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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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Growing together

April 2015

Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

Friends. What would the world be without friends? We all have them. Some are lifelong friends and some are just a few hours in the making. Some have thousands of friends. Some have just one or two. You can't go to the store and buy friends. Friends just happen because of circumstances, timing, and being in the "right" place at the "right" time.

Friendship evolves over time. Some friendships stay the same. Very high level, nice to see you, nice weather we are having, etc. Other friendships grow deeper and deeper as time goes by based on life experiences, life events, etc. to the point of where the friendship evolves to a level of complete vulnerability. Sharing the deepest most inner thoughts, feelings and emotions knowing your friend will hold all of that in confidence.

Most of the time we take those kinds of friendships for granted and truly don't know what we have in a friendship until that friendship goes

away. When friendship goes away by the means of moving away, death, a rift, disagreement, etc. all of the sudden that friendship that was once there is now replaced with a huge black void of frustration, regrets, sorrow, sadness, of caring and being cared for, etc. The worst feeling in the world in losing a friend is being lost and lonely.

They say time heals all wounds. That life goes on. You will develop new friendships. That is true. However, that friendship once so cherished and coveted which gave such joy and peace will never be there again.

Do not languish in the sorrow in the loss of a friendship. There is good news and all is not lost.

NRS John 15: 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

16 You did not choose me but I chose you.

Jesus is our one and only true and dedicated friend to us. His friendship is laid on the foundation of the gift of love.

NRS John 3: 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In that friendship with Jesus, he has demonstrated how deep and committed he is to us.

NRS John 15: 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

This is a friendship that is like no other friendship
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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Bible Readings for the Month

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

1R – Exodus 24:3-11

P – Psalm 116:12-19

2R – 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

G – Mark 14:12-26

April 3 – Good Friday

1R – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

P – Psalm 22 or 31

2R – Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

G – John 18:1-19, 42

April 5 – Easter Sunday

1R – Isaiah 25:6-9

P – Psalm 16

2R – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

G – Mark 16:1-8

April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 4:32-35

P – Psalm 148

2R – 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

G – John 20:19-31

April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 3:11-21

P – Psalm 4

2R – 1 John 3:1-7

G – Luke 24:36-49

April 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 4:1-12

P – Psalm 23

2R – 1 John 3:16-24

G – John 10:11-18

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 box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

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.

Pigeon

Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dry beans, bouillon cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. Always in need are toiletries, cereals, peanut butter and personal

items. Place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you!

Cartridges for Kids

Is a recycling program that pays schools and non-profit organizations cash for: cell phones, laser and ink jet print cartridges, laptops, iPods and tablets/readers/notebooks. Only original laser cartridges are accepted. They will not take remanufactured toner cartridges. Please place all items outside the office door.

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ship. It is a friendship that lasts forever. It is a friendship that is filled with grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness. It is a friendship that no matter how much we try to push it away, destroy it with our harsh words, seek to impart hardship and hurt, it is a friendship that is truer and deeper than anything in this world and over powers all of our sin through our baptism and the cross.

NRS **Romans 8:** ³⁵ *Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or dis-*

truss, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ *As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."* ³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹ *nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will*

be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In all of those failed friendships and all seems lost, the friendship of Jesus Christ on the cross and through the empty tomb is always there. Our baptism and communion are constant reminders of that. Thanks be to God.

God's peace

Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

April

- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretschmer
- 6 Lillian Koehler
Travis Baur
- 8 Betty Champagne
- 10 Jennifer Gardy
Brigid Trowbridge
Doug Richmond
- 12 Pat Azarovitz
Lance Schuette
- 14 Zachary Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle
- 18 Connor Flores
Arlene Fritz
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz
Karen Peterson
Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere
Michelle Fritz
- 22 Don Schadd
- 25 Gracey LePage
- 26 Kim Sturm
- 27 Ruth Hamilton
Caitie House
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen

Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Janis Elftman,
26 years
- 5 Dick & Peggy Koehler,
29 years
- 8 John & Lori Smith, 37
years
- 9 Denny & Leanne Smith,
32 years
- 17 Gary & Doralee Schulz,
33 years

- 18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 51 years
- 22 Kevin & Erica Sturm, 9 years
- 28 Bruce & Marilyn Baur, 53 years

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wednesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Women of Faith will meet May 16 from 13:30—noon. Topic will be Domestic Strength, from the book, "Embracing Your Strengths."

