

# Cross Connection

Growing together

February 2017

## Cross Lutheran Church & School

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### Our mission:

Bring people to  
Christ.

Teach Christians  
to be disciples.

Send disciples to  
reach the world.



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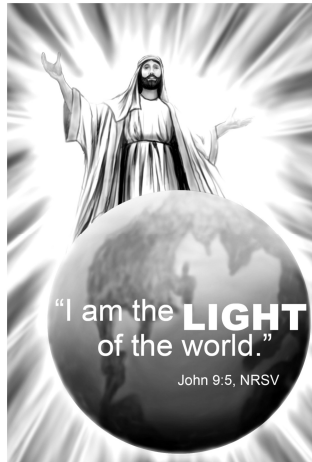
## Message from Pastor Tim

My dearest family of  
Cross Lutheran,

What abnormal weather for winter. It's the end of January and the temperatures are above normal, there is no snow on the ground, no complaint here about that, and we are experiencing a lot of rain. It is the topic of most conversations now a days.

However, the weather condition that seems to be effecting everyone is the number of days without sunshine. Why is that? In one word. FOG!! It has been a long time since the sight of blue sky and sunshine has graced our skies. Cloud cover and especially fog have been the norm for a long time. It is getting to the point that people are really getting grumpy all because clouds cover the sun. It's amazing how much the sun has an effect on our attitude and outlook on life which in turn effects our treating of other people.

While in the  
Coast Guard and sail-



ing the Great Lakes on one of my ships, we encountered many times a weather condition called "sea smoke." This condition is just like fog but on the water. It rises from the water until it reaches a height above water and then the fog dissipates. So a condition of "sea smoke" of 20 feet high can exist from the water up and then above that is clear blue skies. During one of these times in sea smoke and standing on the bridge of the ship, I couldn't even see the water yet I looked up and saw clear blue skies and a sea gull gliding along without a care in the world.

The fog we are in today reminds me about what life is all about. Our lives are but fog to us and we grope along trying to find our way out.

*NRS Psalm 139: 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

*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.*

In trying to find our way out we look inward to ourselves "knowing" that we have the answers to all those life situations that constantly put us in the "fog" of life. In so doing, life decisions are made based on what we want which in turn makes the "fog" of life  
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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Feb. 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 58:1-12  
P – Psalm 112:1-10  
2R – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
G – Matthew 5:13-20  
Hymns: 393, 433, 559 Comm: 649, 710

## Feb. 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

1R – Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
P – Psalm 119:1-8  
2R – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
G – Matthew 5:21-37  
Hymns: 499, 492, 654

## Feb. 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

1R – Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
P – Psalm 119:33-40

2R – 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

G – Matthew 5:38-48  
Hymns: 304, 356, 403 Comm: 423, 316

## Feb. 26 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

1R - Exodus 24:12-18  
P – Psalm 2  
2R – 2 Peter 1:16-21  
G – Matthew 17:1-9  
Hymns: 265, 315, 89 Comm 518, 479

### 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.

### Pigeon Food Pantry

Children need a nutritious start to the school day. Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup are good options. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance.

### Communion Bread

We will again 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.

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more dense and continues to cloud where we are going and most important of all, what are we doing? Where then do we look to get out of the “fog” of life and into the clear blue skies where life is clear and one can see where they are going?

*<sup>NRS</sup> John 8: <sup>12</sup> 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 way, the truth and the life. He and only he are the one true light that will guide us out of the “fog” of life and into

the crystal blue skies where warmth and peace prevail. All we have to do is look up to the heavens and not within ourselves to find that light which lifts us out of our “fog.”

*<sup>NRS</sup> Psalm 33: <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. <sup>7</sup> He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses. <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*

My dearly beloved family of Cross. The true light is always shining no matter how

cloudy, foggy, rainy, snow and dark your life is. All you have to do is “look up” to Jesus Christ on the cross who give eternal light of life.

