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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,

As I sit and write this I'm watching and anticipating old man winter giving us one more wintry blast before he finally goes away. The calendar says we are in spring. The robins tell us spring is here. The boys of summer i.e. baseball, are back. Yet I look out and see winter. Yet I have faith in God that based on thousands of years of history, spring will come and warmer temperatures will once again gently blow upon my face. It's that faith that keeps me going knowing what will eventually come to take place.

During this Lenten season, I'm journeying to ventures that are unknown to me. My son Matt has this saying on his blog 'I don't know where I'm going but I know I'm on my way.' Many times I feel that way. I'm going and moving but I'm not sure where it is I'm going. What is God calling me to? Where is God calling me to? There are times I wonder if I made the right life decisions? There are times when I feel like I

should have just stayed where I was and not make that change. There are times I am not strong in my faith.

Jesus on the other hand knows exactly where he is heading. He is on his way to Golgotha and he knows what God is calling him to do. I can't imagine living that journey. Knowing that in days I'll be put to death for no human justifiable reason. Knowing the gruesome suffering, taunting, and agony I'll be experiencing would drive me to run away. Yet Jesus continued his journey to the cross. Step by step, day after day. He did all this in his faith in God. That is the difference between Jesus and me. ^{NRS}

Mark 9:24 *Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"* I have faith; help me be strong in that faith!

During this season of Lent, dig deep within you and evaluate your faith. You'll discover that you do have faith. We humans like to categorize things so

as to pound our chest and say how good we are. I've heard many times "he/she has strong faith." I wonder what medium faith or weak faith looks like? Only those strong in faith are able to boast. However, faith does not come in strong, medium, or weak. All have faith and it is a gift from God. All have faith that will carry us through whatever challenges are in front of us. God does not want us to fail therefore He gives us faith to carry through. What we need to be is strong in that faith that God has given us.

Jesus is the example to follow. Facing certain death on the cross, he was strong in his faith. ^{NRS} **Luke 22:42** *"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."* In being strong in his faith, Jesus did the will of God and defeated death through that glorious Sunday morning.

My dear family of Cross, be strong in your faith when facing difficult times. **(Cont. on pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross

APRIL

Worship Schedule

April 3 - 4th Sunday in Lent

1R – 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 P – Psalm 23
 2R – John 9:1-41
 Hymns: LBW # 97, 98, 448
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 105, 489, 482, 479

April 10 – 5th Sunday in Lent

1R – Ezekiel 37:1-14
 P – Psalm 130
 2R – Romans 8:6-11
 G – John 11:1-45

Hymns: LBW # 95, 93, 104
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 94, 107, 344, 340

April 17 – Palm Sunday

1R – Isaiah 50:4-9
 P – Psalm 31:9-16
 2R – Philippians 2:5-11
 G – Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
 Hymns: LBW # 108, 121, 126
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 117, 122, 123, 115, 106

April 21 – Maundy Thursday

1R – Exodus 12:1-14
 P – Psalm 116:1-19
 2R – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 G – John 13:1-35

April 22 – Good Friday

1R – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
 P – Psalm 22
 2R – Hebrews 10:16-25
 G – John 18:1 – 19:42

April 24 – Easter Sunday

1R – Acts 10:34-43
 P – Psalm 118:1-24
 2R – Colossians 3:1-4
 G – Matthew 28:1-10
 Hymns: LBW # 131, 151, 135
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 147, 145, 143, 144, 149



CROSS CHURCH GARAGE SALE

June 16th – 18th

Your donations could be someone's treasures. We will be collecting gently used furniture, outdoor items, household items, clothing, and baby items starting June 12th.

Special Dates

- Fourth Sunday in Lent, April 3
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 10
- Holy Week, April 17-23
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 21
- Good Friday, April 22
- Holy Saturday, April 23
- Easter Day, April 24
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 27

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Be strong in your faith when all seems lost. Be strong in your faith when you feel no one cares. God has given you the faith to succeed. Be strong in it. Not being strong in your faith is denying God's gift.

NRS **Romans 12:3** For

by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

God's speed

Pr Tim

1-6 Youth

Will be playing games in the school gym on Sunday, April 17 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Come join in the fun!

In Memory/Odds & Ends

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

In memory of **Chuck Edler**, for Cross Lutheran Music Fund by Mr. and Mrs Earl Roe.

