

# Cross Connection

Growing together

June/July 2015

## 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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## Message from Pastor Tim

### My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran Church,

There are two words in the English language that are very powerful. They are so powerful that the lack of saying them can lead to wars. In reverse, by using them they can bring war to an end. These words make relationships grow in trust and love. These words, when used over and over again, create an environment which brings positive attitudes, positive feelings, positive service and positive surroundings that draws people closer together and makes people want to be within that setting. These two words, when said from the heart, can open doors and opportunities that lead to growth and a life time of experiences that are unimaginable. These words, when omitted, cause hurt feelings, anger, negative attitudes and resentment which leads to failed relationships and a place where everyone avoids. These two words are so small and insignificant that when said seem shallow and meaningless. Yet when said can make the

difference in all the world to that person. What are those two words that have this kind of power and influence over all the world? Thank you.

*NRS Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

Saying thank you to someone has an unbelievable effect. In some cases it might bring that person out of a "bad day" and lift them up when they need it the most. In other cases it is just a confirmation of how much that person means so much to you. Can one say thank you too much? Never!!

*NRS Psalm 30: 10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,*

*12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks*

*to you forever.*

Here's a quick guage on where you are at in saying thank you. At the end of the day, count the number of times you have said thank you. Can you even remember saying thank you? When you were at the restaurant, did you say thank you to your server who took away your empty plate? Did you thank your server who refilled your glass? Did you say thank you to your server for serving your meal?

*NRS 1 Timothy 1:12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,*

We must thank those who serve us daily. Who make our lives easy. Who help us in times of distress and anguish. Who help us even when we think we don't need help. We must say thank you to those who serve in many ways.

*NRS Mark 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a (Cont. on Pg. 2)*

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Bible Readings for the Month

### June 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

### June 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 17:22-24  
P – Psalm 1  
2R – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)  
G – Mark 4:26-34

### June 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Job 38:1-11  
P – Psalm 124  
2R – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
G – Mark 4:35-41

### June 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 2:1-5  
P – Psalm 123  
2R – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
G – Mark 6:1-11

### July 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 7:7-15  
P – Psalm 85:8-13  
2R – Ephesians 1:3-14  
G – Mark 6:14-29

### July 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Jeremiah 23:1-6  
P – Psalm 23  
2R – Ephesians 2:11-22  
G – Mark 6:30-44

### July 26 – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

### IGA Labels for Learning

Save the UPC barcodes. We earn \$25 for each bundle of 500.

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*ransom for many."*

When was the last time you said thank you Jesus for dying on the cross for me. When was the last time you said thank you to Jesus for curing your ailment or helping you through a difficult situation or time? When was the last time you said thank you to Jesus by

### Spartan Brand Cash for Labels

Save the Spartan Brand UPC codes. We earn \$20 for each bundle of 1,000.

### Pigeon

### Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dry beans, bouillon cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. Always in need are toiletries, cereals, peanut butter and personal items. Place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you!

### Cartridges for Kids

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

living the life Jesus wants you to live? When was the last time?

<sup>NRS</sup> **Psalm 100:1** *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we*

*are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

God's peace Pr Tim

# Celebrate



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### June

- 4 Patrick Hessling
- 5 Cory Cucinello
- 6 Kristy Carriveau  
Rylee Fritz
- 7 Kayla Blunt  
Brandis Poisson
- 9 Jacob Kretzschmer
- 10 Cody Cucinello  
Kim Delpiere  
Hazen Fritz  
Betty Licht
- 11 John House  
Nadene Barbret
- 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  
Dana Lange
- 23 Chris Schuette  
Noah Smith
- 24 Riley Shupe
- 25 Logan Richmond  
Jim Schuette  
John Schuette
- 26 Katie Licht
- 27 Ruth Schuette

### June Anniversaries

- 3 Mike & Lorraine  
LePage, 37 years
- 5 George & Linda  
Gardy, 44 years
- 10 Eric & Jennifer  
Gardy, 9 years
- 12 Trevor & Kristy Car-

