

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 Church and School,

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!! Finally, "old man" winter reluctantly released his grip on us with his winter fury and it feels so good. I tell people that we don't deserve this spring but that we've earned it. **YAHOO!!**

It is a time of new beginnings. The crops are exploding out of the ground, new plants, new flowers, new energy in all we do, it's just a time of invigorating renewal with hopes of a better future.

"Spring has sprung" at Cross Lutheran Church and School. Cross is embarking on a new chapter in

its life full of new beginnings. This comes about as I enter a new chapter in my life of retirement which starts on Fri, June 15. For both of us there will be challenges and "doing things different" in embracing all of the new beginnings. Even though new beginnings are challenging, they will all be overcome by staying in Jesus Christ. By staying in Jesus Christ, through prayer day in and day out, he will lead all in the right direction to the glory of his Father. Never lose sight of that.

The future is bright for Cross. The future has many new beginnings that pro-



vide exciting opportunities for everyone to step in and make Cross a better place for all seeking Jesus Christ.

^{NRS} Revelation 21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

I have been blessed to serve Cross Lutheran Church and School these past years. I have grown **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross



June 3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 P – Psalm 81:1-10
 2R – 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 G – Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 3:8-15
 P – Psalm 130
 2R – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 G – Mark 3:20-35

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 17:22-24
 P – Psalm 1

2R – 2 Corinthians 5:1-17
 G – Mark 4:26-34

June 24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Job 38:1-11
 P – Psalm 124

2R – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 G – Mark 4:35-41

July 1 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Lamentations 3:22-33
 P – Psalm 30

2R – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
 G – Mark 5:21-43

July 8 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 2:1-5
 P – Psalm 123

2R – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
 G – Mark 6:1-13

July 16 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 7:7-15
 P – Psalm 85:1-13

2R – Ephesians 1:3-14
 G – Mark 6:14-29

July 22 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Jeremiah 23:1-6
 P – Psalm 23

2R – Ephesians 2:11-22
 G – Mark 6:30-44

July 29 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 9:8-17
 P – Psalm 136:1-9

2R – Ephesians 3:14-21
 G – Mark 6:45-56

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 in box by

the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.



Labels for Learning

Buy “Our Family” products offered thru Spartan/Nash and save the UPC barcode labels to

help our school earn money for textbooks, supplies & more. Place in box by the church office.



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enormously in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, I also feel I have taken away more than I have given you and for that I deeply apologize. I will deeply miss this family of Cross Lutheran Church and School.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures

of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through the grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness of your son Je-

sus Christ our Lord. AMEN

God's peace

Pr Tim



Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 5 Cory Cucinello
- 6 Kristy Carriveau
- 7 Kayla Blunt
Brandis Poisson
- 9 Jacob Kretzschmer
- 10 Cody Cucinello
Kim Delpiere
Hazen Fritz
Betty Licht
- 11 John House
- 12 Jeff Elston
- 16 Kevin Sturm
- 17 Matthew Schulz
Brian Smith
Molly Smith
- 18 Allen Collison
Loren Collison
Mike Fritz
- 19 Mary Otto
- 20 David McAlpine
- 22 Shirley Deering
- 23 Chris Schuette
Noah Smith
- 24 Riley Shupe
- 25 Fred Henkelmann
Jim Schuette
John Schuette
- 26 Katie Licht
- 27 Ruth Schuette

June Anniversaries

- 3 Mike & Lorraine
LePage, 40 years
- 5 George & Linda
Gardy, 47 years
- 10 Eric & Jennifer
Gardy, 12 years
- 11 Don & Kim Schadd,
13 years
- 12 Trevor & Kristy Car-
riveau, 14 years
- 12 Marvin & Alice Trost,
53 years

- 17 Richard & Carole Mead,
57 years
- Jack & Pam Sturm, 46
years
- 20 Fred & Raylene Henkel-
mann, 48 years
- 22 Randy & Cindy Buchholz,
44 years
- Dale & Donna Schuette, 55
years

July Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Heck
- 7 Mike Eden
Jordon Gunden
- 9 Adam Fritz
Robbi Shaffer
- 10 Nate Licht
Mike Trost
- 12 Mike Otto
- 13 Collin Schuette
- 14 Grant Buchholz
Kim Fritz
Elizabeth Hill
Evelyn Hill
- 15 Natisha Decker
Kay Schuette
- 16 Missy Shupe
- 19 Bill Hurdelbrink
- 20 Susan Licht
- 22 William Renn
Hazel Messing

