measure. Additionally, when someone asks you to please help, I hope and pray you will answer yes without hesitation. Your support and help is truly needed!

*NRS Isaiah 42: 10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. 11 Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the tops of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.*

*NRS Psalm 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament. (Cont. on Pg. 2)*

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## August 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Exodus 16:2-15  
P – Psalm 145:10-21  
2R – Ephesians 4:1-16  
G – John 6:22-35  
Hymns: 496, 235, 721; Comm. 214, 222, 225, 197

## August 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after

## Pentecost

1R – 1 Kings 19:1-8  
P – Psalm 34:1-8  
2R – Ephesians 4:17-5:2  
G – John 6:35-51  
Hymns: 172, 126, 356

## August 16 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
P – Psalm 34:12-22  
2R – Ephesians 5:6-21  
G – John 6:51-69  
Hymns: 358, 464, 552; Comm. 711, 777, 766, 783

## August 23 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 29:11-19  
P – Psalm 14  
2R – Ephesians 5:22-33  
G – Mark 7:1-13  
Hymns: 462, 353, 263

## August 30 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
P – Psalm 119:129-136  
2R – Ephesians 6:10-20  
G – Mark 7:14-23  
Hymns: 248, 480, 495

### **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.

### **IGA Labels for Learning**

Save the UPC barcodes. We earn \$25 for each bundle of 500.

### **Spartan Brand Cash for Labels**

Save the Spartan Brand UPC codes. We earn \$20 for each bundle of 1,000.

### **Pigeon**

### **Food Pantry**

Children need a nutritious start to the school day. Cereal, oatmeal,

pancake mix and syrup are good options. 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**

Due to the limited type of toner and ink cartridges they will accept, we will no longer participate in this program.

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*ment! <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

*<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and*

*pipe! <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

This is going to be a great year!!!

## **Lift High the Cross!**

God's peace

Pr Tim

# Celebrate



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | Aaron Mallais<br>Tom Shupe                                     |
| 2  | George Mohr, Sr.   |
| 3  | Ron Bergman  |
| 4  | Terry Sturm  |
| 6  | Roger Budnick  |
| 7  | Jeanne Williams<br>Todd Gunden<br>Sandy Haley<br>Kent McKenzie |
| 8  | Richard Uhan   |
| 9  | Tiffany Swartzendruber   |
| 12 | Bruce Baur<br>Bernice Shupe<br>Duane Peterson                  |
| 13 | Keeley Baur  |
| 14 | Randy Swanson<br>Corey Messing                                 |
| 15 | Nicholas Swanson   |
| 16 | Margaret Edler   |
| 17 | Gwynne Barry   |
| 19 | Gretchen Roestel   |
| 20 | Larry Rosenthal  |
| 22 | Kayle<br>Thepsourinthone                                       |
| 25 | Karen Schuette   |
| 26 | Brian Koehler<br>Nancy Schuette                                |
| 30 | Linda Tate   |
| 31 | Joshua Higgins<br>Stephen Schuette                             |

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 2 | Bill & Sandy Renn, 46 years<br>Pat & Kathy Azarovitz, 40 years |
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- |    |                                   |                                   |
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| 3  | Mike & Laura Trost, 19 years      | James & Susan Licht, 35 years     |
| 4  | Kyle & Victoria Yackle, 8 years   | 21 Tom & Bernice Shupe, 44 years  |
| 5  | Gregory & Rebecca Yackle, 9 years | 21 Phil & Carol Schadd, 22 years  |
| 6  | JB & Gwynne Barry, 32 years       | 22 Henry & Debbie Lange, 28 years |
| 8  | Ben & Kayla Smith, 7 years        | 23 Ray & Elaine Licht, 57 years   |
| 11 | Brian & Dawn Rosenthal, 34 years  | Stephen & Kris Schuette, 18 years |
| 15 | Todd & Gretchen Roestel, 23 years | 28 Norm & Tonja Nelson, 44 years  |
| 16 | Neil & Connie Herford, 46 years   |                                   |



### Remember our Shut-ins:

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

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Dave McCrimmon, Jake Mazza, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Gordon Hoffman (Gina Smith's brother) Dawn Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Rachel

Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, 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.

## Women's & Men's Groups

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, August 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the new parsonage.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, August 4 at 7 p.m. and August 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**Women of Faith** will meet Saturday, August 29 from 10:30 a.m.—noon at the parsonage.

# School News

## August School Calendar



30 Opening Chapel at 4 p.m.

31 First day of School at 7:50 a.m.—no Laker Bus the first week

Sept. 4—No School

7 School Resumes

## From the Desk of ... Gwynne Barry

I have to admit it is a bit difficult writing about the beginning of the school year in mid-July. It shouldn't be such a daunting task though because the staff has already met on occasion this summer to plan for our 2015-2016 year. "School thoughts" are never far away when you are

a teacher.

