

Cross Connection

Growing together

September 2016

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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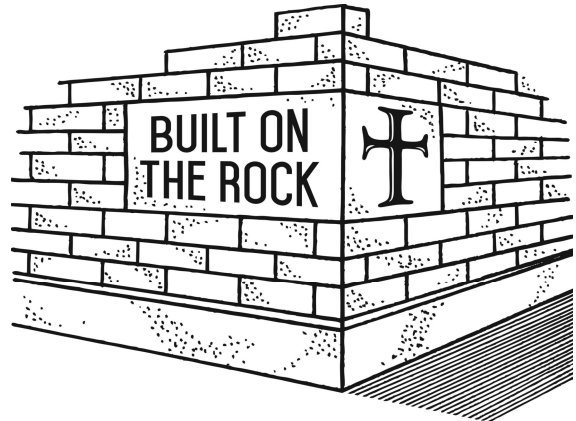
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Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran Church and School,

As I write this the tent for the 125th celebration is being erected. It is truly amazing how this army of builders methodically go about their orchestrated assigned task, each knowing what is required and knowing if one does not complete their responsibilities, there will be consequences within the integrity of the tent. However, probably the one assigned task that is critical to the success of everyone's effort and the unwavering structure of the tent is that first stake in the corner driven into the ground upon which all other stakes and poles will guide off of. On that one stake, everything else is built. So too is the building of the church of God, i.e. Cross Lutheran Church and School.

125 years ago the foundation upon which Cross Lutheran Church and School built it self upon was none other than the



foundation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

NRS **1 Corinthians 3:** ¹⁰ *According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.* ¹¹ *For no one, can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.*

Since then, that foundation of Jesus Christ has not cracked, crumbled, shifted, warped, splintered or fractured. It has been challenged, tested, chastised, and withstood the temptation to take the easier

path. In all that, the family of Cross now has a solid foundation with a rich heritage to be proud of and to be strong and bold to continue to build God's church, i.e. Cross Lutheran Church and School, for the next 125 years.

To continue to build God's church within the culture that it now lives in will not be an easy task. Definition of the "family" is being challenged and changed daily. Morales that once were solid and not even thought about are now out the window and an atmosphere of "I don't care what anybody else thinks, I'm doing it my way" is accepted as the norm even if it goes against God's word.

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Bible Readings for the Month

Sept. 4 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

P – Psalm 1

2R – Philemon 1-21

G – Luke 14:25-35

Sept. 11 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 34:11-24

P – Psalm 119:169-176

2R – 1 Timothy 1:5-17

G – Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 18 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 8:4-7

P – Psalm 113

2R – 1 Timothy 2:1-15

G – Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 25 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 6:1-7

P – Psalm 146

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. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

Communion Bread

We will again need people to help with baking the communion bread in September. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board

along with the easy recipe. Thank you.

Lift High The Cross Garden

We are offering the opportunity to purchase a brick for the garden. You can purchase a brick for \$70 for yourself or a family member. See the May Newsletter or contact June Sturm for more details.

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What was good is now evil. What was evil is now good. I fear most for our children growing up in this atmosphere especially when parents see “nothing wrong” with what is going on.

This then is the challenge for Cross as it looks at the next 125 years in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To not be swayed by the “popular voice” of the culture to do otherwise. When confronted with such challenges, Cross needs to go back to scripture and Paul’s letter to the church in Ephe-

sus;

^{NRS} Ephesians 2: 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Cross Lutheran Church and School must continue to be the “voice in the wilderness” crying out Jesus Christ as the one and only Lord and Savior for all. That voice will be heard loud and clear for the foundation upon which we proclaim is within the one and only Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

God’s peace

Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

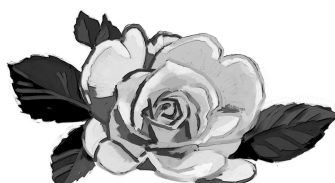
Birthdays

- 1 Clarence Schadd
- 3 Ken Schulze
- 5 Kristi Krohn
Janis Elftman
- 8 Kevin Trost
John Shope
- 14 Jack Sturm
- 15 Linda Shope
- 18 Allison Yackle
Gloria Lewis
Norm Nelson
- 19 Inez Buchholz
- 20 Elizabeth Higgins
- 21 Beth Elston
Andrew Trost
- 23 Lori Smith
- 24 Richard Mead
- 26 Tim Schuette
- 27 Kirsten Shupe
- 28 Victoria Yackle
- 29 Violet Messing
- 30 Laken LePage
Erica Sturm

Anniversaries

- 2 Mike & Connie
Eden, 38 years

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| 2 Ken & Betty Licht, 49 years | 14 Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink, 64 years |
| 3 Al & Peggy Licht, 33 years | 20 Alex & Patty Cucinello, 30 years |
| 6 Bill & Jan Love, 47 years | 20 Joshua & Lindsey LePage, 2 year |
| 11 Steve & Patty Schulze, 45 years | 25 Chris & Marcie Papkey, 17 years |
| 13 Matthew & Carrie Mancini, 8 years | |



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

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

Please Remember in Prayer:

Jeanette Licht Flores, Roger Budnick, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Wendy Gettel, Allen Koehler, Jake Mazzara, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Dawn

Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Rachel Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim (Mrs. Donald) Schadd, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz 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 Bonnie Schulz.

