

# Cross Connection

GROWING TOGETHER

AUGUST 2010

## Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran,

A BIG SIGH of relief is being heard around Pigeon for making it through another Farmer's Festival in grand fashion. As I wandered through the weekend's activities and watched the grand parade, I couldn't help but notice all of the different sponsors who helped make the Festival happen. It made me stop and ponder. It truly amazes me that sponsors willingly commit to pay for an event so that others, who cannot afford to pay, are able to enjoy games, parades, music, etc. Obviously their goal is for name recognition and hoping for future business.

This leads me to a question; have you ever had anybody help (sponsor) you in your life time and wanting nothing in return? I'm sure all of us can answer yes to that in one form or another. Personally, I can answer yes to that more than I care to admit. I feel very uncomfortable to receive something of value without something on my part to give back. For me to say thank you seems very shallow and does not even come close to the "monetary value" that was given. Yet I say thank you and thank God for providing.

As Cross prepares for the start of its new school year, the Holy Spirit is revealing

its unexplainable mysterious working. In this time of economic hardship for most families, the Holy Spirit works to provide what others cannot provide. A very generous donor, non-Cross member, wants to help Cross students with tuition by sponsoring a student for a Christian education asking nothing in return. The Holy Spirit moved this donor who has the means and capability to provide a Christian Education for a child that will forever be guided by that Christian foundation in making life decisions. When life looks especially challenging, God continues to provide in ways we cannot comprehend.

Ah I can hear the voices now; 'I know what you're getting at pastor. No one ever sponsored me in my life in any way shape or form. Why should I sponsor a student when no one sponsored me?' In reality we all have been sponsored whether we know it or not. We have been sponsored by God through his son Jesus Christ on the cross. **NRS John 3:16** "For God {sponsor} 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. God gave us his son because we cannot

afford to pay, atone, for all of our sins because the price is sky high. Therefore God sponsored us through our baptism and through his Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross, to pay for the cleansing of our sins. However, God does want something in return. As God has sponsored us, as God has loved us, we then are to sponsor others and love others so that they might learn and come to know the power of grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To deny sponsoring and loving a child a Christian education is denying the sponsorship God gave us through his son.

'I can't do that. It's impossible' you say. Maybe so, but if sponsoring and loving a child with a Christian education and is a priority in our lives and we have faith in how the Holy Spirit works by using the most powerful tool God has given us, prayer, then all is possible. **NRS Matthew 19:26** *But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*

As you have been sponsored through Jesus Christ on the cross, I ask that you pray and discern helping to sponsor a child, in part or whole, at Cross Lutheran Church and School.

God's speed  
Pr Tim

**Our mission:  
Bring people  
to Christ.**

**Teach  
Christians to  
be disciples.**

**Send disciples  
to reach the  
world.**

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## Preparing for Worship at Cross



### August 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

P – Psalm 49:1-12; A-v3

2R – Colossians 3:1-11

G – Luke 12:13-21

Hymns: LBW# 196, WOV 776, LBW 433

Communion Hymns: WOV# 710, 706, 702, 709

### August 8 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 15:1-6

P – Psalm 33:12-22; A-v22

2R – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

G – Luke 12:32-40

Hymns: LBW # 479, 457, 509

### August 15 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Jeremiah 23:23-29

P – Psalm 82; A-v8

2R – Hebrews 11:29-12:2

G – Luke 12:49-56

Hymns: LBW # 500, 353, 504

Communion Hymns: LBW # 197,

198, 200, 196

### August 22 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 58:9b-14

P – Psalm 103:1-8; A-v4

2R – Hebrews 12:18-29

G – Luke 13:10-17

Hymns: LBW# 548, 467, 445

### August 29 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Proverbs 25:6-7

P – Psalm 112; A-v4

2R – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

G – Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hymns: LBW# 507, 230, 356

## Youth Ministry

We are in need of **someone to help** with the grades 1-6 for the upcoming school year, this usually involves planning an activity on a monthly basis for this age group. Please contact Sue Loehrke if you can help in this area.

Also **help is needed** in High school - LYO events for this year, contact Leanne Smith.

