

Cross Connection

Growing together

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Our mission:

Bring people to Christ.

Teach Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.



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Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

It is that time of year that I do not look forward to. The sun is setting around 5 p.m. It is dark by 5:30 p.m. and I'm ready for bed. The temperatures are dropping and that white flaky substance is flying in the air and gathering on the ground. It's not even Thanksgiving yet and Christmas commercials and Christmas Carols are in full swing. Next year is an election year and I'm not looking forward to all of those political commercials where a lot of promises are made and very few if any are kept. The senseless killings in Paris took place a few weeks ago and since then it has been nothing but down right chaos. The war on Christianity within this country is increasing in intensity, intimidation and audaciousness. And to top it all off, darkness lasts longer than daylight. I'm really not looking forward to all of this.

Maybe I'm looking at this in the wrong way. Instead of looking at this from my self-centered narcissistic point of view, maybe I should try and



look at it from God's point of view. Maybe God is saying,

NRS **Mark 13: 7**

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

So if this is to take place, what on earth can I do about it? I'm not strong enough to solve all of this mess. I'm frustrated, dismayed, I feel helpless, UHG! Where then do I go!???

NRS **Psalm 46:1**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth

should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

To know that God is my refuge and strength in all of this mess I am living in brings me great comfort. Where then comes God's help in all of this evil that is happening in this world? What great force has the power to silence and stop once and for all the anarchy, the killings, the terror that paralyzes people and nations, wars, hate, even Satan himself?

NRS **Isaiah 11:10** *On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.*

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Dec. 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

1R – Malachi 3:1-7b
P – Psalm 66:1-12
2R – Philippians 1:2-11
G – Luke 3:1-14

Dec. 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

1R – Zephaniah 3:14-20

P – Psalm 85
2R – Philippians 4:4-7
G – Luke 7:18-28

Dec. 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent

1R – Micah 5:2-5a
P – Psalm 80:1-7
2R – Hebrews 10:5-10
G – Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

1R – Isaiah 7:10-14
P – Psalm 110:1-4
2R – 1 John 4:7-16

G – Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

1R – Isaiah 52:7-10
P – Psalm 2
2R – Hebrews 1:1-6
G – John 1:1-14

Dec. 27 – First Sunday of Christmas

1R – Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15
P – Psalm 111
2R – Colossians 3:12-17
G – Luke 2:22-40

Cartridges for Kids

Due to the limited type of toner and ink cartridges they will accept, we will no longer participate in this program.

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 than the others.

Pigeon

Food Pantry

Holiday baking is nearing. You can help by supplying flour, sugars, spices, chocolate chips, cooking oil, etc. All cooking supplies are appreciated for holiday cooking. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please

place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Thank you!

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.

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^{NRS} **Luke 2:1** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was en-

gaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But

the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Thanks be to God!!!!

Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

December

- 1 Jordan Licht
- 3 Mark Trost
- 4 Cindy Buchholz
- 5 Fred Haley
- 6 Troy Schuette
- 8 Beverly Knost
- 9 Neil Herford
- 10 Ryan Trost
Arthur Hill
- 11 Grace Shupe
- 15 Roger Renn
Kendal Delpiere
- 17 Richard Koehler Jr.
Maria Schumacher
- 18 Lorraine LePage
- 19 Kaoty Smith
- 20 Cheryl Sturm
- 22 Donna Schuette
- 23 Bill Love
- 24 Denny Diener Sr.
- 25 Jim Siewert
- 27 Donald Schuette
- 28 Janice Uhan
- 29 Pastor Tim
- 30 Ethan Yackle
- 31 Mitchell Schuette

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.



- 3 Clarence & Inez
Buchholz, 55 years
- 14 Paul & Karen Schu-

ette, 41 years

17 Loren & Dolores Elftman,
66 years

20 Kent & Lori McKenzie, 35

years

26 Dale & Chris Schulz, 46
years

Communion Bread

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. Thank you!



**"Given
for
you."**



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Dave McCrimmon, Jake Mazara, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Gordon Hoffman (Gina Smith's brother) Dawn Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Rachel

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

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz has been deployed. 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.

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m.