Youth Schedule:

Sunday School resumes Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Schedule:

Sunday, Sept. 11 from 5—6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 18 from 5—6:30 p.m.

Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wed., Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10:30 a.m.—noon

School News

September School Calendar



- 2 No School
- 5 No School
- 6 School Resumes
- 7 Chapel 12:45 a.m.
- 8 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 15 CEA Family Night 6 p.m.
- 21 Chapel 8 a.m.
School Picture Day
- 28 Chapel 8 a.m.

From the Desk of ... David Faupel

Back in May, my 7th and 8th grade students and I were blessed with the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg on a five-day trip. We journeyed by bus with three other local Lutheran schools: St. John's Port Hope, Zion Harbor Beach, and Trinity Reese. My students had a blast! Some of the sites we visited on the trip included the battlefield at Gettys-



burg, all of the major presidential and war memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, the Capitol building, National Cathedral, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, and Mount Vernon. There was SO much to see in such a limited amount of time, and everyone was exhausted by the end of each day. Though it is difficult for most kids that age to fully appreciate all of the historical significance of what they were seeing, it was fun to see my students "soaking in" some of it. It was also great to experience this trip with a Christian community. Our whole group met together each morning for devotions and prayer before we began touring. My students interacted quite a bit with students from the other

schools and developed some new friendships. It was a worthwhile trip and an experience the students will never forget.

As we begin a new school year, I pray for God's continued blessing of this school, its students and their families, the staff and volunteers who serve here, and the dedicated congregation who have supported this school for 125 years. It is a great blessing for me to be part of this family!



September Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Sept. 4 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Karen Schuette	Karen Schuette	Bruce Baur George Gardy	Laura Trost	Logan Richmond
Sept. 11 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Kari Halvorsen		Neil Herford Al Licht		Collin Schuette
Sept. 18 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Kim Schadd	John Trowbridge	Denny Smith	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
Sept. 25 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Michelle Fritz		Larry Smith John Trowbridge		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!

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Sept. 30
4:30—6:30 p.m.

Watch the bulletin insert
for more details!

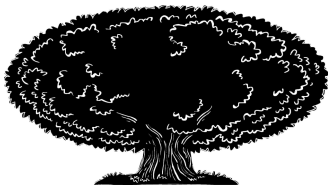
Sponsored by Cross CEA.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 9, missionary Anne Marie Stern will be present during the worship service and Sunday School to describe her work in Neply, Haiti. She will also meet with the Cross school students on Monday, October 10.

Anne Marie currently directs Orphan Care & Prevention with the organization My Life Speaks, which also provides LIFE Academy for children and Public Health programs to the people of Neply and surrounding villages. For more information, visit their website at mylifespeaks.com, and make sure to mark your calendar for her visit October 9.

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Lynn Schebor, for Cross Lutheran School:

Denny & Leanne Smith

In memory of Rita Kirby, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Pedro & Irene Ruiz de Castilla

Marie Nicholl

Mike Kirby

In memory of James Schumacher, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Wallace & Irene Bronner

Karen Anklam

Residents of Country Bay Village

Lillian Koehler

Church Council Minutes



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:06PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, John Smith, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Leanne Smith, Neil Herford, Patty Schulze and Lori Smith. John Smith provided the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the Agenda as provided, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated June 14, 2016, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Leanne Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Heck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Church calendar

- Return to regular office hours (8AM – 4PM) to resume on Monday, August 22nd.
- 125th Celebration, Sunday, August 28th.

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

- NALC national convocation, August 8-12, Anaheim, CA. Pastor will be attending this, representing Cross as pastor and as Dean of the Michigan Mission District.
- Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, September 11.
- VBS was a huge success. Thank you to Lori Smith and her staff for all the hard work to make it a "sweet Jesus" success.
- The Loon's game was great. They even won.

Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Rita Kirby - Saturday, June 18, 2016
- Funeral, Jim Schumacher - Saturday, July 16, 2016

Funeral 2; Wedding 0; Baptisms 0; Teaching 7; Communion 21; Hosp Vis 5; Home Vis 7; Meetings 35; Services 15

Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2016 - 2017 school year. Some families have registered, some haven't.
 - o K – 8 P/S
- The staff met to plan the 2016-2017 school year on

Monday, June 5th. In order to schedule 180 days of school, the following opening and closing of the school year 2016-2017 will take place:

- o Opening chapel, Thursday, August 25th, 6PM.
- o No school, Friday, August 26th.
- o Full day of classes, Monday – Thursday, August 29 – September 1.
- o Preschool open house, Monday, August 29th, 5:00PM – 7:00PM.
- o Labor Day weekend, Friday – Monday, September 2-5.
- o School resumes, Tuesday, September 6.