- riveau, 11 years
- 13 Marvin & Alice Trost, 50 years
- 17 Richard & Carole Mead, 54  
years
- Jack & Pam Sturm, 43 years
- 22 Randall & Cynthia Buchholz,  
41 years
- Dale & Donna Schuette, 52  
years
- 27 Tricia & Chad Fisher, 17 years
- 28 Gary & Vickie Forster, 40  
years
- 29 Martin & Beverly Knost, 53  
years

### July

- 3 Nancy Heck
- 5 Elaine Buchholz
- 7 Mike Eden  
Jordon Gunden
- 9 Adam Fritz
- 10 Russell Williams  
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
- 17 Kelsey Edler
- 19 Tricia Fisher  
Bill Hurdelbrink

- 20 Susan Licht
- 22 William Renn
- 23 Pam Sturm
- 24 Gloria Anderson  
Patricia Cucinello  
Kavin Decker
- 26 Mike Licht
- 27 Russell Barry  
Henry Trost
- 29 George Gardy
- 30 Sarah Azarovitz  
Darrin Schuette

### July Anniversaries

- 4 Fred & Sandy Haley, 45 years  
Peg & David McCrimmon, 7  
years
- 10 Jacque & John Finneren, 39  
years
- 12 Bob & Linda Tate, 40 years
- 15 John & Linda Shope, 5 years  
Kevin & Lori Trost, 9 years
- 19 Peter & Missy Shupe, 18  
years
- 20 Jeff & Beth Elston, 19 years  
Randy & Suzanne Swanson,  
24 years
- 21 Jeff & Kim Buchholz, 8 years
- 22 Troy & Leanne Schuette, 26  
years
- 24 Tim & Michelle Fritz, 16 years
- 27 Don & Donna Wheeler, 41  
years
- 30 Don & Kay Schuette, 49 years
- 30 Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer,  
21 years
- 30 Ben & Michelle Walsh, 4 years

### Women's & Men's Groups

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, **June 17** at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. and June 16  
at 6:30 p.m.

# School News

## June School Calendar



- 4 CEA—4:45 p.m.  
School Board—5:30 p.m.  
5 Closing Chapel 1:45—  
Last Day of School

### TALL Field Day Results

Rain drizzled, trickled, poured, and sometimes quit during our annual Field Day at Laker High

School. Due to the track conditions, the 75 YD Dash and 400 M run were canceled.

#### THIRD GRADE

Rebekah Helmuth- 1st in Standing Jump, 2nd in Long Jump

Alexis Gilbert- 2nd in Standing Jump and Triple Jump, 3rd in Softball Throw, 4th in Long Jump

Ellie Rujan- 1st in 60 YD Dash, 3rd in Long Jump, 4th in Softball Throw

Grace McLean- 3rd in 50 YD Dash and Standing Jump

Grace Shupe- 1st in Long Jump, Triple Jump, Softball Throw, and 50 YD Dash

Ashtyn Martindale- 1st in Softball Throw, 2nd in 50 and 60 YD

Dashes, 3rd in Long Jump

#### FOURTH GRADE

Yuri Eichler- 1st in Softball Throw, 2nd in 60 YD Dash, 3rd in Long Jump, and 4th in Standing Jump

Kyle Gayari-2nd in Long Jump, 3rd in Standing Jump and Softball Throw

Grace Trost-3rd in Long Jump, Triple Jump, and 50 YD Dash, 4th in Softball Throw

Emily Rochon-4th in Triple Jump

Lupita Young-1st in Long Jump, Triple Jump, 50 and 60 YD Dashes.