- 23 Saige Messing
- 24 Pam Sturm
Gloria Anderson
Patricia Cucinello
- 27 Russell Barry
Henry Trost
- 29 George Gardy
- 30 Sarah Azarovitz
Blaine Buchholz

July Anniversaries

- 4 Peg & David McCrimmon,
11 years
- 12 Bob & Linda Tate, 43 years
- 15 John & Linda Shope, 8
years
- Kevin & Lori Trost, 12 years
- 19 Peter & Missy Shupe, 21
years
- 20 Jeff & Beth Elston, 22 years
Randy & Suzanne Swan-
son, 27 years
- 21 Jeff & Kim Buchholz, 11
years
- 22 Troy & Leanne Schuette, 29
years
- 24 Tim & Michelle Fritz, 19
years
- 27 Don & Donna Wheeler, 44
years
- 30 Mark & Brenda
Kretzschmer, 24 years



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Please Remember in Prayer:

Kyle Walker (grandson of Ron & Bonnie Schulz), Marshall Korschner (friend of The McCrimmon's), Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Peggy Koehler, Tiffany

Remember our Shut-ins:

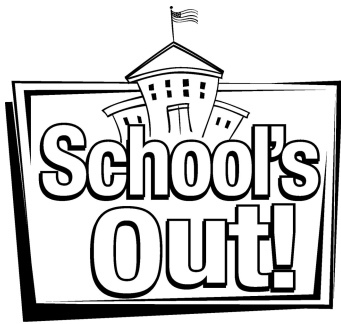
Gloria
Anderson,
Ray
Buchholz,
Fred Edler,
Gloria
Lewis

Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler, Leo McArdle (husband of Amy McArdle).

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz stationed in Camp LeJeune, NC and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

School News



From the Desk of ... Gwynne Barry

During May, our students had opportunities to interact with students from neighboring Lutheran Schools. The Joint Lutheran Schools Celebration: *It's Still All About Jesus*, was a phenomenal worship experience at Saginaw Valley State University. We sang, cheered, laughed, worshiped, and prayed with over 2,000 school children and adults.

Cross students in grades 3-7 journeyed to the Bad Axe Park for activities with Zion Lutheran School. Students were placed into teams in order to work together to perform several tasks. Problem solving and teamwork were imperative! The answer to the puzzle at the end of the day was, you

guessed it: *It's Still All About Jesus!*

Four area Lutheran Schools, Trinity-Reese, Zion-Harbor Beach, St. Peter-Richmond, and Cross-Pigeon sent their Jr. High students to Washington DC, with stops in Gettysburg and Shanksville, PA. Cross shared the bus with Trinity-Reese. We began each day in prayer and devotions with our new friends. The students got to know each other because there were opportunities to do so---prompted by me. They were a great group to travel with as we explored national landmarks, monuments, and grew in appreciation of our country's history and efforts of those who have traveled this land before us. God has blessed us richly!

During the summer months, as we plan for a new school year, we remember: *It's Still All About Jesus!* "He is before all things, and **in Him** all things hold together." - Colossians 1:17 Be bold and proclaim Him through your interactions with those around you. Encourage each other, reminding each other of God's love



and forgiveness. Bring your families to worship. *It's Still All About Jesus!*

In His love,
Gwynne Barry

Teaching Staff:

Beth Elston, Preschool/Music

Jean Hatch, Preschool/K-2 Aide

Deb Musolff, K-2 grades

Gwynne Barry, 3-5 grades

David Faupel, 6-8 grades

Susan Hass, Title I tutor

It's been a great year!!!



**DC TRIP THANK-YOU
LETTERS from our
Students**



Dear Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you to all the individuals that supported us to go to Washington D.C. While we were there, we learned a lot of things about the history of our nation. What I learned about the Korean Memorial was that there are 19 statues and if you look in the reflecting wall, there appear to be 38 statues. Another thing I learned was about the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. The guard took 21 steps from one side to the other representing a 21 gun salute. There are three guards present during the changing of the guard. Thank you and God bless you.

