



NALC

North American Lutheran Church

Cross Connection

Growing together

November 2011

Cross Lutheran Church & School

200 Ruppert Street
Pigeon, MI 48755
989-453-3330

Our mission:

**Bring people to
Christ.**

Teach

**Christians to be
disciples.**

**Send disciples
to reach the
world.**



Inside this issue:

Preparing for Worship	2
In Memory	3
Celebrate	4
School News	5
Time & Talents	7
Council Minutes	8
Ministries	10

Message from Pastor Tim

As I travel down highways I amuse myself in reading billboards. It helps make the time go by and also marks how much longer I must be on the highway. All billboards have catchy sayings in order for you and I to respond to whatever they are advertising. Some are down right dumb, others are Huh? and then there are the ones that make some sense.

One billboard did catch my attention with its catchy words, "We don't take applications, only commitments." This is a recruiting billboard for the Marines. It's catchy, short, and to the point and it works. Young men and women feely and willingly sign on the dotted line, head to Paris Island for boot camp and then proudly serve their country throughout the world and even some die in that commitment so that we and future generations may enjoy freedom. We honor those who give their lives in order to serve and protect this country.

So in my mind, why not come up with a

catchy saying that allows for commitment and even death and honor for God's church. So here goes, "Commitments requested. Applications not required. Bonus, eternal life." I can now see the flood of people lining up to sign on the dotted line, oops, sorry I forgot no applications, Go to church and then go out into the world to serve God and some might even die in that commitment. ^{NRS} **Luke 9:** ²³ *Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.*

Ok, I can hear your laughing hysterically in my naiveté way of thinking. "Pastor, come down out of the clouds and smell the reality of this world." I know but I can always hope and pray.

Why can't we make the same commitment to God, the way servicemen and women

have committed to honor and defend our country and our freedom? Being a veteran, I am deeply committed to the honor and defense of this country and am deeply grateful for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom I enjoy.

However, there is another freedom I enjoy that someone else paid the price for and that is the freedom of Jesus Christ on the cross. ^{NRS} **1 Peter 2:** ²⁴ *He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. Jesus Christ on the cross has freed me of my sin, something I truly do not deserve; however, God's love is so great that He sent His Son to set me free. ^{NRS} **John 8:** ³¹ *Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."**

(Cont. on Page 2)

Preparing for Worship at Cross



Nov. 6 – All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:9-17

P – Psalm 34:1-22

2R – 1 John 3:1-3

G – Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns: 176, 320, 351 Comm. 174, 352, 346

Nov. 13 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Zephaniah 1:7-18

P – Psalm 90:1-12

2R – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

G – Matthew 25:14-30

Hymns: 424, 778, 771

Nov. 20 – 23rd Christ the King Sunday

1R – Ezekiel 34:11-24

P – Psalm 95:1-7a

2R – Ephesians 1:15-23

G – Matthew 25:31-46

Hymns: 171, 765, 748 Comm. 170, 701, 699

Nov. 24 – Day of Thanksgiving

1R – Deuteronomy 8:7-18

P – Psalm 65

2R – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

G – Luke 17:11-19

Hymns: 407, 553, 557

Nov. 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 64:1-9

P – Psalm 80:1-19

2R – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

G – Mark 13:24-37

Hymns: 630, 25, 24, 26 Comm. 34, 35, 23

Cross Lutheran Church Women

Rebekah Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

The **Sarah Circle** will meet Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Esther Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

Love Day will be Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Nov. 6—Social Services

Nov. 13—Esther Circle

Nov. 20—Combined Circles

Nov. 27—Decorating Committee

Food of the Month is: CEREAL!!

The Pigeon Food Pantry is in need of cereals as well as toilet paper and Kleenex tissues. Please no paper towels at this time. If you have garden produce which does not spoil quickly such as potatoes, those are greatly received, but not anything that would spoil quickly like tomatoes.

CEA Christmas Fair

If you have a favorite craft, we would like your help. Cross CEA is organizing a Christmas Fair/Bazaar Dec. 16. We are looking for donations of homemade items for students to purchase as Christmas presents for their family. We will need gifts for all ages. If you have a talent or craft and would like to contribute, contact Melissa Helmuth at 989-980-5497.