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. and April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Adopt—A— Highway Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 11 beginning with a brief Safety Meeting 10 a.m. at Walt's Meats, Port Austin Rd., - Weather Permitting!



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Dawn Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Keith Hurdelbrink, Hazen Fritz, Greg Prill, Deb Lange, Margi Al-

faro, (bone cancer), Rachel Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht Kevin Fappel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is in Camp LeJeune. 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.

School News

April School Calendar



- 7 School Resumes
- 8 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 9 Hearing Screening for P.S. K, 2 & 4
- 11 Kids Carnival & Open House 5—7:30 p.m.
- 15 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 22 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 24 School Music Festival
- 29 Chapel 8:10 a.m.

From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

Music students in grades K-5 are making waves - - sound waves, that is - - with our new set of children's handbells. The bells are child-sized and much lighter than brass bells. They also have a pleasing sound and a beautiful brass-colored finish. The music teacher loves handbells for the wide range of music concepts that students learn through using

them. The students love handbells because they are just plain fun to ring!

Part of the fun of handbell ringing is the teamwork involved. The players truly need each other. Each person is like one link of a chain, or one domino in the run. Although students ring only one or two bells each, they must ring the right note at the right time to make the music sound good. When one ringer falters, the whole group can be thrown off balance! Conversely, when each ringer plays a part well, the result is pleasant music.

Similar to ringers in a handbell choir, you are important to, and relied upon, by many other people and processes. Think about the various roles you play in your life, and how your very existence is so interdependent with that of others. How encouraging your presence can be to other people! Your loving words, genuine concern, kindness, vocation and acts of service honor God and result in a harmonious life for more people than you will ever know. And that is music to everyone's ears.

**CEA Carnival
& Open House
Saturday, April 11
5—7:30 p.m.**

Fun for the whole family!!

April Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
April 2 7 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon		John Trowbridge	Jeff Elston Mike LePage	Peg McCrimmon	Travis Fritz
April 5 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Peggy Koehler	Karen Schuette	Norm Nelson	Kent McKenzie Bob Tate	Marilyn Baur	Riley Shupe
April 12 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Laura Trost	Eileen Johnston				Johnny Higgins
April 19 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Wes Trowbridge	Gwynne Barry	John Trowbridge		Laura Trost	Travis Fritz
April 26 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	June Sturm	Peggy Koehler				Greta Elston

**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!

CEA Meeting Minutes

March 5

Present at the meeting were Pastor Tim, April Rujan, Melisa Raymond, Nicole Shupe and Geri Kay McLean. Pastor opened with prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Carnival is scheduled for April 11 from 5 – 7:30 p.m., mandatory fundraiser. Families

please plan on helping out. Donations are now being accepted, also desserts are needed for the cake walk.

Spring Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May 3. Again this is a mandatory fundraiser so families plan on helping out.

Cross Apparel is available.

Feel free to stop by the office to find out more.

Athletic Awards assembly was a great time. A special thank you to our coaches, Gwynne Barry, Shane Martindale and Lonnie Irion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 4:45 p.m.

Scrip Cards make great gifts and earn money for: tuition, tuition assistance, building fund, or church general fund.

Kid's Carnival & Open House

Saturday, April 11—5—7:30 p.m.

Any and all donations for adult and/or children's raffles would be greatly appreciated.

We will also be in need of cakes, cakes and more cakes for our cake walk. Cakes/baked goods can be delivered to the school Friday, April 10 or Saturday, April 11 from 3—5 p.m.

Be sure to bring the family and enjoy!

Motown Dinner & Show

Saturday, April 18

There will be a medley of MOTOWN songs, including , *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Freeway of Love*, *Stop in the Name of Love*, *Heard it Through the Grape Vine*, *My Girl*, and *My Guy*, among others. Watch the bulletins for more details!

Mom 2 Mom

Sale

Saturday, April 25—9 a.m.—noon

Gently used baby and childrens' clothing, toys, large and small baby equipment, vendors, and more! Strollers are welcome! Concessions Available. If interested in renting a table, contact Lori Smith at 453-3953 or jsmith@avci.net for more information. Tables are \$20 each. Payments and signed rental contracts must be received by 4/20/15.