#### FIFTH GRADE

Hannah Helmuth-1st in Triple Jump, 3rd in Standing Jump

#### SIXTH GRADE

Leah Irion-1st in Standing Jump and Triple Jump, 2nd in Long Jump

Riley Shupe-3rd in Long Jump, Standing Jump, and Triple Jump

Cassie Witherspoon- 3rd in 60 YD Dash, 5th in Long Jump and Softball Throw

Jacob Marks-1st in Standing Jump, 3rd in Long Jump

James Rochon-1st in Long Jump

Landon Isenberg-1st in Softball

Throw, 2nd in Long Jump

#### SEVENTH GRADE

Maci Main-1st in Long Jump, 2nd in Standing Jump and Softball Throw

Emma Irion-1st in Standing Jump, Triple Jump, and Softball Throw

Beau Martindale-3rd in Long Jump, Standing Jump, Triple Jump, and Shot Put

#### EIGHTH GRADE

Johnny Higgins-1st in Shot Put, 2nd in Long Jump and Softball Throw

Grant Gascho-1st in Long Jump, Triple Jump, and Softball Throw

Greta Elston-1st in Softball Throw, 2nd in Long Jump and Shot Put

Many thanks to the Laker Schools for allowing us to use the track, to the Boosters (Renee Anderson and Grace Finkbeiner) who opened the concession stand for us, and our volunteers

who worked the concession stand: Nancy Heck, Jean Sturm, and Pam Sturm.

We are glad to have this fellowship with our Lutheran School friends in the Thumb!

Gwynne Barry

## Kindergarten Graduates

**Graduating from Deborah Musolff's Kindergarten class this year are:**

**Neveah Arntz**, daughter of Jessica Klebba

**Dominic Clabuesch**, son of Sarah Clabuesch

**Amariah Fritz**, daughter of Anna Fritz

**Nicholas Rujan**, son of Tim and April Rujan

**Kaoty Smith**, son of Ben and Kayla Smith

**Emily Sturm**, daughter of Kevin and Erica Sturm

**Zac Trost**, son of Kevin and Lori Trost

## June/July Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
June 7 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Wes Trowbridge	Gwynne Barry	John Trowbridge	Bruce Baur George Gardy Neil Herford Al Licht Denny Smith Larry Smith John Trowbridge	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
June 14 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Laura Trost	Rachel Higgins				Johnny Higgins
June 21 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Norm Nelson	Michelle Fritz	Norm Nelson		Carol Diener	Travis Fritz
June 28 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Al Licht	Kristy Carriveau				Greta Elston
July 5 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Vivian Buschlen	Peggy Koehler	Paul Schuette	Jeff Elston Mike LePage Kent McKenzie Bob Tate	Marilyn Baur	Riley Shupe
July 12 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette				Johnny Higgins
July 19 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Michelle Fritz	Carole Mead		Laura Trost	Travis Fritz
July 26 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Laura Trost	Gwynne Barry				Greta Elston

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2744. Thanks and God's Blessings to you! Karen Schuette**

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



*In Our Prayers*

Edler, Gloria Lewis.

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

Gordon Hoffman (Gina Smith's brother) Dawn Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Keith Hurdelbrink, Hazen Fritz, Greg Prill, Deb Lange, Margi Alfaro, (bone cancer), Rachel Rea, Teresa Wa-

**Remember our Shut-ins:**

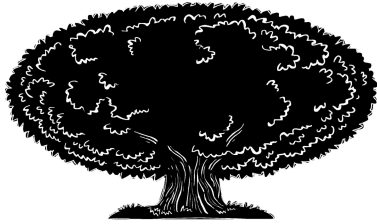
Lillian Koehler, Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred

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

**In the Service of Our Country:**

Nathan Schulz is in Camp LeJeune. Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point air base in North Carolina. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

# Memorials



## Memorial Gifts

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

**In memory of Elaine Buchholz, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Dennis & Carol Diener  
Larry & Gina Smith  
Elsie Trowbridge  
Ruth Schuette  
Gerry Edler  
Clarence & Inez Buchholz  
Ron & Bonnie Schulz  
Don & Brenda Hofmeister  
Gene & Betty Champagne  
Paul & Karen Schuette  
Tom & Liz Fritz  
Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz  
Ray & Elaine Licht  
Lonnie Fritz  
Terry & June Sturm  
Neal & Anne Eichler  
Donna Limberger  
Shawn Schulz  
Marvin & Alice Trost  
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Carl & Maria Heck  
Loren & Delores Elftman  
Gerald Wissner  
Barbara Buchholz  
Dorothy, Rob & Deb Henne  
Harold & Shirley Deering