Love, Lupita Young

Dear Cross Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you for the money you gave us by helping in different fundraisers, and to some people who gave individually. We are so thankful for what you have done, and God is very pleased. I am very thankful because without your help and money we wouldn't have been able to see the White House, Mount Vernon, and many more places. Some things I learned about the White House were what happens there, and what things happen on what floors. At Mount Vernon I learned where George Washington died and where he kept his slaves. I had so much fun!

Sincerely, Grace McLean

Dear Cross Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you for supporting our 2018 Washington DC trip by supporting the fundraisers we have held. I would also like to thank the individuals who person-

ally donated money so that we could go on this trip. It was a very memorable learning experience, and a great opportunity. There were many interesting things we got to see, and learn about. I really enjoyed going to Ford's Theater, and learning more about the day of Lincoln's assassination. We also learned a lot about our nation's biggest battle at Gettysburg. Those are just a couple examples of the amazing things we were able to see. Thank you for making these experiences possible.

Sincerely, Grace Trost

Dear Cross Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for supporting all of the Washington DC fundraisers. I also thank all of the people who gave their own money to help the DC trip. Washington DC is beautiful even if it is sunny and 90 degrees or if it is pouring rain and 65 degrees. While I was at DC, I learned that the guard who guards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier marches the path for 1 hour in the winter and 30 minutes in the summer. One of my favorite things I did was going on the terrace level on the JFK center and seeing all of the buildings light up for the night. Thank you again to all who supported the Washington DC trip.

Sincerely, Grace Shupe

Dear Congregation,

I want to thank you for supporting my class with the money you have given, so we could all go to D.C. this year. I saw and learned many things in D.C., and I am surprised at how much I actually didn't know. One of my favorite things was the Women's Memorial, which was a statue of a couple of people including a woman holding a wounded man in her arms. This me-

memorial was dedicated to all of the women who helped in the Vietnam War in some kind of way. Another thing was the Arlington National Cemetery, where I got to witness the changing of the guard. I saw so many things and learned a lot, too, but it wouldn't have happened without people like you who gave money to help.

Sincerely, Emily Rochon

Dear Church Congregation,

Thank you for donating some of your money you worked for, for our trip to Washington. This helped me be able to see the White House, and learn some more about it. I learned that there is a lot of security and you have prepare a year or months in advance to be able to go in the White House. I also saw the National Cathedral and learned about it, like the stained glass windows. Thank you very much for your donations, and support for the fundraisers.

Sincerely, Ellie Rujan

Dear Church Congregation,

I thank you for the support of our 2018 Washington DC trip. I would also like to thank all the individuals who gave money towards our trip. I also thank the people that helped in fundraisers that helped us to raise enough money to be able to go on the trip One cool thing I saw was Robert E. Lee's house. His house is on a hill in Arlington National Cemetery. I liked this because we got to see a general from the Civil War that we had learned about in class, and we got to see his house. This meant a lot to me because without all those we wouldn't have been able to go and because of those people I could go to Washington DC for my very first time.

Sincerely, Reice Ritter

June & July Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
June 3 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Barb Degg	Eileen Johnson	Carole Mead	Bruce Baur George Gardy	Carol Die-ner	Grace Trost
June 10 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Karen Schuette	Sue Loehrke	Norm Nelson	Neil Herford Al Licht	Laura Trost	Grace Shupe
June 17 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Connie Eden	Leanne Smith		Denny Smith Larry Smith		Zachary Kretschmer
June 24 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Karen Schuette		John Trowbridge ~~~~~		Riley Fritz
July 1 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Eileen Johnson		Jeff Elston Mike LePage		Kyle Briggs
July 8 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Norm Nelson	Karen Schuette		Kent McKenzie Bob Tate		Nicholas Trost
July 15 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette	Leanne Smith		Norm Nelson		Grace Trost
July 22 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Phil Schadd	Vicki Yackle				Grace Shupe
July 29 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Lori Smith	Rachel Higgins				Zachary Kretschmer

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

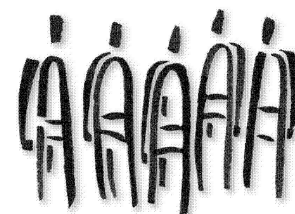
USHERS PLEASE NOTE: Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!

Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, June 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilter's will meet Wednesday, June 13 at 1 p.m.



