

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,

How important is the sun light within our lives? Do you cherish it every day you see it shining along with its beautiful sunrises and sunsets? Do you just stop and give thanks to God for the warmth the sun provides? What about the critical role the sun has on the growth of crops and plants? Do you stand in awe when you suddenly realize how God has created and orchestrated the universe in placing the sun in just the right place i.e. not too far away and not too close to the earth, so as to give us a beautiful place to live? Do we really appreciate the sun when it is sunny? It seems the only time we truly appreciate the sun is when it's behind clouds for days on end making our lives miserable, making us grouchy and always complaining and down? It seems we take the sun for granted when it is always sunny and we go on our merry way as if we deserve it therefore we don't have to give thanks to God?

NRS **John 8:12** *Again Jesus spoke to them,*

saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Isn't life like that? When things are going good in life we rarely take time and give thanks to God for the light of His Son. That light which is always with us through our baptism. For if Jesus Christ is constantly with us in our baptism then no matter how much we choose to live in the darkness of our sin, there the light of the Son, Jesus Christ.

NRS **Psalm 139:** ¹¹ *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"* ¹² *even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

Yet when life becomes a challenge in finances, family, relationships, lack of work, etc. we wonder why God has taken the light of His Son from us. Why in the world does

God want us to be miserable, down, complaining, always hurting, etc.? What happened to the glorious light of His Son when life was grand? When I hear a person complaining all the time on how hard life is, how they never seem to get ahead, how there is never enough money, how they are stuck in a job that leads to nowhere, how they live in darkness and never see light. Their glass is not half empty, it's completely empty because of the lack of Son light. I can't help but think, the lack of Son light within that person does bring darkness.

NRS **2 Corinthians 4:6** *For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

If the light of the Son, Jesus Christ, is in the center of your heart and is number one in your life, there is no way the darkness of life, no matter how dark it gets, will exist because the **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross



Jan. 3 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

1R – 1 Kings 3:4-15
P – Psalm 119:97-104
2R – Ephesians 1:3-14
G – Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 10 – Baptism of our Lord

1R – Isaiah 43:1-7
P – Psalm 29
2R – Romans 6:1-11
G – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 17 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 62:1-5
P – Psalm 128
2R – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
G – John 2:1-11

Jan. 24 – 3rd Sunday after the

Epiphany

1R – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
P – Psalm 19:(1-6) 7-14
2R – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
G – Luke 4:16-30

Jan. 31 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)
P – Psalm 71:1-6 (7-11)
2R – 1 Corinthians 12:31b – 13:13
G – John 4:31-44

Cartridges for Kids

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

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 place the items in the tote inside box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

Pigeon

Food Pantry

Holiday baking is nearing. You can help by supplying flour, sugars, spices, chocolate chips, cooking oil, etc. All cooking supplies are appreciated for holiday cooking. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please

place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Thank you!

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.

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light of the Son, Jesus Christ, will always eradicate the darkness in all circumstances.

Take heart, even though it is dark, there really is no darkness. The lack of sun brings darkness, however; in the light of the Son, there is no darkness. In you is the Son light of the world, the Son, Jesus Christ, therefore let the Son within you shine so others, who are in darkness, will see the glory of Jesus Christ shine through you to them. In so do-

ing, you will see the Son light of Jesus Christ through others shining upon you. However, in order to see that, you must have that Son light within you so you can recognize the Son light of Jesus Christ from others.

As we move from the Christmas season and winter solstice to Epiphany, let us rest our hope on the words from John;

^{NRS} John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the

Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

God's peace

Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

January

- 3 Phil Schadd
- 4 Paul Schadd
- 7 Kyle Yackle
- 8 Elaine Licht
- 9 Miranda Hartel
- 10 Ken Licht
Barb Degg
- 11 Michelle Walsh
Jessica Peterson
- 14 Anna House
- 17 Karen Anklam
- 18 Susan Loehrke
- 19 Dale Schuette
- 20 Denny Smith
- 21 Vickie Forster
- 22 Chris Papkey
Matt Papkey
- 24 Brenda Smith
Cordelia Trost
Greg Yackle
- 26 Lori McKenzie
Alice Trost
- 27 Gerry Edler
- 28 Clarence Buchholz
Heather Koroleski
- 29 Dave Elftman
Connie Herford
Tonja Nelson
- 31 Gary Forster

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!