Vivian Buschlen  
Jim Brandenburg  
Karen Anklam  
Robert & Jean Wurm  
Hazen & Arlene Fritz  
Alex & Patti Cucinello & family  
Clare & Grace Finkbeiner  
Ron & Arloia Lutz  
Lydia Decker  
Olga Renn  
Les Schaper & Tracy  
Randy & Ev Fritz  
Dave & Linda Shaw  
Dale & Linda Oeschger  
Charles Errer  
Krisie & Adam Fritz  
Lonnie & Susie Irion  
Nancy Schuette family  
Steve & Patty Schulze  
Bruce & Marilyn Baur  
Dale & Deb Oeschger  
Mike Fritz  
Charles W. Buchholz  
Mryna Born & Bob Rose  
Mary Smith  
Fred & Delores Collision  
Duane & Shelley Baur  
Joan Walz  
Richard & Peggy Koehler  
Randy & Sheryl Sturm  
Sheila Yackle  
Ray Buchholz  
Randy & Cindy Buchholz

**In memory of Elaine Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Cordelia Trost  
John & Jill Champagne  
Frank & Renee Ondrajka  
Kris Marker  
Donna Ziel & TomZiel  
Frances & Orin Engelhardt

**In memory of Elaine**

**Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Ken & Betty Licht  
Dale & Donna Schuette  
Ted & Peg Leipprandt  
Lynn Rundell  
Robert & Arlene Stiefel  
Wayne & Sandy Wisenbauch  
Mike & Lorraine LePage  
Mary M. Baur

**In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Clarence & Inez Buchholz

**In memory of David MacDowall, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Olga Renn

**In memory of Elaine Buchholz, for Cross Building Fund:**

Don & Nancy Heck  
Jack & Pam Sturm  
Nancy Gunden & Connie Damm  
Steve & Michelle Gayari  
Leroy & Pat Elliott  
Clare & Kathy Swartzendru-ber  
Ernest & Sharon Buchholz  
Norman & Florence Kuhl  
Daryl & Sharon Allen  
Pat & Karen Sheridan  
Leroy & Janice Wurst  
Jason & Patti Reinhardt  
Ed, June & Barb Armbruster  
Fred & Margaret Edler  
Sheila Pawlak  
Ed & Lori Kemp  
Dave & Kathy Nimitz  
Larry & Anita Holdwick  
Ed & Shivaun Braun  
Tim & Sandy Irion  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Voss  
The Herford Family  
Larry Loll & Eleanor Adams  
Janet Deering  
Jim & Margaret Saur  
Peggy Putman Family  
Arnie & Esther Wissner  
Glenn & Ellaine Watterworth  
Deb Andrakowicz  
Don & Nancy Stecker  
Ron & Elaine Gayari

# Memorials

Jean Sturm  
Gary & Mary Wissner  
Dennis Schulze  
Denny & Leanne Smith  
Bill & Carol Weitzel  
Richard & Terri Streiter

Don & Mary Jahr  
Diane & Jeffrey Bushey  
Millard & Bea Deering  
Brent & Bradi Boyce  
Patsy Fulkersin  
Albert Schulze

Ray Buchholz  
Randy & Cindy Buchholz  
**In memory of Caroline Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Church:**  
Sophia Van Hevel

## To the people of Cross Lutheran Church:

With thanks to God, we commend the people of this congregation for their continued commitment to providing faith-based education through our school. We treasure what our own children have received during their years at Cross Lutheran School: strong academics and a focus on learning and living the Christian faith. May God bless the church and school in its mission work of teaching in Christ's name.

Jeff & Beth Elston

**Summer Office Hours**  
**June 15—August 21**  
**Open 9 a.m.—Noon**

## **CROSS CHURCH FAMILY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

**200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon**

*Toys, Furniture, Household, Pictures, Books, Baby Items, Sporting Goods, Clothing, Tools & Much, Much More!*

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**1/2 Off**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9 a.m. – Noon

**FREE**

This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event. Proceeds support Cross.