We have chosen John 13:35 to be our school wide Bible verse for 2015-2016: *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* The verse that precedes this is *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

Love one another. What does that look like? Sound like? Feel like? That is the challenge in working with God's children. We have boundless opportunities to address that in and out of our classrooms and we pray that all people will come to know that we are disciples, flawed and forgiven.

"Let Us Ever Walk with Je-

sus" will be our hymn of the month to begin our school year. *Let us every walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of fail and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide, I shall follow where you guide.*

With the opening of our school year around the corner, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve Him by guiding our children and families, doing our best to live as disciples of Jesus and to walk with Him.

Enjoy the beauty of the season!

## NEW THIS YEAR!

**Opening Chapel will take place Sunday, Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. with orientation following.**

**First Day of school will be Monday, Aug. 31.**

**Full day classes on Tuesday, Sept. 1, Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 3**

**No School Friday, Sept. 4.**

**School then resumes Tuesday, Sept. 8 with Laker busing.**

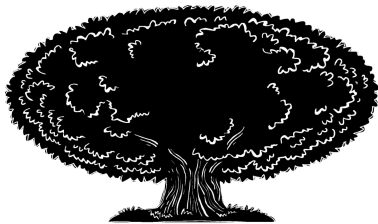
# August Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Aug. 2 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Norm Nelson	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler Dick Mead Norm Nelson Ron Schulz Tom Shupe Mike Trost	Carol Diener	Riley Shupe
Aug. 9 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Laura Trost	Eileen Johnson				Johnny Higgins
Aug. 16 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	June Sturm	Michelle Fritz	Kendal Delpiere		Jean Sturm	Travis Fritz
Aug. 23 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Vivian Buschlen	Caitie House				Greta Elston
Aug. 30 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Karen Schuette				Riley Shupe

**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!**

## Memorials



### Memorial Gifts

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

**In memory of Robert Taschner, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Mike & Jeanne Sting

**In memory of Edward Crawford, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Mike & Jeanne Sting

**In memory of Irene Renn, for**

**Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Olga Renn

**In memory of Elaine Buchholz, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Lillian Koehler

Neil & Connie Herford

Layne Henne

Nadene Barbret

**In memory of Shirley Buschlen, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Jean Sturm

**In memory of Jack Danks, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Randy & Gwen Ovcen

Roberta Danks

**In memory of Robert Danks, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Roberta Danks

Daughters: Georgia, Gwen & Linda

**In memory of Arnold Buchholz Jr., for Cross Lutheran School:**

Cordelia Trost

**In memory of Margaret Alfaro, for Benevolence – Pigeon Food Pantry:**

Ken & Betty Licht

**In memory of Jack Danks, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Ruth Hamilton

John & Lori Smith

## Memorials (cont.)

**In memory of Margaret Alfaro, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Eugene & Betty Champagne

**In memory of Harold Blome, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Dennis Schulze

**In honor of Chad Smith's Ordination, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Roberta Danks

Harold & Shirley Deering

**In honor of Chad Smith's Ordination, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Mike & Jean Hatch

**In memory of John Wayne Anderson, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Carol Forster

## Church Council Minutes



**May 12**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Richard Koehler, Jr. at 7:03 p.m. on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Neil Herford, Richard Koehler, Jr., Leanne Smith, John Smith, and Lori Smith. Pastor Loehrke provided prayer to all present.

**AGENDA:** Was presented to all present. A motion was made by Neil Herford, seconded by Nancy Heck, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated April 14, 2015 were reviewed by all present. The minutes were amended to show that

Neil Herford was absent and did not give a Properties Report. A motion was made by Lori Smith, seconded by Leanne Smith, to approve the amended minutes. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. John Smith made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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

Funeral 1/ Wedding 0/ Baptisms 2/Teaching 17/ Communion 11/ Hospital Visits 5/Home Visits 5/ Meetings 19/ Services 12

**PASTORAL ACTS:** Funeral, Elaine Buchholz, May 14; Baptism, Lily Yackle, April 26; Baptism, Brianna Smith, May 10.

**CHURCH CALENDAR:**

- Ascension of Our Lord, May 14
- Family Fun Night, May 16
- Confirmation Sunday, May 17 ( Greta Elston, Travis Fritz, Johnathon Higgins)
- Pentecost, Sunday, May 24
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Michigan Blood Drive, May 28, 1 – 6 p.m.
- Garage Sale, June 11, 12, 13
- VBS, July 13-16

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Making plans to attend NALC Convocation, Aug. 10-14, Dallas, Texas

Blessing the fleet at the Caseville Marina on Memorial Day

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Field Day at Lakers, May 15
- PreSchool Picnic, May 21, 12:30 p.m.
- Half day of school, May 22
- No school, May 25 (Memorial Day)
- Last day of school Friday, June 5
- Graduation Sunday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m. service (Greta

# Church Council Minutes (Cont.)

Elston, Grant Gascho, Johnathon Higgins)

- Staff Meeting, June 8, 9 a.m.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Student enrollment for 2014-2015 school year: K-8 38 students
- Preschool 19 students
- Early registration for the school year 2015-2016 will be July 1 – This will allow the parents/guardians to lock in the 2014-15 tuition rate
- MANC conference, Oct. 22-23 at Detroit, the teaching staff will attend. School/CEA funds will pay for the conference and other expenses

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised hot lunch prices will be increased by 10 cents and tuition will be increased by \$50. He also advised that they are giving discounts of \$50 for early school registration prior to July 1, 2015.

## MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was absent. A written report was provided.

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report at this time.

## MINISTRY OF MISSION/

**OUTREACH:** Lori Smith was present and provided her written

report.

**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:

- Gym Floor – Bids were reviewed, project put on hold.
- Church Door (South Entrance) – New closers have been ordered
- All fire alarms have been tested and are working

## MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

There was nothing to report at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- New Parsonage Update was given.
- Cross Lutheran Church & School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Aug. 28, 2016 (Sunday) – Pastor is looking for co-chairs to organize the Anniversary.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting is was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy

Heck, Acting Secretary

## 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!

## Cookbooks

Are still available for \$10 each in the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends,

**"Given for you."**



neighbors, or just to say "Thank You." Proceeds help support our youth ministry.

### Summer Office Hours

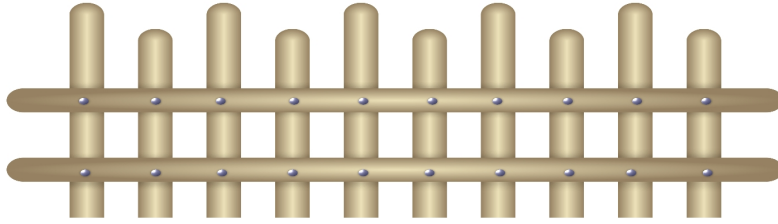
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August 24

Open 9 a.m.—Noon

## OPEN REGISTRATION

for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Cross Lutheran School. If you know of any family that is interested in a solid Christian Education for their child (ren) please have them contact the office for more information.



# August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Pastor Tim will be attending the NALC Convocation in Dallas, Texas Aug. 10 - 14.</b></p>						<b>1</b>
<b>Comm. Service 2</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. <b>Country Bay Service 3 p.m.</b>	<b>125th Anniversary Committee Meeting 3</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. 4</b>  Parish Life 5 p.m.	Potluck 6 p.m. <b>5</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	CEA 4:45 p.m. <b>6</b> School Board 5:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	Buchholz Reunion <b>8</b>
<b>Worship Service 9</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Loon's Game 2:05 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Comm. Service 16</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Choir Family Picnic 4 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study 18</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Worship Service 23</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>Office Hours 24</b> return to full time	<b>Mission/ Outreach 25</b> 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Women of Faith 29</b> <b>10:30 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>Worship Service 30</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. <b>Opening Chapel 4 p.m.</b>	<b>First Day of School 31</b> 7:50 a.m.					



# Ministers - The people of Cross

## Officers, Ministries and Committees

### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

### Music Director

Beth Elston

### Church Council

Dick Koehler, President

John Smith, V P

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

John Smith, School Board

Neil Herford, Properties

Leanne Smith, Worship & Music

Tom Shupe, Stewardship — Education

Pastor Tim, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

### Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

### Ministry of Properties

Neil Herford, Chair

Mike Eden,

Paul Schuette

### Ministry of Worship & Music

Leanne Smith, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Barb Degg

Beth Elston

Karen Schuette

Mike Sting

### Ministry of Mission / Outreach

Lori Smith, Chair

Krisie Fritz

Connie Eden

Rachel Messing

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Gwen Ovcen

### Ministry of Stewardship

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June Sturm

Cyndi Buchholz

Roger Fritz

### Ministry of Education

Gretchen Roestel

Jean Sturm

Laura Trost

### Ministry of Youth

Pastor Tim, Chair

### Ministry of Parish Life

Aileen Prill, Chair

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Sturm

Alice Trost

Linda Shope

Patty Schulze

### Audit Committee

Connie Herford

John Schuette

Kenneth Licht

Mike LePage

Peg McCrimmon

### Nominating Committee

Betty Champagne

Bob Tate

Peggy Koehler

Duane Peterson

Lori McKenzie

Gwynne Barry

### Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

### School Board

John Smith, President

Eileen Johnson, Vice President

Geri Kay McLean, Secretary

Erica Sturm, Treasurer

April Rujan, CEA President

Pastor Tim, Advisor

### C.E.A

April Rujan-President

Melisa Raymond-Vice President

Geri Kay McLean-Secretary

Erica Sturm -Treasurer

## Handy Helper Ministry

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Roberta Danks 453-3760

Barbara Degg 856-2678

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forster 375-2754

Vickie Forster 553-3875

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Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Carol Schadd 269-5150

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Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Kayla Smith 977-0979

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Laura Trost 453-3209

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Sheila Yackle 453-2589

**Please let the office know if you wish to be added to the Handy Helper List.**