(Cont. from Pg. 1)

Just as others paid the ultimate price for my freedom in this country, so did Jesus Christ pay the supreme price for my sins and the sins of the world. I therefore commit

my life, my heart, my soul, my very being to sign on the dotted line, i.e. take up the cross, and follow where ever the Holy Spirit leads me in spreading the good news of my salvation through the

cross. I am free.

Will you make the same commitment?

God's speed

Pr Tim

In Memory

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

In memory of **Luther Frederick**, for Cross Building Fund, by Art & Debra Rathke.

In memory of **Harvey Weiss**, for the Cross Building Fund, by John & Norma Weiss.

In memory of **Don Barbret**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Lydia Decker.

In memory of **Don Barbret**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Elsie Sturm.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Ruth Hamilton.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Arthur Luz.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by John and Shirley Kraft.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Building Fund, by Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Robert and Patricia Harte.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Oliver Jacob.

In memory of **Don Barbret** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Sherry Franco.

Obituary

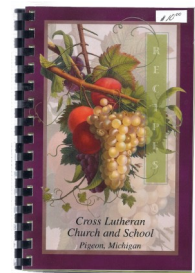
Donald Robert Barbret, 86, of Caseville, died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Don was born Jan. 29, 1925 in Detroit to the late Rudolph and Elsie (Lloyd) Barbret. He graduated from Denby High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. On Oct. 19, 1946 he married Nadene Eloise Chapman in Detroit.

From 1947 to 1972, Don worked for the Detroit Police Department before retiring as a Detective Sergeant. After retiring, he moved to Caseville. He then spent 13 years driving school bus for Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools, retiring in 1986. He was a proud life member of the Pigeon VFW Post No. 2236, often called upon to perform military honors and present the flag for a deceased veteran. He was a 22-year member of the Caseville Eagles No. 3690, where he chaired Monday night euchre. He enjoyed playing bridge with the Caseville Bridge Club. He was a mem-

ber of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. He also enjoyed boating and fishing. Surviving are his wife Nadene; sons, the Rev. Thomas (Marlene) of Oscoda, Robert (Sherrie) of Pinckney and James (Joan) of Saline; grandchildren, Jennifer (Mounim) Sais, Sarah (Yassine) Johri, Marcus and Kelly Barbret; great-grandchildren, Sa-breen, Jonah and Jamila; and brother Edward (Bonnie) of St. Clair Shores. He was preceded in death by his brother Lloyd.

Funeral services were conducted 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Tim Loehrke officiating. Military honors will be presented by the Pigeon VFW and Caseville American Legion. Urn interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church.



Just a reminder! Cookbooks are still available for \$10 in the Church/School connector or office. They make great gifts for Christmas, weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say "thank you". Proceeds help support youth ministry.

Celebrate



Birthdays November 2011

- 1 Ron Schulz
- 2 Fran Laursen
Thelma Warner
- 3 Emily Schulz
Jeannie Renn
- 4 Hulda Baur (98th)
Eric Gardy
Shane Schulze
- 5 Dorothy Rummel
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 7 Jim Schumacher
- 9 Brennan Lange
Joshua Rosenthal
- 10 Barbara Buchholz
Gladys Hayes
- 11 Steve Schulze
Duane Baur
- 13 Arlene Wold
Mark Kretzschmer
Lois Chisholm
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith
Peggy Koehler
- 16 Delores Lange
Edna Schulz
- 17 Austin Roestel
Barbara Ruff
Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Otto
- 22 Cassidy Swanson
Jennifer House
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 26 Cameron Schuette
Madison Edler
- 28 Tammy Vermeersch
Grace Higgins
- 29 Jenna Buschlen
- 30 Craig Smith

Anniversaries November 2011

- Nov. 4 Ron & Helen Greene, 50 years
- Nov. 7 Jim & Cheryl Warack, 19 years

- Nov. 19 Pastor Tim & Sue Loehrke, 39 years
- Nov. 28 Bill & Margaret Buchholz, 29 years

Remember our Shut-ins:

George & Ruth Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Marge Krause, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lisa Sturm, Gloria Stalter, Art Woelke, Todd Lay, Don Rogers (cancer), son of Don and Sally Rogers, Donna Schuette, surgery, Helen Connors, mother of Wendy Gettel, Robin Sturm, Olga Renn, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Harold Damm (Pam Sturm's father); Andrea Harder, cousin of Maxine Rice, Stephanie Maust, Mindy Sutherland, Natasha Golder, Betty Schulze, Margaret Schaar, mother of Maxine Rice, Lillian Koehler, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Tina Smith, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, Harold Deering, Marge Krause, George and Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

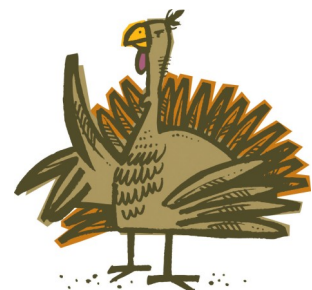
- ◆ Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.



In the Service of Our Country: Tim Neal, the brother of Kayla Smith, who is in the army and was deployed to Afghanistan.

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, Nov. 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, Nov. 6
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 20
- National Bible Week, Nov. 20-27
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24
- First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27



School News

School Calendar

Nov. 2	Chapel 8:10 a.m. CEA Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Pre-school conferences 3—5 p.m. School Board 5 p.m.
Nov. 4	1/2 Day End of Marking Period
Nov. 7	Picture Re-takes
Nov. 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 11	Chapel 8:10 a.m.— Veteran's Day
Nov. 16	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
Nov. 18	School visit to Home Sweet Home
Nov. 23-25	No School
Nov. 28	School Resumes Basketball practice begins

CEA Meeting October 6, 2011

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, Rachel Higgins, Pastor Tim, and Karen Peterson. Pastor opened with Prayer at 6:15pm.

Financial

We have new officials on the CEA this year; President April Rujan and Treasurer Rachel Higgins. They are replacing Maxine Rice and Stephanie Burgess.

The names on the Scrip account held at Bay Port State Bank will be changed ASAP to the following: President April Rujan, Treasurer Rachel Higgins, and Cross secretary Aileen Prill will be the only names on Scrip account.

President April Rujan and Treasurer Rachel Higgins are officially

the only two people on the checking account at Bay Port State Bank. The rest of names currently on this account will be taken off ASAP.

Scrip

Brought to our attention was the idea of doing the Scrip orders weekly instead of twice a month. After careful consideration the CEA has decided to give it a try and go with weekly Scrip orders. Aileen Prill takes care of placing orders each Monday. Completed orders are available from Aileen in the office Fridays and in the church overflow area on Sunday mornings.

Preschool

A big thanks again to all who helped with the woodchips for the playground. Lee's Landscaping dumped 12 buckets @ \$29.50 a bucket totaling \$354.00. Playground measurements 35 x 65.

Melissa H. motioned to disburse payment to Lee's Landscaping for the woodchips, April Rujan seconds motion, motion passed.

Frankenmuth Fundraiser

Oct. 19th is the kick-off for Frankenmuth Fund. and runs till Nov. 4th. Orders will be ready on Nov. 14th for delivery and the money is due to Frankenmuth by Nov. 21st.

Oct 19th presenters from Frankenmuth will do a presen-

tation for the students explaining the fundraiser, trying to motivate, and reveal prizes that can be won. Contact April Rujan for questions.

Pancake Breakfast- Oct. 23rd 9am-1pm

The first Pancake Breakfast is right around the corner and the CEA is asking for any and all volunteers to help with set-up, serving and cooking, and clean-up.

Melisa Raymond has offered to call families individually to ask for assistance with the breakfast. We are also encouraging families to bring either a gallon of 2% milk or a gallon of Orange Juice to the breakfast, especially if you cannot lend your assistance.

Rachel Higgins and April Rujan are helping with advertising the breakfast.

Help in the Kitchen

Karen is having problems with the scheduled volunteers not showing up for kitchen duty. We cannot express the importance of this enough. Parents are scheduled ahead a time for helping out in the kitchen from 10am-1pm and it is important for those parents to show up or find someone else to cover the shift.

Cross Apparel

We now have Cross apparel, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer @ 7:15

Odds & Ends

Communion Bread

We need people to help with baking the communion bread we have on Sundays. A sign-up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.



\$571.50!!