**“Given
for
you.”**



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Jake Mazzara, 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 (Mrs. Donald) Schadd, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz has been deployed. 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, Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wed., Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m.—Noon.

School News

January School Calendar



- 4 School Resumes
- 6 **Chapel 12:45 p.m.**
- 7 BB Zion at Cross 4:30 p.m.
CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 9 BB Tournament at Cross
- 10 BB Tournament at Cross
- 11 BB O-G at Cross 4:30 p.m.
- 13 **Chapel 8 a.m.**
BB at O-G 4:30 p.m.
- 14 BB Rural at Cross 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Annual Ski Trip
- 18 BB at Zion 4:30 p.m.
- 20 **Chapel 8 a.m.**
- 21 BB O-G at Cross 4:30
- 22 No School
- 25 Solo & Ensemble
- 27 **Chapel 8 a.m.**
- 28 BB Rural at Cross 4:30 p.m.

From the Desk of ... David Faupel

How often do we say that we are "too busy" or "don't have

time" for something? In reality, we probably do have time, but simply make some things a priority and not others. I recently challenged my junior high students to spend at least five minutes a day reading the Bible at home. They all agreed that finding five minutes shouldn't be too difficult, especially after I asked them how much time they spend watching TV or playing video games every day. They also agreed that reading the Bible is a pretty important thing to do.

I decided to take on this challenge along with my students. I must admit that taking five minutes out of my day to spend reading the Bible has been more difficult than it should be, and it's something I tend to put off until just before going to bed. Why is it so difficult? If we are Christians, we should want to learn more about God. The best way to do this is

through reading His Word. It is His instruction book to us for our life on Earth. I should be reading it more than just five minutes a day, but I guess that is a starting point.

I am proud to say that most of my students are following through on this challenge, and while none of them have completed it every single day, they are all spending more time in the Bible than they were before. As we begin a new year, will you also accept the challenge of reading the Bible each day? Will you sacrifice some of your "free time" to spend with God?

May God bless you this year as you seek Him!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." -Psalm 119:105

125th Anniversary Celebration—Aug. 28, 2016

Will take place **Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016**. Planning has already begun. Co-chairs are Leanne Smith and Pam Sturm. Sub-committee chairs are: Aileen Prill, Administration; Beth Elston & Mike Sting, Worship Service; Linda Shope, Reception; Eric Gardy & John

Shope, Logistics; Historical Artifacts, Betty Champagne and Gwynne Barry, School. If you are interested in assisting on any committee, please contact those people. A Church Pictorial Directory will be printed, with pictures set for May 5-7, 2016. If you know you will not be here at that time, please make arrangements to submit a recent photo. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards expenses may do so by indicating "125th Anniversary Celebration" on their check.

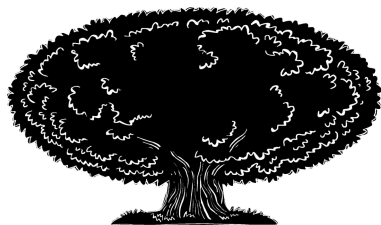
January Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Jan. 3 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Aileen Prill	John Trowbridge	Jeff Elston Mike LePage Kent McKenzie	Jean Sturm	Garrett Fritz
Jan. 10 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	June Sturm	Kayle Thepsourinthone	Carole Mead	Norm Nelson Bob Tate	Carol Diener	Logan Richmond
Jan. 17 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Connie Eden	Vicki Yackle	Norm Nelson		Marilyn Baur	Collin Schuette
Jan. 24 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Peggy Koehler	Jeanne Sting				Riley Shupe
Jan. 31 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Laura Trost	Michelle Fritz				Garrett Fritz

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 Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran School:

Vivian Buschlen

Mary Baur

Herb & Elaine Neurath

Jack & Pam Sturm

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Lydia Decker

Marlin & Marian Rathje

Bob & Pat Harte

Nancy Schuette & family

Marilyn Cote

Ruth Schuette

In memory of Ed & Viola Schuette, for Cross Lutheran School:

Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel & family

In memory of Martin Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Ruth Schuette

In memory of Arlene Fritz, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Don & Nancy Heck

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Don & Nancy Heck

In memory of Joshua & Taylor Heck, for Cross Endowment Fund:

Tim & Linda Voss

In memory of Florence Bergman, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Dave & Joyce Jarvis

Church Council Minutes



Nov. 10—Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, at 7:07 p.m. on the above date. Members present were Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, John Smith, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith, Patty Schulze and Aileen Prill. Pastor, Timothy Loehrke, provided prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated October 13, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented, Lori Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Neil Herford to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. 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 0; Teaching 11; Communion 9; Hosp Vis 2; Home Vis 9; Meetings 19; Services 10

Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Arlene Fritz - Saturday, November 7, 2015

Church calendar

- Martin Luther's birthday – Tuesday, November 10, 2015
- Pigeon Pastor's Meeting at Cross, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
- Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox
 - Set up, Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
 - Pack, Thursday, November 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
- Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2015
- Community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
- Office hours, Wednesday, November 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Thanksgiving Day Service with Communion, November 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
- Office Closed, Friday, November 27, 2015.
- First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2015

Pastor's Report

- Michigan Mission District in Evart, Michigan.
- Deans annual meeting with the Bishop, Columbus, Ohio
- Gideon's presentation on

Sunday, November 8, 2015-freewill offering exceeded \$500.00

- New Members Class, 6 attendees (5 adults and 1 child)
- Conducted Service at Country Bay on Sunday, November 8, 2015 with communion.

School Calendar

- Veteran's Day Chapel, Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
- Parent/-Teacher Conference, Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 4:00 -7:00 p.m.
- ½ day, Thursday, November 12, 2015, Laker Teacher-Parent conference
- CEA Family Night, Thursday, November 12, 2015
- CEA Family Art Day, Monday, November 23, 2015, noon
- No School, Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27, 2015.
- CEA Christmas Fair, Friday, December 11, 2015.

Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2015 - 2016 school year
 - o K – 8, 31 (1- 8th grader – Beau Martindale
- P/S 12
- TALL Art Day to be held at Cross on Friday, October 16, 2015. (96 kids will be attending)
- Teachers attended MANS Conference in Detroit, gained good experience.

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SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. He reported that CEA has \$8,194.70 in the school treasury, and there is \$7,995.00 in the alumni fund. Pancake Breakfast profited \$591.31 this year.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and gave his oral report. A written report was not provided.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and gave her oral report. Bell & Choir Concert to be held in December, and the children will learn about Jesse Tree during Children's time.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided a written report to all present. Ministry is busy with their yearly projects – Food Drive, Operation Christmas Child, Decorating Sanctuary, Giving Tree, and will be selling Scrip cards frequently in the month of December.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: There was nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present and gave his oral report. Updated council on DTE will be putting a new pole by sign – Cross will be responsible for conduit work, he will call Zimmerman Electric. Neil also gave an update on gym floor and fixed toilet in men's bathroom.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was present and provided her written report to all present. Working on 4 game

nights per year for school aged children, Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 19th, and still need Ministries to sign up for Coffee hours in the coming month and for 2016. Patty Schulze was welcomed as the new chair for this ministry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cross Lutheran Church & School 125th Anniversary (August 30, 1891 – August 30, 2016 (Tuesday). – A card was sent out to Alumni to save the date for the 125th celebration.

NALC Marriage Law and the Protection of Congregations, update from Bishop/Deans Meeting. Pastor viewed a webinar and will need to make some changes to the Bylaws and Constitution in the future regarding this.

Church Parking Lot Approaches have been completed.

Fence for Parsonage on hold until Spring/Summer 2016

Church Entrance Doors to be installed prior to Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sale of Old Parsonage – a Purchase Agreement was signed to accept offer of \$59,000 subject to home inspection.

Increase Council's authority to spend up to \$10k from 2k, Constitutional Change.

Nancy Heck made a Motion that Council has the authority to spend in the case of an emergency up to \$15,000.00. Krisie Fritz seconded the Motion, Motion carried.

Council Elections to fill positions of Treasurer and Mission Outreach.