Church Council Minutes



February 10

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, Jr. at 7:05 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Leanne Smith, Paul Schuette, Aileen Prill, John Smith, Neil Herford and Lori Smith. Pastor Loehrke provided prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated January 13, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Leanne Smith to approve the minutes as presented, Aileen Prill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: Mike Sting gave a presentation after much Research on "Digital Recorders" and gave a recommendation to council.

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 Neil Herford. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: No report provided.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of January: 2 Funerals, 0 Baptisms, 0 Weddings, 11 Teachings, 13 Communions, 3 Hospital Visits, 6 Home Visits, 19 Meetings, and 9 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Hosted Ruby Damm's funeral reception, Thursday, January 15, 2015.

Funeral – Harry Blome, Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Funeral – Caroline Schuette, Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Church Calendar:

Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Service

Imposition of Ashes

Every Wed. in Lent – Potluck at 6:00 p.m. w/ service at 7:00 p.m.

Drama Series "Watchers on the Hill"

Vespers every Sunday in Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Communion every Sunday in Lent

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 29, 2015

No Wednesday night service.

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2015

Foot washing and communion

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

Prayer Vigil commences immediately after the conclusion of the Good Friday Service and concludes on Saturday and Noon.

Easter – April 5, 2015

Sunrise Service at Cross Cemetery, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Brunch in Overflow Room, 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Easter Service 9:30 a.m. with communion.

Fish Fry, Friday, March 13, 2015

Homeless in Huron County Presentation – Kathy Harrison, Sunday March 22, 2015

Pastor's Report:

Gym is being utilized by:

AAU volleyball for practice

Laker soccer practice

Archery

Cross Lutheran Basketball practice and games

I am the on call Chaplin for Scheurer Hospital for the month of February and March.

As Dean of the NALC for the MMD, I have been in conversation with the Pastor of Christ Lutheran, Birch Run, in having him rostered with the NALC and the church joining the NALC.

School Calendar:

Only three days of school cancelled because of weather so far.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 – Apple Mountain Ski Trip

Saturday/Sunday – February 7 & 8, 2015 – Port Hope Basket-

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ball Tournament for 3-5 grades. (The team won one game and lost two).

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fund Raiser – Doughnuts to be picked up on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 (Fat Tuesday).

Monday – Friday – February 16 – 20, 2015 – Winter Break – No school

School Sports Award, Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Basketball game to follow, students vs parents.

Lutheran School Week – Monday – Friday – March 2-6, 2015.

Principal's Report:

Student Enrollment for 2014-2015 School year.

K-8, 38 students

Preschool, 19 children.

Music Palooza, Thursday, March 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

CEA Carnival/Open House, Saturday, April 11, 2015 – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that \$600.00 was raised in Basketball Concessions. School Carnival will be coming up in April.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and advised that the envelope for Kids against Hunger will be changed to Homeless Coalition. The balance of \$1,621.00 collected last year for Kids against Hunger will be sent to the organization.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

Recording Service for Shut-Ins – Beth has been investigating the copyright laws affecting which music from service may be recorded and which is not legal.

Organ Update – Beth is looking into quotes and information to correct the organ shades. Mike Sting fixed some sticking keys on the organ.

Beth purchased \$500 of choral music from the Advent/Christmas Concert Offering,

Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015. Leanne will speak to other ministries to do decorating and publicity.

Lenten Reflections– We will use journal writings of the upper grade students for a special Lenten Devotional.

Lenten Book Order – Devotional materials for children, teens and adults.

Flooring in the Sanctuary – A small committee – Mike Sting, Pastor Tim, Beth Elston, and Lorraine LePage) will be formed to research the possibilities.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

Mom 2 Mom Sale – April 25, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Vacation Bible School – July 13-16, 2015 - Lori Smith working on a theme.

Variety Show is scheduled for April 18, 2015 – our ministry will help with table decora-

tions.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Fish fry – Friday, March 13, 2015 – Kevin Sturm will be head cook once again with Leanne Smith taking care of details!

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present and provided his oral report to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Gym Floor – still working on some preliminary pricing for striping and sanding floor.

Getting 5 new additional keys made in Bay City at Hugo Lock and Key on Euclid/Midland Street.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

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

Half Day Ladies Retreat to be held March 28, 2015.

Spring Variety Show – will work with other committees on the dinner for the choir's Spring Variety Show on April 18, 2015. Meal will be served buffet style again.

Friends and Family Game Night to be held on May 16, 2015 from 6 – 9:00 p.m.

