



## Cross

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,

The long wait is over. The harvest is upon us. The near drought conditions of last June / July brought on doubt and anxiety on whether there was going to be a harvest, garden, flowers, green grass, and plants. The wait is over. There is a harvest. There are gardens. There are flowers. The grass turned green and plants came alive. The wait is over. Thank you God!!!

I truly wish God would have given me the gift of patience, comfort, and relaxation in my waiting. I must be the only one that has a hard time with waiting. Waiting for spring and summer of 2013 knowing I have to go through winter first. Waiting, waiting, waiting. In the Coast Guard it was hurry up and wait. In raising children, it was waiting for them to be able to walk and then go to school, then to get through those teenage years, and then finally become adults. I feel like my life is a perpetual state of "waiting."

*NRS Psalm 27: 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Then there is the waiting for the physical body to heal. The waiting for a broken bone to mend, the waiting for the flu to go away, the waiting for the test results to see if there is cancer, the waiting for a loved one who is journeying to their last day.

*NRS Psalm 31: 23 Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.*

Then there is the waiting for the emotional healing to take place. There is the waiting of trying to nurture relationships that are strained, that are broken, and that seem eternally broken.

*NRS Psalm 25: 20 O guard my life, and deliv-*

*er me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.*

I pray, how long oh God will you let this world go the way it is going? Do you not see what is happening down here? Do you not care whether or not this world continually chooses war, hate, terrorism, and killing, to find peace? Why don't you come down here and fix all of this right now!? What are you waiting for!? God forgive me in my impatience and not waiting in you.

*NRS Psalm 37: 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. 6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. 7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for*

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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



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**Oct. 14 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1R – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

P – Psalm 90:12-17

2R – Hebrews 3:12-19

G – Mark 10:17-22

Hymns: 755, 756, 748

**Oct. 21 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1R – Eccl. 5:10-20

P – Psalm 119:9-16

2R – Hebrews 4:1-16

G – Mark 10:23-31

Hymns: 501, 460, 502 Comm. 210, 455, 200, 203

**Oct. 28 – Reformation Sunday**

1R – Revelations 14:6-7

P – Psalm 46

2R – Romans 3:19-28

G – John 8:31-36

Hymns: 229, 492, 305

**Oct. 7 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1R – Genesis 2:18-25

P – Psalm 128

2R – Hebrews 2:1-18

G – Mark 10:2-16

Hymns: 388, 316, 389 Comm. 710,

## Need A Special Occasion Gift?

Scrip cards are store gift cards. They make the perfect gift for graduation, confirmation, wedding, birthday or any occasion. Check out the order form for all the different choices. You may place your orders each week, and they will be available the following Sunday.



**PLUS** Many cards are in stock. Stop by the church office to see what is available immediately!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As you may have noticed, there are many great deals on school supplies at the current time. Could you pick up a few things for this year's OCC collection? Notebooks, scissors, pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, etc. You can put your donations in the green tote in the coat room / entryway! Thank you!

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*him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.*

I'm learning to wait. Not wait in myself but to wait in Jesus Christ. I'm learning to give it all to Jesus Christ; my anxiousness, my stress, my wanting it my way, my wanting it now. I'm learning that to wait in J/C brings about results that

are far better than what I would have them. To wait in Jesus Christ is to put him first in my heart and have complete obedience and trust in him for He knows what is good for me and the world.

*NRS Romans 8: 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not*

*see, we wait for it with patience.*

My family of Cross Lutheran, wait for God. Wait for Jesus Christ.

*NRS Psalm 25: 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.*

God's speed

Pr Tim

# In Memory

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



In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Doug and Michelle Richmond, Brittany and Logan.

In memory of **Ruth Mohr**, for Cross Building Fund, by George Mohr.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jim Laursen.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by The Birthday Club.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette.

In memory of **Ruth Mohr**, for Cross Building Fund, by Richard and Peggy Koehler.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Richard and Peggy Koehler.

