



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,

We made it!! I'm writing this on Dec 22 and guess what, the world is still going. We made it!! I feel for those who made all sorts of plans and preparations for yesterday to be their last day. What a disappointment that must be to put all of that hard work, time, planning, and energy in getting things ready for the end of time to occur and then for it not to happen. I wonder what they are going to do now. I wonder what will be the next "end of time" crisis to take place that people will latch onto and the money mongrels will promote while laughing all the way to the bank.

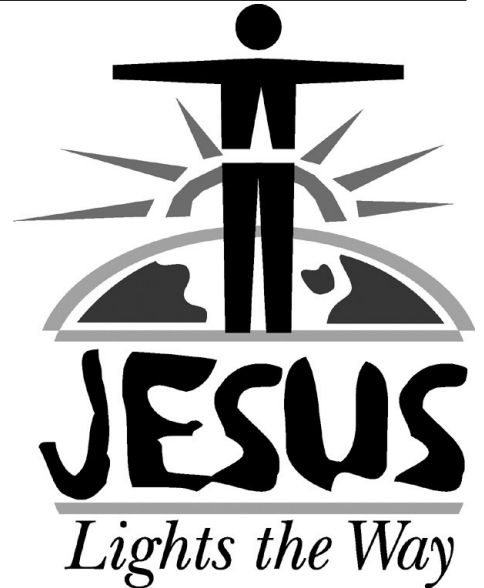
*NRS Matthew 24:36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

Here's a thought that all of them might consider as another New Year lies in front of us. Rather than prepare for the end, why not make this world a place where Jesus Christ is what people latch onto that will enable them to work through hard times, trag-

edy, hopelessness, despair, and even death. Why not latch onto to Jesus Christ who gives life, who gives hope, who gives peace, love, joy, and forgiveness, who gives the Holy Spirit to guide us in all that we do. Why not follow the true light that leads us on a path that glorifies 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."*

Those who focus on being ready for the end of times dwell in darkness. And darkness is our sin and our sin comes from Satan the evil one. There is no doubt that darkness, evil, is rampant throughout this world God created for us. We have become numb to the wars, violence, killings, and hatred / revenge so prevalent in this world.



We have turned all of that and more as "normal life" and pray none of that happens to us. Yet, on Dec 14, the world was given a wake-up call when 20 children and 6 adults lost their lives because "normal life" took place. Darkness blanketed the entire world at that moment. What light then do we turn to?

*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."*

Jesus Christ is the answer! Jesus Christ is the light to  
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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Jan. 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord

1R – Isaiah 60:1-6  
 P – Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)  
 2R – 1 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 G – Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns: 75, 82, 646 Comm. 83, 84, 87, 77

## Jan. 13 – Baptism of Our Lord

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

Hymns: 89, 88, 723

## Jan. 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 62:1-5  
 P – Psalm 128

2R – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

G – John 2:1-11

Hymns: 90, 494, 369 Comm. 706, 701, 702

## Jan. 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Hymns: 397, 652, 390 52

## Special Dates

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Epiphany, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 13
- Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observance, January 21
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25

## Coffee Fellowship Hour

- Jan. 6 –
- Jan. 13 –
- Jan. 20 –
- Jan. 27 –

## Bread Maker

- Jan. 6 –
- Jan. 13 –
- Jan. 20 –
- Jan. 27 –

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whom we need to turn to! Jesus Christ came into this world to be among us and teach us that he is the way and truth. No other even comes close. Jesus Christ is the one to follow. To follow him is to walk in the light where darkness is gone / wiped out forever. When following Jesus Christ, you do not prepare for the end nor do you walk in darkness. What then does Jesus Christ have us do?

*NRS* **Matthew 28:** <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

We need to go and proclaim Jesus Christ! We need to start by proclaiming Jesus Christ within our own families first. We as the family of Cross Lutheran need to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other. We then need to proclaim Jesus Christ to those at Cross Lutheran School. We then need to pro-

claim Jesus Christ to Pigeon and surrounding communities. And we need to pray that God will continue to give us the Holy Spirit who will support and give us the words.

So go out this year and proclaim the light of the word, Jesus Christ. In him there is no darkness and there is no end. With him is our hope and eternal salvation.

## HE IS BORN! THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! JESUS CHRIST!

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 **Marion**

**Bramschreiber**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Herb and Elaine Neurath.

In memory of **Marion Bramschreiber**, for Cross Building Fund, by Cordelia Trost.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette, Pat and Bill Shaffer and family, Jan Schuette, Mary and Randy Caister and family.

