

Growing together

November 2021

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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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From the Pastor's desk at Cross Lutheran Church-NALC,



Each fall, LuAnne and I have good intentions of getting all of our yard work done before the first snowfall. (In Wisconsin, sometimes that first snowfall can come as early as the first few weeks in October!) Our plan is to rake all the leaves in our lawn into a big pile and then grind them up with our push lawn mower. Next, we use the riding lawn mower with a bagger to clip the lawn at just the right fall height. Later, we would meticulously mix the green grass and ground up leaves together in just the right proportions, layering and piling it high in the compost bins. When we finished working in the yard, trimming the bushes, and mulching the flower beds, we would then stand back, proudly gazing at our little ¾ acre yard, feeling satisfied at the work we've done! Yes, each fall we have good intentions!

Last fall, we arrived at our Wisconsin home on a Thursday, and it was a beautiful sunny day! It was a comfortable tee-shirt and shorts wearing day, a blessing for that time of year. But by the following Saturday morning, the weather had drastically changed. While the morning began with a few snowflakes dancing here and there in the air, there were times when it looked like a total whiteout! By mid-morning everything was covered with a fresh layer of white snow. It was nature's way of putting a halt to all the busyness that we felt was important. It was the perfect reminder for LuAnne and me, that God's purposes are always good, and greatly surpass our best, though feeble intentions. By the way, the remainder of our vacation was spent inside our home where we relaxed and rested. And our yard work—disappeared under a layer of snow until the following spring!



Isn't that what happens in our own lives? We make plans for each weekend to relax and rest, but our constant quest for peace is never fully found. And so we look forward to the next weekend, and the next weekend, and so on. It isn't until some major event foils our good intentions and life slows to a stop and we wonder how we ever got this busy.

November is a good time to slow down and prepare for the new church year. All Saints' Sunday is November 7th. It is a time that we remember those who have died this year. The 25th Sunday after Pentecost is November 14th, which is the last of our "green" Sundays, and we observe the last Sunday of the church year on

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Christ the King Sunday, November 21st. The last Sunday in November is The First Sunday in Advent, which is the first Sunday of the church year. If it sounds a little confusing, my advice to you and your family is to come and see what is happening at Cross Lutheran.

As your pastor, I pray that your best intentions will physically bring you and your family to worship services during this month of November. It is a time to put a halt to all the busyness that we feel is important and bring our burdens of each week to rest on Christ. ***“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you...”*** (Psalm 55:22) It is only in Christ Jesus that we will receive real peace.

Even if it has been a while since you have attended a Cross Lutheran Church worship service or any Christian worship service, I welcome you to worship at Cross Lutheran Church each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. There is coffee and fellowship after the Sunday Service where we can gather in good conversation. LuAnne and I look forward to meeting you!

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

In His Service,
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

Preparing for Worship

November 7—All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17, P – Psalm 149, 2R – 1 John 3:1-3, G – Matthew 5:1-12

November 14—Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1R—Daniel 12:1-3, P – Psalm 16, 2R – Hebrews 10:11-25, G – Mark 13:1-13

November 21 - Christ the King

1R - Isaiah 51:4-6, P - Psalm 93, 2R - Revelation 1:4-8, G - Mark 13:24-37

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

1R - Deuteronomy 8:1-10, P – Psalm 67, 2R – Philippians 4:6-20, G – Luke 17:11-19

November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

1R - Jeremiah 33:14-16, P - Psalm 25:1-10, 2R - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, G - Luke 21:25-36

Remember Those at Home...

Delores Eftman, Elaine Licht, and Martin Knost

Those in Need of Extra Special Prayer...

Don Arndt, Al Collison, Connie Eden, Eunice Richmond, Bill Hurdelbrink, Delores Johnson, Inez Buchholz, Noah Adams, Kyle Walker, Whitney Peyerker, Kayle Thepsourinthone, Kay Schuette, Roberta Danks, Posie Tuckey, Corey Messing, Marvin Trost, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler, Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel, Marilyn Blunt, and Robert Krzeszewski.

Those in Honorable Service Our Country...

Nathan Schulz and Ryan Schulz, U.S. Marines, sons of Lonnie Schulz & grandsons of Bonnie Schulz, Nicholas Swanson, U.S. Air Force, son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette. Michael Cox, U.S. Navy, son of Kim Sears.

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

Celebrate



Birthdays

- 3 Emily Schulz
- 4 Eric Gardy
Shane Schulze
Bella Smith
- 5 Dorothy Rummel
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 9 Bob Johnson
Joshua Rosenthal
- 11 Steve Schulze
Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretschmer
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith
- 16 Delores Lange
- 17 Austin Roestel
Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Polega
- 22 Kassidy Swanson
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 25 Mike Sting
- 28 Grace Higgins

Anniversaries

- Nov. 9 Gene & Pearl Parsell, 53 years



*To speak gratitude is courteous
and pleasant,
to enact gratitude is generous
and noble,
but to live gratitude is to
touch heaven.*

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## Special dates in November

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 28 1st Sunday of Advent



## **Women's Bible Study**

will meet on Wednesday, November 3rd from 1:30 - 3:30 in the church overflow or choir room. In lesson 6 we will be reading the book of Philippians and it is from the Study: Letters of Paul titled Service with a Smile. Come and join us with your smile! :)

## **Worship and Music Ministry**

Minutes of Oct. 6, 2021 Meeting

Members present: Barb Degg – chair, Peg McCrimmon, Pat Azarovitz, Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer.

No estimates have been received at this time.

Pat reported that sound cables have been run to the choir loft.

Tabled until November:

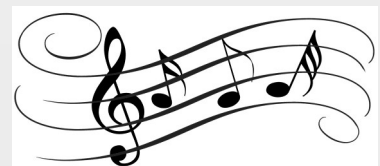
- Advent banners and Jesse Tree

Karen moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 2, at 3pm.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Schuette



## From the Desk of...Carrie Ward

Hello from the classroom! The Fall season is in full swing, and we are enjoying all that it brings. The students are hard at work and play and the days are full of fun and learning. With our school theme of Working Together, we have had plenty of opportunities to practice putting our many gifts and talents to work. We are working to grow in our academic skills as well as our relationships with classmates. As well as working here at school, we have also had the opportunity to go out and about and do some learning on the road. We love being able to visit the library again. We have also visited the Pigeon Historical Depot to learn about how things in our own town have changed over time. Most recently we visited Kohl Farms for some outdoor fun wandering in the corn maze and playing among the pumpkins and sunflowers. We were also able to join the community for a dance party at the Farmers' Market! It is so nice to be able to get out and experience all that our community has to offer. Thank you for always supporting us with your prayers. We are all so thankful to be learning and growing together here at school.

## November Calendar

- 11/5 End of 1st marking period
- 11/9 Picture Makeup/Retake day
- 11/10 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
4-7:00 pm
- 11/12 Grandparents Day with  
Chapel - 1/2 day of school
- 11/15 Full day of school - NO Laker  
bus
- 11/19 Robotics Tournament
- 11/22 thru 11/26 NO School  
Teacher conf. & Thanksgiving  
Office is closed



# CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021

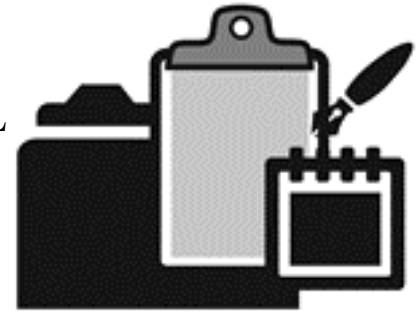
**(Proposed Minutes to be approved at October Council Meeting)**

The meeting was called to order by Church Council President, Michael LePage, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Krisie Fritz, Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski, Nancy Schuette, Matt Zimmerman, Norman Nelson, Dick Koehler, Pat Azarovitz, and Steve Schulze.

Absent: Nancy Heck

Guests: David Faupel, Karen Schuette



Church Council  
Minutes

### **DEVOTIONS:**

**“and were afraid to ask him.” (Mark 9:32)**

“When Jesus begins to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must be betrayed, and suffer, and die, well it’s quite a jolt. It’s a jolt to be told that this Messiah, must be betrayed, suffer, die and then rise again. It’s crazy unthinkable. The disciples did not ask him anything because they were afraid. I hope you aren’t afraid to ask Jesus the deepest questions, “Who are you? Who are you for the world? Who are you for me?” Pastor Glenn closed devotions with prayer.

**AGENDA:** Nancy Schuette made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and amended by Norman Nelson to add under New Business Wednesday Night Services, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Pat Azarovitz made a motion to approve the proposed August Minutes, seconded by Dick Koehler. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Karen Schuette voiced concerns regarding the change of meeting and time.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

#### **Mike LePage, President**

Beth Elston is meeting with Special Music Group.

**Krisie Fritz, Secretary** – Communications: David Faupel – Discussion was held regarding David’s concerns.

**Nancy Heck, Treasurer** – Nancy Heck was absent so the Treasurer’s Report was not available.

## **GUESTS PRESENTATIONS AND REQUESTS:**

**David Faupel** gave his School Report as follows:

Total students enrolled/expected for 2021-2022: 60

DK/K: 16 1st/2nd: 15 3rd-5th: 17 6th-8th: 12

Neil Herford will build shelves for piano keyboards.

Second grant funding of \$33,000.00 has been approved. This grant will be used for new math curriculum and wages for an aide in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. Entire wages will be paid by this grant. Cross is hoping to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grant money of \$66,000.00 in October, 2021.

**David Faupel and Mike LePage** gave the Early Childhood Center Report as follows:

Hired 4 to 5 staff for the day care.

Mackenzie Roestel is doing well as Interim Lead Supervisor.

## **ADVISOR'S REPORTS**

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

September 4: Committal of Herbert and Gertrude Schaefer at Cross Cemetery

Pastor also had concerns about kids using the playground equipment and leaving their trash on the grounds after hours. Discussion followed.

**Motion was made by Dick Koehler, to put 2 signs up and place a trash can for garbage, seconded by Pat Azarovitz. Motion carried.**

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Dick Koehler gave his report as follows:

Grants were approved.

Currently at maximum for student number. School is projecting 70 students for next year. Dick thought it may benefit to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee at this time. Discussion followed and it was determined by council that the committee should consist of Dick Koehler, David Faupel, Mike LePage and 2 individuals from the Properties committee.

### **MINISTRIES REPORTS – TRUSTEES:**

**Property:** Matt Zimmerman gave his report as follows:

New freezers should be delivered on 9-14-21.

Dimming Board needs to be replaced. Costs will be between \$10-11,000.00. An additional \$3,000.00 to upgrade the system to LED system. Matt will keep us posted regarding this.

**Music & Worship:** Pat Azarovitz gave his report as follows:

Still wondering about the piano repair bills.

**Stewardship:** Norman Nelson – no meeting held.

**Mission Outreach:** Krisie Fritz – Meeting was held but Krisie had nothing to report regarding that meeting.

**Parish Life:** Nancy Schuette – no meeting held. Nancy stated that she needs people to sign up for coffee hours.

**Youth:** Steve Schulze – no meeting held.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WIFI in the Buildings** – Continuing to work on this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Eavestrough Proposal for Main Entrance** – Received a proposal in the amount of \$1,596.00 from Kevin’s Seamless Eavestroughs to fix the issue over the main entrance.

**Motion was made by Pat Azarovitz to have Kevin’s Seamless Eavestroughs complete the work over the main entrance as proposed in the amount of \$1,596.00, amount to be taken from the Repair Fund, seconded by Steve Schulze. Motion carried.**

**Wednesday Night Services** - Discussion was held.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**Next Council Meeting** – Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Krisie Fritz, Secretary

**Mission Outreach Meeting**

October 5, 2021

The meeting of the Mission Outreach Ministry was called to order by Lorraine LePage. Members present were Kim Delpiere, Connie Eden, Nancy Heck, Lorraine LePage and Lori Smith. A prayer was given by Lorraine.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Our shoebox project is underway. Tubs have been placed in the church entrances, by the welcome desk, and by the Church/school office. Flyers have been placed in church mailboxes, in the church newsletter, the bulletin, and on Facebook. Additional information will be coming. Lorraine will talk to David about dates and arrangements for packing the boxes.

We will be unable to sell scrip cards after church, it has been suggested that all scrip card sales be handled thru the Church/school office.

Following discussion, we decided to do the Giving Tree this year. Lorraine will do the letters of get the project started.

The Fall decorating plan has been submitted and approved. A work date is planned for later this month.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 at the church. We will write Thanksgiving cards to the sick and shut-in’s and finalize shoebox plans. Our group is responsible for the November 7<sup>th</sup> coffee hour.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s prayer.

|                                          |          |                      |           |           |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u> |          | Sept                 | 2021      |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                          | 9/1/2020 | BPSB & TNBT COMBINED |           | 81,516.00 |
| INCOME:                                  |          |                      |           |           |
| CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES         |          | 39,708.80            |           |           |
| SCHOOL REGISTRATION & PAYROLL TAXES      |          | 38,462.45            |           |           |
| TRANSFERS FROM CD BEQUEST                |          | 4,563.00             |           |           |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS                  |          | -                    |           |           |
| CEMETERY FUND                            |          | -                    |           |           |
| Memorials                                |          | 125.00               |           |           |
| FUND RAISERS                             |          | 117.79               |           |           |
| LEAF                                     |          | -                    |           |           |
| DONATIONS-ORGAN REPAIR FUND              |          | -                    |           |           |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND                 |          | -                    |           |           |
| TOTAL INCOME:                            |          | 82,977.04            | 82,977.04 |           |

EXPENSES:

|                            |             |             |  |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES | (38,406.57) |             |  |
|                            |             | (38,406.57) |  |
|                            |             | 44,570.47   |  |

NET INCOME

BALANCE ON HAND 09/30/2021 126,086.47

**GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUN | 18,506.03        |
| SPECIAL EVENT ACCOUNT       | 9,757.98         |
| LEAF FUND                   | 1,378.59         |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND    | 500.77           |
| ORGAN REPAIR FUND           | 12,628.74        |
| GENERAL FUND-BPSB           | -                |
| GENERAL FUND-TNBT           | <b>49,930.64</b> |
| TBT PAYROLL ACCOUNT         | <b>20,145.57</b> |
| School Funding EE Offerings | 13,238.15        |

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>CD-BEQUEST</b> | <b>10,444.27</b> |
| <b>CD # 35210</b> | <b>5,353.85</b>  |

TOTAL: 126,086.47

Total balance in all funds \$126,086.47 - Total balance in General Fund-TNBT \$49,930.64- (positive balance).

BUILDING FUND & PARSONAGE BUILDING FUND: Combined Parsonage & Building Fund Balance 3,569.17  
BALANCE ON HAND 9/1/2021

|                                                   |          |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS                    | 2,513.00 |            |
| FUND RAISERS                                      | -        |            |
| TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND                        | -        |            |
| TOTAL INCOME:                                     | 2,513.00 | 2,513.00   |
| EXPENSE EXPENSES                                  |          |            |
| MORTGAGE RENEWAL FEES                             | -        |            |
| INTEREST ON MORTGAGE LOAN 2.50%                   | 351.75   |            |
| PRINCIPAL ON MORTGAGE                             | 2,369.10 |            |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                                     | 2,720.85 |            |
| NET INCOME/EXPENSE                                |          | (2,720.85) |
| BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2021 (COMBINED FUND BALANCE) |          | 3,361.32   |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND & PARSONAGE BUILDING FUND - MONTHLY NEED \$3,000.00

GENERAL FUND

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| BUDGETED NEED-SEPT-ALL SOURCES | (39,938.47)      |
| RECEIPTS - SEPT - ALL SOURCES  | 82,977.04        |
| UNDER BUDGET                   | <b>43,038.57</b> |
| Total (Shortage/Overage) -     | <b>43,038.57</b> |

DEBT OWING 9/31/2021

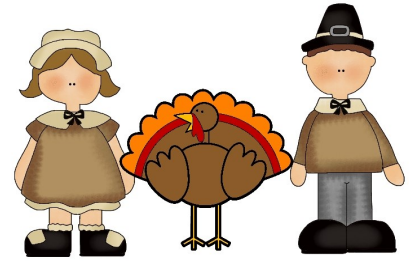
PARSONAGE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION LOAN **161,028.44** Interest rate 2.5%  
(INCLUDES BALANCE OF PRIVATE LOANS - SCHOOL BUILDING FUND)

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# GIVE Thanks

## November 2021



| Sun                                                                               | Mon                                                                                              | Tue                                                  | Wed                                                                                   | Thu                                                                                             | Fri                                                                                   | Sat       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|  | <b>1</b><br>Music Rehearsals<br>6:30 - 8 pm                                                      | <b>2</b><br>Worship & Music<br>3 pm                  | <b>3</b><br>Chapel 8:05 am<br>Women's Bible<br>1:30 pm<br>Mission/Outreach<br>4:30 pm | <b>4</b><br>Jean Quilts<br>1-4 pm<br>CEA 4:45 pm<br>School Board<br>5:30 pm<br>Propertties 7 pm | <b>5</b><br>1st Marking<br>Period ends                                                | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br>Comm. Service<br>9:30 am<br>All Saints<br>Sunday                      | <b>8</b><br>Packing<br>Shoebboxes PM<br>Strwardship<br>5:30 pm<br>Music Rehearsal<br>6:30 - 8 pm | <b>9</b><br>Picture<br>Retake day<br>Council 5 pm    | <b>10</b><br>NO Chapel<br>Quilters 1 pm<br>P/T<br>Conferences<br>4-7 pm               | <b>11</b><br>1/2 day of<br>school                                                               | <b>12</b><br>Grandparents<br>Day - Chapel<br>1/2 day of<br>School                     | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>Ccomm. Service<br>9:30 am                                            | <b>15</b><br>Music Rehearsals<br>6:30 - 8 pm                                                     | <b>16</b><br>CEA/PTO<br>Craft/Family<br>Night 5-7 pm | <b>17</b><br>Chapel<br>8:05 am                                                        | <b>18</b><br>Jean Quilts<br>1-4 pm                                                              | <b>19</b><br>Robotics<br>Tournament                                                   | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>Christ the King<br>Comm. Service<br>9:30 am                          | <b>22</b><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline<br>NO School<br>Office - Vac.                                | <b>23</b><br>NO School<br>Office - Vac.              | <b>24</b><br>Quilters 1 pm<br>NO School<br>Office - Vac                               | <b>25</b><br>Thanksgiving<br>Day<br>NO School<br>Office Closed                                  | <b>26</b><br>NO School<br>Office Closed                                               | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b><br>Advent 1<br>Comm. Serv<br>9:30 am                                    | <b>29</b><br>Music Rehearsals<br>6:30 - 8 pm                                                     | <b>30</b>                                            |                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |  |           |



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