## **OPEN REGISTRATION**

for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Cross Lutheran School. If you know of any family that is interested in a solid Christian Education for their child (ren) please have them contact the office for more information.

# Church Council Minutes



April 14

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, Jr. at 7:03 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Aileen Prill, John Smith, and Lori Smith. Pastor Loehrke provided prayer to all present.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated March 10, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Lori Smith to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Shupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A Thank You card was received on behalf of the Berube Family by Peggy

and Alan Licht.

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

Funeral	0
Wedding	0
Baptisms	0
Teaching	15
Communion	17
Hosp Vis	5
Home Vis	8
Meetings	28
Services	20

## Church calendar

- Choir Variety Show, Sat, Apr 18
- Mom2Mom sale, Sat, Apr 25
- Ascension of our Lord, Thur, May 14
- Confirmation Sunday, May 17 (Great): Elston, Travis Fritz, Johnathon Higgins)
- Pentecost, Sunday, May 24 (wear red)
- Memorial Day, Mon, May 25
- Michigan Blood drive, Thur, May 28, 1 pm - 6 pm

## Pastor's Report

- The gym is being utilized by Archery. Their last practice will be Tue, May 5
- Archery held their annual banquet in the gym on Sun, Apr 12 (75 attended)
- Every Tue morning in April I will conduct a Bible Study at Country Gardens

## School Calendar

- ½ day of school, Fri, May 1
- CEA Pancake Breakfast, Sun, May 3

- Long Term chapel, Wed, May 6, 12:45 pm to be held at Cross
- Field Day @ Lakers, Fri, May 15
- Last day of school, Fri, Jun 5
- Graduation Sunday, Jun 7, 9:30 am service

## Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2014 - 2015 school year
- K - 8, 38 students
- P/S 19
- Music Palooza, huge success
- CEA Carnival, huge success
  - o Two families expressed interest in sending their children to Cross school next year!!!
- Early registration for the school year 2015-16 will now be July 1 not Aug 1
  - o This will allow the parents / guardians to lock in the 2014 - 15 tuition rate
- A new Zamboni (floor cleaner) was purchased with school and CEA funds
- MANS conference, Oct 22-23 @ Detroit, the teaching staff will attend
- School / CEA funds will pay for the conference and other expenses

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that they have purchased a new Zamboni Machine to clean floors. He also advised that they are giving discounts of \$50.00 for early school registration prior to July 1, 2015.

## MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and pro-



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vided his written report. Highlights of his report were as follows: Homeless Coalition door donation totaled \$885.00 and East Side Soup Kitchen totaled \$306.75.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Attendance was up for Prayer Virgil.
- Low attendance for Sunday night Advent and Lenten Vespers. In the future these services will not be held due to the low attendance.
- Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015. Thrivent approved \$543.00 grant for Variety Show. Everything is underway and should have around 130 present.

Mike Sting will be looking into the speaker volume in the overflow area. It's been noted that the volume is low.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:** There was nothing to report.

**MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:** Lori Smith was present and provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Mom 2 Mom Sale – April 25, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sold 22 tables for this event thus far!
- Vacation Bible School – July 13-16, 2015 – Theme will be “Jesus is the Rock”.
- Variety Show is scheduled for April 18, 2015 – our ministry will help with table decorations.
- Church Signs – Dick Koehler will look into this with our local Huron County Road Commission.

- Easter cards were sent to our shut-ins.

- Coffee hour designated for Homeless Coalition collected \$80.00.

\$3,000.00 that was earmarked for flooring from 2014 garage sale has been turned over to the Capital Improvement fund.

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

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

- Gym Floor – Another bid was received for \$7,800 to fix gaps in floor.
- Church Door (South Entrance) – Neil is working on getting this fixed. Getting 5 new additional keys made in Bay City at Hugo Lock and Key on Euclid/Midland Street.