In memory of **Martin Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette and family.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mike and Lorraine LePage.

In memory of **James Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by the McCullough family.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Harold and Shirley Deering.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Vivian Buschlen.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lydia Decker.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nancy Schuette and family.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ted and Margaret Leipprandt.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by University of Michigan Student Loan Collections Department (Catherine Garcia's co-workers).

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Betty Champagne.

In memory of **Arlene Shaffer**, for Cross Building Fund, by Betty Champagne.

In memory of **Arlene Shaffer**, for Cross Building Fund, by David and Peg McCrimmon.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by David and Peg McCrimmon.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Olga Renn.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Gertrude Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

## 2103 Calendars Available

The calendars are located on the table near the church office. They are \$10 and proceeds support our youth. An envelope is available if the office is closed. There are also cards and note pads for sale which support our youth.

## 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 in the box outside the church office.

## 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.

## Scrip Cards

Thank you for supporting the Scrip Program. A total of

# \$1,119.16

Was earned just during the month of December!!

# Celebrate



## January Birthdays

- 2 Jim Laursen  
Jeremy Siewert
- 3 Philip Schadd
- 4 Paul Schadd
- 7 Kyle Yackle
- 8 Elaine Licht
- 9 Martin Sturm  
Miranda Fritz
- 10 Kenneth Licht  
Barb Degg  
Dana Young  
Susanne Schulze
- 11 Michelle Walsh  
Jessica Peterson
- 14 Anna House
- 17 Karen Anklam  
Adam Rosenthal
- 18 Susan Loehrke
- 19 Dale Schuette
- 20 Denny Smith
- 21 Vickie Forster
- 22 Chris Papkey  
Matt Papkey
- 24 Brenda Smith  
Cordelia Trost
- 25 Andrew Pionk  
Zachary Pionk
- 26 Lori McKenzie  
Alice Trost
- 27 Gerry Edler
- 28 Clarence Buchholz  
Heather Kunisch
- 29 David Elftman  
Connie Herford  
Tonja Nelson
- 31 Gary Forster

## Anniversaries

- 6 Aaron & Katherine  
Hessling, 6 years

## Cross Lutheran Church Women

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

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

## Women of Faith Study

The topic for January is "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary." All women are invited to attend Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10:30 to noon. No meeting in December.

## Choirs

Monday, Jan 21—Bells at 6:30 p.m. and Choral at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28—Bells at 6:30 p.m. and Choral at 7:30 p.m.

## Moms in Prayer

Monday, Jan. 7 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28 at 8:35 p.m.

## Confirmation Classes

Sunday, Jan. 20 from 5—6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27 from 5—6:30 p.m.

### 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:

Blaine Renn, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Terry Muntz, friend of John and Linda Shope, Beth Britt, granddaughter of Richard and Lillian Koehler, Leola Engelhardt, mother of Doralee Schulz, Trevor Carriveau, son-in-law of Kent and Lori McKenzie, Inez, Buchholz, Julia Voelker, Deb Lange, Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, 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, 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, who was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a military policeman is now home.
- 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.
- Nathan Schulz, grandson of Ron and Bonnie Schulz is in Marine boot camp in San Diego, CA

# School News

## January School Calendar



- 3 CEA meeting 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 7 School Resumes  
Basketball Game at Harbor  
Beach 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 10 Basketball Game at Port  
Hope at 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Basketball Tournament  
here at Cross
- 13 Basketball Tournament  
concludes
- 14 Basketball Game here vs.  
Rural at 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 17 Basketball Game here vs.  
Zion at 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Half Day of School
- 21 No School
- 22 School Resumes
- 23 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 24 Basketball Game here vs.  
St. John, Port Hope at 4:30  
p.m.
- 25 CEA Family Movie Night  
6:30 p.m.
- 27 Lutheran School Week  
Begins
- 29 Basketball Game at Berne  
4:30 p.m.
- 30 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 31 Basketball Game vs. Berne  
at 4:30 p.m.

## FROM THE DESK OF ... DAVID FAUPEL

The beginning of a new year is both a time of reflection on the past year and looking forward to what is to come. Looking back on 2012, there were many things that happened that I did not expect or plan on. Some were good, and some were not so good, but God was always in control. Nothing that happened last year surprised Him one bit.