In memory of **Edna Hass**, for Cross Building Fund, by Greg and Aileen Prill.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Tom and Jackie Stevens.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Lutheran Church Women, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for

Cross Building Fund, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Roger Marshall.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lowell and Beth McDonald.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund by Brink's Transfer Inc.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bay Port State Bank.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Annie Simon.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Kay and Don Schuette.

In memory of **Ruth Mohr**, for Cross Building Fund, by Kay and Don Schuette.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Selma and Joe Yolkiewicz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mike and Cathy Denay.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nadene Barbret.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building fund, by Joan Prebee.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Gerald and Marilyn Buchholz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Denny and Leanne Smith.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Ron and Helen Greene.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Dale and Christine Schulz.

In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Ellery and Shirley Fritz.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Larry and Gina Smith.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Harold and Shirley Deering.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Tom and Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dorothy Henne.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by John and Jean Smith.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jim Laursen.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Fred and Delores Collison.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Hamilton.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lisa DiCamillo.

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In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by James and Susan Licht.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Charles Buchholz.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mike and Connie Eden.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Kim and Brian Delpiere.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nancy Schuette and sons.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jane Yackle.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Peter and Missy Shupe.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jon and Charmaine Fahrner.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Denny and Leanne Smith.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jack and Pam Sturm.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by John and Ruth Depner.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jack and Shirley Buehler.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Terry

and June Sturm.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Co-operative Elevator.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Kurt and Pat Anderson.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Tom and Jan Stoeckle.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, Don and Nancy Heck.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Randy and Cindy Buchholz.

**Cross Lutheran  
Lenten Devotional  
Booklet for 2013**

Although Lent 2013 is not where our thoughts are just now, it's still a good time to be thinking ahead to what you would like to write for a devotion for Lent.

We all have stories related to our faith journeys or something you have read in scripture that sparks a new understanding of what our Lord did for us on the cross. These stories and reflections are not only of value to you, but to others too. Please share your thoughts with us.

Below is a list of possible scripture to use as inspiration and basis for your writing. These are suggestions only and you do not have to limit yourself to these alone. Hymns could also be used as a basis. Whole psalms are listed, but do not need to be used in their entirety.

- Joel 2: 12-18
- Psalms 27
- Genesis 2:7-9
- Genesis 3: 1-17
- Matthew 25: 31-46
- Psalms 51
- Romans 5: 12-19
- Matthew 4: 1-11
- Psalms 105: 4-11
- Exodus 32: 7-14
- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- Psalms 142
- Romans 8: 1-10
- Psalms 43
- Psalms 28
- Psalms 31: 1-5, 9-16
- Ezekiel 37: 1-14
- Romans 8: 11-19
- Philippians 2: 5-11
- Psalms 23
- Psalms 42
- Psalms 91
- Psalms 32
- John 9: 31-32
- Psalms 46: 1-2
- Psalms 25: 9
- Romans 10: 8b-13
- Philippians 3:17-4:1

Since Ash Wednesday is February 13, we need to have all devotions completed by Sunday, January 13, so that it can be printed and assembled in time for Lent. Please contact Karen Schuette if you are interested in writing a part of this devotional.

**We also need volunteers willing to type and help put together this booklet. This is an important part of the process. Please contact Karen Schuette or Peg McCrimmon if you are interested as soon as possible.**

# Celebrate



## October Birthdays 2012

- 1 Rachel Messing  
Greg Buschlen  
Rebecca Yackle  
Ginny Trost
- 2 Katherine Schuette  
Kelsey Fritz
- 4 Laura Trost  
Abigail Schuette  
Aileen Prill
- 6 Susanne Swanson
- 7 Lois Geppert  
Chad Smith
- 9 Rachel Higgins
- 10 Fred Edler
- 11 Jennifer Sturm
- 12 Dorothy Hafner
- 14 Deborah Lange  
Kate Hessling
- 15 Terri LaFontaine
- 17 Heath Forster
- 19 Caroline Schuette  
Cooper LePage
- 20 Ethel Mueller  
Todd Roestel
- 22 Carol Forster
- 23 Dolores Elftman  
Krisie Fritz
- 24 Allie Siewert  
Marvin Trost  
Lois Decker  
Justin Kunisch
- 26 Jill Hill  
Kacey Peterson  
Barb Trost  
Jonathan LePage  
Joshua LePage
- 28 Ann Buschlen  
Carole Mead
- 29 Doralee Schulz