Small Group Meetings

Church Council Minutes



May 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:00 PM on the above date. Members present were President Kent McKenzie, Gretchen Roestel, Norm Nelson, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Schuette, Barb Degg, Mike LePage, Kim Delpiere and Rachel Higgins. Pastor offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Barb Degg to accept the agenda as printed. Nancy Schuette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes dated April 10, 2018 were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Kim Delpiere to approve the minutes as presented. Gretchen Roestel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: Gwynne Barry was present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed by Mike LePage to all present. Kim Delpiere made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rachel Higgins reported that a thank you letter was received from Our Daily Bread Ministries for a \$300 donation received from our congregation.

Pastor's Report

Funeral -1, **Baptisms** -3, **Teaching** - 9, **Communion** - 9, **Hosp Vis** - 1, **Home Vis** - 2, **Meetings** - 17, **Services** - 7

Pastoral acts:

- Funeral, Don Schuette, Monday, May 7, 2018
- Baptism, Lucy Ann Thep-sourinthone, Sunday, April 15, daughter to Tico & Kayle (McKenzie)
- Baptism, Ravyn & Riyah Ritter, Saturday, April 21, daughters of Steve Ritter & Dawn Ritter
- Baptism, Dylan Paul Kunisch, Saturday, May 5, son of Josh Kunisch & and Brooke Lloyd

Church calendar

Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 (Confirmation Sunday)

- Zac Kretzschmer & Nicholas Trost

Graduation Sunday, June 3, 2018

- No 8th graders graduating from Cross School

High School graduates:

- Jacob Kretzschmer, Brittney Richmond, Mitchell Schuette, Kirsten Shupe, Nickolas Swanson, Jordon Trost

Garage Sale

- Set up – Wednesday, June 3-6

- Sale, Thursday – Saturday June 7-9

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- I will be in OH from Tuesday, May 15- Thursday, May 17 to close on our house
- Last day for Sunday school is May 13, 2018
- The new Dean for the Michigan Mission District for the NALC is Rev Philip Nordstrand, ret.

Principal's report

- School enrollment, K-8, 25, Preschool 20, no 8th grade
 - School at SVSU for worship and praise
 - Long Term chapel, Wednesday, May 9
 - TALL event at B/A, Friday, May 11
 - DC trip, Monday – Friday, May 14 – 18, 2018. All 6-7 graders (7 students). Cost is around \$1,000 per student.
 - ½ day of school, Friday, May 25, dismiss 11:00 a.m.
 - Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, no school, office closed
 - Preschool graduation, Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Closing chapel 1:45 p.m., last day of school, Friday June 1
 - Staff meeting, Monday, June 4 at 9:00 p.m.
- ## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:
- Gretchen Roestel reported that the board voted to increase the hot lunch fees for next year by \$5 per quarter.
 - The Washington DC trip is

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fully funded for students signed up to attend.

- No applications have been received for the teaching position yet and letters will be going out to school families to update them.

Gwynne Barry highlighted a field trip that students attended to SVSU to gather with other parochial school students to worship and listen to speakers.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:
No meeting

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Barb Degg suggested scheduling to Christmas concert for December 16, 2018. Kent McKenzie requested that a Christmas cantata also be scheduled for a Sunday morning in December.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: No Report

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH: Report Submitted

- Tots to Teens sale made \$595 profit even with bad weather affecting attendance.
- VBS will be July 16 – 19
- Cross history books are still on sale
- Mike LePage made a motion for Cross congregation to purchase a set of the books for historical purposes to be kept at the church. Barb Degg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Garage sale planning and VBS planning is in the works.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Nothing to report

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Nothing to report

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:
Report submitted

Nancy Schuette highlighted the need for help to host coffee gatherings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kent McKenzie reported that we have a signed covenant with interim Pr. Mike Tamorra.

His first Sunday will be June 24, 2018 and he will be serving the congregation 2 Sundays per month. Work continues to find coverage for vacant Sundays until a permanent Pastor is in place.

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 there will be a plate passed for an opportunity for the congregation to donate toward the retirement collection gift for Deb Musolff for her many years of service to Cross School.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Call Committee has been assembled in order to be prepared to seek and interview new pastoral considerations once the position is vacated. The committee will consist of President Kent McKenzie, Mike LePage, Gretchen Roestel, Gwynne Barry, Raylene Henkelmann, Wesley Trowbridge and Kevin Trost. Barb Degg made a motion to accept the committee. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike LePage brought the need of our local Youth for Christ ministry needing a place to hold their summer program 1 day per week and on bad weather days June 18 – July 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Barb Degg made a motion to allow this ministry to use the Cross gym for their ser-

vice to our local youth. Mike LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 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 were shared. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Higgins, Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 14th



June 17th



July 4th



Mission / Outreach Ministry Minutes



May 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lori Smith, who led us in prayer. Those present were Lori Smith, Gwen Ovcen, Tonja Nelson, Bonnie Schulz, Krisie Fritz, Connie Eden, Lorraine LePage, and Nancy Heck, who was welcomed as a new member of the ministry. The minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer reported \$1,878.69 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved.

