

Cross Connection

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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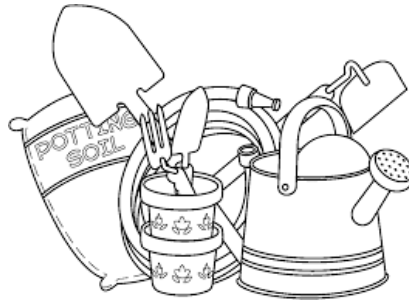
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Growing together

June / July 2020

Message from Pastor Glenn

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



Do you plan to have a garden this year? If so, will it be a flower garden, a vegetable garden, or a combination of both? I remember helping my father plant a garden each year. Even though he would work at his job all day long, he would always take time to plant a large garden every spring. My dad would methodically lay out the rows according to what he was going to plant and I would help put the seed into the ground. It was fun to push the seeds into the warm, soft earth and then gently cover them with the soil. It felt like I was burying small treasures where no one could find them. Yes, it was fun, at least that part!

In a couple of weeks, the seeds would sprout and distinct rows of plants could be seen. As you can imagine, included in the rows were things that we didn't plant; weeds! Now the work would begin. My dad would spend almost every evening in the garden watering, weeding, and cultivating. As I watched him, it seemed that my father found joy, peace, and comfort just being in the garden. After a busy day, he seemed to look forward to and enjoy this "different type of work" while tending and caring for each plant.

As a young man, my father worked on a gladiola farm where he learned how to properly plant and care for them. Of all the flowers he planted, gladiolas were his favorite. I was amazed how smart my dad was for he could call the different kinds by name. As the rows of gladiolas would grow and flower in a variety of colors, neighbors would remark about how wonderful and beautiful the flowers looked. Some would drive by and then stop to look at the flowers. He would always go out with them and cut enough for a bouquet. He would also give flowers to the local hospital and the church.



In the fall when all of the plants in the garden would die, my dad would dig up the gladiola bulbs, shake off the dirt, and lay them on screens to dry. Then he would put them in burlap sacks and label them for next year.

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"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Psalm 95:6

CROSS LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME!

The afternoon of June 1, 2020, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced, **"Churches are allowed to hold in-person services effective immediately."**

The Executive Church Council of Cross Lutheran Church met on Monday, June 1st to discuss the possibility of resuming in-person services beginning Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020.

The recommendation to hold in-person services beginning Sunday, June 7, 2020 was presented for vote and passed by the Cross Lutheran Church Council: vote 9 yes-1 no.

Cross Lutheran Church's focus during this time of "shelter in place" has been to create a plan, when allowed, to peacefully gather together to receive the Word and Sacrament while observing mandated guidelines and respecting the health and well-being of our neighbor.

Current Worship Guidelines

- All attending worshipers will be required to wear a protective mask.
- Social distancing will be practiced in the building at all times.
- All information will be contained within the worship bulletin and parishioners will be encouraged to take their personal bulletin home to reuse for the next week.
- We will use a spoken word worship service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
 - Our team of ushers will help and guide you if you have questions.

If you choose to wait a little longer before gathering with others in worship, the Online service will continue to be posted on the Cross Lutheran Church Website, www.crosslutheranpigeon.org.

For those without Internet service,
CDs and DVDs will still be available and delivered to you upon request.

Thank you for your prayers and may you continue to be gentle and respectful examples of the Christian people we proclaim to be as Christ's church.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Glenn or Mike LePage, Council President.

Celebrate



June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|
| 3 | Mike & Lorraine LePage, 42 years | 23 | Pam Sturm |
| 5 | George & Linda Gardy, 49 years | 24 | Patricia Cucinello
Kavin Decker |
| 9 | Pastor Glenn & LuAnne Sokolowski, 25 years | 27 | Russell Barry
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
Henry Trost |
| 10 | Eric & Jennifer Gardy, 14 years | 28 | Jameson Heck |
| 11 | Don & Kim Schadd, 15 years | 29 | George Gardy |
| 12 | Trevor & Kristy Carriveau, 16 years | 30 | Sarah Azarovitz
Blaine Buchholz
Darrin Schuette |
| 12 | Marvin & Alice Trost, 55 years | | |
| 17 | Richard & Carole Mead, 59 years | | |
| 17 | Jack & Pam Sturm, 48 years | 4 | Fred & Sandra Haley, 50 years |
| 20 | Fred & Raylene Henkelmann, 50 years | | Peg & David McCrimmon, 13 years |
| 21 | Tico & Kayle Thepsourinthone, 6 years | 12 | Bob & Linda Tate, 45 years |
| 22 | Randy & Cindy Buchholz, 46 years | 15 | John & Linda Shope, 10 years
Kevin & Lori Trost, 14 years |
| | Dale & Donna Schuette, 57 years | 17 | Josh & Caroline Krzeszewski, 9 years |

July Anniversaries

- 4 Fred & Sandra Haley, 50 years
- Peg & David McCrimmon, 13 years
- 12 Bob & Linda Tate, 45 years
- 15 John & Linda Shope, 10 years
- Kevin & Lori Trost, 14 years
- 17 Josh & Caroline Krzeszewski, 9 years
- 20 Jeff & Beth Elston, 24 years
- Randy & Suzanne Swanson, 29 years
- 21 Jeff & Kim Buchholz, 13 years
- 22 Troy & Leanne Schuette, 31 years
- 24 Tim & Michelle Fritz, 21 years
- 27 Don & Donna Wheeler, 46 years
- 30 Mark & Brenda Kretzscher, 6 years
- 30 Ben & Michelle Walsh, 9 years

July Birthdays

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



Enjoy
your
Summer
Vacation!

School News

From the Desk of Karn Brown

Hello from the DK and Kindergarten room at Cross Lutheran School! Wow! What a year it has been!! As a class, we have been challenged and have grown in so many different ways. In February, we celebrated the "100th Day of School" with a PJ and pancake party—we really enjoyed celebrating 100 days of working hard in DK and Kindergarten. March got off to an enthusiastic start with both the beginning of Reading Month *and* Lutheran Schools Week! The class had a blast with the different dress-up days for Lutheran Schools Week and, of course, the school-wide trip to Splash Village! Unfortunately, our Reading Month celebrations were just getting started before we had to close. We enjoyed reading with our preschool and Junior High reading buddies. We also had a few "Mystery Readers" come in to read to our class--- this was a big treat- guessing who would be coming in that day to read! Then, on March 13th, we began the adventure of "emergency remote learning." This was a term I could never have imagined I would need to learn! However, with a lot of mercy and prayers, God equipped myself and our class with everything we needed to keep growing spiritually and academically through this time of stress and uncertainty. Field trips were replaced with class Zoom parties. Bible stories became videos to upload for students to watch with their families. As our school-year comes to a close, I am so thankful to God for the blessing of this past year of teaching at Cross. I look forward to another awesome year of serving Him through teaching (remotely or in person!) next year!



Teaching Staff:

Sarah Brooks, Infant/Childcare
Director

Jessica Schwartz, Toddler Lead
Teacher

Sheila Paolucci, Childcare

Becky Ruth, Childcare

Lauren Siegfried, Childcare

Abby Talaski, Childcare

McKenzie Roestel, Childcare

Beth Elston, Preschool/Music

Robbi Shaffer, Preschool

Karn Brown, DK-K

Carrie Ward, 1-2 grades

Gwynne Barry, 3-5 grades

David Faupel, Principal/6-8
grades

Susan Hass, Title 1 Tutor

*This year was especially
challenging for teachers,
students, and parents, but
we made it!!*



2020/21 School year
Enrollment Forms
for DK-8 grades are available
online at
www.crosslutheralschool.org

Looking back, I believe that my father cared for those bulbs as a father cares for his children. When he talked about the different varieties of gladiolas in his garden, there was a sparkle in his eye and a smile on his lips.

There were times when I wondered why my dad didn't just plant only vegetables. Why did he use valuable garden space for flowers? Wouldn't his time and energy be better spent growing something that would feed his family rather than just be pretty to look at? Once cut, gladiolas don't last very long. My father never shared the reason why he planted so many flowers, but I do believe that he enjoyed their wondrous beauty even though it was only for a short time.



As this summer begins to unfold like the flowers that surround you, take time to rest from each day full of burden and toil. To everything there is a season, so take time to really see God's beauty in each day that surrounds you. Like flowers in bloom, our days don't last very long. Take time to smell the roses, the gladiolas, or your favorite flower.

And because there is a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted, take time to be fed by God's Holy Word. Take time to see the wondrous beauty of the cross and give thanks that our heavenly Father cares for His children more than the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Take time to hear the message of God's infinite love for you and the promise of eternal life, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

In Christ, Pastor Glenn

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Church Council President, Michael LePage, at 7:08 p.m. Present were: Nancy Heck, Gretchen Roestel, Krisie Fritz, Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski, Nancy Schuette, Norman Nelson, Kent McKenzie, and Steve Schulze. Corey Messing was absent. Guests present were David Faupel and Sarah Brooks. The meeting was conducted through **Zoom**™ and by phone. Pastor Glenn Sokolowski opened the meeting with a reading from the NALC Newsletter and followed with prayer.

AGENDA: Kent McKenzie made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Gretchen Roestel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Gretchen Roestel made a Motion to approve the April Minutes as presented, seconded by Kent McKenzie. Motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Mike LePage, President gave his report as follows:

Payroll Protection Program was approved and funded. \$14,828.40 was taken from the PPP account to make payroll, leaving a balance of \$47,721.60. Cross will continue to follow the guidelines.

Mike is taking the envelopes to the Thumb Bank to be counted, envelopes are then returned to Cross for entry in Shepherd's Staff Program.

Krisie Fritz, Secretary - No communications

Nancy Heck, Treasurer - Nancy gave her report as presented.

Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Steve Schulze. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:

David Faupel gave his School Report as follows:

Teachers are continuing to provide emergency remote instruction to their students. They are working incredibly hard and doing a great job.

We meet on Zoom as a staff each Friday to debrief and discuss plans for the future.

The last day for instruction is Friday, May 22. All work from students must be turned in by May 29.

We are planning to have a virtual Closing Chapel on Zoom on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The teachers are planning to do something special for the 8th graders by driving to each of their houses and do a little song/dance/presentation. We hope to still do some sort of a graduation at a fellowship event this summer. We will also plan a Sunday that they will be recognized in church.

Registration packets were mailed out a couple weeks ago. We have received a number of those back already. The DK/K class is nearly full already!

There are a number of possibilities that we will need to consider for the 2020-2021 school year. Right now, we can only speculate about what may happen. Pastor, Gwynne Barry, and myself are going to take part in a webinar in a couple weeks for pastors, principals, and school leaders that is geared toward helping us come up with plans for the different scenarios that we may be facing in the fall.

Sarah Brooks gave her Early Childhood Center Report as follows:

Day care can only provide care for essential workers at this time.

27 children once day care reopens for non-essential and essential workers. Expecting more children in June.

Sarah has applied for a Relief Fund Grant. There were a couple of stipulations in which we couldn't charge to hold spots which we weren't doing and to give the families a 10% cut. The amount of \$8,790.00 is expected for the month of April. It could take two to three weeks before we hear something. Sarah is hoping to reapply for May and June. The guidelines for this grant could be different going forward.

ADVISOR'S REPORTS:

Pastor's Report:

Online Confirmation Classes continue.

Pastor has been preparing the Online Wednesday Chapel Services and Sunday Services.

Pastor is creating audio CD's and DVD's for individuals who don't have internet service, and delivers on Saturday to the individuals.

Members may look for a continued Online presence when Covid-19 is over.

Convocation is scheduled for August 2-7, 2020 in Pittsburgh. (Unable to make hotel reservations at this time.)

Currently there are 8 NALC churches in Michigan, and 3 churches are actively looking for Pastors at this time.

School Board Report: Gretchen Roestel - No meeting held.

MINISTRIES REPORTS – TRUSTEES:

Property: Corey Messing was absent.

Worship & Music: Kent McKenzie/Pastor Sokolowski – no meeting held.

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Stewardship: Norman Nelson – no meeting held.
Mission Outreach: Nancy Schuette - no meeting held.
Parish Life: Nancy Schuette – no meeting held.
Youth & Education: Steve Schulze - no meeting held.

OLD BUSINESS:

PPP Loan was approved and funded as Mike’s report indicated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reopening plan was discussed. Pastor put together a plan in writing, which will be continually updated as conditions change. Council will address when plan is completed. In the meanwhile, we will follow the Governor’s directives.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sound System should include video and audio systems to record service.
Vacation Bible School is cancelled for July.
Summer Office Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.



Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Preparing for Worship at Cross

June 7—Holy Trinity Sunday

1R – Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a, P – Psalm 8, 2R – Acts2:14a, 22-36, G – Matthew 28:16-20

June 14—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Exodus 19:2-8, P – Psalm 100, 2R –Romans 5:6-15, G – Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-20)

June 21—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1R—Jeremiah 20:7-13, P – Psalm 91:1-10 (11-16), 2R – Romans 6:12-23, G – Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 28—4th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Jeremiah 28:5-9, P – Psalm 119:153-160, 2R – Romans 7:1-13, G – Matthew 10:34-42

July 5- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Zechariah 9:9-12, P – Psalm 145:1-14, 2R – Romans 7:14-25a, G – Matthew 11:25-30

July 12- 6th Sunday after Pentecost

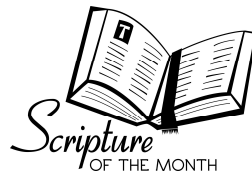
1R - Isaiah 55:10-13, P - Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13, 2R - Romans 8:12-17, G - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 44:6-8, P - 119:57-64, 2R - Romans 8:18-27, G - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Deuteronomy 7:6-9, P - Psalm 125, 2R - Romans 8:28-39, G - Matthew 13:44-52



Memorials

memorials & gifts

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

In memory of Gertrude Crump, for Cross Building

Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Building Fund:

Dave & Joyce Jarvis

In memory of Elsie Trowbridge, for Cross Building fund:

Shirley Deering

In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Lutheran School:

Pr. John & Karol Morris
Joan Walz

In memory of Fred Richmond, for Cross Lutheran Church:

James & Teresa Roestel



Summer Office Hours

Summer hours will begin on June 1st and run thru August 10th.

Someone will be available by phone or appointment from 9:00 am until noon Monday thru Friday



A lockbox has been installed at the church entry doors on Ruppert St. across from the parsonage. Please feel free to continue using the box for your church contributions if you are unable to attend services. The box is emptied daily and is there for your convenience.

Remember our Shut-ins:

Elaine Licht, Ruth Schuette, Martin Knost, Eunice Richmond.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gerry Edler, Kay Schuette, Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), Clark Eidt, Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel (niece of Carol Diener), Marilyn Blunt (mother of Laura Trost), Robert Krzeszewski

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz stationed at Piqua, OH and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz. Nicholas Swanson stationed at the Air Force base, Colorado Springs, CO. He is the son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette.



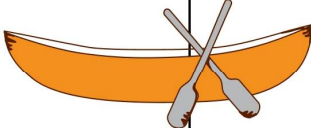


REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Camping
Canoeing

BACK TO BASICS

Fishing
Hiking

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
7 Church Service 9:30 am	8	9 Executive 6 pm Council 7 pm	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day Church Service 9:30 am	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day Church Service 9:30 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Church Service 9:30 am	29	30				

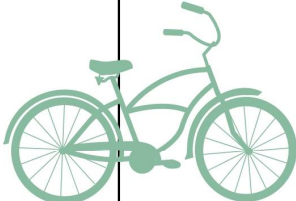
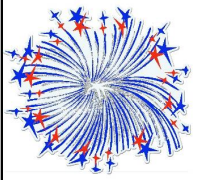



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in the sun



July 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Church Service 9:30 am	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Church Service 9:30 am	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Church Service 9:30 am	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Ministers - The People of Cross

Officers, Ministries & Committees

Pastor – Glenn Sokolowski
Music Director - Beth Elston

Church Council

Mike LePage, President
Gretchen Roestel, V P
Krisie Fritz, Secretary
Nancy Heck, Treasurer
Gretchen Roestel, School Bd.
Kent McKenzie, Trustee
(Worship & Music)
Norm Nelson, Trustee
(Stewardship)
Nancy Schuette, Trustee
(Parish Life
Mission/Outreach)
Cory Messing, Trustee
(Property)
Steve Schulze, Trustee
(Youth)

Advisors

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Corey Messing, Chair
Mike Eden
Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Barb Degg, Chair
Peg McCrimmon
Beth Elston
Karen Schuette
Mike Sting

Ministry of Mission /

Outreach

Lori Smith, Chair
Krisie Fritz
Connie Eden
Rachel Messing
Kay Schuette
Tonja Nelson
Nancy Heck
LuAnne Sokolowski
Lorraine LePage

Ministry of Stewardship

Norm Nelson, Chair
Carol Diener
Raylene Henkelmann
Paul Schuette
June Sturm
Cindy Buchholz

Ministry of Education

Jean Sturm, Chair
Gretchen Roestel
June Sturm
Kim Delpiere

Ministry of Youth

Tim & Michelle Fritz, Chair

Ministry of Parish Life

Nancy Schuette, Chair
Betty Grimaldi
Pam Sturm
Alice Trost
Paul Schuette
LuAnne Sokolowski

Audit Committee

Donna Schuette
Denny Smith
Raylene Henkelmann
Dorothy Thuemmel
Mike LePage
Connie Herford

Nominating Committee

Rachel Higgins
Lori McKenzie
Trevor Carriveau
Eileen Johnson
Betty Grimaldi
Barbara Degg

Synod Assembly Rep –

Norm & Tonja Nelson

School Board

Gretchen Roestel, President
Vicki Yackle, Vice-President
Robbi Shaffer, Secretary

Nicole Shupe, Treasurer
April Rujan, CEA President

C.E.A

April Rujan-President
Lori Trost-Vice President
Marcine Moore -Secretary
Nicole Shupe -Treasurer

Handy Helper Ministry

Karen Anklam	551-8265
Marilyn Baur	550-8875
Patty Cucinello	453-3589
Barbara Degg	856-2678
Delores Elftman	453-2679
Pat Elston	453-2409
Carol Forster	375-2754
Vickie Forster	553-3875
Rachel Higgins	975-0668
Peggy Licht	975-1963
Lori McKenzie	553-3582
Marcine Moore	550-9405
Carol Schadd	550-5150
Donna Schuette	375-4328
Karen Schuette	453-2744
Nancy Schuette	453-3969
Bonnie Schulz	453-3116
Alice Trost	453-2279
Laura Trost	453-3209
Brigid Trowbridge	453-3990
Donna Wheeler	453-3712
Sheila Yackle	453-2589

Please let the office know of any changes to these Ministries and Committees.

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(Officers, Ministries & Committees)