- 30 Emily House  
Ava Gardy  
Kyle Gemmell
- 31 Marlena Rosenthal  
Austin Schuette

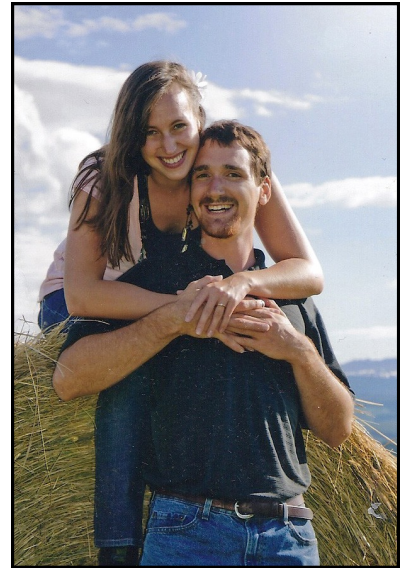
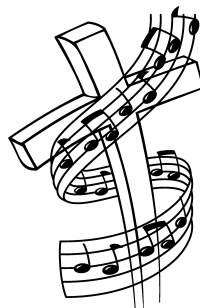
## October Anniversaries

- 10/1 **Fred & Margret Edler, 52 years**
- 10/2 Brian & Kim Delpiere, 19 years
- 10/2 **Russell & Jeanne Williams, 59 years in 2012**
- 10/4 Phil & Patti McNeil, 9 years
- 10/7 Dan & Deb Papkey, 34 years
- 10/9 Roger & Pat Ewald, 46 years
- 10/9 Ron & Rachel Higgins, 25 years
- 10/11 Corey & Rachel Messing, 4 years
- 10/11 **Jim & Janet Schumacher, 54 years**
- 10/11 Chuck & Kristi Krohn, 9 years
- 10/12 **Dennis & Carol Diener, 50 years**
- 10/13 Larry & Gina Smith, 33 years
- 10/24 Terry & June Sturm, 42 years
- 10/27 **Harold & Shirley Deering, 56 years**

## Choir Schedule

Choirs will meet on Mondays, Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29.

We will keep the schedules: Bells 6:30, Choir 7:30



## Wedding and Open House

Aaron Shupe and AmyLou Boonstra will be getting married on October 6, 2012 in Telkwa BC, Canada.

You are invited to an open house celebrating the wedding Saturday, Oct. 20 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. For more info, please check out our blog at [aaronandamylo.glogspot.ca](http://aaronandamylo.glogspot.ca) or talk to Tom Shupe.

## Pop Tabs

Cross School is collecting the tabs from the tops of soda and beer cans. Proceeds from these help to support Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to save and donate them. Place them in the recycle box outside the church office.

## Special Dates

- World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7
- Columbus Day Observance, Oct. 8
- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28
- Reformation Day, Oct. 31



# School News

## October School Calendar

- 1 Mid-Term
- 3 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 4 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Pancake Breakfast 9 —1 p.m.
- 10 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 17 Chapel 8:10 a.m. 1/2 Day of School
- 18 No School
- 19 No School
- 22 School Resumes—No Laker Bus
- 24 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 31 Chapel 8:10 a.m.

### FROM THE DESK OF... GWYNNE BARRY

Words from Paul written to the Philippians in chapter 4 were the focus of our memory work in September.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."*

What is there to rejoice about? Some days I even wonder! But, we are reminded to rejoice **in the**

**Lord.** Ahh, that is something to remember. Look what God has done for us! It is our mighty God who created us and has taken care of us and has allowed us to shine His light to others in our gentle ways. Rejoice that we are a forgiven people through His son, Jesus!

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Take it to the Lord in prayer. Enrollment? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Finances? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Patience? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Take it **ALL** to the Lord in prayer.