We spend so much time making plans in our lives and even more time worrying when things do not go the way we want them to. We often question why God allows things to happen that don't fit in

with our plans. We are like children; we don't understand what is truly best for us. But aren't you glad that God does? God sees the big picture, while we can only see one small piece at a time. We have to trust our heavenly father who loves us more than we can possibly imagine. Aren't you glad that you are a child of God?

We don't know what unexpected things will come our way in 2013, but we can take confidence in knowing that God is in control. Happy New Year, and may God bless you!

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11*

## CEA Meeting Minutes

### Dec. 6

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Rachel Higgins, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, and Gwynne Barry

Rachel opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

Gwynne brought to our attention children's behavior at the Parent/Teacher Conference. Children were running around the halls and messing around in the bathrooms which caused a toilet to plug up.

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# January Time & Talents

| Date & Time          | Assisting Minister | Reader         | Children's Time | Comm. Assist.   | Ushers for the Month             | Altar Guild  | Acolyte           |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 6<br>9:30 a.m.  | Paul Schuette      | Laura Trost    | Sue Loehrke     | Gwynne Barry    | Clarence Buchholz<br>Jeff Elston | Carol Diener | Kirsten Shupe     |
| Jan. 13<br>9:30 a.m. | Peggy Koehler      | Karen Schuette | Aileen Prill    |                 | Mike LePage<br>Al Licht          |              | Johnathon Higgins |
| Jan 20<br>9:30 a.m.  | Gwynne Barry       | June Sturm     | Gwynne Barry    | John Trowbridge | Kent McKenzie<br>Bob Tate        | Marilyn Baur | Austin Roestel    |
| Jan. 27<br>9:30 a.m. | Leanne Smith       | Paul Schuette  | Peggy Koehler   |                 |                                  |              | Kendal Delpiere   |

**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!**

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From now on if parents do bring children to conference the children are to stay with the parent at all times.

**Christmas Fair**

Christmas fair is set for Dec. 21 and we are accepting donations of any kind to help make this year's experience as great as last year. Next wed we are planning some crafts for the students to do at school to sell in the fair. We will also need volunteers to help with the fair. We need to sort, price, and set up all merchandise.

**Apple Mountain**

The CEA has agreed to pay for the ski trip to Apple Mountain again. The date for the ski trip is Feb 6.

**Lutheran School Week**

Lutheran school week is set for Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Themes will be announced at a later date.

**School Choice Week**

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a movie night held at the school. Movie starts at 6:30 so bring your own drinks popcorn provided. Movie not known yet will announce at a later date.

**Upcoming Fundraisers**

Concessions and Walsh's Pepper stick fundraiser- Both of these start in January

Krispy Kreme- will start Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and is due back Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Donuts will be delivered Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hungry Howie- this fundraiser is set for the month of March.

Carnival- our carnival is set for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Pancake Breakfast- this is set for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CEA Meeting**

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:45pm.

**Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30**

# Church Council Minutes



## MINUTES

**November 13, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by vice-president, John Smith, at 7:05 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Aileen Prill, John Smith, and Krisie Fritz. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

**MINUTES:** The previous Council Minutes dated October 9, 2012, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented, Aileen Prill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AGENDA:** Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Karen Schuette to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:** None

**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 \$28,288.87 for the month of October, and expenses

of \$32,454.56. The General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund \$757.59, Capital Improvement Fund 11,770.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Positive Fund Balance of \$3,091.13 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$10,900.00. Krisie Fritz made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 11/03/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$221,300.04, which is \$29,644.65 under budget. Paul also informed council that he has the order form for the envelopes. Paul questioned if there were any changes before he orders. Tom Shupe made a Motion to change envelope from Mission Festival to OCC-shoebox envelope, John Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Aileen Prill had received a request from Stephanie Drury to transfer from Cross Lutheran to Our Shepard Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, Michigan. Nancy Heck made a Motion to allow the transfer as indicated above, Karen Schuette seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all. Highlights of

his report were as follows:

- Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of October: 2 funerals, 0 baptisms, 16 teachings, 7 communions, 0 hospital visits, 4 home visits, 30 meetings and 16 services.

- Funeral – Arlene Schaffer, Saturday, October 13, 2012, Interment, Monday October 15, 2012, Alliance, OH.

Funeral – Luther Fredrick, Sunday, October 14, 2012, graveside service.

### CHURCH CALENDAR:

- Sunday, November 18, 2012 – Pigeon Community Thanksgiving Service at Cross, 3:00 p.m.