In honor of **Loren Elftman's** birthday, for Cross Lutheran School, by the Elftman family.

In memory of **Chuck Edler**, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund, by Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In memory of **Chuck Edler**, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

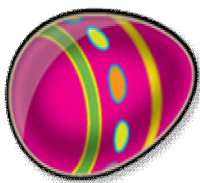
SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for additional Sunday School teachers for the fall of 2011. We can also use substitute teachers. We have a new "shared" format this year. Please give this much prayer and thought. Call Connie Eden, superintendent, at 453-3480 for information.

Coffee Fellowship

April 3 – Esther Circle
April 10 – Social Services

Social Service Ministry



EGGS FOR HAITI

This Easter Season we are going to remember the 2010 earthquake victims of Haiti. Today there are more than 800,000 homeless Haitians still living in tents. Anyone who would

like to make a donation can take an egg off the tree on April 10th or 17th. Bring back the filled egg on Easter Sunday for a special collection. All money collected will be sent through Lutheran World Relief where 90% of money goes directly to the victims. Keep victims of Haiti and Japan in your prayers.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The **Esther Circle** will meet for their April Circle meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at church.

The **Rebecca Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

The next Love Day will be Wednesday, April 13.

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Bible study & fellowship takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The group will meet April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Café, in Caseville.

Christian Parenting Day

will be Saturday, April 16 at Laker High School in Pigeon. After the continental breakfast, Dr. Tedd Tripp will start his workshops based on the parenting classic *Shepherding A Child's Heart*. This free event begins at 8:30 am and continues through the five workshops ending about 3 pm. Free childcare is supervised by a Christian certified teacher for youngsters up to 12. All details about children's lunch,

the catered lunch for adults, the titles of the sessions and more are at www.christianparentingday.com, or please call Bernice at (989)269-8443.

Food of the Month is: CEREAL!!

ATTENTION!! – The Pigeon Food Pantry is in need of cereal items. Check the cupboards - if you have extra, please feel free to place them in the Food Panty donation box near the east entrance doors. Paper products like tissues and toilet paper also needed, but NOT paper towels at this time.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

will be held Sundays, April 3 and 10 during Sunday School Hour. New members will be received Sunday, April 17. Anyone wishing to attend these classes are welcome!



CROSS DAY CARE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

We will be visiting the Day Care of Zion Lutheran and Our Lady Of Lake Huron in Harbor Beach on Tuesday, March 22. Anyone wishing to tour the facilities should be at the Cross Gym at 1:45 pm. We encourage you to attend the meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 4 pm in the Church Overflow area. We are in the early research stage and your comment, concern and interest is very important.

Celebrate



April Birthdays

- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretschmer
Jeff Trost
- 4 Bill Buchholz
- 6 Mary Dubs
Edwin Licht
Lillian Koehler
Brittany Renn
Travis Baur
- 8 Betty Champagne
Helen Greene
- 10 Jennifer Gardy
Brigid Trowbridge
Doug Richmond
- 11 Garrett Fritz
Barbara Eidt
- 12 Patrick Azarovitz
Julia Deer
Lance Schuette
- 13 Brandon Gemmell
- 14 Dan Papkey
Zachary Trost
- 15 Kyle Walker
- 16 Adrienne Irion
- 17 Shelia Yackle
- 18 Ruben Renn
Arlene Fritz
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz
Karen Peterson
Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere
Michelle Fritz
- 22 Justin Gemmell
- 25 Gracey LePage
Tim Warack
- 26 Richard Koehler

- Sr.
Maxine Rice
Kim Sturm
Jeffrey Otto
- 27 Ruth Hamilton
Caitie House
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen

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



April Anniversaries

- 4/1 Dave & Janis Elftman (22nd)
- 4/5 Dick & Peggy Koehler (25th)
- 4/8 John & Lori Smith (33rd)
- 4/9 Denny & Leanne Smith (28th)
- 4/17 Gary & Doralee Schulz (29th)
- 4/18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz (47th)
- 4/22 Kevin & Erica Sturm (5th)
- 4/28 Bruce & Marilyn Baur (49th)

Remember our Shut-ins:

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

Please Remember in Prayer:

Stephanie Maust, Mindy Sutherland, Natasha Golder, John Smith, Roberta Danks, Betty Schulze, Margaret Schaar, mother of Maxine Rice, Tim Ruby (cancer) nephew to Ray Licht, Clarence Wheeler, father of Don Wheeler, Kim Wheeler, sister in law of Don Wheeler, Lillian Koehler, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Edna Diebel, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Tina Smith, Elizabeth Marie & Evelyn Florence Hill (twin daughters of Jill Gardy), Sharon Dietzel, Cathy Ruthenberg, Kurt Anderson, Eunice Richmond, Lester Otto (Mike Eden's brother's father-in-law), Dorothy Hafner, Fran & Jim Laursen, Harvey Weiss, Cheryl Merlington, Andrea Harder, Blaize Webber, Betty Schulze, Dennis Diener, Harold Deering, Marge Krause, Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman.

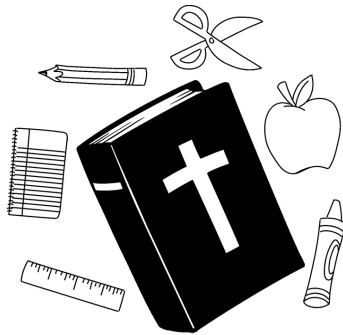
* Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

In the Service of Our Country:

Zac Collins son of Perry & Tiffany Collins and **Matt Bolzman**, a Navy Seabee are serving their country in Afghanistan. Please pray for the safety of these young men and also all service members and their families as they are separated.



School News



School Calendar

- April 1 End of Marking Period
 April 4 – 8 Spring Break
 April 7 School Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m.
 April 11 Hearing Testing
 April 13 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
 April 20 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
 April 22 No School
 April 25 No School
 April 27 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
 April 28 Stanford testing ends

School Reflections from Mr. Faupel

March was a busy month for us at Cross Lutheran School. The CEA sponsored its second annual carnival, and was enjoyed by many students and members of the community. Athletic awards were held for softball, soccer, and basketball. The theme of the awards this year was "The Luthers," and students and teachers came to the event dressed up as celebrities. Award winners received trophies topped with the face of Martin Luther. Following the awards ceremony was the annual parents vs. students basketball game, in which the parents outscored the students despite having to

play with one hand tied behind their backs, playing in their socks, and being tied together with a teammate. A fun time was had by all.

March was also "Reading Month." Our theme for Reading Month this year was "Reading is a Treat!" For every hour a student read at home this month, they got to put a scoop of ice-cream on the school bulletin board. A school goal of 100 hours was set for students to read, and if they meet the goal, all students will get to have an ice-cream treat. Also during the month, students in grades 3-8 had the opportunity to read to the preschool students, an event that was enjoyed by all involved.

The week of March 7-11 was Lutheran Schools Week. Students and staff celebrated this special week with dress-up days, painting pictures, making signs, and participating in a special service project of writing cards to the shut-ins of Cross Lutheran Church.

Students have also been busy in Music class preparing for the spring musical. The musical will be held Thursday March 31st, and will wrap up our busy month. The musical is titled, "The Faith Hall of Fame," and is sure to be a hit.

Want to help support Cross Lutheran School?

Here's an easy opportunity for you! Look for the pink Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products throughout grocery, discount and club stores. All you need to do is clip it from



the package and place it in the box outside the secretary's office. We'll take care of the rest. It's amazing how such a small effort can add funds to support our kids Christian education!

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education is actively seeking a director for our Vacation Bible School, tentatively set for July 18-21. We are currently researching VBS materials and will be selecting the curriculum. If you feel God nudging you to take on the leadership of this important and rewarding ministry of our congregation, please contact any member of the MOE.

BAKING SHEETS AVAILABLE

1/2 and 1/4 size sheets are available, price is \$7.50 for 1/2 and \$6 for 1/4. If you are interested, please see Delores Lange or June Sturm.

April Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
April 3 9:30 a.m.	Rick Landry	Sue Loehrke	Aileen Prill	Karen Schuette	Bruce Baur Clarence Buchholz Dennis Diener Scott Dubs Dick Koehler Richard Mead Norm Nelson	Laura Trost
April 10 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Laura Trost	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette		Delores Lange
April 17 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette		Carol Diener
April 21 7:00 p.m.	Peggy Koehler	June Sturm		John Trowbridge		Peg McCrimmon
April 22 7:00 p.m.	Karen Schuette	Ray Licht				
April 24 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Pam Sturm	Sue Loehrke	Norm Nelson		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!