Was earned in the past year from Box Tops for Education! This is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box tops coupon on hundreds of products throughout grocery, discount and club stores. Clip it from the package and place it in the box outside the secretary's office.

We'll take care of the rest!



\$545.27!!

That's how much Cross School earned from Cartridges for Kids in the past year! Keep recycling and keep bringing in your used ink and toner cartridges!

\$106.64



Was earned from Target Stores with their "Take Charge of Education Program. To date, Cross has earned \$1,371.15 from Target!!



\$60

Was earned in the past year from Spartan Stores Cash for Labels program!



\$29.95

Was earned in the past year by using GoodSearch.com

FROM THE DESK OF...DAVID FAUPEL

Fall is here, and with it comes fall weather. Students, parents, and teachers braved the wind, rain, and cold last week for the annual soccer tournament at St. John's Lutheran School in Berne. Many students in grades 3-8 participated and had a great time.

Our school has been extremely blessed with new technology this year! Students are enjoying having a new document camera and projector in the 6th-8th grade classroom. It has been very beneficial for both teaching and learning. Because of an anonymous donation, we have been able to order cameras and projectors for the other two classrooms. Also with the donation, we will be able to purchase laptop computers for classroom use. God provides!

In grades 6-8, students are learning about energy in science. Many of them are getting their first experience working with the new Battle Creek Science Kits that were purchased for all Huron County schools. Students have enjoyed the "hands-on" science, which has included designing their own experiments, constructing a rollercoaster model, and building their own "energetic" toy.

I continue to feel very blessed teaching at Cross Lutheran School. God is doing great things here, and I look forward to seeing what He will do in the future!

November Time & Talents

Date & Time	Leader	Reader	Children's time	Communion Assistant	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
Nov. 6 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Peggy Koehler	Peggy Koehler	Karen Schuette	Clarence Buchholz Brian Delpiere	Laura Trost
Nov. 13 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Sue Loehrke	Gwynne Barry		Ron Schulz Bob Tate Tom Shupe	
Nov. 20	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Aileen Prill	Norm Nelson	John Trowbridge	Marilyn Baur
Nov. 24 10:00 a.m.						Peg McCrimmon
Nov. 27 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Laura Trost	Karen Schuette	John Trowbridge		

LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD

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!

Operation Christmas Child

Our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project is underway for Christmas 2011. All donations must be brought to the church by Sunday, November 13. We will have the shoebox packing and inspecting nights on Tuesday, November 15th & Thursday, the 17th at 7 p.m. The shoeboxes will be delivered to the collection sight on Saturday, November 19.

Anyone who has spare time is asked to take home shoeboxes from the youth room and giftwrap them and then return them to the church. Watch for sales and pick up items that could be included in the boxes. We are looking



for small toys, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries) books, school supplies, art supplies, combs, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, new clothing items, hats, hair clips, toy jewelry and watches, socks & underwear, hard candy and gum. Remember; NO liquids or medicine, NO food items, NO used toys or clothing, NO breakable items, and NO war related toys.

We hope you will join us this year in this rewarding project. Last year we packed and sent 330 filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. This year, we would like to send even more! Call Lori Smith, project chairman, if you have any questions or would like to help! 453-3953

Council Meeting Minutes



CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by acting president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:02 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Kevin Trost, Paul Schuette, Ray Licht, Terry Sturm, and Nancy Heck. Guests present were Betty Champagne and Gwynne Barry. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated August 9, 2011, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Terry Sturm to approve the minutes, Ray Licht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the agenda, seconded by Terry Sturm. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund

had income of \$33,925.71 for the month of August and expenses of \$25,483.30. The General Fund balance, segmented, includes Leaf Fund - \$732.49, Roof Repair Fund - \$3,695.14, Organ Repair Fund - \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund as a Fund Balance of \$4,098.17 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$8,975.00. Ray Licht makes a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Kevin Trost. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2011 through 9/10/2011, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$186,802.26 which is \$5,106.11 over budget. Other monies received to date were as follows:

Building Fund	\$ 25,896.00
(\$6,411.69 under budget)	
Benevolence	\$ 7,356.00
Other Donations	\$ 562.00

A Motion was made by Nancy Heck to accept Paul's financial report, seconded by Terry Sturm. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a request from April Rujan, CEA President, requesting that any existing names be removed from the CEA account, and to have April Rujan and Rachel Higgins, Treasurer placed on the account at Bay Port State Bank. Nancy Heck made a

motion to the remove the old names and place April Rujan and Rachel Higgins on the CEA account at Bay Port State Bank.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None

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

- Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of August: 1 Funeral, 1 Wedding, 8 Teachings, 6 Communion, 14 Hospital Visits, 15 Home Visits, 18 Meetings, and 7 Services.