- Thursday, November 22, 2012 – Thanksgiving

- Friday, November 23, 2012 – Office Closed.

- Sunday, November 25, 2012 – Christ the King Sunday – Last Sunday of the Church year.

- Sunday, December 2, 2012, first Sunday of Advent.

- Sunday, December 16, 2012, Choir/Bells Christmas Concert, 3:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran.

- Saturday, December 22, 2012, Christmas Caroling after Christmas rehearsal.

- Monday, December 24, 2012, Christmas Eve Children's Service at 7:00 p.m. with Candle Light Service at 10:00 p.m.

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- Tuesday, December 25, 2012, Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.

- Wednesday, December 26, 2012, Office Closed.

Monday, New Year'

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Annual Meeting held. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the council and the family of Cross Lutheran for stepping out in faith in approving the budget which included pay increases for the staff.

Youth Ministry – DEEP CONCERN! I have taken on the leadership role of the youth. I have called a meeting of those adults who care for the youth program to come up with a plan. That meeting will take place during Sunday school on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- School year 2012–2013, Grades K-8, 33 students and Pre-School 17 students.

- Veteran's Day Chapel, Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

- Thanksgiving Break – Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23, 2012.

- Basketball Practice starts – Monday, November 26, 2012.

- CEA Christmas Play, Saturday, December 8, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

- CEA Christmas Fair, Friday, December 21, 2012.

- Christmas Break, Monday, December 24, 2012 through Fri-

day, January 4, 2013. School resumes on Monday, January 7, 2013.

The School will take a day and go skiing on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at Apple Mountain Ski Resort.

### SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and had nothing to report at this time.

### MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Mike Fritz was not present, and Pastor advised that the lights in the gym will be changed prior to the basketball season. Exterior lights are out, we need to have the sensitive eye retrofitted to get them working again. Flood lights in front of church, a problem with a huge evergreen blocking the light. Evergreen may need to be removed.

### MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette was present and provided an oral report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Advent – Christmas Concert with Reception to follow on Sunday, December 16, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

Lenten Devotions – We need to have people share their faith journey stories as soon as possible so they can be used for devotions during Lent.

### MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and he had nothing to report at this time due to the low attendance at their last

meeting.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:** Kevin Trost was not present and no report was provided.

### MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was not present for the meeting due to organizing the gym for Shoebox Packing, but provided her minutes to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Welcome Station – a desk has been purchased for the overflow area.
- Operation Christmas Child – sorting and set up November 13, 2012, packing, November 15, 2012.
- Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the church as in past years.

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was not present and no minutes were provided.

### MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Organizing a New Year's Eve family get together event.
- Dr. Sherry Baker will return on January 19, 2013.

### OLD BUSINESS:

John Smith still needs to look at the water heater in school.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held by council as to recognizing our staff with a Christmas gift. Nancy



## Women's Workshop

# RUNNING ON EMPTY? Workshop

**Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 from 2—4 p.m.**

**At Cross Lutheran Church Presented by:**

**Dr. Sherry Baker, PsyD, LPC**

Greetings and God's blessings to you from Dr. Sherry Baker. Dr. Baker is looking forward to being here again in January for the beginning of a series on relationships.

This workshop is for ALL women and will help improve your relationship with ALL the people in your life. The focus will be on healthy boundaries, how we grow as Christian women and even in the most challenging of relationships, and how we can stay centered and strong in the face of often feeling alone. You will receive coping strategies to deal with your struggles.

This workshop will give you skills and tools to change your life from anger, resentment and worry to a solid relationship with Christ. Relationships and their struggles will be the topic with emphasis on the Fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) Love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Dr. Sherry will present this workshop with assis-

tance from her intern, Terri Martinez. There will be time for questions and answers and group interaction. All materials and light refreshments will be included in the registration fee.

Registration at the door is \$25. If you pre-register by Jan. 15 by phone or at the office, the fee is \$20. If you pre-register with a friend, the fee is only \$30 for the two of you! It's the first time this special has been offered. Gift certificates are available. Call Sue Loehrke (989-453-3053), Betty Champagne, (989-856-7170), or Aileen at the church office (989-453-3330 ext. 201) to pre-register!

**THIS WORKSHOP WILL  
ENCOURAGE YOU AND  
GIVE YOU HOPE!**

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Heck made a Motion to give a \$50.00 scrip card of their choosing for all Cross employees, seconded by Karen Schuette. Motion carried.