BUSINESS: The **Tots 2 Teens Sale** was reviewed. Despite the wintry weather on Saturday, and with the sale being repeated on Monday, Mission Outreach had a total profit of \$595.00. This included table rentals, concessions and admission. Cross CEA did well with their bake sale, and most moms and others who rented tables were pleased with their sales.

Vacation Bible School – Plans for our summer VBS “LEGO and Let God” continue to fall into place. Lori will be asking for volunteers to help with the final arrangements soon. Keep watching the church bulletin and newsletter for ways you may use the talents God has given you. You will find it will be fun and very rewarding to be a part of the excitement July 16-19.

Church Recording – We are still trying to iron out a few problems with the church recordings. We are thankful to Randy Ovcen for making the recordings, but we need someone to cover for him when he is not able to be at church. We have one member who has not been able to get the CD's to play. We are on the lookout for a few used, but in good working condition CD players that we can loan out.

Historical Book Sales – We have been taking orders for the church history books during the month of April. We decided to extend the sales

two weeks. On May 6 Lorraine and Nancy will take orders, and on the final day, May 13, Bonnie and Tonja will be available for orders. It is felt that there should be a set of these books in the church library.

Church Garage Sale – Final plans for the sale were discussed. It will take place June 7-9. We need volunteers to work during drop off dates, marking day, during the sale and for clean-up the last day of the sale. Lorraine will prepare a schedule which will be available for volunteers to sign up. Tonja will apply for Thrivent Funds. Dave Elftman and Nancy Heck have offered to prepare some food for the workers during the sale, which is always appreciated.

Script schedule for May 6 (cash sales) – Lori and Connie. On May 13, 20 and 27 anyone who is at church will check the box for cards to be picked up.

Our next meeting will be held on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. There will be **no** meeting in July, but we will resume on August 7.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

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## Summer Office Hours -

will begin on Monday, June 11th. The office will be open from 9 a.m.—noon, Monday through Friday. The hours will return to normal 8 a.m.—4 p.m. on Monday, August 20th.

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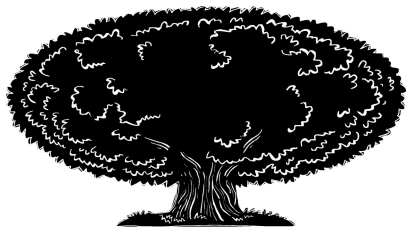
Summer begins

June 21st

ENJOY!!



Memorials



Memorial Gifts

These gifts were received to the glory of God in Memory or Honor of the following people:

In memory of Dorothy Hafer, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Ron & Betty Stein

In memory of Don Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Linda Fietzer

Norm & Tonja Nelson

Janet Konen

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Dave & Joyce Jarvis

In memory of Don Schuette, for Cross Lutheran School:

Randal & Gwen Ovcen

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Nietzke & Faupel

In memory of Don Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Church, Building fund:

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

In memory of Clarence Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Pigeon Cooperative Elevator

Mike & Jeanne Sting

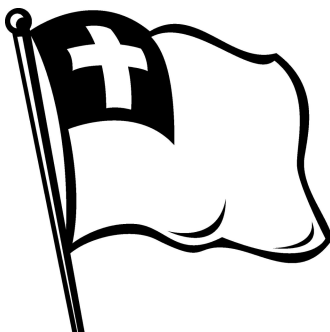
In memory of Clarence Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:

Jane Rosenthal



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. Also you can view the recipe and download a PDF at www.crosslutheranpigeon.org/communion-bread.



Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the church general fund, school's tuition assistance fund, building fund, music fund, capital improvement fund, cemetery fund, benevolence or LEAF fund.


The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the Overflow area.

Church Service CDs

Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome Desk for shut-ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcen for preparing and making the CDs.