*<sup>NRS</sup> Revelation 21: <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.*

God's peace  
Pr Tim

# Celebrate



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays

- 1 Jeanne Sting
- 3 Brenda Kretzschmer
- 4 Ray Buchholz  
Charles Buchholz
- 7 Connie Eden  
Alex Cucinello  
Mike LePage
- 9 Marilyn Baur  
Greta Elston
- 10 Shelly Baur
- 13 Kirk Yackle
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Grace Trost  
Travis Roestel  
Christina Cucinello
- 16 Jacqueline Finneren
- 17 Eleanor Tate
- 18 Eunice Richmond
- 19 Tim Fritz  
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Thuemmel
- 24 Elsie Trowbridge  
Paul Kunish

### Anniversaries

- 13 Robin & Ann Buschlen, 35 years
- 29 Clarence & Eleanor Schadd, 52 years



## In Our Prayers

### Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Edna Schulz, Dorothy Hafner, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Peggy Koehler, Ray Barr (friend of Marty & Bev Knost), Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler,

Jake Mazzara, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Dawn Rosenthal, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim (Mrs. Donald) Schadd, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is stationed at Camp LeJeune and Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point, NC. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bon-

## NALC Pastors Conference

The week of February 13—17, Pastor Tim will be in Orlando, Florida attending the Annual NALC Pastor's Conference with Bishop Bradkosky. If an emergency arises, or you need to contact him, please call the church office at 453-3330 x 201 or Pastor Tim directly on his cell phone, 989-321-0263. Thank you.

### Youth Schedule:

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Ice Skating, Saturday, Feb. 4

### Confirmation Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 12 from 5—6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5—6:30 p.m.

## Women's & Men's Group Schedules

**Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Circle** will meet Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, Feb. 7 & 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.

# School News

## February School Calendar



- 1 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 2 BB game at O-G at 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 15 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 17 Half day of School
- 20 No School
- 21 Full Day of School—No Laker Bus
- 22 Chapel 8 a.m.

## From the Desk of ... David Fupel

Students, teachers, and parents recently attended our annual ski trip to Apple Mountain in Freeland. This has become a tradition that everyone really looks forward to and enjoys. This year was no different. Students spent approximately five hours happily skiing on the slippery slopes, never seeming to get tired. I, on the other hand, only lasted four hours.

Apple Mountain provides ski instructors for students in the morning, and every student gets a lesson. Some of the younger students were even able to have their own private instructor! It is amazing to see the improvements students make in their skiing skills from year to year, and

even within the day that we are there they get better.

Part of the process of learning how to ski involves falling down (and believe me, I have done my fair share of it). When you fall down, there are only two choices; you either give up, or you get up and try again. Our students chose time after time to get back up and try again after falling. Sometimes it took the helping hands of an adult to pick them back up, but they wanted to go back up the hill and try again. We face a similar choice when we encounter trials in our lives. When things get difficult and we struggle and fall, we can either give up or keep on trying. Praise God that we have a Savior to help us get back up when we fall!

*"The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down." Psalm 145:14*

### Teaching Staff:

**Beth Elston,**

**Music and PreSchool**

**Jean Hatch, K-2 Aide and  
PreSchool Aide**

**David Faupel, 6-8 grade**

**Deb Musolff, K-2 grade**

**Gwynne Barry, 3-5 grade**

**Wendy Zick, Band**

**Karen Peterson, Cook**

**Susan Hass, Title I tutor**

### Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz	453-2127
Vivian Buschlen	453-2649
Patty Cucinello	453-3589
Roberta Danks	453-3760
Barbara Degg	856-2678
Gerry Edler	678-0080
Delores Elftman	453-2679
Pat Elston	453-2409
Carol Forster	375-2754
Vickie Forster	553-3875
Ava Gies	453-2193
Linda Gardy	453-2085
Rachel Higgins	975-0668
Dawn Hendricks	860-3589
Dorothy Henne	453-3457
Peggy Koehler	453-2278
Elaine Licht	453-3744
Peggy Licht	453-3845
Lori McKenzie	553-3582
Carole Mead	856-7438
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
Donna Wheeler	453-3712
Sheila Yackle	453-2589