August - Youth room renovation taking place watch for specific times for work in bulletin.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation and LYO Youth and parents will be meeting at Ray and Elaine's home at 6:00 pm** for Archery, BBQ, fellowship, and short meet-

ing. Bring chairs and something to share for the meal. Ray and Elaine have been spectacular hosts, this has been a great kick off to our programs. Let Leanne know what you can bring to share for the meal at 856-4241.

**Jean Quilts for High School seniors project will begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the youth room at the church, anyone is welcome to join in cutting jeans, rotary cutting squares, or putting quilts together. Please bring your own scissors, cutters, and mats. Thank you to all who have so energetically worked throughout the year. Your talents are very much appreciated!

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Sarah Circle meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Rebecca Circle and Esther Circle will resume in September.

### MEN'S GROUP

Men's Bible study & fellowship takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The group will resume from summer break on September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

### COFFEE HOUR

Every Sunday in August – Sarah Circle

## In Memory/In Honor

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

In memory of **Evelyn Henkel-**

**mann** for Cross Lutheran Church by Elaine Trost, Julie Parker, Dawn Parker, Lou Ann Trost; for Cross School Music

by David & Joyce Jarvis.

In memory of **Barbara Winter** for Cross Lutheran Church by Don & Kay.

### CHURCH WIDE ASSEMBLY ACTIONS

#### OF AUGUST 2009

On Sunday, August 22 after the 9:30 am service, a continued discernment forum will take place in reference to the new policies within the ELCA on homosexuality. This discernment forum will look at scripture and homosexuality.



On June 27, 2010 we welcomed new members:

- Richard & Janice Uhan
- Don & Donna Wheeler

Joined the congregation and family of Cross.

### Give Life

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Michigan Blood will again be holding a drive here at Cross on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old and would like to participate in this lifesaving event please contact the church office to make an appointment. If we are able to get at least 30 donors our school can earn \$100.

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

These kits are often the only supplies some children receive to continue their education because of their very difficult conditions. Your help is appreciated.

#### **Needed:**

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper
- Blunt scissors
- Ruler (with inches & centimeters)
- Pencil sharpener
- Six pencils with erasers
- Eraser (approx. 2 ½ inches long)
- Construction paper in assorted colors
- Box of crayons (8, 16 or 24 counts)

Please put all donations on the coat rack. Our CLCW group will collect and package them for shipment.

## Thank you!

### School Calendar

Aug. 30—Opening Chapel 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 31—First Full Day

Sept. 1—Full Day - Chapel 8:10

Sept. 2—Full Day

Sept. 3-6—No School - Labor Day

**Please keep saving these items over the summer months.**



- Box Tops For Education
- Cartridges for Kids
- IGA Labels
- Spartan Labels
- Recyclable bottle return slips
- Old cell phone recycling

\*Parents as you are preparing to make back to school purchases remember to take advantage of the Scrip Program to earn a percentage back toward your tuition costs.

# Celebrate

## August Birthdays

- 1 Aaron Mallais  
Tom Shupe  
Betty Schulze
- 2 George Mohr
- 3 Adele Battle  
Luke Schulze  
Ronald Bergman
- 4 Terry Sturm  
Corey Messing
- 6 Lou Ann Jarvis
- 7 Caden Carriveau  
Sandra Haley  
Kent McKenzie  
Todd Gunden
- 8 Helen Decker
- 9 Tiffany Swartzendru  
ber  
Preston Braun-Bieri
- 12 Rick Landry  
Bruce Baur  
Bernice Shupe  
Duane Peterson
- 13 Keeley Baur
- 14 Randy Swanson
- 15 Nick Swanson
- 16 Margaret Edler
- 17 Gwynne Barry  
Ryan Schuette
- 19 Gretchen Roestel  
Cheyanne Nichols
- 20 Larry Rosenthal
- 21 Dustin Forster
- 22 Kayle McKenzie
- 23 Jon Patrick Deer
- 25 Karen Schuette  
Tina Edler
- 26 Brian Koehler  
Nancy Schuette
- 29 Jon Love
- 31 Joshua Higgins

\* If your birthday or anniver-

sary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.