Graduation Sunday, June 3

OUR GRADUATES



High School Graduates of Cross Lutheran Church

Jacob Daniel Kretzschmer

is the son of Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer. He is a graduate of Laker High School where he was All-State football & track and on student council. He plans to attend Michigan State University to study Agriculture.



Brittney Ann Richmond

is the daughter of Doug & Michelle Richmond. She is graduating from Lakers where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, Science Olympiad, Band, FFA, & Tennis. She will be attending CMU in the fall to pursue a degree in Communication Disorders.



Mitchell Alan Schuette

is the son of Stephen & Kristine Schuette. He is graduating from Laker High School where he was a member of FFA and played for Lakers football team becoming district champs his senior year. Mitchell's future plans after graduation are to work on the family farm.



Kirsten Elizabeth Shupe

is the daughter of Peter & Missy Shupe. She is a graduate of Laker High School and will be attending Delta College and then SVSU to major in Occupational Therapy.



Nicholas Andrew Swanson

is the son of Randy & Suzanne Swanson. His grandmother is Nancy Schu-



ette. He will graduate from Ubyly High School with a GPA of 4.15 graduating 5th in his class and has completed 30 college credits. He was named to the First Team—East Division Greater Thumb Academic All-Conference. He plans to attend CMU majoring in Engineering & entering the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) for the US Air Force.

Jordon Allen Trost

is the son of Mark Trost and Ginny McGathy. Jordon graduated from Laker High School and will continue working with his family in farming.



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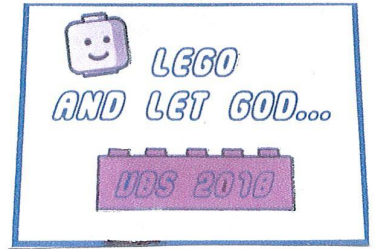
### College Graduate

**Katelyn Kretzschmer** is the daughter of Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer.

Katelyn graduated from Michigan State University Human Biology Major Lyman Briggs College and will be starting Medical School at MSU in June.



**Congratulations to all our Graduates!!**



**“LEGO and Let God” Cross VBS/ Summer 2018**

**Our LEGO VBS will focus on builders in the Bible (Noah, The Wall of Jericho, The Tower of Babel, and The Wise Man who built upon a rock). They learned that like us, they needed to LEGO and Let God be in charge of their life!**

**Our mornings will be centered around building with LEGOs, eating Lego snacks, preparing LEGO mission projects, making crafts with LEGOs, and Bible story related activities.**

Join us on Monday, July 16 , 2018 through Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. The V.B.S. Worship Program will be on Sunday morning, July 22 in the sanctuary at 9:30am. Parents, Grandparents, and friends are all invited! And to top it all off, all the children are invited to ride on the V.B.S. Float in the Pigeon Summerfest parade that will be held on Saturday morning!

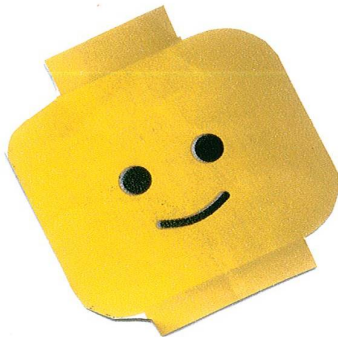
To attend V.B.S.. or to volunteer to be part of the excitement, please fill out the attached form and return it to Lori Smith's church mailbox, or the Cross church office. Or you can call the office at 453-3330 or Lori Smith 453-3953. All children ages 3+ (toilet trained) - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend, and older children are encouraged to be helpers. A daily offering will be taken to donate to Operation Christmas Child (one of Cross' Mission Projects) and to help defray our expenses.

\*\*\* We are looking for adult helpers, mainly for 'crowd control'. Would you have a few hours you would be willing to help us out? We are also looking for cash donations to help with VBS expenses. If you can help in any way, please call Lori Smith at 453-3953! Thanks and God Bless! \*\*\*

-Tear off, and keep for your reference-

**V.B.S. Registration**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child #4 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(any additional children may be added to the back of this form.)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies / Medical Concerns \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contacts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who will pick up child from V.B.S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will your child be at the Sunday morning Worship Program? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will your child ride on the V.B.S. Float on Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_



# Cross Church Family



## June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

### SPRING CLEANING?

We will be accepting – furniture, toys, bikes, pictures, household items, exercise equipment, sporting goods, tools, clothing in GOOD CONDITION & more. SORRY, NO TV'S.