*"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Sometimes- honestly, most of

the time- we just don't get it. God's peace is more than we can understand. Our brains can't wrap around it. But, oh, that sweet peace is such a gift when we allow ourselves to be wrapped in God's arms.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

The focus is not on me, myself, and I. Alone, "I" struggle and success is fleeting. There is no satisfaction. "I" can only do when it is part of Christ. Get it?

So rejoice! Be glad! Kids at Cross are learning about living organisms and Michigan and its history. They're learning to be great readers and writers and mathematicians. Most importantly, they are learning about the God who loves them so much that He sent His son, Jesus, and they, too, can rejoice every day!

In Him, Gwynne Barry

### **Remember our Shut-ins:**

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

### **Please Remember in Prayer:**

Beth Britt, granddaughter of Richard and Lillian Koehler, Connor Flores, grandson of Wendy and Lee Gettel, Ben Smith, Larry Kretzschmer, awaiting heart transplant, Leola Engelhardt, mother of Doralee Schulz, Trevor Carriveau, son-in-law of Kent and Lori McKenzie, Inez, Buchholz, Julia Voelker, Deb Lange, Ivernia Swartz, (Michelle Richmond's mother), Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, Sally

Rogers, Kay Schuette, Todd Lay, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman.

### **In the Service of Our Country:**

- Jordan Gunsell, nephew of Todd and Gretchen Roestel, is currently stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a military policeman.
- Justine Armstrong (niece of Rachel & Ron Higgins) is serving with the Air Force in Afghanistan. Please pray for Justine's safety and her 2 year old daughter, Riley, as they are separated.

# October Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Communion	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
October 7 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Vivian Buschlen	Aileen Prill	Carole Mead	Clarence Buchholz Jeff Elston	Marilyn Baur
October 14 9:30 a.m.	Leanne Smith	Ray Licht	Gwynne Barry		Mike LePage Alan Licht	
October 21 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Carol Diener	Ray Licht	Norm Nelson	Kent McKenzie Bob Tate	Laura Trost
October 28 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette		Carol Diener

**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!**

## Worship & Music Ministry

Thursday, Aug. 23

Members present: Delores Lange, Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim and Karen Schuette. Meeting opened with prayer.

### MUSIC—BETH

Beth reviewed new liturgy with us. She has composed most of this. We will begin using it on Sept. 9.

We have money left over from the choirs picnic at Ray and Elaine Licht's house this summer. Decided to use it to purchase music of choirs.

2013 Variety Show—We wet a date for Sunday, April 14, 2013. Discussed options in food and program. A Western Night theme is proposed.

Advent—Christmas Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at 3 p.m.

Discussed use of Antique instruments by school students. They may be used but must stay in the school.

### WORSHIP—PASTOR

Karen shared Creative Communication Catalog featuring Advent materials.

Pastor proposed Cross members write devotions for Lent 2013. Also will need compilers and typists. Karen will announce in church and put in bulletin.

Reviewed actions from Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

Peggy Koehler has agreed to serve on Hymn Committee.

Hearing Loop—we need to get quote from then to present to council.

### NEW BUSINESS

We will review our budget in September.

Discussed Coffee Hour for 9-2-12

We have \$82.93 in Coffee Hour money.

Youth in Ministry—Beth read a list of ideas to involve our youth in worship.

Next meeting Thursday, Sept. 27

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

# Council Meeting Minutes



## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - unapproved

**August 14, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:04 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Mike Fritz, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, John Smith, Lori Smith, Aileen Prill, Krisie Fritz, and guest, Carol Diener. Tom Shupe opened the meeting with prayer.