ALTAR OR SPECIAL OCCASSION FLOWERS

There will be a new sign up sheet on the board if you'd like to request special flowers in Honor or in Memorial. The cost is \$15 for one vase or \$30 for two. We request that you give us at least one week notice so they may be ordered. After the service you may take them home if you wish. For further information please see Louann Jarvis or Bonnie Schultz.

LENTEN POTLUCKS

We will once again be having our Wednesday

night potlucks during Lent, prior to the 7 p.m. service. Please join us at 6 p.m. 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!

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.

Council Meeting Minutes



February 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by acting president, Pastor Timothy Loehrke at 7:02 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Paul and Karen Schuette, Kevin Trost, Lorraine LePage, Ray Licht, Pastor Loehrke, Krisie Fritz, and Nancy Heck. One guest, Betty Champagne. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated January 11, 2011, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Karen Schuette to approve the minutes as presented, Lorraine LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Ray Licht moved to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette reviewed his report for the period of 1/1/2011 through 1/31/2011, with everyone present. His report showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$28,931.74, which was

\$3,696.16 over budget. Other monies received were as follows:

Building Fund	\$ 650.00
Benevolence	\$ 232.00
Other Donations	\$ 0

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications received by Pastor or by Krisie Fritz, secretary.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke reviewed his written report with everyone present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Pastor had 1 Baptism, 13 Teachings, 10 Communions, 6 Hospital Visits, 5 Home Visits, 23 Meetings, and 10 Services in January.

Church Calendar:

- Sunday, January 23, 2011, Baptism for Ethan James Yackle, son of Kyle and Vicky Yackle.
- Friday, February 11, 2011, Funeral for Chuck Edler, 11a.m., visitation Thursday, 2-9 p.m. at funeral home in Sebawaing.
- Sunday, February 13, 2011, Deep Freeze campfire, 7 p.m. parsonage.
- Sunday, February 20, 2011, Rev. Dr. Ron Warren, NALC will worship with us and hold a Q & A forum regarding the NALC synod.

Sunday, February 27, 2011, Youth Sunday.

- Friday, March 4, 2011, United Christians in Prayer, Pigeon River Mennonite Church.

- Sunday, March 6, 2011, 2nd vote on leaving the ELCA

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Ash Wednesday, service at 7 p.m., imposition of ashes.

General Report:

Aileen Prill is now the full time secretary and doing a great job! Rachel did an excellent job of guiding her through the intricacies of being a secretary at Cross. God provides and Cross needs to be grateful for that.

Search continues for a President of council.

A special thank you to Robin Buschlen for all of the snow plowing he accomplishes here. He does not send a bill for his snow plowing services to Cross.

Bishop John Schleicher was here Sunday, February 5, 2011, to preach and held a Q & A. All went well.

Rev. Dr. Warren will be here at Cross on Sunday, February 20, 2011 to worship with us and provide a presentation on the NALC. He will arrive Saturday and will stay at the parsonage.

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- March 17, 2011 – Pre-School round-up

- March 24, 2011 – Kids Against Hunger

March 31, 2011 – School Musical "Paloosa".

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Archery and AAU Volleyball are in full swing.
- Cross basketball season is over, Cross took 3rd place at the Port Hope Elementary tournament the weekend of February 5-6.
- February 14-18, 2011, winter break, no school.
- February 21, 2011 – no school, Laker Professional Development Day.
- February 23, 2011 – Crispy Crème Doughnut Fundraiser begins.
- March 1-5, 2011 – Scholastic Book Fair.
- March 5, 2011 – CEA Carnival, 5-7 p.m.
- March 7-11, 2011 – Lutheran School Week. (Activities are being planned by the teachers.)
- March 12, 2011 – Spelling Bee at Port Hope, 9 a.m.
- March 14, 2011 – no school, Laker Professional Development Day.
- March 17, 2011 – Pre-School round-up
- March 24, 2011 – Kids Against Hunger
- March 31, 2011 – School Musical "Palooza".