Last day of school, Friday, June 2

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: John Smith was present and gave his oral report. CEA will have a fall spaghetti fundraiser on September 30th. We expect 33-34 students to attend school (K-8).

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Leanne Smith was present and gave her written report. We will be using a new liturgy during the summer and the 125th Anniversary Celebration. New banners are being made for the 125th Celebration. A mission worker to Haiti will be coming in the near future to talk with Cross.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH: Lori presented her

Council Minutes (Cont.) & Ministries

oral report to all present. The garage sale brought in approximately \$4620. Vacation Bible School was successful. The school float for the parade was very nice.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil was present and gave his oral report. One of the gymnasium lights is out and needs to be replaced.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Patty Schulze was present and provided her written report to all present. Women of Faith will meet Saturday, September 11th from 10:30AM to noon. The Great Lakes Loons outing on Sunday, July 24th was well attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

August 30, 1891 – August 30, 2016 (Tuesday), Cross Lutheran Church & School 125th anniversary.

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

Active / inactive membership – constitutional change.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business to report.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was

closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

CEA Meeting

August 4, 2016

Present at meeting were Pastor, April Rujan, Melisa Raymond, Geri Kay Mclean, and Nicole Shupe

Pastor opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

Playground- We are looking into and planning ahead for new playground equipment. Also the time is here for adding new woodchips to the playground. Melisa is contacting Lee's Landscaping for a delivery date, she will need help the day of delivery.

Family Meetings -Our first family meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. This night is also an open house night.

Fundraisers -Spaghetti Dinner- We are changing things up a bit this year and instead of doing the fall pancake breakfast we will be trying a spaghetti dinner. This will be held on Fri. Sept. 30 from 4:30-6:30pm. This is still a mandatory fundraiser so plan on helping out.

Christmas Fair- Set for Dec. 9. We are taking donations now

and till then.

Concessions- Basketball season starts in Jan. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Krispy Kreme- Set for February.

Carnival- The carnival is set for April and the date will be decided later. This is also a mandatory fundraiser so families set the calendar to help out this day.

Spring Pancake Breakfast- Set for May 7 from 9am-1pm. Again this is a mandatory fundraiser so set the calendar for this day to come and help out.

Scrip Program- This is ongoing and weekly. See Aileen Prill in the office for details

School Ski Trip- Planned for Feb. 8 but may change.

CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8 at 4:45pm.

Cross Apparel

Cross apparel available, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30.

“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS GARDEN”

Have you visited the “Lift high The Cross Garden”? It is located on the south lawn of the church. The brick garden was established in 2002 providing a place to pray or reflect.

We are offering the opportunity to purchase a brick for the garden . You can purchase a brick for yourself or a family member. Also, think about those persons whom you may want to honor for a birthday, anniversary, wedding, graduation, baptism, or a memorial. There are also bricks representing different church groups.

Purchaser: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____

**Please engrave a brick as follows:
Limit: Three 12-character (letter & spaces) lines per brick:***

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***One brick per order form payable to:**

Make check payable to:
Cross Lutheran Church
Memo: Brick Project



Enclose a check and order forms in an envelope and put it in my mailbox at church or the church office marked to my attention:

June Sturm
“Brick Project”

Bricks are \$70 Each

Adopt A Highway

Our section of highway has been changed! It is now on M-142 beginning at the south village limits of Pigeon, turning East at Cross Cemetery and ending at Gage-town Road. We will be doing our fall clean up on Saturday, Sept. 24. We will meet at Cross Cemetery at 10 a.m. and organize our group from there.



September 2016

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Worship & Music 7 p.m.	2 No School Office Hours 9 a.m. - Noon	3 Collison Wedding
4 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.	5 LABOR DAY Office Closed	6 Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	7 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	8 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	9	10
11 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	12 Choirs: C 6:30/B 7:30	13 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	14 Chapel 8 p.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	15	16	17 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - noon
18 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	19 Choirs: C 6:30/B 7:30	20 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	21 Chapel 8 a.m. School Picture Day Comm. Service 7 p.m.	22	23	24 Adopt A Highway Clean Up 10 a.m.
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Ministers - The people of Cross

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Pastor

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Music Director

Beth Elston

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John Smith, V P

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Nancy Heck, Treasurer

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Pastor Tim, Youth

Patti Schulze, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

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Lori McKenzie

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Melisa Raymond, Secretary

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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

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

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Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

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Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

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