John Smith made a Motion to elect Nancy Heck as Treasurer and Lori Smith as Mission Outreach Chair, if they are willing to accept. Leanne Smith seconded the Motion, Motion carried. Nancy Heck and Lori Accepted.

Pastor's Conference in Orlando, FL – February 2-4, 2016. NALC Bishop feels it's important for all Deans and Pastors to attend this important conference.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

CROSS LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The special congregational meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 11:00AM on the above date.

Topic #1: Discussed the potential replacement of the church flooring. Flooring will be funded by donations only – not the gen-

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eral fund. Donations must be marked for church flooring. Three options were presented:

- Replace existing flooring with new carpet.
- Replace existing flooring with a hard surface floor.
- Do nothing & leave existing flooring as it is currently.

Motion to vote on the flooring was made by Jack Sturm, seconded by Ron Schulz. Motion to vote carried.

Results of the vote are shown below, with the option of replacing the existing flooring with carpeting, getting the most votes:

- Replace existing flooring with new carpet (63 votes).
- Replace existing flooring with a hard surface floor (4 votes).
- Do nothing & leave existing flooring as it is currently (10 votes).

Topic #2: Discussed the pending sale of the old parsonage for the full asking price.

Motion to vote on the sale of the old parsonage was made by Jack Sturm, seconded by Kathy Azarovitz. Motion to vote carried.

Results of the vote are shown below, with the approval of the sale of the old parsonage getting the most votes:

- Yes – approve selling old parsonage (73 votes).
- No – disapprove selling old parsonage (1 vote).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

Church Council

December 8, 2015

Unapproved

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:05PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, John Smith, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Norm Nelson, Lori Smith and Patty Schulze. Pastor Timothy Loehrke provided a Christmas reading and a prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated November 10, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented. Lori Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Our Daily Bread Ministries, thanking Cross Lutheran Church for a donation of \$400.00, was read by Phil Schadd.

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 0; Teaching 15; Communion 8; Hosp Vis 2; Home Vis 4; Meetings 25; Services 10.

Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Nadine Barbret - Friday, November 20, 2015

Church calendar

- Las Pasadas, Friday, December 11, 2015, 5:00PM – 7:00PM.
 - Christmas Choral & Bell Concert, Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3:00PM
 - Christmas Caroling, Saturday, December 19, 2015
 - o Lunch, 11:30AM - noon
- Caroling starting at noon.
- Office hours Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 8:00AM – 11:30AM.
 - Office hours Wednesday, December 23, 2015 9:00AM – noon, no Wednesday night service.
 - Office closed Thursday, December 24, 2015.

Christmas Eve services, 7:00PM Children's service & 10:00PM Candle-light service.

- Office closed Friday, December 25, 2015.

Christmas Day service, December 25, 2015, 10:00AM.

- Office hours Monday, December 28, 2015 – Wednesday, December 30, 2015, 9:00AM – noon.

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- ♦ Office closed Thursday, December 31, 2015 – Friday, January 1, 2016
- No Sunday school, Sunday, December 27, 2015 & Sunday, January 3, 2016.

Pastor's Report

- Operation Christmas Child (aka shoebox) was a huge success with a total of 680 boxed packed.
- Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 22, 2015 had 50 people in attendance, with great pies.
- Thanksgiving Day service, Thursday, November 26, 2015 had 48 people in attendance.
- AAU volleyball practicing in the gym on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:00PM – 8:30PM.
- Jr high girls' soccer practice in the gym beginning in January 2016.
- Pastor has requested the following times off:
 - Sunday, December 27, 2015 – Wednesday, December 30th, 2015. He will depart after the service on Sun., Dec. 27th.

Friday, January 15, 2016 – Monday, January 18, 2016. Gwynne Barry will preside at the service on Sun., Jan 17th. No communion Sunday, January 17th.

School Calendar

- CEA Christmas Fair, Friday, December 11, 2015.
- ½ day of school, Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Christmas break starts.
- School resumes, Monday, January 4, 2016.

- Cross Lutheran basketball tournament, Saturday, January 9, 2016 – Sunday, January 10, 2016.
- Apple Mountain Ski Trip, Friday, January 15, 2016.
- End of second semester, no school, Friday, January 22, 2016.

Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2015 - 2016 school year
 - K – 8, 31 (one 8th grader – Beau Martindale)
- P/S 12
- Normal school activity with two weeks left before Christmas break.
- Received \$10,495 from annual fund letters since October.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. He reported that CEA has \$8,134.70 in the school treasury, and there is \$38,533.23 in the alumni fund. A total of 250 dozen orders for cinnamon rolls have been placed (currently 87 dozen orders have been filled).

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Benevolence report was presented orally by Norm Nelson.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and gave her report. Christmas music & new candles/candle holders were purchased. A concert will be held December 13, 2015 at 3:00PM. The organ was tuned & serviced. During the Church Council Meeting, there was discussion about the possibility of pro-

viding recordings of church services for shut-ins.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided a written report to all present. A full pick-up load of food was delivered to the Pigeon Food Pantry. The Giving Tree was put up and all 20 cards were filled. Advent calendars & Christmas cards have been sent to our shut-ins. Operation Christmas Child packed 680 shoeboxes.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

Christmas Eve children's program will be led by Kristy Carriveau & Kari Halvorsen.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present and gave his oral report. Entry doors are completed. Entry keys for the new doors are keyed different than the original. Requests for copies of the new keys for the new doors can be given to Pastor. Electricity to the sign on the corner will be transferred when DTE installs the pole and meter. Cross will be responsible for conduit work, we will utilize B's Electric. The gym floor plug will be installed this week.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Patty Schulze was present and provided her written report to all present. Christmas Caroling will be on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 11:30AM. Las Pasadas will be on Friday, December 11 with a taco bar starting at 6:00PM. Potlucks during Lent will begin on February 17th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church entrance doors completed & working well.

Church Council (cont.) & Ministries

- Sale of Old Parsonage – closing is contingent on appraisal for taxes & bank loan.

Increased council's authority to spend up to \$15,000 from \$2,000 for emergencies. Will require a constitution change & a vote during the church's annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to get Christmas gift cards for staff made by Neil Herford, seconded by John Smith. Motion passed.

In order to make the Council Meeting Minutes more current in the newsletter, a motion was made by Nancy Heck to put the un-approved minutes in the newsletter, seconded by Norm Nelson. Motion passed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

Ministry of Worship & Music

Nov. 12

Meeting opened with devotion and prayer.

Present were Leanne Smith, chairperson, Peg McCrimmon, Pastor Tim, Beth Elston and Mike Sting.

MUSIC

Beth reported all the chimes arrived, music was purchased for Christmas and other seasons, Jeff Walker has been selected to tune and service organ. Will order new candle holders for candle light service. Discussed copyright issues.

Pastor Tim led a discussion from *Liturgy with Style* resource.

OLD BUSINESS

Peg has been diligently working on repairing hymnals. There are supposed to be 241 *With One Voice* accounted for, 30+ are missing.

Discussed new banners and paraments, Peg will be gathering information.

Beth presented information on a speaker from Nepley, Haiti, Anne Marie Stern representing My Life Speaks-Orphan Care and Prevention.

Jesse Tree will be used during Children's Time; Terry Sturm is constructing a tree to display ornaments.

Continuing to gather resources for Wednesday Lenten services. Junior High Class will be writing Devotionals for the Lenten season on the Beatitudes.

NEW BUSINESS

Advent devotionals are here for all ages.

Discussed Choir and Bell Concert details.

Next meeting Dec. 3 at 7 p.m,
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Leanne Smith

Parish Life Ministry

Dec. 1

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

Present were: Patty Schulze, chair, Sue Loehrke, Betty Champagne, Linda Shope, Alice Trost, Pastor Tim, Aileen Prill and Pam Sturm.

- Women of Faith will not meet in December, next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 23.

- Coffee Hours: We will host on Dec. 13 to welcome the new members and Dec. 27th. The 2016 schedule has been made and Patty will pass it around at next council meeting.

- Christmas Caroling Dec. 19. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and have a hot dog/sloppy joe luncheon before caroling at Home Sweet Home, Country Bay and Country Garden. Everyone is invited to join in. School families will be invited to participate.