## August Anniversaries

- 8/2 Bill & Sandy Renn (41<sup>st</sup>)  
Pat & Kathy Azarovitz (35<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/3 Mike & Laura Trost (14<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/4 Arnie & Cathy Ruthenberg  
(26<sup>th</sup>)  
Kyle & Victoria Yackle (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 8/5 Gregory & Rebecca Yackle  
(4<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/6 JB & Gwynne Barry (27<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/7 Sarah & Russell Nichols  
(12<sup>th</sup>)

- 8/9 Ben & Kayla Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8/11 Brian & Dawn Rosenthal  
(29<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/15 Todd & Gretchen Roestel  
(18<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/16 Neil & Connie Herford (41<sup>st</sup>)  
James & Susan Licht (30<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/21 Tom & Bernice Shupe (39<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/22 Henry & Debbie Lange (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Gary & Stephanie Lakin (12<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/23 Ray & Elaine Licht (52<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stephen & Kris Schuette  
(13<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/26 Jim & Fran Laursen (55<sup>th</sup>)
- 8/28 Jon & Sarah Love (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Norm & Tonja Nelson (39<sup>th</sup>)

## Please Remember in Prayer:

Elizabeth Marie & Evelyn Florence Hill (twin daughters of Jill Gardy), Elsie Trowbridge, Clarence Buchholz, Sharon Dietzel, Henry & Ava Gies, Mike Eden, Cathy Ruthenberg, Kurt Anderson, Amanda Laurie (Heck), Eunice Richmond, Lester Otto (Mike Eden's brother's father-in-law), Marlena Rosenthal, Meta Farver, Dorothy Hafner, Fran & Jim Laursen, Karen Anklam, Harvey Weiss, Cheryl Merlington, Andrea Harder, Blaize Webber, Michelle Chiotti, Betty Schulze, Dennis Diener, Harold Deering, Marge Krause, Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman.

\* Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

**Rebecca Circle** - Tues. June 1, 1:30 p.m. Edna Diebel, Hostess  
**Esther Circle** - no meetings June, July, Aug.  
**Sarah Circle** - Wed. June 9, 9:30 a.m.  
**Love Day** - Wed., June 9, 1:30 p.m.  
 No Bible Studies or Love Day is scheduled for July.

*In the  
Service  
of Our  
Country:*

**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

Please continue to pray for all service members and their families as they are separated.



## School News

June 30th, 2010

### CEA Officers Meeting

**President- Maxine Rice**

**Vice President- Carrie Hundersmarck**

**Secretary- Jessica Faidley**

**Treasurer- Anne Anderson**

**N.C.S.A.-Norma Hemauer**

Present: Maxine, Jessica, Anne, Carrie, Norma.

Treasurers report was given.

### Old Business

Discussed the need for a donation tab on our schools web page.

Discussed setting up an Alumni Facebook account with a tab for donations.

### New Business

CEA will be hosting a fundraising Luau August 15<sup>th</sup> at the school. This will be Thrivent matched fundraiser.

Maxine brought up idea to give 10% of profit from upcoming CEA fundraisers to the church.

Anne made motion to give 10% of profit from CEA fundraisers, with the exception of the scrip program, to the Church Building Fund. Jessica seconded. All in favor.

The financial troubles of the hot lunch program was discussed. Some different suggestions were discussed.

Next meeting will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

Submitted by,  
Maxine Rice

**June 3, 2010**

### School Board Minutes

March 30 minutes were read and approved

Internal accounts \$6797 and CEA account totals 1232.94. Motion by Delpiere and sec-

ond by Rice. Approved.

Invoices in the amount of \$221.83 and 212.58. 443.18 for SAT tests, needs to be paid also. There was discussion regarding insurance on the new copier lease, this will be investigated as it is not familiar to anyone. SAT tests will be paid from the Computer fund as was motioned by Roestel and second by Anderson. Approved

### Guest presentations

Hot Lunch is currently under funded. Families currently pay \$85 per quarter or \$40 per month. The possibility of Laker's delivering lunch was discussed. Increasing lunch costs was discussed. Motion by Roestel to increase lunch fees \$60 per year per student and second by Delpiere. Approved

### CEA President's report

- Discussion regarding fundraisers, one fundraiser per year and funds will go to families tuition. Scrip program percentage will also be credited to families tuition

- The Co-op and Food Pride have been approached regarding participating in the Scrip program. CEA family meeting on May 18

### Pastors Report

- Archery is finished.
- On field day the school provided concessions and it was a success. Greta Elston

broke the softball throw record by 6" this year.