Lenten potlucks will begin February 25, 2015.

Loons Game - Sunday, August 9, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. game time.

Discussion about purchasing a small freezer for overflow area. This could be used for storage for dinner rolls/cinnamon rolls which could be sold as a fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Parsonage Update was

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given.

Cross Lutheran Church & School
125th Anniversary.

August 28, 2016 (Sunday) -
Need to appoint a committee
– Pastor will find someone to
chair this committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Jeanne Stine as
Financial Secretary. **Nancy
Heck made a Motion to ap-
point Jeanne Sting as Fi-
nancial Secretary and sec-
onded by Tom Shupe. Mo-
tion carried.** Discussion
followed – she will not need
to be present for the council
meetings.

Thank you to Paul Schuette for
many years of service as Finan-
cial Secretary.

Greg Prill – update given by
Aileen.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at
7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being
no further business to come be-
fore the meeting it was ad-
journed and good things from
around the room was shared by
all present. The meeting was
closed with the Lord's Prayer at
8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Stewardship

Ministry

Jan. 27

The following members were
present: Tom Shupe, chairman,
Cyndi Buchholz, Carol Diener,

Paul Schuette, Pastor Tim.

Minutes of the November meet-
ing were read and approved.
Moved by Carol, seconded by
Paul.

Financial Secretary Report –
Paul reported year-end informa-
tion. We are 2.8 weeks under
budget for the year. Special Of-
fering Schedule for 2015 will be
put into mailboxes. The Feb. 1
special offering will be Donor's
Choice, formerly Kids Against
Hunger.

Benevolence Fund – Report
given by Tom, total of \$7,642 in
undistributed funds. \$2,100
given Christmas Eve for Com-
passion Hospital in Guinea,
West Africa.

Kids Against Hunger - \$1,621
will be given to Mike from KAH.

Parsonage Fund - \$1,559.55
balance as of Jan. 27.

Capital Improvement Fund

1 bid in for gym floor repairs,
waiting for a second bid.

Bells - \$6,500 to \$7,000 estimate
to change over to digital con-
trols, current system is still work-
ing with no problems.

Next meeting will be Feb. 24, at
7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. with
the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Paul
Schuette

Ministry of Worship and Music

March 5

Members present: Chairperson –
Leanne Smith, Barb Degg, Beth
Elston, Pastor Tim, and Karen
Schuette.

Leanne read a devotion and
opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of February meeting
were reviewed and corrected –
Variety Show date is April 18,
2015.

MUSIC – BETH

We decided to renew the ALCM
(Association of Lutheran Church
Musicians). It has been a benefi-
cial resource.

Mike Sting did more work on the
organ.

Beth is looking at an alternative
copyright permissions company
– one that would serve us well
and be less expensive than
CCLI.

Mike Sting has removed speak-
ers from the choir room to the
family room. Anyone needing to
use the room during worship will
be able to hear the service.

WORSHIP – PASTOR

Ash Wednesday service went
well.

We are using LBW Setting #1 as
our liturgy during Lent and
Easter seasons.

Holy Week worship schedule is

Ministries (Cont.)

same as in past – Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 7 p.m. with foot washing and communion. Good Friday service (April 3) at 7i p.m. Easter Vigil will begin after Good Fricay worship continue to Saturday (April 4) until noon.

Pastor Tim will be traveling to Christ Lutheran in Birch Run on March 15 in his job as Dean. He will not be here for worship. Gwynne Barry will preside with Bob Tate and Steve Schulze doing a drama for the message.

Pastor will also attend United Christians in Prayer in Caseville at 4 p.m. the same day.

Kathy Harrison from the Huron County Homeless Coalition will speak at the worship on March 22. A freewill offering will be collected.

We discussed pages 16-17 in *Liturgy with Style*. We will discuss pp 18-21 for April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Our Daily Bread devotional – have not received these yet. Since there is not set payment for these devotionals, we will send the same amount we had been paying for Christ in Our Home.

Lenten Drama – Wednesday nights – Pastor reports they are doing great.

Lenten Reflections – Junior High journaling on selected verses from Ephesians chapter 2. Very good! People have taken them

home. Leanne will write a Thank You note to the 6-8 grades. Decided that it was enough to do this kind of project for Lent and Advent.