Donation slips are available.

### Drop Off Days:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday, June 2 <sup>rd</sup> | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Sunday, June 3 <sup>th</sup>   | 9 am – 3 pm  |
| Monday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 9 am – 8 pm  |
| Tuesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9 am – 6 pm  |

We need your help! Please consider donating your time to help set up or work during the sale dates. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Desk in the Overflow.

### Garage Sale Dates

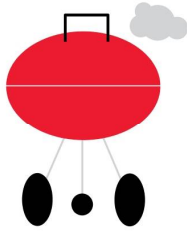
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| June 7 <sup>th</sup> | 9 am – 6 pm  |              |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup> | 9 am – 5 pm  | HALF OFF DAY |
|                      | 5 pm – 6 pm  | \$1 Bag Sale |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup> | 9 am – 11 am | FREE DAY     |

For questions please contact Lorraine LePage 553-1885 or any member of Mission Outreach

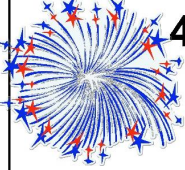







# June 2018

| Sun                                                                                               | Mon                                                | Tue                                                                          | Wed                                                                    | Thu                                      | Fri                                                         | Sat                                          |
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|                                                                                                   |                                                    |                                                                              |                                                                        |                                          | Closing Chapel 1:45 p.m. <b>1</b><br><br>Last Day of School | <b>2</b>                                     |
| <b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. 3</b><br><br>Graduation Sunday                                         | <b>4</b>                                           | <b>5</b>                                                                     | <b>6</b><br>Women's Bible 1:30 p.m.<br><br><b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b> | <b>7</b><br>Garage Sale 9 am - 6 p.m.    | <b>8</b><br>Garage Sale 9 am - 6 p.m.                       | <b>9</b><br>Garage Sale 9 am - 11 am<br><br> |
| <b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. 10</b><br><br>Retirement dinner for Pastor Tim & Sue following service | <br><b>11</b><br>Summer Office Hours 9 a.m. - noon | <b>12</b><br>Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Executive 6 pm Council 7 p.m. | <b>13</b><br><br><b>Quilters 1 p.m.</b><br><br><b>Service 7 p.m.</b>   | <b>14</b><br>Flag Day<br><br>            | <b>15</b>                                                   | <b>16</b>                                    |
| <b>Father's Day 17</b><br><br><b>Worship Service 9:30 a.m.</b><br>Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.          | <b>18</b>                                          | <b>19</b><br><b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>                              | <b>20</b><br><br><b>Service 7 p.m.</b>                                 | <b>21</b><br>First Day of Summer<br><br> | <b>22</b>                                                   | <b>23</b>                                    |
| <b>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. 24</b><br><br>Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.                                 | <b>25</b>                                          | <b>26</b>                                                                    | <b>27</b><br><br><b>Service 7 p.m.</b>                                 | <b>28</b>                                | <b>29</b>                                                   | <b>30</b>                                    |



# July 2018

| Sun                                                                       | Mon                                                                                                              | Tue                                                                                                              | Wed                                                                                                                                   | Thu                                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                   | Sat       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>Church Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.  | <b>2</b>                                                                                                         | <b>3</b>                                                                                                         | <br><b>4</b><br>Service<br>7 p.m.                    | <b>5</b><br>Office Closed                                                                                         | <b>6</b><br>Office Closed                                                             | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>Church Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.  | <b>9</b><br>Stewardship<br>5:30 p.m.                                                                             | <b>10</b>                                                                                                        | <b>11</b><br>Service<br>7 p.m.                                                                                                        | <b>12</b>                                                                                                         | <b>13</b>                                                                             | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>Church Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m. | <b>16</b><br>VBS 9 - noon<br> | <b>17</b><br>VBS 9 - noon<br> | <b>18</b><br>VBS 9 - noon<br><br>Service<br>7 p.m. | <b>19</b><br>VBS 9 - noon<br> | <b>20</b>                                                                             | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>Church Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m. | <b>23</b>                                                                                                        | <b>24</b><br>Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 p.m.                                                                      | <b>25</b><br>Service<br>7 p.m.                                                                                                        | <b>26</b>                                                                                                         | <b>27</b>                                                                             | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>Church Service<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m. | <b>30</b>                                                                                                        | <b>31</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                   |  |           |

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