School News

December School Calendar



- 2 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 3 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 11 Christmas Fair
- 22 Half Day of School
- 23 Christmas Break Begins

From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

Now that the weather has turned colder, we are all spending more time indoors. It is easy to turn to electronic media of various types to occupy our time, but remember that children, especially, need physical activity, and lots of it! Children are literally building neural con-

nections which are essential for learning throughout their lives, and nature's way of doing this is through physical activities such as crawling, walking, running, climbing, balancing, rolling, hopping, skipping, jumping and dancing, just to name a few.

Betsy Hill, in her November 10 webinar from the series "Neuroscience in Education," makes the following recommendations regarding children's exposure to electronic media:

1. Follow the American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations regarding media consumption for children: No screen time for children under 3; no more than 1 - 2 hours daily (high quality) screen time for 3 through teens; no TV's in bedrooms; pay attention to ratings.

2. Plan media-free zones and times in your homes, offices and personal lives.

3. Put your cell phone somewhere other than next to your

bed at night, and don't check it right before bed.

4. Turn your cell phone off when working on an important project - and when talking to someone you care about!

5. Limit exposure to violence and make sure that mitigating factors are in place.

6. Discuss the television and other media that you consume as a family with your children.

7. Consider the age-relevant developmental impact of specific media choices.

8. Take advantage of the qualities of video games that are designed to provide training in important skills without negative effects.

So, take time to "power down" and make time for physical activity and play with your children. It will energize all of you, and create lasting memories to share.

125th Anniversary Celebration—Aug. 28, 2016

Will take place **Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016**. Planning has already begun. Co-chairs are Leanne Smith and Pam Sturm.

Sub-committee chairs are: Aileen Prill, Administration;

Beth Elston & Mike Sting, Worship Service; Linda Shope, Reception; Eric Gardy & John

Shope, Logistics; Historical Artifacts, Betty Champagne and Gwynne Barry, School.

If you are interested in assisting on any committee, please contact those people.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards expenses may do so by indicating "125th Anniversary Celebration" on their check.

December Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Dec. 6 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Peggy Koehler	Leanne Smith	Paul Schuette	Bruce Baur George Gardy	Laura Trost	Collin Schuette
Dec. 13 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Vivian Buschlen	Gwynne Barry	Carole Mead	Neil Herford Al Licht	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
Dec. 20 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Phil Schadd	Rachel Higgins	Phil Schadd	Denny Smith Larry Smith	Carol Diener	Garrett Fritz
Dec. 24 10 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon		John Trowbridge	John Trowbridge	Marilyn Baur	Logan Richmond
Dec. 25 10 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Laura Trost	Leanne Smith	Paul Schuette		Laura Trost	Collin Schuette
Dec. 27 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette				Riley Shupe

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!

"No Stable Too Small"

Children's Christmas Eve Program

Thursday, Dec. 24

Prelude 6:45 p.m., Program at 7 p.m.

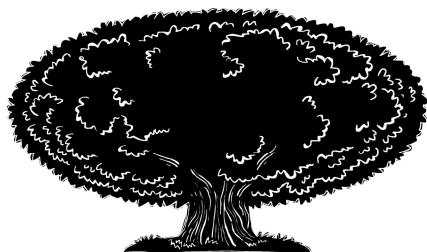
Dress Rehearsals: Tuesday, Dec. 15
from 6 - 7p.m. & Tuesday, Dec. 22
from 6 - 7 p.m.

Mini Practices at Sunday School starting Nov. 29, please have your child attend so they will know the songs!

We would like to invite all children who are three years old through high school to be a part of our Christmas program. If you have family members from out of town (children, grandchildren, etc.) attending Christmas Eve service who would like their children to be in the program, please let us know! We will be happy to get them all of the song material and a speaking part ahead of time!

Please contact (text or call) Kristy Carriveau 989-553-3584, Gwynne Barry 453-2413 or Kari Halvorsen 989-450-2539 for more information.