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Report given by Pastor Loehrke, which is included in the Principal's Report.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Ray Licht reviewed his report with everyone present. High-

lights of his report were as follows:

- \$690.00 will be donated to "Kids Against Hunger" project, which will be held at Cross in March.
- Nancy Heck reported that Cross is doing okay financially, but our offerings need to continue.
- Paul Schuette stated that progress is being made on collecting delinquent tuitions for the school. This year's tuition are current, and he is also reporting the hot lunch payments and tuition on the Good Shepherd Program, which will help to keep a handle on delinquents and payments.
- Benevolence Increased from last year at this time, balance on hand as of 1-25-2011, \$1,679.00.
- Additional comment was made at to the importance of being good stewards of God's bounty.

Next meeting will be held on February 22, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette reviewed her report with everyone present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Karen ordered the materials that will be used for Lent in March.
- Pastor suggested for Good Friday a Tenebrae service to be held in the evening, rather than the afternoon service. The Easter Vigil would begin after the conclusion of that service.
- There has been discussion regarding the 120th Anniversary,

more discussion to follow at their next meeting.

- 80 people attended the concert in December. Donations received in the amount of \$276.00, which was designated to buy music for Easter.
- Karen will order the Palms for Palm Sunday from Eco Palms soon.
- The sound system will be evaluated on Saturday, January 22, 2011.

Discussion held regarding the possibility of doing a Variety Show again.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

No chairperson at this time. A report for January 23, 2011 was given to council, highlights of the report were as follows:

- Beth Elston's approved application for LEAF funds has been turned in.
- It was stated that they are down to the bare minimum amount of teachers needed to run the Sunday School and that they need to recruit more teachers.
- Their ministry also discussed the need for a director for VBS, and set a tentative date for July 18-21, 2011. Theme/Program to be discussed later.
- A baby bible was presented to Ethan James Yackle on January 23, 2011.

Meetings have permanently moved to the 3rd Friday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

No chairperson at this time, no report given.

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Kevin Trost reviewed his report with everyone present. Highlights:

- Grade 1-6 went ice skating and sledding, all went well.
- The offering collected on Souper Bowl Sunday was \$359.00. This offering will be sent to the Saginaw Soup Kitchen.
- Fish Fry is set for Feb. 25, still need help with serving and desserts.
- Youth Sunday is Feb. 27.
- There are 5 confirmation students and 6 senior high students registered to attend camp.
- Senior Quilts – cutting has been complete and the sewing is still being finished.
- Easter Breakfast – Awaiting schedule from Worship & Music Ministry to begin planning.
- Pigeon Chamber of Commerce has sent an invitation to participate in the Farmer's Festival.

Next meeting will be held on March 16, 2011 at 7:45 p.m.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: No report was given, except that Pastor will discuss a few items under old business.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Betty Licht stated there is no chairperson at this time. She reported that their ministry is planning a potluck for Dr. Warren on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011. She also stated that they are planning an afternoon for Women in May. Dr. Sherry Baker will be the speaker.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SER-

VICES: Lorraine LePage distributed report to everyone present. Lorraine also advised council that Social Services will probably be doing the Easter eggs for Haiti again this year. Highlights:

- Valentine Greeting Cards were sent to the shut-ins.
- IGA & Shaggy J's have been added to the scrip list.
- We will collect special items each month for the local Food Panty and for Operation Christmas Child, members need to watch their bulletins and monthly news letters for items that we will be collecting.

Garage Sale is scheduled for June 15-18, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President's position still needs to be filled.
- 2nd vote will take place on March 6, 2011.
- Ad Hoc is meeting on February 9, 2011, to plan for the upcoming vote.
- Pastor advised that we must have an ELCA Representative here for the 2nd vote.
- Bishop's assistant will be present to give a greeting and for prayer. Pastor will announce this to the congregation.
- Discussion was held by all present regarding the Bishop's presence on Sunday, Feb 6.
- Two mic chords were ordered and received, \$210.00 was paid with the Church credit card. Bill Harden charged \$25.00 plus his mileage, which amount to \$44.37.

Motion made by Nancy Heck to pay him \$75.00, seconded by Krisie Fritz, motion carried.