Pulpit LED Lights – put on hold at this time due to the cost.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** Aileen Prill was present and provided her report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Spring Variety Show – will work with other committees on the dinner for the choir's Spring Variety Show on April 18, 2015. Meal will be served buffet style again.
- Friends and Family Game Night to be held on May 16, 2015 from 6 – 9:00 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New Parsonage Update was given.

Cross Lutheran Church & School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

August 28, 2016 (Sunday) - Pastor is working on co-chairs to lead the group.

Adopt a Highway – 5 people attended.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Thrivent meeting – April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe – all are welcome to attend but must RSVP. Norm Nelson will help with the transition from the old way to the new way of completing forms and etc...

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, May 12, at 7 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

## Ministry of Worship and Music

May 7

Members present – Chairperson – Leanne Smith, Barb Degg, Peg McCrimmon, Mike Sting, Beth Elston, and Pastor Tim - adviser.

Leanne opened meeting with devotion and prayer.

**MUSIC REPORT** – Beth reported on acoustics in the sanctuary, the pros and cons of different sur-

# Ministries

faces being reflective vs. absorbing.

Wish list was discussed for bells-octave of chimes, corduroy material for bells, blue carry cases damaged need replacing, and touched on risers. Contacts will be made on pricing different options.

**WORSHIP – PASTOR –**  
Handed out literature to read and discuss next month *“Ten Reasons Why Hymnals Have a Future”*

*Liturgy With Style* discussion (pp.18-21)

Discussion on several ideas about ushering during communion, Leanne will set up a meeting after services for all ushers, and those interested in ushering.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Peg gave a Hymnal update. Leanne reported on Motown/Variety show which netted \$1,096.21 with Thrivent funds of \$543 for a total of \$1,639.21. Thank you for all who were involved with this project in any way!! Overflow and family room speakers are working thanks to Mike Sting!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rachel Higgins, Michelle Fritz, and Kristy Carriveau will be doing a Children’s Time in June. Also a need for more people to ring bells / post hymn numbers. Looking ahead for next church year. Ideas for Advent, Lent-

Stations of the Cross, Holy Week. ???

Next meeting is Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Leanne Smith

## **Mission / Outreach Ministry**

**April 28**

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer led by Lori Smith at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Lori Smith, Gwen Ovcen, RoseAnn Budnick, Kay Schuette, Lorraine LePage and Pastor Tim. The minutes from March 24 were approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,643.15 in the checking account. A motion was made by Gwen and supported by RoseAnn to accept the report. Motion carried.

Lori Smith reported on the Mom2Mom Sale that took place on April 24. This year the admission price was \$2 and coffee/drinks were \$1. The event was well attended and Lori received positive feedback from the people renting the tables. There will be an approximate \$907 profit from this event with the possibility of a few outstanding bills.

This ministry will be hosting coffee hour on May 31 with the money donations to be used for Vacation Bible School.

The Church Garage Sale was discussed at length. The group decided the following dates and times: Saturday, June 6 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Drop Off; Sunday, June 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Drop Off and Table Set Up; Monday, June 8 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Drop Off; Tuesday, June 9 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Drop Off; Wednesday, June 10 8 a.m. Pricing; Thursday, June 11 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sale; Friday, June 12 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sale Half Off; Saturday, June 13 9 a.m. – noon FREE and clean up.

RoseAnn offered to print a volunteer work sign up schedule to be placed on the welcome desk at church. Lorraine will print a committee work sign up schedule to be brought to the next meeting.

We also discussed the following:

Since this is a project of the Mission/Outreach Ministry, each day and shift will have a M/O member available to answer questions and direct the volunteer workers. We will also be in charge of the checkouts and registers.

Let’s remember to begin each day and shift with prayer. Remember that we are examples of God’s love to all those we come in contact with at the sale.

Remember that Saturday is no longer a sale, but a mission. We should be helpful and kind to all those who come in to get items. Nothing will be packed up and put away on this day until

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after noon, the closing time. Then we will pack what is left.

No concessions or beverages will be sold at this sale. Workers can bring in food to share in the kitchen.