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Ruth Hamilton, for Cross Lutheran School:

Matt & Dawn Szczepanski
Don & Heidi Thorsen
Mary Lou Lentner
David & Mary Smith
Robert & Lois Bickel

In memory of Art Woelke, for Cross Lutheran School Annual Fund:

Paul Leithart

In memory of Ruth Hamilton, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Linda Fietzer
WLEW
Eugene & Betty Champagne
N. Westphal
MariAnne Dast
Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz
Elsie Trowbridge

In memory of Maude Heck, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Nancy Schuette & family

In memory of Arlene Fritz, for

Cross Lutheran Church:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur
Ed & Deb Bergman
Jean Sturm
Dale & Donna Behm
Fred & Delores Collison
Allan & Elizabeth Liska
Denny & Carol Diener
Mike Fritz
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Heck
Eldon Dietzel
Tom & Tamara Schulze
Stephen & April Rathje
Larry & Gina Smith
Ken & Connie Engelhardt
Jerry & Sue Maxwell
Dan & Marge Maxwell
Nancy & Ray Raythatha
Carl & Phyllis Maxwell
Barb Buchholz
Peggy & Hans Hellwig
Philip List
Tom & Liz Fritz
Alan Meisel
Robert Kellermann
Ted & Peggy Leipprandt
Bernard & Norma King
Henry & Ava Gies
Allen Gies
Ross & Sharon Kraft
Ron & Randie Clark
Linda Fietzer
Tammy Koroleski
Willard & Mary Kropp
Gail Krenz

Shirley Fritz

Carolyn Hall

Beth Tibbits

Gary & Beth Knoblock

Betty Champagne

In memory of Arlene Fritz, for Cross Lutheran School:

John & Jill Champagne
Beverly Leipprandt

In memory of Brenda Sue Licht, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Laker Class of 1977

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink
Loren & Delores Elftman
Dale & Donna Schuette
Denny & Carol Diener
Laurie & Mike Aubry
Larry & Gina Smith
Art & Del Lubiarz
Ivoughn Depner
Diana Schoof
Alice Champagne
Ken & Dody Yal
Harold & Shirley Deering
Don & Nancy Begg
Paul & Takeko Heinrich
Denny & Leanne Smith

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran School:

Doug & Dianne Yackle
Barb Buchholz

In memory of George Mohr, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Elsie Trowbridge

Church Council Minutes



Oct. 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, at 7:08 p.m. on the above date. Members present were Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, John Smith, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith and Aileen Prill. Pastor, Timothy Loehrke, provided prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated September 8, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented, Leanne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: None.

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 Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

of his report were as follows:

Funeral 1, Weddings 0, Baptisms 0, Teaching 19, Communion 8, Hosp Vis 10, Home Vis 4, Meetings 29, Services 13.

Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Ruth Hamilton - October 7, 2015

Church calendar

- Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2015 – Communion
- All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2015
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 1, 2015.
- Martin Luther's birthday – Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Pastor's Report

- Chicken BBQ was a success.
- Missoula Children's Theater production of Aladdin, huge success.
- Gym is being utilized every Tuesday evening for a fitness class.
- Girl Scouts are meeting every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in the Cafeteria.
- Conducted Bible Study at Country Gardens in the month of September.
- Operation Christmas Child – Annette Sproule made a presentation to kick off the Shoebox Campaign.
- Scheurer Auxiliary Pasta Benefit held in gym, Monday, October 12, 2015.
- Michigan Mission District for the NALC will hold its 2nd an-

nual gathering on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Evart, Michigan.

- Deans annual meeting with the Bishop, November 4 – 6, 2015, Columbus, Ohio
- Gideon's to make a presentation on Sunday, November 8, 2015.
- New Members Class starting on Sunday, October 25, to be held during the Sunday School hour.
- Community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m. at Cross, pie after service.

School Calendar

- Picture Day, Tuesday, October 1, 2015.
- No School, Thursday & Friday, October 22 & 23, 2015. Teachers attended the MANS Conference in Detroit.

Principal's report

- ♦ Student enrollment for 2015 - 2016 school year K – 8, 31 (1- 8th grader –Beau Martindale, P/S 12
- Safetyville conducted all week with several schools attending.
- CEA Family Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2015 – Bullying Prevention was the topic, well attended by both parents and students.
- CEA Pancake Breakfast was held. Great help with families from the School.
- TALL Art Day to be held at Cross on Friday, October 16, 2015. (96 kids will be attending)

Church Council Minutes (Cont.)

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: John Smith was present, and gave his oral report.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Tom Shupe was present and a written report was not provided.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report to all present.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH: Lori Smith was present and provided a written report to all present.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: There was nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present and reported that he spoke to Dave's Glass and the work on church entrances should begin around Thanksgiving.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill was present and provided her written report to all present.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NALC Marriage Law and the Protection of Congregations

Proposed Amendments for the 2015 NALC Convocation (vote will be done at Annual Meeting in Nov.)