- School furnace was fixed. Pastor reported there was a brown out during the last storm.
- Nancy Heck made a Motion to have Aileen Prill added to the bank accounts for hot lunch and CEA, and to have Anne Anderson and Rachel Higgins taken off. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rachel Higgins received a pay off for her 2 weeks of vacation and 10 leave days, which amounted to \$1,800.00. Contracts should be looked at closer to see if we can eliminate days being accumulated, so we can avoid large pay offs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding joining the NALC, council will hold a special meeting on Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., to determine when the next vote will take place.

Lorraine LePage advised council that there is an opening during Farmer's Festival, July 22-24, 2011. A fundraiser could be held in the park to benefit our church.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by everyone. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Richard Koehler, President

Terry Sturm, Vice President

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

Terry Strum, School Board

Mike Fritz, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Ray Licht, Stewardship

Vacant, Education

Vacant, Outreach

Kevin Trost, Youth

Vacant, Parish Life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Mike Fritz, Chair

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden

Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Karen Schuette, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

Ministry of Social Services

Lorraine LePage, Chair

Krisie Fritz

LouAnn Jarvis

Bonnie Schulz

Kay Schuette

Lori Smith

Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht, Chair

Tom Shupe

June Sturm

Carol Diener

Ministry of Education

Connie Eden

Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith

Kim Fritz

Laura Trost

Ministry of Outreach

Maxine Rice

Stephanie Lakin

Ministry of Youth

Kevin Trost, Chair

Leanne Smith

Rachel Higgins

John Shope

Linda Shope

Elizabeth Higgins, Youth Rep.

Alissa Peterson—LYO President

Ministry of Parish Life

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Strum

Inez Buchholz

Rick & Marlene Landry

Alice Trost

Audit Committee

Suzie Swanson

Mike LePage

Kent McKenzie

Leanne Schuette

Peter Shupe

Nominating Committee

Kent McKenzie

Mike LePage

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

Terry Sturm, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President
Gretchen Roestel, Secretary
Stephanie Burgess, Treasurer
Norma Hemauer, Non-member rep.

Maxine Rice, CEA President

Pastor Tim, Advisor

C.E.A

Maxine Rice-President

Melissa Helmuth-Vice President

Melisa Raymond-Secretary

Stephanie Burgess-Treasurer

Norma Hemauer-Non-member

Representative

Worship and Music Ministry

Thursday, Feb. 24 – 7 pm

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

We discussed the Lenten dramas planned for Mid-week Lenten worship. Maundy Thursday worship will be April 21 at 7 p.m. with foot washing and Holy Communion. Good Friday worship will be a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. and not in the afternoon. There will be a 7 a.m. sunrise worship at the cemetery. It will a short service with a "coffee hour" at 7:30 am. Easter worship will be at 9:30 am.

We also discussed the variety show idea and brainstormed many ideas. We are still looking for a date.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Mar. 24 at 7 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES

February 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: a special called meeting was called to order by Pastor Timothy Loehrke at 7:02 p.m. on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Paul and Karen Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Kevin Trost, Lorraine LePage, Ray Licht and Nancy Heck. Special guest was Betty Licht. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

PURPOSE: To give Council time to hold a discussion and to prepare for the upcoming vote on March 6, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bishop John Schleicher – February 6, 2011 – Council held a discussion and gave comments regarding the bishop's visit.

2. Rev. Dr. Ron Warren – February 20, 2011 – Council also held a discussion and gave comments regarding his visit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Script of Dr. Warren will be put in members' mail boxes.

Ad Hoc Met on February 21, 2011, and they mailed out a mailing to all members on February 22, 2011. They have met the 10 day notification to all members regarding the next vote.

A representative from ELCA will be present on March 6, 2011, to give a greeting and prayer.

Ballots have been printed for the 1st vote, Pastor is still reviewing the wording for the 2nd ballot.

Paul is checking to make sure voters list is up-to-date.

Council set a 2 minute limit, if anyone wishes to speak at the Special Called Meetings on March 6,

2011. Only the actual members of Cross can be included in the Discussion once the meeting is called to order.

Members can vote on March 6, 2011, even though they may not have voted on December 5, 2010. The only requirement is that the member must be in good standing.

Pastor will lead the discussion regarding Council having made the decision to join the NALC.

Pastor announced that the 1st meeting will be held immediately after the service and went over the plan and meeting process that we will follow. A second meeting will be held immediately following the 1st meeting if the vote passes by a 2/3rd majority.