**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 next council meeting

will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

# Ministry News

## Parish Life Ministry

Dec. 4

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

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm, and Pastor Tim.

- Discussed the upcoming workshop with Dr. Sherry Baker, on Saturday, January 19. Talked about publicity and the advance certificates. They will be available during the Dec. 9 Coffee Hour, which Parish Life will host.
- January 5 is the next Women of Faith meeting from 10:30 to noon.
- Discussed the News Year's Eve Family Night. Betty will bring games, Sue has the movie "Brave" for the children. The gym will be open for activities. It will be an informal night of fun and snacks. Parish Life will provide juice and New Years party favors.
- Scheduled the Paper Shower for Sunday, April 21

A schedule of Fellowship Nights was received from the Midland Loons. It was decided to go on Friday, June 21.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, Jan 8 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

## Stewardship Ministry

Nov. 27

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, Chairman, Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary, June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer; Cindy Buchholz, Building Fund, Nancy Heck, Treasurer, Carol Diener, Ray Licht, Roger Fritz, Kyle Yackle and Pastor Tim. Prayer was led by Tom Shupe.

**Minutes** from the previous meeting were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by June Sturm and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Schuette. Motion carried.

**Benevolence** was reviewed from September through November. A motion was made by Carol Diener to designate the donations from Benevolence Envelopes of October and November to be made to hurricane victims of Sandy through the NALC.

**Building Fund** – donations have been good to date. The current balance in the check book is \$6,813.51. There is currently \$19,274.70 left to pay at Bay Port Bank. There are a few personal loan payments due in the first three months of the New Year.

**Financial Secretary Report** – The general fund is behind our weekly goal almost every week.

**New Business:** Discussion held on the issue of changing the Benevolence Donation for Mission Festival from Huron County Homeless Coalition to the Operation Christmas Child. Stewardship would still like to make a donation to the Huron County

Homeless Coalition.

Discussion was also held on making a change to the by-laws language so that the Endowment Fund should be looked over by the Stewardship committee. When the balance in the Endowment Fund reaches an amount to distribute interest, then at that time a committee can be put together.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting is Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

## Ministry of Education

November

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Those attending were Gretchen Roestel, Connie Eden and Laura Trost. June Sturm was also there to talk about the children's Christmas program schedule. We began the meeting with June's discussion of the upcoming children's Christmas program. Since the Sunday School is so small this year, June wanted to incorporate using the High School youth as well. She will be asking various High School students to help with reading parts and the offering and such. There was also discussion on other areas of the program. June is planning on a basic program with familiar hymns. The offering will be going to NALC Missionary support. Last year's offering totaled \$76.05. June excused herself after the discussion of the Christmas program and the meeting continued.

## Ministry News Continued

We next discussed ordering Advent calendars and ornaments for the Sunday School children. We agreed to order 24 calendars and 24 ornaments for the Sunday School children and 24 extra ornaments for children at the Christmas program.

Gretchen also discussed ordering the next quarter's Sunday School material. There was also mention of Shane Schulze's Baptism scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Next meeting is Thursday, Jan 17 at 5 p.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Trost

### Mission / Outreach

#### Nov. 27

Members of the Ministry and helpers Ryan Trost, John Smith and Mike Eden met at 6:30 p.m. to pack and deliver food pantry donations and to take down the fall decorations. The new welcome station was also moved into place in the church overflow area.

At 7:50 p.m. the business meeting was called to order by Lori Smith, with opening prayer offered by Connie Eden. Members present were Lou Ann Jarvis, Krisie Fritz, Rachel Messing, Lorraine LePage, Bonnie Schulz, Connie Eden, Kay Schuette, Pastor Tim and Lori Smith.

The minutes of the Oct. 30 meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report was given. A disbursement in the amount of \$300 for the new wel-

come station left a balance of \$1,028.48 in the checking account. Lori indicated that Thumb Office Supply took \$50 off the original price of the station because of a scratch obtained in transit.

#### Old Business

**Food Pantry (Fall Food Drive):** 15 boxes of food and paper goods, toiletries and a monetary donation were delivered to the Pigeon Food Pantry this.

**Scrip Cards:** We discussed how to sell more Scrip cards. We thought it would be a good idea to put order blanks in the church bulletins during the Christmas season and list the cards that can be purchased anytime in the church office. It was also suggested that it would be good if we could sell those cards on Sunday mornings after church. Lorraine will talk to Aileen Prill and see if we could arrange this.