**AGENDA:** Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the agenda as amended under Old Business, #3 was added-Adopt a Highway Date – Aileen Prill, and under New Business, #2 was added-Transfer – Arlene & Joe Wold from Cross to Peace Lutheran Church, Texas, and under next council meeting should read Tuesday, September 11, 2012; seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The previous Council

Minutes dated July 10, 2012, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Karen Schuette to approve the minutes as presented, John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$24,764.37 for the month of July, and expenses of \$24,023.24. The General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund \$757.59, Capital Improvement Fund 18,645.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Negative Fund Balance of \$10,829.86 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$10,375.00. Discussion was held regarding the extra monies in the Building fund. Tom Shupe made a Motion to take \$10,000.00 from the Building fund directly to pay down the mortgage, discussion continued, Karen Schuette seconded the Motion, Motion carried. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mike Fritz. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 8/11/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the Gen-

eral Fund were \$166,017.91 which is \$22,190.61 under budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Krisie Fritz read a letter from Arlene & Joe Wold, requesting a transfer from Cross Lutheran Church to Peach Lutheran Church, 1147 S. Walnut Avenue, New Braunsfels, TX 78130. Tom Shupe made the motion to allow the above transfer, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

Dick Koehler received a letter from the Endowment Board of Trustees requesting that council continue to have Carol Diener as our investment advisor, and temporarily disband their board until the endowment fund reaches a higher level and/or eliminate our committee due to the financial situation of Cross and since the ultimate control of the money lies with Church Council. Discussion was held and questions answered by Carol Diener. It was decided after discussion that this matter should be turned over to the Stewardship Committee for research as to what our By-Laws state. Stewardship to bring back a recommendation to council after the matter is researched. Carol Diener was excused at 7:45 p.m.

Aileen Prill received a request from Ron & Helen Greene, requesting a transfer from Cross Lutheran Church to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Zephyrhills, Florida. Motion was made by Tom Shupe to allow the transfer, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.



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**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS:** None.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Loehrke was absent due to his attendance at the NALC Convocation, Minnesota; no written report was provided.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** John Smith was present and reported that there are 29 children registered to start school, with a possibility of 2 additional students. Early rate worked out great for this year. School Open House will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. School will be starting August 27, 2012.

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:** Mike Fritz was present. He contacted Duane Peterson about ordering lights for the gym.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Karen Schuette was present and advised that her group hasn't met for a meeting. The only comment she had was that they will start a new liturgy that Beth wrote herself on Sunday, September 9, 2012.

**MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:** Tom Shupe was present and provided his written report. Weekly contributions are down from the budget goal each week. They had a discussion regarding payroll increases for Cross Staff. Stewardship will meet on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, to come up with a budget for next year. Council will need to approve the Budget at the October council meeting, for the annual meeting to be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:** No one was present for this meeting, and no report was given

**MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:** Lori Smith was present and provided a Financial Report for Cross Lutheran Vacation Bible School 2012. She also spoke about the need for a desk or a table to be used for a Welcome Center to welcome guests with a gift and to hand out scrip cards.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:** Gretchen Roestel wasn't present, no report was provided.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** Aileen Prill was present, and provided her written report to all present. She advised council that Dr. Sherry Baker, Christian Counselor, will be here for a workshop on Saturday, September 15, 2012, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration with a fee of \$25.00 is required in advance. Private 10 minute sessions will also be available after the workshop at a cost of \$10.00 per session. She also advised that 17 people attended the Loons Game. Further, she indicated that there are still dates available for coffee hours.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
 Furnaces/Air conditioners from Shetler's were ordered and are here. They are still looking for a coil for the last new one they put in, before they start installing.  
 Copy Machine in Church office – Aileen received 2 bids from Xerox and Toshiba, discussion was held. A Motion was made by Nancy Heck to

go ahead and lease the Toshiba 4520c for a 39 month period, at the cost of \$130.63 per month plus a \$76.00 monthly maintenance/copy fee.

Adopt a Highway cleanup needs to be scheduled in September. Aileen will try and set it up for September 22 or 30, 2012, will meet at Walt's Meat Market on M-25.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget Development guidelines-council agreed needs to be completed. Contracts will need to be done in August, and council will need to have approval by the congregation at the November Annual Meeting; contracts, if approved, would take effect on January 1, 2013. Dick Koehler will attend the Stewardship Budget Mtg. set for August 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Transfer – taken care of under communications.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:47 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

**There was no council meeting held in September, due to no quorum achieved.**

## This and That

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

### Food Pantry

Kids are going back to school and will need a healthy breakfast. Food items such as cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal and nutrition bars are greatly appreciated. Remember to buy a few extra items for the food pantry when you do your shopping! They need our donations all year long! Crackers, personal items, pasta, laundry soap, are items they can always use!