- Graduation is Sunday, June 6 at 9:30 am.
- School staff met this week to make plans for graduation and year end and will meet later in the month to discuss plans for the 2010-2011 year. School plans are to start school before Labor Day unless a workshop for teachers conflicts with this.

### Old Business

Mission of the School Board and CEA

### New Business

- A newsletter was distributed regarding school board focus and possibilities for efficiencies.

- Torri Volmering has approached Pastor about her intentions to apply at Lakers and Cass City School. Her baby will be due the end of July and there is a possibility that we will need to have a substitute for the first few weeks of school. We have confirmation of 2 students that will not be returning to Cross due to finances and another family in a situation where it is unsure if their 2 students will return.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 7 at 4:30 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Rice and Anderson the Lord's Prayer at 5:45 pm.

## August Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
August 1 9:30 a.m.	Leanne Schuette	Andrea Schuette	Sue Loehrke	John Trowbridge	John Schuette Jim Schuette Bob Tate Brian Delpiere Phil Schadd Mike Trost Ryan Trost	Ruth Hamilton
August 8 9:30 a.m.	Bob Battel	Norm Nelson	Peggy Koehler			
August 15 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Shirley Deering	Sue Battel	Karen Schuette		
August 22 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Laura Trost	Brian Delpiere			
August 29 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Pam Sturm	Ray Licht			

### LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD

Opening and Closing Church for August Services (Unlocking and locking doors, turning on and off lights, sound system): Ushers

\*If you are unable to participate as scheduled, please contact a substitute. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2278. Thanks and may God's peace be with you always.

Peggy Koehler

### Parish Life Ministry

Parish Life met on July 6 at 5 p.m. with Inez Buchholz, Betty Champagne, Marlene Landry, Rick Landry, Sue Loehrke, Paul Schuette and Pastor Tim present. We opened with devotions and prayer led by Inez.

Some of the topics discussed were: Organizing the snacks for Vacation Bible School and refreshments after the closing program. We discussed a special event on Sept. 12 which will include a potluck picnic, square dancing with the Hurdelbrinks,

games, dedication of the Cross Memorial Brick Garden, an outdoor worship service and lots of fun and fellowship.

Also discussed were the Mission Festival Potluck on Oct. 17, the potluck after the annual meeting on Nov. 7, the Women's Retreat at Mich-a-lu-ca on Oct 1-3 and an Adult Fellowship Event being planned for Nov. 13.

Our next meeting will be on Aug. 3 at 5 p.m.

Betty Champagne, chairperson

### Remember our Shut-ins:

Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Harvey Weiss, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Viola Schuette, Marge Krause, Fred Edler, Meta Farver, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur

## Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education met June 10 at 5:00 pm at the church. Attending were Pastor Tim, Jean Sturm and Connie Eden. Absent were Kim Fritz and Brenda Smith. We were excited to learn that Brenda Smith gave birth to twins Molly and Brian this very morning!

**Leaf Fund:** Elizabeth Higgins, Kaitie House and Alissa Peterson requested assistance from the fund to attend Youth Leadership Training at Michi-Lu-Ca. It was decided to give each girl \$100 toward the cost of \$350, and the girls intend to earn the remainder by doing house or yard work, babysitting, etc.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School was held July 19-22, with the children learning about the

fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, patience and kindness. They got to try their hand at real-life farm activities, including live farm animals, make crafts, play fun games, eat farm fresh snacks, sing down home songs and watch funny skits. The children also had an opportunity to ride on the Cross VBS float in the Farmer's Festival parades. Thanks to Sue Battel for her leadership, and all the great volunteers who helped in many ways, and thanks be to God for all the wonderful children who attended. Many seeds of faith were sewn for God's Kingdom.

**Sunday School:** It was decided that the Ministry of Education would not meet in July, but rather meet on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 pm. This will

be a combined meeting with the Sunday School staff to make plans for the upcoming Sunday School season which will begin September 12, Back to School Sunday. On that Sunday services will be held outdoors at the Lift High the Cross Garden. The service will be followed by a pot luck and games for the family. All 3rd grade students of Cross Lutheran Church and School will receive a new Spark Bible during the service as well.

Summer is winding down quickly. May you enjoy the remaining days of sunshine in the warmth of Jesus' love!