- Wedding – Jill Gardy and Adrian Hill, Thursday, August 18, 2011

Funeral – Harvey Weiss, Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Church Calendar:

CEA family meeting – Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Tamera Fritz & Aaron Vermeech Wedding – Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Mission Festival – Sunday, October 16, 2011

CEA Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 23, 2011

Congregational Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 6, 2011, immediately following the service.

Pastor's Report:

NALC Convocation was held August 9-12, 2011, in Hilliard, Ohio. (Cont. on Page 9)

(Cont. from Page 8)

Pastor Loehrke was the sole person who attended this Convocation due to illness.

Mike/Connie Eden delegates-
Pastor Tim Loehrke, NALC Pastor delegate

Sue Loehrke, visitor

Pastor will be attending the NALC Dean's meeting with new Bishop, Thursday, September 15, and Friday, September 16, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- School children totals for 2011-12 school year are as follows:

- o Grades K-12 – 13 students
- o Grades 3-5 – 15 students
- o Grades 6-8 – 7 students
- o Total 35 students
- o Cross members – 10, non-members 25

- MEAP testing starts Monday, October 10, 2011.

- FTE hours with Lakers, President of School Board.

- Safetyville will be in session the week of September 13-16, 2011.

Wendy Zick is teaching band 2 days per week and Beth Elston is teaching music for no additional costs.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Oral report was given by Terry Sturm. Cross is no longer keeping track of FTE hours, as Lakers no longer wish to participate.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Ray Licht advised Council that his committee didn't meet in the month of August.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette reviewed her report with everyone present. Highlights of her report were as follows: Karen discussed the upcoming plans for Mission Festival to be held on October 16, 2011. They are still looking for a speaker at this time. Karen advised that the piano was tuned for \$100.00. She also advised that they will be preparing their budget for 2012 at their September meeting.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

No chairperson at this time, minutes were provided by Jean Sturm. Highlights of her minutes were as follows: Cross VBS was very successful and a donation was made for "Kids Against Hunger" in the amount of \$500.00. LEAF Requests are up to date with no additions. Pastor and Connie will order Bibles to have on hand as the need arises (Spark Younger Bible Story Book will be looked over).

They also discussed plans for next year's VBS and who the director might be. Laura Trost and Jean Sturm will be available for substituting at Sunday School. They also discussed that in our synod is that each church is responsible with two charges in the area of mission support. These two charges are (1) to support an overseas Missionary and, (2) that we have a mission church in Michigan.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

No chairperson at this time, no report given.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

Kevin Trost provided his report to all present. Kevin noted that Ray and Elaine Licht will host the LYO/Confrimention Kick Off at their home on Sunday, Septem-

ber 18, 2011, @ 6:00 p.m. Senior Quilt gatherings will begin in September. Cross LYO will participate in a new Bible study and catechism curriculum that Pastor is beginning this fall. We hope that discussion and views from all age groups will enrich the study and build relationships and understanding by combining the adult study and LYO. This arrangement will help cover the teaching position and will be reviewed mid-year. Planning is ongoing to add events and gatherings specifically for youth.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Mike Fritz wasn't present for the meeting, no written report was given.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

No chairperson at this time, no meeting was held for the month of August. Betty Champagne reported that there may be a retreat possibly at Bay Shore Camp at the end of October.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

Lorraine LePage wasn't present for the meeting. Krisie Fritz advised council that they didn't meet in the month of August; therefore, there was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parsonage Ceiling fan was installed. Thank you Denny Diener.

NALC Constitution update - Paul Schuette advised that proposed Bylaws and Church Constitution will be voted on and held two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2011. After discussion, council will review the changes in detail at the next council meeting.