Pastor would like council to review the letter he sent to us by e-mail, addressed to Bishop Spring, NALC. Pastor hasn't received a response as of this evening. When he gets a response, he will e-mail council.

There will be an insert in the bulletin so members call fill out their information prior to voting, this should expedite the process.

If the vote passes, Pastor will draft two letters on Monday. The secretary will also need to sign these letters and mail by certified mail on Monday, March 7, 2011.

The ELCA synod representative will speak prior to the 1st meeting being called to order. Pastor Loehrke will speak last.

Council will address "how do we approach the members that we lost", at the next council meeting.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MARCH 6, 2011 (1st meeting)

CALL TO ORDER: A second special congregational meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by Acting President, Terry Sturm, to consider dissolving its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America synod (ELCA). Pastor Timothy Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES:

Terry Sturm announced that we have met the quorum needed to go forward with the second vote.

A Motion was made by John Trowbridge to adopt the Agenda as printed, Jack Sturm seconded the Motion.

DISCUSSION: Bruce Baur asked for the reading of the Resolution to be voted on. Terry Sturm read the Resolution to the congregation.

With no further discussion, Pastor Loehrke had the congregation turn to page 37 in the green hymnals, and the middle prayer was chanted by all present.

Larry Degg advised Council that we still need to have the Motion carried to adopt the agenda by all members. Terry Sturm addressed the congregation, Motion carried.

Pastor Loehrke gave instructions to members regarding the voting process, after voting they could and after the vote was tallied we would return back to the church sanctuary.

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Dick Koehler stated that if the vote passes to leave the ELCA, we need to have people stay for the 2nd meeting.

The congregation was authorized to vote.

Meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m.

Meeting was reconvened at 11:37 a.m., by Acting President, Terry Sturm. Terry advised the congregation that 151 members voted, 85% voted to terminate our relationship with the ELCA, and 15% voted to stay with the ELCA, (128 yes, 23 no). The Resolution is adopted.

A motion was made by Dave Elftman to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m., seconded by Gwynne Barry. Motion was carried by the congregation to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –
MARCH 6, 2011
(2nd meeting)**

CALL TO ORDER: A second special congregational meeting was called to order at 11:39 a.m. by Acting President, Terry Sturm, to consider joining the North American Lutheran Church synod (NALC). Pastor Timothy Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES:

Terry Sturm announced that a

quorum has been determined.

A Motion was made by Bruce Baur to adopt the Agenda as printed, Roger Fritz seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Terry Sturm read the Resolution. Motion was made by Dick Koehler, seconded by Pat Azarovitz. John Shope questioned whether the wording should include the SCHOOL.

Dick Koehler amended his Motion made earlier to include the School. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Bruce Baur questioned how long the NALC has been in existence. Pastor Loehrke advised the members that the NALC has been in existence since August 2010. Pastor read the NALC constitution and also addressed his concerns if Cross was to remain independent at this time. Pastor stressed that we would have a voice under the NALC, unlike the ELCA. Dave Elftman also commented on the flexible provisional constitution of the NALC.

With no further discussion, Pastor Loehrke had the congregation turn to page 37 in the green hymnals, and the middle prayer was chanted by all present.

Pastor Loehrke advised the ushers to handout the ballots and that the members could vote in the church sanctuary. After the vote is tallied the meeting will reconvene in the church sanctuary.

Meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m.

Meeting was reconvened at

12:03 p.m., by Acting President, Terry Sturm. Terry advised the congregation that 151 members voted, 92% voted to join membership with the NALC, and 7.3% voted to not join, (139 yes, 11 no, 1 spoiled). The Resolution is adopted.

Pastor Wayne Hoedt, representative of the ELCA, came forward to address the congregation.

A motion was made by Tom Shupe to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m., seconded by John House. Motion was carried by the congregation to adjourn. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer chanted by all present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry, families, and friends of youth are so thankful for your support of the Fish Fry! We served 270 people. With your support and the support of the community we were able to give \$300 to the Building Fund, \$40 to the hot lunch program, and \$2,627 + \$600 from Thrivent grant = \$3,227 for Youth Ministry. Thank you again to all who supported this project so generously!

THUMB BREADBASKET

The next bi-monthly distribution date is Saturday, May 14 at Laker Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Setup is 7 a.m. Help is always appreciated!