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Eden, Chairman

## Synod Assembly Report

Synod Assembly Report  
A joint synod Assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and Southeast Michigan Synod was held May 20-22, 2010 at the Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan. The theme "For the Lord Loves Justice" was taken from Psalm 37:28 "For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His faithful ones." These powerful words reveal God's compassion for all who experience injustice and delight in those who dedicate their

lives to lifting up the lonely, the lowly and the left-out.

The assembly began on Thursday at noon with a picnic lunch on the Capitol Lawn, giving folks an opportunity to discuss social justice issues with state senators and representatives. Thursday evening Opening Worship and Eucharist were presided over by Bishop Stephen Marsch. An impressive offering of over \$25,000 was received that evening for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Friday began with Morning Prayer and a welcome from Bishop Schleicher. A Churchwide Greeting and Report were given by Carlos Pena, Vice President of the ELCA. He stated that Christ has no body on earth but ours, and he thanked us for our gifts of time and talents to the church. We watched Bishop Hanson's greetings on a video entitled "Everyday Evangelists." In 2009 the people of the ELCA said "Here I am

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Lord, send me" and shared 220,000 quilts with the world, sent aid to 80,000 people in Haiti after the earthquake and started up 32 new congregations.

The next day and a half were long and busy days of worship, speakers, work-shops, plenary sessions, committee reports, resolutions and voting. Resolution A (Ministry to Those Affected by Crime), Resolution B (Energy Stewardship), Resolution C (A Call to Citizenship) and Resolution D (Michigan's 2010-2011 Budget- as amended) were all adopted. Resolution E (Establishing a Non-Geographic Conference) was defeated. Resolution F (Justice and Water) and Resolution G (Living Water Ministries) were adopted. If you are interested in more information about the content and wording of these resolutions, we would be glad to share that information with you. During the Election of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members, we had the opportunity to vote for our own Tom Shupe. We are sad that he was not elected, but happy to report that he received 116 votes.

It was fun running into old and new friends at the assembly. We were especially happy to see and get hugs from Pastor Tom Zollman and Pastor Orth. We also had a chance to visit with Pastor Dawn Pooley.

A number of workshops were offered on Friday, and we attended Adoption: One Church One Child One Family presented by Vickie Thompson-Sandy, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's Vice President of Services for Children and Families. Did

you know that on any given day, LSSM has over 800 children in foster care, of which, many of them (up to 400 children per day) are working toward an adoption by their care giver? Over 60 children are ready for adoption, but have no family who has committed to adopting them. Many of these are children over the age of 8, but half of them are under the age of 10 and need to be adopted with their brother or sister. We also attended A New Beginning for the World's Homeless, presented by Belmin Pinjic and Mihaela Mitrofan. This workshop explained the barriers, challenges and achievements of the LSSM Refugee Employment and Resettlement programs and what we can do help. Refugees from Iraq are the highest number of people being processed. There are 2 million refugees outside Iraq and 2 million displaced inside Iraq. In metropolitan Detroit they are only resettling those people who have U.S. ties (relatives). The free cases (those with no U.S. ties) are going to Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. Arrangements must be made for getting them apartments; filling the refrigerator with food; picking them up at the airport; helping them apply for driver's licenses, assistance, filling out job applications, etc.

The keynote speaker on Friday afternoon was Bishop Margaret Payne of the New England Synod. She challenged us to 5 steps to doing justice: 1) Look up the river (see where the problem is coming from), 2) Cross a boundary (get to know people different from us), 3) Choose the right kind of guilt, 4) Think upside

down and 5) Do one thing.

On Saturday morning at the closing worship, Bishop Schleicher told us that deep in each of us is a river of living water (Spirit) gushing, ready to come out of us. It refreshes, renews, emboldens us, provides us with words to speak for those whose lives have been diminished. Drenched with the grace of God, we all have that living water. We are diverse, yet we are the same (the elderly, the prisoner, the child, the disabled, the refugee.) God has already decided to lift up the lowly--we are on board to do His will. Lord, direct us today.

We thank you for keeping us in your prayers as we traveled and represented Cross Lutheran Church and School at this assembly.

\*\*\*\*\*Respectfully submitted,  
\*\*\*\*\*Mike and Connie Eden

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## What is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything.