**Welcome Station:** As noted above, the welcome station was moved into place. With this being our busiest season, we will gradually work into getting it set up.

**Operation Christmas child Wrap-up:** 414 shoeboxes were packed, loaded and delivered to Bay Shore Camp on Nov. 17. This is 14 more boxes than we had last year. Monetary donations reached nearly \$2,000 for shopping for items and shipping. Praise be to God for the tremendous gift of love being sent out into the world from the people of Cross and friends! We hope to be able to report the destination

of some of those boxes as we track them. We discussed some suggestions for a more streamlined setup for next year. Rachel made a motion, seconded by Bonnie, to give Lori permission to spend up to \$200 from the checking account for items for OCC as she finds good sales throughout the year.

**Giving Tree:** the giving Tree is up, decorated and contains cards that can be taken off. The cards contain sizes and wish lists of children from the area whose parents could use our help to make their children's Christmas happy. If a card is taken off the tree, it is to be signed out on the clipboard near the tree. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 16.

#### New Business

**The second annual Mom 2 Mom sale** has been set for April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. to noon. We will pursue the suggestion of signs advertising our church and school at a later date. Christmas cards and cookies for shut-ins will be written and packaged on Saturday, Dec. 22 before the children go Christmas caroling. Everyone is to bring 2-3 dozen cookies. Any donations of cookies from the congregation will be appreciated. We will meet at 9 a.m. that day. It was decided to add a small gift with the cookies. Lori will order something from Oriental Trading. The Scrip schedule for December was assigned. We will not have a separate business meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Jan. 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

## This and That

### Cross Lutheran Lenten Devotional Booklet

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  
Psalm 27  
Genesis 2:7-9  
Genesis 3: 1-17  
Matthew 25: 31-46  
Psalm 51

Romans 5: 12-19  
Matthew 4: 1-11  
Psalm 105: 4-11  
Exodus 32: 7-14  
Ephesians 5: 8-14  
Psalm 142  
Romans 8: 1-10  
Psalm 43  
Psalm 28  
Psalm 31: 1-5, 9-16  
Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
Romans 8: 11-19  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
Psalm 23  
Psalm 42  
Psalm 91  
Psalm 32  
John 9: 31-32  
Psalm 46: 1-2  
Psalm 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.**



### HAPPY NEW YEAR MONDAY DEC. 31

Parish Life would like to invite you to Cross Lutheran Church that evening as we count down the time to welcome in 2013!

This is a family event starting at 6:30pm. Come for a little bit or stay to say Happy New Year at midnight.

We will have games, movies, open gym and of course good food. We ask that you bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, snack or sweet treat to share. Parish life will furnish the various beverages.

The Pixar movie "BRAVE" will start at 7pm, feel free to bring blankets or pillows to get comfy for the show.

Have a favorite game or card game you like to play bring it along, too.

We encourage our youth to invite your friends. Any questions or comments please see anyone on the Parish Life Committee.

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| <u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u> |                  | NOVEMBER         | 2012               |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND 11/1/2012                |                  |                  |                    | 33,818.86 |
| INCOME:                                  |                  |                  |                    |           |
| CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES         |                  | 22,043.14        |                    |           |
| SCHOOL REGISTRATION                      |                  |                  |                    |           |
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND             |                  | 600.00           |                    |           |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS                  |                  | 415.00           |                    |           |
| CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM           |                  | -                |                    |           |
| ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds         |                  | -                |                    |           |
| LEAF                                     |                  | -                |                    |           |
| FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT                     |                  | -                |                    |           |
| BEQUEST                                  |                  | -                |                    |           |
| TOTAL INCOME:                            |                  | <u>23,058.14</u> | 23,058.14          |           |
| EXPENSES:                                |                  |                  |                    |           |
| PURCHASE OF AIR CONDITIONER/FURNACE      | 3,295.00         |                  |                    |           |
| CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES               | <u>31,480.05</u> |                  |                    |           |
|  | 34,775.05        |                  |                    |           |
| NET INCOME                               |                  |                  | <u>(34,775.05)</u> |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2012               |                  |                  | <u>(11,716.91)</u> | 22,101.95 |