- Potlucks during Lent begin Feb. 17

- Las Posadas, Friday, Dec. 11. We will host a Taco Bar to be served around 6 p.m. This will be funded by the Youth Account. Sue will take care of set up.

Discussion of other youth activities took place. We will discuss again at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ministries (Cont.)

Mission/Outreach Ministry Minutes

Nov. 24

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with prayer led by Lori Smith. Those present were: Gwen Ovcen, Bonnie Schulz, Kay Schuette, RoseAnn Budnick, Krisie Fritz, Rachel Messing, Lori Smith, Connie Eden and Pastor Tim. The minutes of the October 27 meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer reported \$2,733.21 in the checking account. Lori read a thank you note to the group.

All items collected during our annual Food Drive were boxed up, to be delivered to the Pigeon Food Pantry on Saturday morning, Nov. 28. The Giving Tree s up and many cards have already been removed. The deadline for returning the gifts is Sunday, Dec. 6. Connie will be sending Advent calendars and Bonnie will be sending Christmas cards to our shut ins. The eight road signs advertising our church are now completed. The Huron County Road Commission will be placing them for us.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing on Nov. 19 was fun and rewarding night. To background Christmas music and with yummy treats to refresh us, over 50 adult and child volunteers filled 680 shoeboxes with hygiene products, school supplies, books, toys, clothing and

candy for children somewhere overseas. Workers from Bay Shore Camp were on-site to pack the shoeboxes into shipping cartons and take them to their collection center. Besides the items collected for the boxes, monetary donations of over \$3,000 were collected for shipping them.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Dec. 1. The Scrip schedule for the next month is as follows: Nov. 29 Kay & Bonnie; Dec. 6 – Krisie; Dec. 13 – Connie, Gwen, Lori; Dec. 20 – RoseAnn. It was decided that there will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 26, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

Crafters & Sewers Needed

Worship & Music Ministry is looking for people with all kinds of talent. Ideas, suggestions, design, cut, sew, glue, assemble for New Church Banners. Please contact Peg McCrimmon. Please call and leave a message 856-4887 or leave a message in her mailbox in the church overflow with your name and phone number.

NEW CARPET DONATIONS

The congregation approved

raising money to replace the current orange carpeting. After the money is collected, new carpet will be ordered. If you would like to donate to the new carpet fund, please indicate on your envelope "NEW CARPET FUND DONATION". This donation will be part of your total church givings. In the overflow area is a fund raising gauge showing the donation status.

Cross Clothing

With a special 125th Anniversary logo is available through the church office. Men's, Women's and children styles and sizes are available. Proceeds from these sales will go towards expenses for the 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. Clothing is on display and for sale in the office.



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
Comm. Service 3 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School	Gym in use till 8:30 p.m. 4 School Resumes	Gym in use till 9 p.m. 5 Parish Life 5 p.m. 125th 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	Men's Comm. Breakfast 7 a.m., 6. Chapel 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	BB Zion at Cross 4:30 p.m. 7 Gym in use till 8:30 p.m. CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. W & M 7 p.m.	Ethics 7:30 a.m. - Pr. Tim 8	BB Tournament Here at Cross 9
Comm. Service 10 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. BB Tourney	BB O-G at Cross 11 4:30 p.m. Gym in use till 8:30 p.m.	Gym in use till 9 p.m. 12 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	BB at O-G 4:30 p.m. 13 Chapel 8 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. C Service 7 p.m.	BB Rural at Cross 4:30 p.m. 14 Gym in use till 8:30 p.m.	Annual Ski Trip 15	16
Comm. Service 17 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.	BB Game at Zion 18 4:30 p.m. Gym in use till 8:30 p.m.	Gym in use till 9 p.m. 19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Chapel 20 8 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	BB O-G at Cross 4:30 p.m. 21 Gym in use till 8:30 p.m.	22 No School	Women of Faith 23 10:30 a.m. - noon
Worship Service 24 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	Gym in use till 8:30 p.m. 25 Solo & Ensemble	Gym in use till 9 p.m. 26 Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	Chapel 27 8 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	BB Rural at Cross 4:30 p.m. 28 Gym in use till 8:30 p.m.	29	30
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