(Cont. on Page 10)

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Richard Koehler, President

Terry Sturm, Vice President

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

Terry Strum, School Board

Mike Fritz, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Ray Licht, Stewardship

Vacant, Education

Vacant, Outreach

Kevin Trost, Youth

Vacant, Parish Life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Mike Fritz, Chair

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden, Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Music

Karen Schuette, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange, Beth Elston

Ministry of Social Services

Lorraine LePage, Chair

Krisie Fritz

LouAnn Jarvis

Bonnie Schulz

Kay Schuette, Lori Smith

Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht, Chair

Carol Diener, Nancy Heck

Paul Schuette, Tom Shupe

June Sturm, Cyndi Buchholz

Ministry of Education

Connie Eden, Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith, Kim Fritz

Laura Trost, Paul Schuette

Ministry of Outreach

Maxine Rice

Ministry of Youth

Kevin Trost, Chair

Leanne Smith, Rachel Higgins

John Shope, Linda Shope

Elizabeth Higgins, Youth Rep.

Alissa Peterson—LYO President

Ministry of Parish Life

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke, Paul Schuette

Pam Strum

Rick & Marlene Landry

Alice Trost

Audit Committee

Suzie Swanson, Mike LePage

Kent McKenzie, Leanne Schuette

Peter Shupe

Nominating Committee

Mike Otto, Tom Shupe

Neil Herford, George Gardy

Roger Fritz

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

Terry Sturm, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President

Gretchen Roestel, Secretary

Rachel Higgins, Treasurer

April Rujan, CEA President

Pastor Tim, Advisor

C.E.A

April Rujan-President

Melissa Helmuth-Vice President

Melisa Raymond-Secretary

Rachel Higgins-Treasurer

(Cont. from Pg. 9)

Announcement will be made in church on Sun., Oct. 9th and 16th for the Special Meeting following service, and placed in the bulletin. Copies of Constitution and By Law changes will be placed in mail boxes by October 16, 2011.

Chicken BBQ fundraiser profited \$1,903.00, and will be receiving Thrivent funds as well, with all monies going to the Building fund. 270 meals were served.

Dick Koehler spoke to Dwight Gascho regarding a Day Care. Dick will speak to him again as to who he is delegating to research a possible day care here at Cross. Nancy Heck and Gwynne Barry will then meet with the delegated authority from Scheurer Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee is currently looking for individuals to be placed on the upcoming ballot for Vice President and President of School Board.

Annual Reports due in Church office by October 16, 2011, this includes financial reports as well.

Fish Fry during Lent? Kevin Sturm is willing to cook again, and this would be a fundraiser for our youth.

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz,

Secretary

Ministry Meetings

Social Service Ministry

FOOD DRIVE - As we lead up to the celebration of Thanksgiving, Cross Church will be collecting items for the Pigeon Food Pantry. The Pigeon Pantry has been helping about 35 families a month. Bring your items to church with you on any Sunday starting November 6th through November 20th. Some pantry items they are in need of: rice, cereal, cake mixes, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, toilet tissue, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap and any imperishable item. Let us help other people in need!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Through the organization of Lori Smith, Cross has been part of this program for several years. Bring your filled shoebox or shoebox items to church by November 13th. On November 15th and 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym we need **volunteers** to help pack the shoeboxes. Last year Cross sent 330 shoeboxes to children in need throughout the country. Your donation will bring a smile to a child!

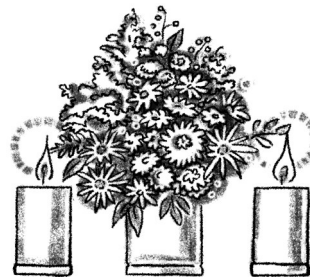
SCRIP CARDS - They make the perfect gift. Order your gift cards for the holiday season. The gift cards can be picked up from the church office or the following week at church.



3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20

Here at Cross



Thanksgiving Service

10 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24

Here at Cross



7 p.m. Sunday
Evening Vespers
Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11,
13 and 18

Pizza Hut Tip Night

How do you enjoy a delicious pizza with your family and help children in Huron County? Just come to Pizza Hut tip Night, Monday, Nov. 21 from 5—8 p.m. in Bad Axe. Huron County CA/N Council volunteers will be serving up hot and delicious pizzas, pasta and breadsticks? The money tips given to the volunteer servers will assist the CA/N Council fund programs in Huron County that help our area parents or provide services to our children. Take outs Available.

Thumb Bread Basket

Distribution date is Saturday, Nov. 12 at Laker Elementary School from 8:30—10:30 a.m. Please bring bags or boxes to collect and carry food. Set up 7 a.m.—clean up 10:30 a.m.

Open House

The Huron County Medical Care Facility invites you to join them at their Open House on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1—4 p.m. The Open House will feature their new Caring Hands Community, rehabilitation and therapy units. There will be refreshments, door prizes and guided tours. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m.

“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”

—Martin Luther

Growing Together

<u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u>		SEPTEMBER 2011	
BALANCE ON HAND 9/1/2011		\$24,900.00 less flow through acct \$100.00	24,800.80
INCOME:			
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES		31,825.24	
BRICK FUND		80.00	
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		30.00	
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds		-	
LEAF		-	
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT		-	
LINE OF CREDIT ADVANCE		-	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>31,935.24</u>	31,935.24
EXPENSES:			
PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN		-	
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES		<u>26,408.59</u>	
		26,408.59	<u>(26,508.59)</u>
NET INCOME			<u>5,426.65</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 09/30/2011			30,227.45

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:	
LEAF FUND	732.49
ROOF REPAIR	3,695.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	9,524.82
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	<u>8,975.00</u>
TOTAL:	30,227.45

<p>Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able</p>

Total balance in all funds \$30,227.45 - Total balance in General Fund \$9,524.82 (positive balance)

<u>BUILDING FUND:</u>			
BALANCE ON HAND 9/1/2011			7,634.78
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*		3,304.93	
FUND RAISERS		-	
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND		-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		-	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>3,304.93</u>	3,304.93
EXPENSES:			
OFFICE SUPPLIES		-	
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT		(3,000.00)	
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES		(875.00)	
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID		-	
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>(570.07)</u>	<u>(570.07)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/11			7,064.71

<p>***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR OCTOBER IS \$4,100.00</p>
--

GENERAL FUND			
BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES		(271,105.96)	
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES		<u>260,195.18</u>	
	UNDER	(10,910.78)	
DEBT OWING 9/30/2011			
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	68,368.00		
PRIVATE LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>		
	318,368.00		
OPERATIONAL LOAN	<u>17,885.00</u>	advances to Building Fund from General Fund applied to operational loan principal	
TOTAL LOANS	<u>336,253.00</u>		
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-		
TOTAL LOANS	<u>336,253.00</u>		

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rebekah Circle 1:30 p.m. Quarterly Program at Scheurer (Pastor Tim) 2 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m.	2 Chapel 8: 10 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7 a.m. CEA 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	3 Pre-School Conferences 3 - 5 p.m.	4 1/2 Day of School End of 1st Marking Period	5
		6 All Saints Sunday Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Social Services ANNUAL MEETING Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	7 School Picture Retake Day Choirs: Bells 6:30 / Choir 7:30 p.m.	8 Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	9 Sarah Circle 9:30 a.m. Love Day 1:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences + Pre-School Conferences Comm. Service 7 p.m.	10 Martin Luther's Birthday
13 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - Esther Circle Last collection for Shoebbox	14 Esther Circle 2 p.m. Choirs: Bells 6:30 / Choir 7:30 p.m.	15 Pigeon Pastor 1 p.m. Shoebbox Night 7 p.m.	16 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m. Youth Ministry 7:45 p.m.	17 Shoebbox Night 7 p.m.	18 Ministry of Education 4 p.m.	19 Shoebbox Delivery
20 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - Circles Community Thanksgiving Service 3 p.m. Confirmation 5-6:30	21 Choirs: Bells 6:30 / Choir 7:30 p.m.	22 Social Services 5:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	23 No School	24 Thanksgiving Service 10 a.m. 	25 No School	26
27 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - Decorating Comm. Vespers 7 p.m.	28 Choirs: Bells 6:30 / Choir 7:30 p.m. Basketball Practice Begins	29	30 Chapel 8: 10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.			