Lori reported on Vacation Bible School. The theme is "Jesus is the Rock." She will be letting us know what will be needed at the next meeting.

Operation Christmas Child has had a lot of candy dropped off. Lori feels we do not need any more candy but we are in need of toothbrushes. After group discussion, it was suggested we should do a maximum of 650 boxes or less and that every box should have certain items in them such as: crayons, paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, candy, toy, clothing item. A count of each type of item should be done prior to packing the shoeboxes to be sure we have enough of each item.

Due to many extra health expenses a motion was made and approved to send Sue Loehrke a \$100 VQS gas gift card.

Submitted by Lorraine LePage

Our next meeting will be on April 28. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

## Stewardship Ministry Minutes

April 28

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, chairman; June Sturm, Ray Licht, Jeanne Sting, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Pastor Tim Loehrke.

Opening Prayer given by Ray Licht.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Moved by Tom, seconded by Ray.

Benevolence Report given by June:

Total of \$14,140.64 paid out  
Coffee Hour – \$45.00 will be held for now.

Treasurer – Nancy reported the following:

General fund \$16,000  
Parsonage fund has \$1,000  
Endowment fund has \$36,379 as of March 31

Capital Improvement Fund:

Gym floor – waiting on 2<sup>nd</sup> bid  
New approaches to parking lot discussed, no new information

Financial Secretary – Jeanne reported on track with budget

Coffee hour – June 14, September 20 and November 1

Next meeting will be May 26 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Schuette.

## 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!

## Cookbooks

Are still available for \$10 each in

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the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say "Thank You." Proceeds help support our youth ministry.

# Ministers - The people of Cross

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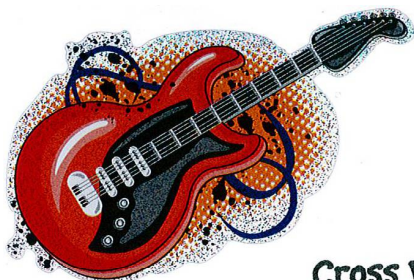
Alice Trost 453-2279

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**Please let the office know  
if you wish to be added  
to the Handy Helper List.**



## Cross VBS "JESUS IS THE ROCK" Summer 2015

This year's VBS theme is Jesus is the Rock! According to Dictionary.com, a rock is a firm foundation and support. That's what Jesus is to us! We will combine a boulder of Bible stories that include rocks, climb a rock wall and a mountain of crafts and activities about rocks, and enjoy an avalanche of rock snacks, fun rock and roll music and nostalgia! I heard the King of Rock might even make an appearance!

The fun begins on Monday, July 13, 2013 through Thursday, July 16, 2014 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. At Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. The V.B.S. Program will be on Thursday at 7 p.m in the sanctuary. 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 the VBS Registration box by the church mailboxes, or call the church office 453-3330 or Lori Smith 453-3953. All children ages 3+ - 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

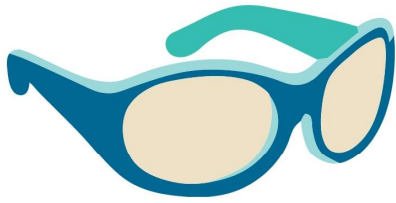
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Emergency Contacts \_\_\_\_\_

Who will pick up child from V.B.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child be at the Thursday night Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child ride on the V.B.S. Float on Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_



# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
	<b>1</b>	Parish Life 5 p.m. <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 7 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>Closing Chapel</b> 1:45 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Garage Sale Collection 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
<b>Comm. Service</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Afternoon Circle</b> 1:30 p.m. Executive Council 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Comm. Service</b> 7 p.m.	<b>11</b>	Garage Sale 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>	Garage Sale 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>13</b>	Garage Sale 9 a.m. - noon
<b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>14</b>	Office Summer Hours Begin 9 a.m. - noon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>Comm. Service</b> 7 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	Bridal Shower	
<b>Comm. Service</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	Mission / Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>Comm. Service</b> 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>	Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>										
<b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 a. m.												