### Communion Bread

We need people to help with baking the communion bread we have on Sundays. A signup sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.

### Senior High Jean Quilts

Help Wanted: Cutting jeans that have accumulated in the storage room. We do not need jeans at this time, just help cutting, so pile can be condensed. This project can be a take home one or we will plan to meet on October 11, 25, and November 8 in the youth room at church from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Please call Leanne Smith 856-4241 or Sheila Yackle 452-2589.

### Moms in Prayer New Time

Calling all moms with children in pre-school through college or a heart to pray for children and schools. Individuals will meet to pray in small groups for one hour on Mondays when school is in session at 8:35 p.m. in the Cross Library. No experience needed, Bring your Bible and we will walk together as we learn and grow in prayer.

If you have questions contact Leanne Smith at 856-4241 or 989-553-4241.

### Coffee Fellowship Hour

Oct. 7 – none – Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 14 – Operation Shoebox

Oct. 21 – Morning Circle

Oct. 28 – none – Marty & Kate Potluck

### Dishes

Please check to see if any of the dishes in the overflow area could be yours from recent funerals and events which have taken place here. Thank you.

### Mission / Outreach Ministry

Will once again be decorating the sanctuary in late October for the fall / harvest season. We will be looking for squash, gourds, pumpkins, corn shocks, and mum plants. If you will have any of these items available to share, please let one of the ministry ladies know or leave a note in Lori Smith's mailbox. Thank you!

### Annual Meeting Reports

We are nearing the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which means reports need to be compiled for the Annual Report. All accounting books will need to be into the office by Sunday, Oct. 7 for the auditing committee to review. All written reports will need to be in to the office Sunday, Oct. 14 for inclusion in the annual report to the congregation. Those reports will be in everyone's mailbox for review on Sunday, Oct. 21. The annual meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 4 at 10:45 a.m.

### Women of Faith Study

The topic for October is "The Doldrums." All women are invited to attend Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10:30 to noon.

### Shared Blessings

Once again, the Mission / Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a 'Shared Blessings' table in the hallway. Please feel free to bring in any extra vegetables or fruits from your garden or orchard and share them with other members or visitors at Cross. Also, feel free to take home with you anything that you could use from the table. Sharing our blessings! That's what it's all about!

# Ministry News

## Parish Life Ministry

Sept. 4

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Alice Trost, Pam Sturm, Paul Schuette, and Pr. Tim.

- Sunday, Sept. 30 – Parish Life will host Coffee Hour
- Reviewed plans for the Health and Wellness Workshop with Dr. Sherry Baker on Saturday, Sept. 15. It was decided to have some simple healthy snacks.
- Made tentative plans to have a Marty and Kate Potluck on Sunday, Oct. 28 following church service/Sunday School.
- Discussed possible New Year's Eve game night. Will think about that and discuss again at future meeting.
- Discussed the confusion that occurred this year with TTLM. Betty with call to see what is expected of us and ask that all correspondence be sent to church office.

Coffee is running low for coffee hour, we'll ask for donations and include that as a request during our paper shower.

Next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

## Mission / Outreach

### Ministry

**Food Pantry:** We are hoping to collect some breakfast items as well as the usual needed foods.

**VBS:** Photos of the children and activities are available for viewing on the Cross Lutheran Church facebook account.

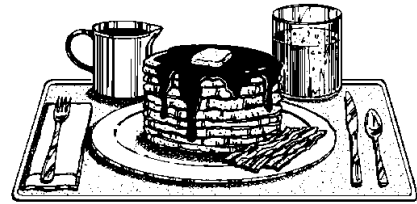
**Scrip Cards:** We encourage everyone to keep purchasing cards to benefit the church and also to help school families earn \$ toward tuition.

**Welcome Station:** Plans are underway for a Welcome / Information Station for the church where visitors can sign the guestbook, receive a welcome packet gift, and get info. about our church and school. It will also be a place where scrip cards can be picked up, and volunteer sign up sheets will be found.