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| <u>GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:</u> |                  |
| LEAF FUND                      | 757.59           |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND       | 8,475.14         |
| ORGAN REPAIR FUND              | 7,300.00         |
| GENERAL FUND                   | (5,930.78)       |
| CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND   | <u>11,500.00</u> |
| TOTAL:                         | 22,101.95        |

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| Thank you for supporting the Lord's work<br>Please continue to help as you are able |
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Total balance in all funds \$21,101.95 - Total balance in General Fund -\$5930.78 (negative balance)

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| <u>BUILDING FUND:</u>            |  |               |                   |
| BALANCE ON HAND 11/1/2012        |  |               | 9,363.51          |
| DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*  |  | 450.31        |                   |
| FUND RAISERS                     |  | -             |                   |
| ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND        |  | -             |                   |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS          |  | -             |                   |
| TOTAL INCOME:                    |  | <u>450.31</u> | 450.31            |
| EXPENSES:                        |  |               |                   |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                  |  |               | -                 |
| MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT        |  |               | (3,000.00)        |
| INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES        |  |               | -                 |
| PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID |  |               | -                 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                    |  |               | <u>(2,549.69)</u> |
| BALANCE ON HAND 11/31/12         |  |               | 6,813.82          |

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| ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR DECEMBER IS \$3,000.00. |
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| <u>GENERAL FUND</u>                    |                   |                   |
| BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES |                   | (337,461.34)      |
| RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES  |                   | <u>304,537.92</u> |
|  | SHORT             | (32,923.42)       |
| DEBT OWING 11/30/2012                  |                   |                   |
| SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB             | 19,724.97         |                   |
| PRIVATE LOANS                          | <u>250,000.00</u> |                   |
|  | 269,724.97        |                   |
| OPERATIONAL LOAN                       | -                 |                   |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | <u>269,724.97</u> |                   |
| NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN                   | -                 |                   |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | <u>269,724.97</u> |                   |

# January 2013

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|                        |   | 1<br><b>NEWS YEARS DAY</b>   | 2<br>Men's Breakfast<br>7 p.m.<br><br>NO<br>Evening<br>Service      | 3<br>Worship & Music<br>1 p.m.<br>CEA 4:45 p.m.<br>School Board<br>5:30 p.m.                          | 4<br>Ethics Meeting<br>7:30 a.m.  | 5<br><b>Women of Faith</b><br>10:30 - Noon                                     |
|   |   | 6<br><b>EPIPHANY</b><br>Communion<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. | 7<br>School Resumes<br>BB Game at HB<br>Moms in Prayer<br>8:35 p.m. | 8<br><b>Afternoon</b><br>Circle 1:30 p.m.<br>Parish Life 5 p.m.<br>Executive 6 p.m.<br>Council 7 p.m. | 9<br>Chapel<br>8:10 a.m.<br><b>Morning Circle</b><br>9:30 p.m.<br>Quilting Day<br>1:30 p.m.<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m. | 10<br>BB Game at PH  |
| 13<br>Worship<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m.<br><br>BB Tournament               | 14<br>BB Game here<br>vs. Rural<br><br>Moms in Prayer<br>8:35 p.m.  | 15<br><b>Men's Bible</b><br>Study at Shaggy<br>J's 6:30 p.m.                             | 16<br>Chapel<br>8:10 a.m.<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m.         | 17<br>Ministry of<br>Education 5 p.m.<br><br>BB Game here<br>vs. Zion                                 | 18<br>Half Day of<br>School   | 19<br>"Running On<br>Empty"<br>Workshop with<br>Dr. Sherry Baker<br>2 - 4 p.m. |
| 20<br>Communion<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m.<br>Confirmation<br>5 - 6:30 p.m. | 21<br>No School<br><br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 / C 7:30                   | 22<br>Mission /<br>Outreach<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Stewardship<br>7 p.m.                    | 23<br>Chapel<br>8:10 a.m.<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m.         | 24<br>BB Game here<br>vs. PH  | 25<br>CEA Movie<br>Night<br>6:30 p.m.   | 26   |
| 27<br>Worship<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m.<br>Confirmation<br>5 - 6:30 p.m.   | 28<br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 / C 7:30<br><br>Moms in Prayer<br>8:35 p.m. | 29<br><b>~~~~ LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK ~~~~</b><br><br>BB Game at<br>Berne                   | 30<br>Chapel<br>8:10 a.m.<br><b>Comm Service</b><br>7 p.m.          | 31<br>BB Game here<br>vs. Berne   |    |  |