

Cross Connection

Growing together

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Our mission:

**Bring people to
Christ.**

**Teach Christians
to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to
reach the world.**

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Message from Pastor Tim

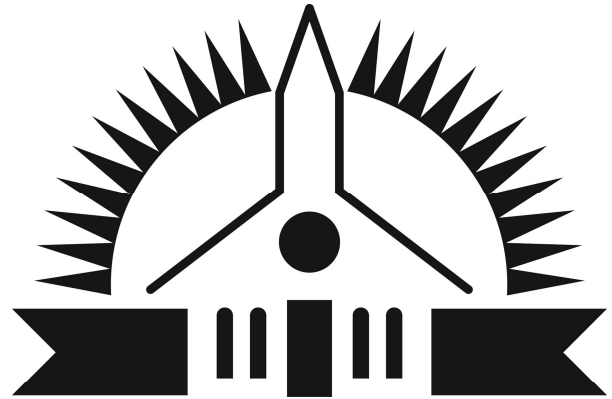
My dear family
of Cross Lutheran
Church,

Grace to you
and peace from God
our Father and our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ.

With the 125th celebra-
tion coming up on Sun,
August 28, I just want
to give you a short up-
date on the continued
planning for that day.

First, Bp John
Bradosky, of the
NLAC, had accepted
our invitation to be
here that day to preach
and preside at com-
munion. However, due
to conflict of schedul-
ing, he deeply regrets
that he will not be able
to attend. In his place
The Rev. Dr. David
Wendel, Assistant to
the Bishop for Ministry
and Ecumenism, has
graciously accepted to
be here representing
Bp Bradosky. We give
thanks and praise that
he will be here to join
in our celebration.

I want to ac-
knowledge the 125th



ANNIVERSARY *News*

planning committee.
This group of dedi-
cated and gifted peo-
ple have been meet-
ing monthly for over a
year to plan this gala
event.

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& Pam Strum

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Mike Sting

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John Shope

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Betty Cham-
pagne

Cross School
Gwynne Barry

Cross Lutheran is
blessed to have these
people here and plan-
ning this event. They
have done a tremen-
dous job and when you
see them, thank them.

As time ap-
proaches for this event,
this family of Cross, as
in other events, needs
to step up and volun-
teer to help. Rather
than wait to be asked,
be pro-active and go to
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Celebrating 125 Years at Cross!

August is just around the corner and plans for the 125th anniversary celebration are continuing to pick up speed. We are expecting over 300 members, family, and guests. Here are some of the day's activities:

Artifacts and memorabilia will be set up in the gym for all to enjoy before the service from 8 - 9 a.m. and also after the meal and program.

The service will begin at 9:30 am, but don't miss the prelude that will include a special guest. The Assistant to the Bishop Ministry and Ecumenism, David Wendel will be our guest speaker. We continue to give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercies endure forever! Communion will be celebrated on this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

A complimentary catered dinner will follow the service in the tent by the "Lift High the Cross Garden". The meal will be prepared by Kevin Sturm of Shooters Grill. The menu will be Smoked pulled pork, BBQ Boneless Chicken Breasts, Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley Casserole, Cole Slaw, Italian Pasta salad, rolls and dessert made by our own members.

If you have not sent an RSVP please call [989-453-3330](tel:989-453-3330) so we can plan accordingly. Also please extend invitations to family, friends, alumni etc. and include in your RSVP anyone who shares our history and may have been missed in our correspondence.

A short program, with surprises in store, results of questionnaire, and fellowship

will follow. After the program feel free to go to the gym to view the artifacts and memorabilia. Watch for letters to God from our current Cross students in the hallways, The Baptism gown used over the generations, items from Pastor Praetorius, confirmation, wedding, and school pictures will be displayed and projected on a wall to view and many more artifacts that have been brought together for "Lifting High the Cross" 125th Celebration.

Gratefulness and praise be to our God for gracing us with gifts of years to celebrate as we look forward in anticipation of this milestone.

Joy in Celebrating,

Leanne Smith and Pam Sturm
- Co-Chairman

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the 125th committee and volunteer to help in an area you are interested in. I know you can do this because I have seen you do this in the past. Do not wait till the last minute. Today is not soon enough.

As this "organized chaos" progresses closer to Aug 28, the frenzy activity and nervousness will in-

crease. The desire to have that day go perfectly with no hitches is the goal and desire of everyone. However, let us be reminded that the one who will make this day perfect in everything is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. It is his timing, his planning and his intentions that will prevail and when we give it all to him, that day will go per-

fectly. Anything else will fall short of his glory.

*NRS **Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

God's peace

Pr Tim

Vacation Bible School

"Sweet Jesus"

July 18–21

The fun begins on Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21 from 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at Cross Lutheran Church. The VBS Program will be on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Parents, grandparents, and friends are all invited! And to top it all off, all the children are invited to ride on the VBS Float in the Pigeon Summerfest Parade that will be held on Saturday morning!

To attend VBS or to volunteer to be part of the excitement, please fill out the form below and return it to the VBS Registration box by the church mailboxes, or call the church office 453-3330 x 201 or Lori Smith 453-3953. All children ages 3+ through 6th grade are invited to attend, and older children are encouraged to be helpers. A daily offering will be

taken to donate to Operation Christmas Child. And to help defray our expenses.

We are looking for adult helpers, mainly for "crowd control". Would you have a few hours you would be willing to help us out? We are also looking for cash donations to help with VBS expenses. If you can help in any way, please call Lori Smith 453-3953! Thanks and God Bless!

V.B.S. Registration

Last Name _____ Parent's Names _____

Child #1 _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Child #2 _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Child #3 _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Child #4 _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

Phone #s _____

Home Church _____

Allergies / Medical Concerns _____

Emergency Contacts _____


Who will pick up child from V.B.S.? _____

Will your child be at the Thursday night Program? _____

Will your child ride on the V.B.S. Float on Saturday? _____



July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Office Closed 1	2
Comm. Service 3 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.		5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	6 Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	7	8	9
Worship Service 10 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	11	12 125th Comm. Meeting 5 p.m.	13 Comm. Service 7 p.m.	14	15	16
Comm. Service 17 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	18	19	20 Comm. Service 7 p.m.	21 VBS Program 7 p.m.	22	23
Worship Service 24 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	25	26	27 Comm. Service 7 p.m.	28	29	30
Worship Service 31 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.						

**Vacation Bible School 9 - 11:30 a.m.
 Monday through Thursday**

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Please let the office know if you wish to be added to the Handy