**Shared Blessing Table:** All are invited and encouraged to bring in and take home shared garden blessings.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoebox project will kick off in October, but it's not too early to start buying items to fill the boxes. It looks like we could really use bars of soap and toothpaste for this years boxes! Don't forget to pick up some hard candy and gum from the after Halloween sales, too!

Our next meeting will be September 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the church overflow.



## Pancake

## Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 7

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Adults \$7

Children 12 and

younger \$4

Under age 5

# Free

Come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and beverages!

Proceeds support Cross School. Sponsored by CEA and Thrivent Financial.

## Ministers - The people of Cross

### Officers, Ministries and Committees

#### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

#### Music Director

Beth Elston

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Secretary

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Karen Schuette, Worship  
& Music

Tom Shupe, Stewardship

Gretchen Roestel, Educa-  
tion

Kevin Trost, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Out-  
reach

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Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitu-  
tion Rep.

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Mike Eden, Paul Schuette

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Leanne Schuette

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Dave Elftman, Ray Licht

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Rachel Higgins-Treasurer

#### Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz 453-2127

Inez Buchholz 375-4165

Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forster 375-2754

Vickie Forster 883-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Lou Ann Jarvis 453-2790

Lillian Koehler 453-2121

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Olga Renn 453-2150

Carol Schadd 269-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:

	AUGUST	2012	
BALANCE ON HAND 8/1/2012			26,247.87
INCOME:			
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES	35,932.66		
BRICK FUND	-		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	250.00		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	83.00		
CEA - FUNDS FOR OVEN REPAIR	-		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds	-		
LEAF	-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT	-		
BEQUEST	-		
TOTAL INCOME:	36,265.66	36,265.66	
EXPENSES:			
PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN	-		
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES	26,133.32		
		(26,133.32)	
NET INCOME		10,132.34	
BALANCE ON HAND 8/31/2012			36,380.21

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:

LEAF FUND	757.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	18,645.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	(1,022.52)
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	10,700.00
TOTAL:	36,380.21

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

Total balance in all funds \$36,380.21 - Total balance in General Fund -\$1,022.52 (negative balance)

BUILDING FUND:

BALANCE ON HAND 8/1/2012		21,912.59
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*	2,833.76	
FUND RAISERS	-	
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND	-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	-	
TOTAL INCOME:	2,833.76	2,833.76

EXPENSES:

OFFICE SUPPLIES		-
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT		(13,000.00)
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES		-
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID		-
TOTAL EXPENSE		(10,166.24)
BALANCE ON HAND 8/31/12		11,746.35

\*\*\*THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR SEPTEMBER IS \$3,250.00.

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES		(245,477.36)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES		222,334.90
SHORT		(23,142.46)
DEBT OWING 8/31/2012		
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	28,366.34	
PRIVATE LOANS	250,000.00	
	278,366.34	
OPERATIONAL LOAN	7,885.00	
TOTAL LOANS	286,251.34	
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-	
TOTAL LOANS	286,251.34	



# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Tim Attending Dean's Meeting in Columbus, Ohio <b>Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.</b> Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30	2 <b>Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m.</b> Parish Life 5 p.m.	3 <b>Chapel 12:45 p.m.</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	4 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.	5	6
7 <b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:45</b> Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m - 1 p.m.	8 <b>Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.</b>	9 Executive Council 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	10 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> <b>Morning Circle 9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	11 Mandated Reporter Training 6:30 p.m. Jean Cutting 3:30 - 4:30	12	13
14 <b>Worship Service 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 <b>Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</b>	15 <b>Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.</b> Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30	16 <b>Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. Here</b>	17 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> <b>1/2 Day of School</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	18 No School Teachers Attending MANS Conference	19 <b>Women of Faith Study 10:30 - Noon</b>	20
21 <b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	22 <b>Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.</b> Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30	23 Mission / Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	24 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	25 Jean Cutting 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	26	27
28 <b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</b> Marty & Kate Potluck After Service	29 <b>Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.</b> Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30	30	31 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>			