**Please let the office know if you wish to be added to the Handy Helper List.**

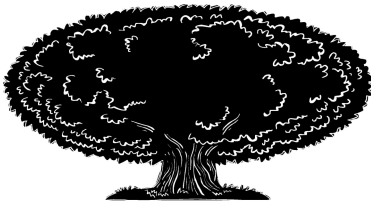
# February Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Feb. 5 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Barb Degg	Eileen Johnson	John Trowbridge	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler	Laura Trost	Zachary Kretzschmer
Feb. 12 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Vivian Buschlen	Aileen Prill		Dick Mead Ron Schulz		Nicholas Trost
Feb. 19 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Karen Schuette	Vicki Yackle	Carole Mead	Tom Shupe	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
Feb. 26 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Mike Trost	Carol Diener	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 Julie Parker, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Nancy Schuette & family

**In memory of Lillian Koehler for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Violet Musselman  
Tim & Beth Kraft

**In memory of Ruth & George Mohr, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Carmen Haag

**In memory of Linda Danks, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Cordelia Trost

Herb & Elaine Neurath

**In memory of Linda Danks, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:**

Don & Nancy Heck

Dorothy Thuemmel

Shirley Deering

Denny & Carol Diener

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

**In memory of Linda Danks, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Janet Schumacher

Larry & Gina Smith

Nancy Schuette

Lydia Decker

John & Lori Smith

MariAnn Dast

Mike & Connie Eden

Elaine Schulz

Randy & Gwen Ovcen

Mike & Mary Otto

Ruth & Jen Schuette

**In memory of George Mohr, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Dorothy Ledum

# Annual Cross Fish Fry

The Fish Fry will be on **Friday, March 10** and there are lots of roles to fill. Please put this date on your calendar so you can be available to help. Places where you could help before, during and after the event are:

Placing Flyers in Pigeon, Bay Port, Caseville, Elkton, Bad Axe, Sebawaing, and surrounding areas and businesses.

Donations for food items, paper products, and drinks.

Need someone or a few people working together to be in charge of decorating tables. Simple is good!

We need lots of deserts, some packaged for take outs (we are known for our wonderful dessert tables) There will be sign-up sheets on the welcome desk.

Help with set-up day before, set-up day of, serving, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be on the welcome desk.

If there is an area where you would like to serve, sign up or call or text Leanne Smith 989-553-4241.

In the past there have been many hands involved in this project and it has been a joy to see this event come together with so many working together in the Body of Christ. Proceeds for this event have been disbursed to: Youth, Building Fund, General Fund, School, Scholarship fund, and Hot Lunch. Thank you in advance for your support of this event.

## Fish Fry



**Friday,  
March 10  
5 to 7:30 p.m.**

All You Can Eat Fish, Fries, Beans, Baked Potatoes, Roll, Cole Slaw, Desserts and Beverage.

**Adults: \$10      Kids 5-12: \$6**

**Under 5: Free**

**Cross Lutheran Church**  
200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon  
This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.

Proceeds will support Cross Lutheran Church and School.

**Take outs  
Available!**

# Youth Ice Skating

Youth Ice Skating at the Huron County Ice Arena in Bad Axe. The date will be **Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1-3 p.m.**

This is for youth of all ages. Children grade 6 and under require the presence of an adult. All Parents and

Grandparents are invited as well. The fee is \$4 for the skating and \$2 for the skate rentals.



After skating will be snack time at the Farm Bureau office in Bad Axe (behind Mortimer Lumber) with Pizza & Pop will be furnished. Please call the church office at 453-3330 x 201, call Tim @ 551-3241 or sign up at church on the

# Women's Winter Day Retreat

On **Saturday, March 18**, Parish Life Ministry is sponsoring a Women's Winter Day Retreat.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. for Opening Registration.

There will be two Art Classes conducted during the day. The first at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m.

A lunch will be served at

noon with a time of devotion and prayer.

The day will close at 4 p.m. with cleanup and sharing of art projects.

The Art Classes will be a painting with instructor Jenny Turner of Turner Arts and the second will be decorating Ukrainian Eggs with Leanne Smith. Size is limited to 40 women. There



will be a cost involved for supplies. If you would like more information, or to register for this event, please call the church office, or talk to any Parish Life member.

# Operation Christmas Child

Our Operation Christmas Child project here at Cross goes on all year long! We are very thankful for those of you who have been purchasing after Christmas sale items to be included in the 2017 shoeboxes and placing them in our storage room! We need to let you know about a few changes that are happening with the program this year. Due to new global regulations, we will no longer be able to pack candy and toothpaste in our shoeboxes. We also will no longer be accepting shoeboxes. All of our shoebox gifts will be packed in pre-printed boxes that are provided by the com-

pany. That way, more gifts will be able to be packed into a shipping carton and will ultimately provide more shoebox gifts for more children. They just can't pack as many together with all the assorted sizes and shapes of regular shoeboxes. This will take some getting used to for all of us involved! Remember, NO CANDY, NO TOOTHPASTE, NO SHOEBOXES! Keep looking for deals and sale items on clothing, school supplies, washcloths and bar soap, toothbrushes and combs, toys, books, etc. Keep praying for those children, too! God bless!



**Cross Lutheran Church,  
Ministry of Mission Outreach, Cookies**



**HEART COOKIES FOR SALE  
TO HELP THE HOMELESS OF HURON COUNTY**



**½ DOZEN \$7.00**

**DOZEN \$10.00**

**100% of All Donations Will Be Given to  
Huron County Homeless Solutions.**

Orders Will Be Taken Thru Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Call Or Text Rachel, 989-553-4121.

Cookies Can Be Picked Up:

Saturday, February 11<sup>TH</sup> From Noon To 2 pm.

Cross Lutheran Church, 200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon

Or After Church Service On Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.



# Mom2Mom



**Cross Lutheran School**  
200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI

**Saturday, April 29th**  
**9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Entry Fee \$2.00**

To Rent a Table Contact Lori Smith at  
989-453-3953 or [smithlori404@yahoo.com](mailto:smithlori404@yahoo.com)  
for more information. Tables are \$20 each.  
Payments and signed rental contracts must  
be received by April 22, 2017



# February 2017

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			Chapel 12:45 p.m. <b>1</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>2</b>  BB at O-G 4:30 p.m.	<b>3</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>4</b> Youth Ice Skating 1-3 p.m.
<b>Comm. Service 5</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study</b> 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>Worship &amp; 6</b> Music 7 pm  Gym in use 5:30-7 p.m.  No Choir	<b>7</b>  Parish Life 5 p.m.  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Chapel 8</b> 8 a.m. <b>8</b> <b>Morning Circle</b> 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Gym in use 3:30- 4:45 p.m. <b>Comm. Service</b> 7 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>11</b>  <b>Women of Faith</b> 10:30 a.m. - noon
<b>Worship Service 12</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study</b> 10:45 a.m. <b>Confirmation</b> 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>  Gym in use 5:30 - 7 p.m.  No Choir	<b>Afternoon 14</b> Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m. Gym in use 5:30 - 8 p.m.	<b>Chapel 15</b> 8 a.m. <b>15</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  No Service	<b>16</b>  Gym in use 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>Half Day 17</b> of School  Gym in use 3:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>18</b>
<b>Comm. Service 19</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study</b> 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>No 20</b> School  Gym in use 5:30 - 7 p.m.  No Choir	<b>21</b>  Gym in use 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel 22</b> 8 a.m. <b>22</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  <b>Comm. Service</b> 7 p.m.	<b>23</b>  Gym in use 5:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>24</b>  Gym in use 3:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>
<b>Comm. Service 26</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study</b> 10:45 a.m. <b>Confirmation</b> 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>  Mission/ Outreach 6:30 p.m.				

# Ministers - The people of Cross

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