**Contact Maxine Rice at 989-656-0304 to learn how you can put your shopping dollars to work!**

## Council Minutes

**June 8**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by Vice President Terry Sturm at 7:05 PM. Members present were Kim Delpiere, Betty Champagne, Sue Battel, Lorraine LePage, Tom Shupe, Pastor Loehrke, Ray Licht, Leanne Smith, Paul Schuette and Terry Sturm. Excused members were, Ron Higgins, Tim Fritz, Peggy Koehler and Connie Eden. Leanne Smith opened the meeting with devotions.

**MINUTES:** The previous Council Minutes were reviewed. Tom Shupe made the motion to accept the minutes, Ray Licht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor gave his monthly report. New member's class will be held in June. Two families want to join. Tom Shupe was on the ballot for the Church Wide Assembly in August 2011, unfortunately he did not make it. The Northwest Lower Michigan Synod assembly, was Thursday, May 20—Sat. May 22; Mike and Connie Eden are Cross' representatives.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Report given by Pastor Loehrke.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Terry Sturm reported that there will be an increase in the cost of hot lunch. The cost will be \$100 a quarter, \$400 per year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Total income was reported at \$32,963.48 with a total income and beginning balance of \$58,531.58 and total expenses \$27,753.71 with a balance on hand as of 5/31/2010 \$30,777.87. Cross Lutheran Building Fund showed a balance of \$58.66 on 5/31/2010. Ray Licht moved to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

**REPORT:** Paul Schuette, shared the contributions by Fund for the year 2010 to date. Contributions were \$124,698.05.

**MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:** Ray Licht discussed tithing.

### **MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

**AND MUSIC:** No report given.

### **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:**

No report given at this time.

### **MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:**

Sue Battel gave report on her ministry. They made a board with pictures and information about church and school also discussed a possible float for the Farmers Festival parade.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:** Report distributed to everyone present.

### **MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:**

Nothing was reported at this time.

### **MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Report distributed to everyone present.

### **MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:**

Report distributed to everyone present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Updating the mailing list of Church families and alumni from the school.
- Bible Study will be some time in August. This will be discussed more at the July Council meeting. The topic CORE and homosexuality.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- After much discussion Tom Shupe made the motion that Scrip Card money earned can be used for general fund, name of child or put in the tuition assistance fund. Seconded by Ray Licht. Motion carried.
- Sue Battel made a motion that Cross Church hold one service thru the 12th of September. Lorraine LePage seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- Council will discuss having one service lasting longer than Sept. 12th and Sunday School starting at 10:45 a.m. at our next meeting in July.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned by the chairman and good things from around the room were shared by everyone. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Ministers - The people of Cross

### Officers, Ministries and Committees

#### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

#### Music Director

Beth Elston

#### Church Council

Tim Fritz, President

Terry Sturm, Vice President

Kim Delpiere, Secretary

Tom Shupe, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

Terry Strum, School Board

Ronald Higgins, Properties

Peggy Koehler, Worship & Music

Ray Licht, Stewardship

Connie Eden, Education

Sue Stuever-Battel, Outreach

Leanne Smith, Youth

Betty Champagne, Parish Life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

#### Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

#### Ministry of Properties

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden

Paul Schuette

#### Ministry of Worship & Music

Peggy Koehler

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

#### Ministry of Social Services

Lorraine LePage

Krisi Fritz, Lori Smith

Lou Ann Jarvis

#### Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht

Tom Shupe

June Sturm

Carol Diener

Bob Battel

#### Ministry of Education

Connie Eden, Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith, Kim Fritz

#### Ministry of Outreach

Sue Stuever-Battel

Maxine Rice

Stephanie Lakin

#### Ministry of Youth

Leanne Smith

Sue Loehrke

Brandis Mallais

Rachel Higgins

Donna Schuette

Danielle Irion

Keeley Baur

#### Ministry of Parish Life

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### A Glimpse from Aaron Shupe

Crammed in the back of a taxi heading for Dakar, Senegal, I found myself unexpectedly traveling and conversing with a European 'backpacker/tourist.' As palm trees and salt flats zipped past we spoke briefly of our backgrounds. He, being in his mid 40's, shared bits of growing up behind the Iron Curtain in Eastern Germany and of recent adventure-seeking pleasure travels throughout the world including North Korea, Iran, and Sudan. After briefly sharing that I had lived in West Africa the last few years, he seemed actually in a bit of a daze and even confused. 'Why? What's in it for you?' he asked, struggling within his worldview, thinking maybe it was really fun for me or at least might look good on a resumé. I don't actually remember my answer at the time but as I've reflected on his questions since, Psalm 130 continually comes to me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Psalm 130 ESV

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I've already 'got what's in it for me,' more than I could ever want through the hope we have in the LORD. I too pray that this hope may be the Fulbe's.