Church Parking Lot Approaches Fence for Parsonage on hold until Spring/Summer 2016

Old Parsonage Update

Church Entrance Doors – work should begin around Thanksgiving.

Annual Reports (Annual Meeting – Sunday, November 1, 2015)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget for 2016

Flooring – Presentation was given regarding the proposal received from AT Frank.

Nancy Heck made a Motion to present the proposal from AT Frank in the amount of approximately \$20,000.00 at the annual meeting for flooring and complete installation to replace the orange carpeting in the church, overflow, hallway, and in the south entrance of the Church, and further made a recommendation to use a fund raising gauge, and once the money is collected then go ahead with the purchase and installation. Aileen Prill seconded, Motion carried (9 yes, 1 no).

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 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 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Parish Life Ministry

Nov. 3

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

were Aileen Prill, Alice Trost, Betty Champagne, Patti Schulze and Sue Loehrke.

- Women of Faith will meet on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10:30 a.m. - noon

- Coffee Hours: We will wait until the next meeting to see what are left in December. Betty will make the sign up schedule for 2016.

- Thanksgiving Community Service – Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. serving pies afterward. Sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Desk.

- Christmas Caroling Dec. 19 after practice. Gwynne Barry stopped by to discuss Christmas Caroling, and proposed another idea. Discussion followed and we agreed to support whatever she wished to organize.

We also discussed hosting some type of Youth centered event, possibly a Valentine's Day event like we did a couple of years ago. We decided we needed to ask parents what general day of the week and time best suited them.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.

Meeting closed at 5:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Mission / Outreach Ministry Minutes

Oct. 27

Our evening began at 6 p.m. with a delicious potluck dinner and friendly conversation, with Pastor Tim and Sue as our guests. Later the meeting was called to order by Lori Smith, who led us in

Ministry Minutes

prayer. Those present were Rose Ann Budnick, Krisie Fritz, Lorraine LePage, Kay Schuette, Bonnie Schulz, Gwen Ovcen, Lori Smith and Connie Eden. The minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer reported \$8,238.49 in the checking account. Lori read a thank you note to the group.

Our annual Food Drive will begin this coming Sunday, Nov. 1. We will be collecting items for the Food Pantry in the wheelbarrows by each entrance to the sanctuary throughout the month. It was suggested that we ask Rachel to post a picture of the sanctuary decorated for autumn on our Facebook page and a message about our Food Drive. We will be selling Scrip cards every other Sunday in November. The Scrip schedule is as follows: Nov. 1 (cash sales) – Connie, Gwen (Connie will make an announcement at the end of the annual meeting); Nov. 8 – Rose Ann; Nov. 15 (cash sales) – Krisie, Rose Ann; Nov. 22 – Lori; Nov. 29 (cash sales) – Kay, Bonnie.

Rose Ann will purchase Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins, and Bonnie will write them and send them. Connie will see about Advent calendars. Richard Koehler is working with the Huron County Road Commission to get the roadside signs project completed. A sample has been made, and the rest are being

finished up. He will also see that they are put up when they are finished. Letters will be sent to members of the congregation who live in the outer limits of the village to see if a sign may be placed on their property. We are scheduled for coffee hour on Nov. 22. The Giving Tree will be up by Nov. 22.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations are due by Nov. 15. We will be sorting on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. and the packing night is Nov. 19, beginning at 6 p.m. We will be asking for donations of finger type food for our volunteers on Nov. 19. Everyone agreed that Annette Sproule's talk on kick-off Sunday was very inspiring. Due to some family issues she almost wasn't able to come that day, but we are thankful that she was able to make it. We decided to send her a gift card as a thank you.

Bathroom repairs and flooring for the church were once again discussed. Bonnie made a motion to put \$2,500 toward flooring, pending approval, and \$2,500 toward the bathroom project (to be put in capital improvement fund.) If the flooring project is not approved, that \$2,500 would also go toward the bathroom project. Rose Ann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Following the meeting, the church was beautifully decorated for autumn.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

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.

Crafters & Sewers Needed

Worship & Music Ministry is looking for people with all kinds of talent. Ideas, suggestions, design, cut, sew, glue, assemble for New Church Banners. Please contact Peg McCrimmon. Please call and leave a message 856-4887 or leave a message in her mailbox in the church overflow with your name and phone number.