Variety show – April 18 – Leanne has applied to Thrivent for matching funds. Beth has talked to the choir and put out a signup sheet for people to volunteer acts. Parish Life is planning to serve 100 people. Mission Outreach will decorate. Leanne will talk to Aileen about publicity and details about time for dinner and ticket cost. Leanne and Karen will help Beth set up stage area.

Flooring for sanctuary – nothing news.

NEW BUSINESS

Time and Talents – Travis Roestel has agreed to serve as an Assisting Minister! We will schedule him on non-Communion Sundays. Beth will go over liturgy with him. Wes Trowbridge said he would read. Will schedule him also!

Next meeting is Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Thrivent Catered

Dinner

Please join us in sharing the excitement of a new beginning with Thrivent by attending a free catered dinner, & informational session on how every Thrivent Member can apply to sponsor a com-

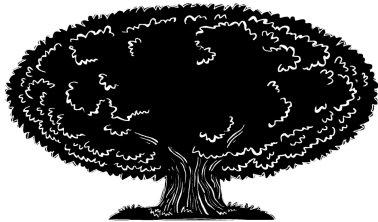
munity project or fundraiser. The Dinner will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 123 W. Irwin in Bad Axe on April 17, (FRIDAY) 2015, at 6 PM. It is very important that you RSVP by April 13, 2015 to Mrs. Sue Roncka at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 989.269.7642.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the many donors, volunteers, and community for the tremendous support for the Fish Fry Fundraiser!! We served 460 people and with over \$1100 in donations we will be able to disburse over \$5000 to various needs in the congregation. We are so thankful for Thrivent in supporting Cross Lutheran with a \$600 grant. This event can not be successful without the valuable resources the people of this congregation are so willing to give. God continues to bless and bless us again with His Loving Grace. Continue to be amazed at the blessings that surround you daily!!

In His service,
Leanne Smith

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Building Fund:

Margaret Sturm

In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Linda Fietzer
Jane Schuette & Norma Datman
Cooperative Elevator
Florence Iddings
Jane Rosenthal
Lee & Cheri Toups
Jeff & Marly Smith
Ruth Schuette
Layne Henne

In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Dick & Peggy Koehler

In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross Building Fund:

Jean Sturm

In memory of Fred Chisholm, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Sharon Hyde
Gerald Noneaczyk
Denny & Leanne Smith
Mary B. Smith
Mike & Lorraine LePage
Don & Barb Faupel
Dale & Donna Schuette
Bob & Marie Tenbusch
Brian & Shannon Wichert
Bob & Lois Albrecht
Bryan & MaryJo Chisholm
Nietzke & Faupel, PC
Frank & Barbara Hussain
Rockford Construction

In memory of Fred Chisholm, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Thumb National Bank

In memory of Harold Renn, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Fund:

Olga Renn

In honor of Ruth Hamilton's Birthday, for Cross Lutheran School:

David & Betty Auernhamer

In memory of Tom Gettel, for Cross Lutheran School:

Fred & Margaret Edler

In memory of Clarice Chepek, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe & family

In memory of Matthew H. Fritz, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe & family

In memory of Cheryl Haley, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of John Gillingham, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

In memory of Linda Reed, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Lillian Koehler

In memory of Richard A. Koehler, Sr., for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Dick & Peggy Koehler

In memory of Brenda Brackenberry, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

“Given for you.”



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.

COOKBOOKS

Are still available for \$10 each in the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say “thank you.” Proceeds help support our youth ministry.



Please sign the board to host a coffee hour! Thank you!



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Community Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.	2 Scheurer Long Term Care Service 3:30 p.m. Maundy Thurs. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	3 Good Friday Service 7 p.m. followed by Prayer Vigil	4 Prayer Vigil ends at noon
5 Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Brunch 7:45 - 9 a.m. Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.	6 No School Gym in use 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	7 Gym in use 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	8 Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	9 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	10	11 Adopt A Highway Clean up 10 a.m. CEA Carnival & Open House 5 - 7:30 p.m.
12 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	15 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Motown Dinner and Show 6 p.m.
19 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	20	21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	22 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	23	24 School Music Festival	25 Mom 2 Mom Sale 9 a.m. - noon
26 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	27	28 Mission/ Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	29 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	30		

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if you wish to be added
to the Handy Helper List.**

Coming in May

CEA Pancake
Breakfast

Sunday, May 3

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Friends & Family
Game Night

Saturday, May 16

6—9 p.m.