And the work continues. There are still people who have not heard, places where a spiritual darkness has hold. Though I've now returned back to the States I am thankful for families and individuals who remain faithful to God's calling, for the Hoflands who I've been able to work with. I am thankful too that they've found a tutor to continue what I have been doing.

In my time in West Africa I have come to realize the struggle missionary parents often have in determining how their children will be educated. All too common this is a reason that families leave the field. I'm thankful to have been able to hop in this role and help the last three years. It has been amazing to see how much each of the kids has learned along the way.

Your support, prayer, and interest through this time have been encouraging, inspiring, priceless, and simply incredible. Thanks so much for being part of this

ministry and I pray that you will continue to find ways to share our hope in Christ with people who have not heard before.

As for plans for my future, for the next few months, I hope to be with my family in Michigan on the farm, where I am now, with intentions to pursue something in teaching and/or missions in the near future. Hopefully you will hear from me again before too long. :)

In Christ we have life,

Aaron

### **Just a reminder of what exactly I was involved with in Guinea:**

I tutored three missionary kids in a rural village in West Africa. Together with the family I was also involved in sharing the message of God's grace to the Fulbe, sharing Scripture in Pular language. One may characterize evangelism amongst the Muslim Fulbe as extremely slow and very difficult. Though this may be true, we rejoice that God's timing is perfect and that His name and His grace will be known amongst the Fulbe.

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### **Some continuing prayer requests:**

Presidential and runoff elections are taking place now in Guinea. It is a big 'crossroad' for the future of the country.

The ongoing ministry of the Hoflands and the new tutor.

Future direction for me.

Pray that those who seek the truth will continue to find it in the Word of God.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>10th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 1 <b>COMMUNION 9:30</b> Coffee Hour - Sarah Circle Youth Leadership Training at Michi-Lu-Ca Camp begins Campfire at parsonage 7:00	2 Outreach Ministry 1:30 p.m.	3 Parish Life Ministry 5:00 p.m.	4 Communion 7 p.m.	5 Hyman Committee 4:00 p.m. School Board 4:30 p.m. Ministry of Education and Sunday School Teachers meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Bass Lake Festival Begins at Michi - Lu - Ca Camp for LYO	7
<b>11th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 8 <b>WORSHIP 9:30</b> Coffee Hour - Sarah Circle Scrip Orders Due	9 Bass Lake Festival Ends Campers return.	10 Church Council 7:00 pm	11 Sarah Circle 9:30 a.m. Communion 7 p.m.	12	13	14
<b>12th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 15 <b>COMMUNION 9:30</b> Coffee Hour - Sarah Circle LUAU CELEBRATION 3:00 - 8:00 P.M. 	16 Full time office hours resume 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.	17	18 Communion, 7 p.m.	19 Blood Drive 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.	20	21
<b>13th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 22 <b>WORSHIP 9:30</b> Coffee Hour - Sarah Circle Scrip Orders Due Sexuality Discussion 10:45 - Noon	23	24 School Staff returns 9:00 a.m. meeting Stewardship Meeting 7:00	25 Communion 7 p.m.	26 Social Services 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m.	27	28
<b>14th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 29 <b>WORSHIP 9:30</b> Coffee Hour - Sarah Circle	30 School Opening Chapel 6:30 p.m.	31 First Full Day of New School Year Preschool Open House 5 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b> 200 Ruppert Street **** Pigeon, MI 48755-0058 Pastor Tim Loehrke, Pastor-PARSONAGE PHONE: 989/453-3053 ** PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Beth Elston CHURCH PHONE: 989/453-3330 ** SCHOOL PHONE: 989/453-3331 CHURCH & SCHOOL E-MAIL: secretary@crosslutheranpigeon.org Church Website: www.crosslutheranpigeon.org School Website: www.crosslutheranschool.org			