Cross Clothing

With a special 125th Anniversary logo is available through the church office. Men's, Women's and children styles and sizes are available. Proceeds from these sales will go towards expenses for the 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. Clothing is on display and for sale in the office.

News & Notes

Advent Schedule

- ♦ **Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 13—3 p.m.**
- ♦ **Children's Practices: Dec. 6 , 13 & 20 during Sunday School also Saturday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 19 from 9:30—11 a.m.**
- ♦ **Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 24 prelude at 6:45 p.m. program at 7 p.m.**
- ♦ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.**
- ♦ **Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.**

Morning Circle

will be Dec 9 from 9:30-11 am. This month's study will be an Advent devotional connecting Advent and imagination. Valora K. Starr writes "God gives us the gift of imagining, which gives sight to our faith." Bible readings are from Luke 1: 26-55. All are welcome, watch bulletin for changes or call Leanne Smith. This small group usually meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Childrens' Time

The theme for Children's Time during this advent season will be the Jesse Tree.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. Isiah 11:1 RSV

This Advent season at Cross, during the Children's Time we will be exploring our Biblical "family tree". Symbols and names will be placed on a Jesse tree during advent, as we wait for the Christ Child and anticipate His Glory to Come again!

This is a wonderful activity to begin in your home. There are many resources on the web and pinterest. Ann Voskamp has some great resources on her website www.aholyexperience.com.

Advent Hope, Christmas Joy A choral and handbell concert

**Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 3
p.m.**

Join us for a program of

choral and handbell music, carols and scripture. A reception will follow.



CEA Christmas Fair

Friday, Dec. 11

Las Pasadas

Friday, Dec. 11

5—7 p.m.

Grades K-12

In Cross Gym

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Kent McKenzie, President

John Smith, V P

Phil Schadd, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Jeannie Sting, Financial Secretary

John Smith, School Board

Neil Herford, Properties

Leanne Smith, Worship & Music

Norm Nelson, Stewardship

Kim Delpiere, Education

Pastor Tim, Youth

Patti Schulze Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

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Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Neil Herford, Chair

Mike Eden,

Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Leanne Smith, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Barb Degg

Beth Elston

Karen Schuette

Mike Sting

Ministry of Mission / Outreach

Lori Smith, Chair

Krisie Fritz

Connie Eden

Rachel Messing

Bonnie Schulz

Kay Schuette

RoseAnn Budnick

Lorraine LePage

Gwen Ovcen

Ministry of Stewardship

Norm Nelson, Chair

Carol Diener

Nancy Heck

Jeannie Sting

Ray Licht

June Sturm

Cyndi Buchholz

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Kim Delpiere, Chair

Gretchen Roestel

Jean Sturm

Laura Trost

Ministry of Youth

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Ministry of Parish Life

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Sue Loehrke

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Linda Shope

Aileen Prill

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Kenneth Licht

Mike LePage

Peg McCrimmon

Kacey Peterson

Leanne Schuette

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Bob Tate

Peggy Koehler

Lori McKenzie

Gwynne Barry

Steve Schulze

Dick Koehler

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Mike & Connie Eden

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Sun Mon Tue wed Thu Fri Sat

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		Parish Life 5 p.m. 125th Meeting 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	Men's Comm. Breakfast 7 a.m. Chapel 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.		
Comm. Service 6 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	7 Choirs B 6:30 C 7:30 p.m.	8 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	9 Chapel 8 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	10 Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	11 CEA Christmas Fair Las Pasidas 5 - 7 p.m.	12 Children's Christmas Practice 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Comm. Service 13 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Advent Concert 3 p.m.	14	15 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Practice 6-7 p.m.	16 Chapel 8 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	17	18	19 Children's Christmas Practice 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Comm. Service 20 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Half Day of School Children's Practice 6-7 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23 Office Open 9 a.m. - Noon No Service	24 Children's Program Prelude 6:45 p.m. Program 7 p.m. Candlelight Service 10 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Service 10 a.m.	26
Worship Service 27 9:30 a.m.	28 Office Open 9 a.m. - noon	29 Office Open 9 a.m. - noon	30 Office Open 9 a.m. - noon No Service	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed		