



Growing together

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Our mission:

Bring people to Christ.

Teach Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.

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~ ~ Message from Pastor Tim will return next month ~ ~

Coming Up

- ◆ Michigan Blood Drive May 6
- ◆ Graduation Sunday, June 2
- ◆ Loons Game—Friday, June 21 — Details soon.

⇒ Sunday, June 2 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

⇒ Monday, June 3 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

⇒ Tuesday, June 4—9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We'll need people to help with pricing, sorting and selling beginning Wednesday, June 5 and workers on June 6, 7, and 8. Contact Lori Smith or Connie Eden.

The sale will be on June 6, 7, & 8.

Proceeds go to Mission/Outreach projects and the Cross Capital Improvement Fund.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We're always looking for items for shoeboxes! How about picking up a few bars of unscented or mild soap the next time you are shopping!

FITNESS CLASSES

Will be held in the gym on Mondays and Wednesday from 5:45—6:45 p.m. for 8 weeks.

Excluding Memorial Day and the week of June 5.

Monday's class is a Boot Camp using Kettlebells—(bring your own)

Wednesday's class is Step and Strike—(bring your own step and gloves, or hand weights)

1 class is \$48 or take both classes for \$80, payable on the first day of class. Please pre-register by calling instructor Jeannie Putman at 989-529-6164.

CENTERSHOT

A Bible Study Plan targeted for Youth will meet each Thursday evening beginning April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Archery instructor is Ray Licht and we are limited to the first 20 children. Call the church office to sign up for this rewarding experience.

WOMEN OF FAITH

A new series will begin May __ and will again meet once on month on Saturday mornings from 10:30 – noon. All women are invited to attend any

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VBS

The Cross VBS Circus will be coming to town on July 15 - 18. We are looking for adult and teen helpers, an inflatable bounce house to borrow, and a clown!

GARAGE SALE

The church garage sale is only a month away! It's a good time to start sorting your closets and garage, to find those items you would like to donate! Needed are clean used items. Drop off times are:

⇒ Saturday, June 1 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Preparing for Worship at Cross



May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 16:9-15

P – Psalm 67

2R – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

G – John 16:23-33

Hymns: 358, 242, 262 Comm. 424, 196, 190, 709

May 9 – Ascension of the Lord

1R – Acts 1:1-11

P – Psalm 47

2R – Ephesians 1:15-23

G – Luke 24:44-53

Hymns: 170, 356, 363

May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 1:12-26

P – Psalm 133

2R – Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11)
12-20

G – John 17:20-26

Hymns: 776, 330, 520

May 19 - Pentecost

1R – Genesis 11:1-9

P – Psalm 143

2R – Acts 2:1-21

G – John 14:23-31

Hymns: 546, 364, 315 Comm. 299, 163, 300

May 26 – The Holy Trinity

1R – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

P – Psalm 8

2R – Acts 2:14a, 22-36

G – John 8:48-59

Hymns: 165, 275, 230

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 2*
- Christian Family Week, *May 6-12*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 9*
- Mother's Day, *May 12*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 18*
- Pentecost, *May 19*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 20*
- Memorial Day, *May 27*

Coffee Fellowship Hour

May 12—

May 19—

May 26—

Bread Maker

May 5—

May 19—

Choir Practices

Bells 6:30/Choir 7:30

May 6 & 13

Moms in Prayer

Monday, May 6 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, May 13 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, May 20 at 8:35 p.m.

Confirmation

Retreat at Bay Shore Camp is May 3—4

Practice is Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday is May 19

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or all of the sessions. The focus for this next session is: Living a Life of Balance. Monthly topics will be:

- The Juggling Act
- Balancing Time and Responsibilities
- Balancing Schedules and

Interruptions

- Balancing Work and Rest
- Balancing Faith and Sight
- Balancing Love and Obedience
- Balancing Faith and Works
- Balancing Wants and Needs

- Balancing Longing and Contentment

- Balancing Unity and Diversity

- Balancing Our Wishes and God's Will

- Balancing Working and Waiting

In Memory



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

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Building Fund:

Kathie's Business Solutions

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran School:

John and Wanda Meyer

Linda Wolschlager

In memory of Donald Rogers, for Cross Building Fund:

Roberta Danks

In memory of Donald Rogers, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Sheila Yackle

In memory of Michael Zagata, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Hazen and Arlene Fritz

In memory of Don Deering, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In honor of Mary Smith's 80th birthday for Cross Lutheran School:

Mike and Connie Eden

In memory of Joyce Smith, for Cross Lutheran School:

Jack and Pam Sturm

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:

Jack and Pam Sturm

In memory of Helen Decker, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Elaine Canepa
Virginia Schaff
Alma Stahl
Diane and Arley Antoine
Marilyn Meinhardi
Lydia Decker
Donna Deming
Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Helen Decker for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Bruce and Marilyn Baur
Richard and Carole Mead
Elsie Trowbridge

In memory of Helen Decker, for Cross Lutheran School:

Ruth Schuette

In memory of Lois Chisholm, for Cross School:

Ruth and Janis Schuette

In memory of Lois Chisholm, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Eleanor Tate
Mary Smith
Robert and Linda Tate
Michael and Claudia Molloy
Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Lois Chisholm, for Cross Building Fund:

Elsie Trowbridge

In memory of Richard Koehler Sr., for Cross Lutheran Church:

Jim and Janet Schumacher
Greg and Aileen Prill
Bruce and Marilyn Baur
Olga Renn
Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Richard Koehler Sr., for Cross School:

Roberta Danks
Herb & Elaine Neurath
Jack and Pam Sturm
John and Jill Champagne

In memory of Richard Koehler Sr., for Cross Building Fund:

Ruth and Janis Schuette
Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink
Cordelia Trost
Edwin Licht
Ron Gettel

Geraldine Edler
Glen and Cindy Shaw
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Musselman and family

Dale and Donna Schuette
Marvin and Alice Trost and family

Elaine Jerbi, Hilmar Trost, Julia and Don Parker, LouAnn Trost, Roger and Carol Trost

Todd Gunden
Bob and Karen Baur
Randy and Cheryl Sturm
Elsie Trowbridge

In memory of Richard Koehler Sr., for Cross Pew Bibles:

David and Peg McCrimmon

In memory of Richard Koehler Sr., for Cross Pew Hymnals:

Krisie Fritz and family

In memory of Daniel Smith, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Jim and Janet Schumacher
Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Daniel Smith, for Cross Lutheran School:

Ruth Schuette and family
Loren and Delores Elftman
Greg and Aileen Prill
Krisie Fritz, Adam and Miranda

In memory of Daniel Smith, for Cross Building Fund:

Cordelia Trost
Edwin Licht
Elsie Trowbridge

Celebrate



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janet Schumacher
Amanda Cronk
- 2 J.B. Barry
Michelle Richmond
- 3 Andrea Schuette
Harold Deering
Andrew Licht
- 4 Peg McCrimmon
Matthew McNeil
- 5 Patty Schulze
Mikayla Young
- 6 Jody McKenzie
- 7 Julie Parker
- 8 Lydia Decker
Kelson Smith
- 11 Brittany Richmond
Isaac Elston
Fred Chisholm
- 13 Linda Gardy
Corey Trost
Dale Schulz
William Schuette
- 14 John Trowbridge
- 15 Jan Love
- 17 Kayla Smith
- 18 Courtney Siewert
- 20 Bob Tate
- 21 Roger Fritz
Dawn Rosenthal
Alexander Love
- 22 Jordan Trost
Paul Schuette
Jonah Yackle
- 23 Emma Smith
Connie Walker
- 25 Matt LePage
- 28 John Smith
Johnathon Higgins
- 29 Zachary
Kretzschmer
- 30 Carol Diener

31 Dorothy Henne
Donna Wheeler
Leanne Smith

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 13 Duane & Shelly Baur, 23 years
- May 15 Jim & Brenda Smith, 8 years
- May 23 John & Brigid Trowbridge, 25 years
- May 24 Ron & Michelle Bergman, 9 years
- May 27 Henry & Barb Trost, 34 years
- May 27 Duane & Karen Peterson, 23 years

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Women of Faith Study

The topic for May is from the book, "Living a Life of Balance" with the focus being "The Juggl-

ing Act." All women are invited to attend Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 to noon.

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.

Pigeon Food Pantry Needs

Supplies are currently low and they are in need of toilet paper, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup. Anything you can donate is very helpful. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door entrance.

Pop Tabs

Cross School is collecting the tabs from the tops of soda and beer cans. Proceeds from these help to support Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to save and donate them, place them in the recycle box outside the church office.

Remember our Shut-ins:
Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Thelma Warner, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lois Decker, sister of Linda Gardy, Ezra Sturm, Blaine Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Terry

Muntz, friend of John and Linda Shope, Leola Engelhardt, mother of Doralee Schulz, Deb Lange, Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, Kay Schuette, Todd Lay, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman, Rose Ann Budnick's mother, who is in hospice.

School News

May School Calendar



- 1 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 2 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 5 CEA Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 6 MI Blood Drive noon to 6 p.m.
- 9 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 17 Field day at Lakers
- 22 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 27 No School—Memorial Day
- 31 Closing Chapel—Last Day of School

From the Desk of ... Wendy Zick

What a joy to be the band director! I was inspired by my band director, Mr. Nelson, to follow in his footsteps. I guess you could say he was "instrumental" in my career choice. This year we have had all but one student in 5th - 8th grade in the band program. Our largest group is the 5th grade; there are eight of them! We have seen progress by leaps and bounds this year and I am very proud of all the band students.

Events we have been able to participate in this year include: the Christmas Program, Music Palooza, Western Night, Thumb Friend of the Arts Solo & Ensemble Festival, and we have played in church a few times. At the time of this writing, the Jr. High band is preparing for the

Lutheran Schools Music Festival in Bay City. All band students are preparing to play "Pomp and Circumstance" which the 5th grade is making fantastic progress on. It is at the end of their book and a stretch for them. Solo and Ensemble and the Music Festival are important to participate in. They give the students a chance to display their abilities and be adjudicated with others of their age group. At TFOA the Jr. High received two "I's" and one "II", indicating to me that they are on par with public school students.

I believe in the importance of music education. It helps children to grow in so many different ways. The benefits conveyed by music education can be grouped in four categories: success in society, success in school, success in developing intelligence, and success in life (<http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/advocacy/>

benefits.html). The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music (<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/380/text>). MENC has a list of twelve benefits based on studies (<http://websites.msdp.k12.in.us/aslightom/files/2012/11/Twelve-Benefits-of-Music-Education.pdf>) Music education is very important and I am committed to ensure that children, your children, have the benefits of music education.

A band program takes a lot of work; because the students only meet with me for 1 ½ hours every week I depend on them to spend time practicing independently. There is a reward program, the Band Store, where they can choose small tokens for their work. Donations to the band store are welcomed. This year students that did not have an instrument were fitted with one to use. A couple of these instruments cannot be taken home. If you have an instrument that you no longer use chances are that we can find a student that could use it. Music is so important to the students' development and it is great to be a part of it!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, MAY 31 WITH CLOSING CHAPEL

May Time & Talents

| Date & Time | Assisting Minister | Reader | Children's Time | Comm. Assist. | Ushers for the Month | Altar Guild | Acolyte |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| May 5 9:30 a.m. | Phil Schadd | June Sturm | Sue Loehrke | Norm Nelson | Brian Delpiere Tom Shupe | Marilyn Baur | Nicholas Swanson |
| May 12 9:30 a.m. | Karen Schuette | Alissa Peterson | Peggy Koehler | | Dick Mead Norm Nelson | | Greta Elston |
| May 19 9:30 a.m. | Gwynne Barry | Laura Trost | Brian Delpiere | Paul Schuette | Ron Schulz Mike Trost Dick Koehler | Laura Trost | Jordan Trost |
| May 26 9:30 a.m. | Leanne Smith | Karen Schuette | Karen Schuette | | | | Kirsten Shupe |

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!

CEA Meeting Minutes

April 4

President April Rujan

Vice-President Melissa Helmuth

Secretary Melisa Raymond

Treasurer Rachel Higgins

Present at meeting were April Rujan and Rachel Higgins

Rachel opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

Carnival

Carnival is set for April 20 and we need families to help out with a variety of tasks. So if you can help in any way please contact someone from the CEA. We also need help the night before the carnival for set up. A time will be determined at later date.

Spring Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast is set for May 5 again we will need families help. More information will be sent home as it gets closer.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Hungry Howie- We are still considering doing this fundraiser but not quite sure when. Will keep everyone posted.

CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for May 2 at 4:45pm.

Cross Apparel

Cross apparel still available, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30

Church Council Minutes



March 12

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, at 7:05 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Tom Shupe, Aileen Prill, John Smith, Lori Smith, and Krisie Fritz. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated February 12, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Lori Smith to approve the minutes as presented, Aileen Prill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: Gwynne Barry will appear later and recommend starting a Pilot Program with the Market America Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Tom Shupe. Tom Shupe reported for Nancy Heck that the General Fund had income of \$28,015.40 for the month of Feb-

ruary, and expenses of \$30,787.82. The General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund \$413.59, Capital Improvement Fund 8,475.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a NEGATIVE Fund Balance of \$7,537.50 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$11,750.00. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 3/12/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$51,196.15, which is \$5,536.35, under budget.

COMMUNICATIONS: A Letter was received from East Side Soup Kitchen, thanking the youth for the collection of \$251.17 to assist in feeding the hungry. They hope they can count on their assistance next year. Next year's Souper Bowl is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2014.

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of February: 1 funeral, 0 baptisms, 11 teachings, 6 communions, 2 hospital visits, 2 home visits, 23 meetings and 12 services.

Hulda Baur, Funeral, Saturday, February 16, 2013

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Christian Parenting Day

Sunday, March 24, 2013 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28, 2013 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. with foot washing

Friday, March 29, 2013 – Good Friday

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Vigil starts after Good Friday service and ends at noon on Saturday.

Sunday, March 31, 2013 – Easter Sunrise service at Cross Cemetery @ 7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast in gym 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Kathie Harrison – Homeless in Huron County – Sunday, April 7, 2013

Western Night, dinner, entertainment – April 13, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor on call Chaplin for the month of March at Scheurer Hospital.

Vespers at 7:00 p.m. very Sunday in Lent.

Participated in National United Christians in Prayer, Sunday, March 3, 2013 at United Christ Church, Bay Port, MI

"Centershot" Archery Program, combination of Archer and Bible Study – every Thursday for 8 weeks, starting on Thursday, April 18, 2013, Ray Licht archer instructor and Pastor Tim, Bible Instructor

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

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Athletic Awards/CEA Family Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Talk about Touch, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 and Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Music Palooza – Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Chapel service every day in Holy week – Monday thru Thursday

Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5, 2013 – Spring Break.

½ day of School – Laker Professional Development Day, Friday, April 19, 2013.

CEA Carnival, Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

School open house for enrollment school year 2013-2014.

PRINCIPALS'S REPORT:

The MANS Accreditation Program has recommended that the school board develop and adopt a mission statement. The school board has developed and adopted its mission statement as follows:

It is the mission of Cross Lutheran School board to support, nurture, guide and enhance the environment of the Christian Education at Cross Lutheran School through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Busy Time of the Year. Lot's going on but it's all good. The staff continues to amaze me in all that they do!

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and reported the following:

Krispy Kreme sales are over, approximately \$3,500.00 was collected.

Walsh's Pepper Sticks remain for sale.

Basketball season is over.

Tuition was raised \$50.00 for 1st student, if enrolled prior to August 1, 2013, the extra fee increase of \$50.00 would be waived. (School board did the same thing last year and it seemed to help get things done prior to the 1st day of school).

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was not present as he was ill.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette was present and gave an oral report as they had not met in March.

Wednesday Night Lenten Dramas – Karen will choose 5 monologues from new source and ask people to read them. They will use the black curtain in the chancel again this year.

- Western Night – Saturday, April 13, 2013. Parish Life and Mission Outreach will do the meal and hall decorations. Karen and Beth will be meeting to plan the program. Proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Her Ministry will take an inventory of the pew hymnals, and see if we should look at replacing some of the old hymnals that are falling apart.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and he provided his minutes to all present. Highlights of his minutes were as follows:

Building Fund – Donations have been good to date. A final payment was made to Bay Port State Bank to pay off the balance of the building loan.

There are still outstanding private loans that the church is making interest payments on.

Nancy reported that the general fund is falling behind – President Koehler will make an announcement in church. Stewardship discussed about adding the moneys collected in the bulletin each week. Aileen will create a form and have the counters sign.

Gwynne Barry presented her presentation and recommended that council allow her to start a Pilot Program with the Market America Program. Council agreed to allow the Pilot Program to go forward.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Pastor advised that Fish Fry went well and that 9 were signed up for summer camp. Confirmation class will do the annual retreat at Bay Shore Camp.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present for the meeting and provided her written report to all present. Highlights were as follows:

We will start selling gift cards on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Welcome Station.

Scheduled a Mom to Mom Sale for Saturday – April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

Garage Sale is scheduled for June 6-8, 2013.

Vacation Bible School – "Circus Theme" - July 15-18, 2013.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was not present, and no minutes were provided.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of

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her report were as follows:

Paper Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup is scheduled for April 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (approx. 2 hours)

Discussed the meal for the Western Night which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Women of Faith will meet again on March 23, 2013, 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Dr. Sherry Baker will return for another workshop – April 27, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Men are encouraged to attend and learn about relationships. It was stressed that relationships encompasses all kinds of relationships.

June 21, 2013 – 30 tickets have been reserved for the Loons Game.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety/Security of School/Church/Students – Additional measures are being taken to secure the doors for everyone concerned.

Outreach Letters were sent to all school parents on March 12, 2013.

Hot water tank supplying hot water to kitchen is still an issue.

Kitchen refrigerator seems to be operating okay.

Furnace – cap on roofing has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lawn care from Mike Fritz, renew contract for summer 2013 in the amount of \$2,700.00, which includes tree and shrub trimming.

Permanent Coat rack in connect-or hallway down towards the gym.

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 next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

Stewardship

Ministry

March 26

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, Chairman; Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary, Nancy Heck, Treasurer; June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer, Ray Licht; Rodger Fritz, Kyle Yackle and Pastor Tim Loehrke. Prayer was led by Ray Licht.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by Nancy Heck and 2nd by Ray Licht. Motion carried.

Benevolence Report – Donations were reviewed from January 24 – March 26. A balance of \$2449.51 was on hand for Kids Against Hunger. A motion was made by Nancy Heck and seconded by Ray Licht to ask the congregation on Easter Sunday to use their Donor's Choice envelope on April 7 for Kids Against Hunger. Discussion included we could use a little more

money to help with this cause. Pastor Tim said it takes about \$5600 to run Kids Against Hunger. There are donations from other churches that help pick up some of the cost of this project. Paul Schuette agreed to make the announcement this Easter Sunday.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Reported that current balance is still short of our goal. Interest payment has been made to private loans for the building fund.

Financial Secretary Report – Paul reported the general fund has had good donation the last two weeks. There have also been donations made to the General Fund this last month from memorials.

New Business

On April 7 Kathy Harrison will be here at Cross Lutheran Church to speak about the Homeless Collation. A free will donation will be taken after the service for the Homeless Collation.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting is April 23 at 7 p.m.

Parish Life Ministry

April 2

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm, Alice Trost, Paul Schuette, and Pastor Tim.

- The Dinner and Western Show which will be held Saturday, April 13 was discussed. We will begin setup at 3 p.m. Sue is finalizing the helper list. Sue and Betty will be picking up the needed food from GFS on Thursday,

Ministry News Continued & Events

April 11.

- Women of Faith will meet again on April 20 from 10:30 – noon.
- The Paper Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 items needed are: Coffee, small plates, forks, NOT spoons or knives, Kleenexes, paper towels, and hand soap.
- Dr. Sherry Baker will host the

Relationship Workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 2 – 4 p.m. Men are encouraged to attend and learn about relationships. Aileen will be sending out press releases and making contacts with those who attended the January workshop this week.

- May 19 – Confirmation Coffee Hour. We'll have a cake, coffee and punch.
- June 2 – Graduation Coffee

Hour. We'll have cake, coffee and punch.

June 21 – 30 Tickets have been reserved for the Loons Game. We'll start promoting this in May.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

Confirmation—Sunday, May 19

- ♦ Kendal Delpiere, son of Brian and Kim Delpiere.
- ♦ Austin Roestel, son of Todd and Gretchen Roestel.



A reception will be held during the Coffee Hour to honor these two young men.

CEA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 5 FROM 9 A.M.—1 P.M. IN THE GYM.

Come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and beverages!

ADULTS \$7; CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER \$4;

UNDER AGE 5 FREE

Proceeds support Cross Lutheran School.

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Dick Koehler, President

John Smith, V P

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

John Smith, School Board

Neil Herford, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Tom Shupe, Stewardship

Gretchen Roestel, Education

Pastor Tim, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

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

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| <u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u> | | MARCH | 2013 | |
| BALANCE ON HAND | 3/1/2013 | | | 20,401.23 |
| INCOME: | | | | |
| CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES | | 25,265.14 | | |
| SCHOOL REGISTRATION | | | | |
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND | | 150.00 | | |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS | | 20.00 | | |
| CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM | | - | | |
| ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds | | - | | |
| LEAF | | - | | |
| FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT | | - | | |
| BEQUEST | | - | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: | | <u>25,435.14</u> | 25,435.14 | |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| LEAF - CONTINUING EDUCATIONS | | - | | |
| CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES | | <u>31,628.14</u> | | |
| | | 31,628.14 | <u>(31,628.14)</u> | |
| NET INCOME | | | <u>(6,193.00)</u> | |
| BALANCE ON HAND | 3/31/2013 | | | 14,208.23 |

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| <u>GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:</u> | |
| LEAF FUND | 413.59 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | 8,575.14 |
| ORGAN REPAIR FUND | 7,300.00 |
| GENERAL FUND | (13,980.50) |
| CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND | <u>11,900.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | 14,208.23 |

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| Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able |
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| Total balance in all funds \$14,208.23 - Total balance in General Fund -\$13,980.50 (negative balance) |
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| <u>BUILDING FUND:</u> | | | | |
| BALANCE ON HAND | 3/1/2013 | | | 12,355.68 |
| DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS* | | 1,265.60 | | |
| FUND RAISERS | | - | | |
| ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND | | - | | |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS | | - | | |
| TOTAL INCOME: | | <u>1,265.60</u> | 1,265.60 | |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT | | | - | |
| INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES | | | 2,375.00 | |
| PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID | | | <u>-</u> | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | | <u>2,375.00</u> | |
| NET INCOME/EXPENSE | | | (1,109.40) | <u>(1,109.40)</u> |
| BALANCE ON HAND | 3/31/13 | | | 11,246.28 |

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| THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND--WE STILL HAVE ONGOING NEEDS FOR INTEREST ON PRIVATE LOANS |
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| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | | | |
| BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES | | (93,835.74) | |
| RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES | | <u>72,923.79</u> | |
| | SHORT | (20,911.95) | |
| DEBT OWING 3/31/2013 | | | |
| SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB | - | | ALLELUIA - THANKS AND PRAISES TO GOD - THE BANK LOAN HAS BEEN PAID |
| PRIVATE LOANS | <u>250,000.00</u> | | |
| | 250,000.00 | | |
| OPERATIONAL LOAN | <u>-</u> | | |
| TOTAL LOANS | 250,000.00 | | |

May 2013

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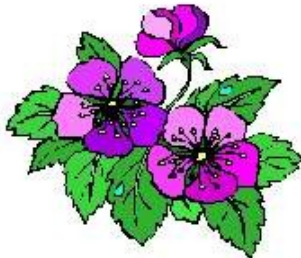
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| | | | 1 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m. | 2 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Centershot at Laker Jr. H 6:30 p.m. | 3 Ethics Meeting 7:30 p.m. Pr. Tim Confirmation Retreat | 4 |
| 5 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 6 MI Blood Drive Noon - 6 p.m. Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m. | 7 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. | 8 Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m. | 9 ASCENSION DAY Chapel 8:10 a.m. Centershot 6:30 p.m. | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour: Mens Bible Study | 13 Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m. | 14 Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m. | 15 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m. | 16 Centershot 6:30 p.m. | 17 Field Day | 18 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon Confirmation Practice 11 a.m. |
| 19 PENTECOST Comm. Service with Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. | 20 MIP 8:35 p.m. | 21 | 22 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m. | 23 Centershot 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m. | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:45 a.m. | 27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 28 Mission / Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m. | 29 Comm. Service 7 p.m. | 30 Centershot 6:30 p.m. | 31 Closing Chapel 1:45 p.m. Last Day of School | |

Open Enrollment
