

# Cross Connection

Growing together

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## Cross Lutheran Church & School

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### Our mission:

**Bring people to Christ.**

**Teach Christians to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to reach the world.**



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## Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

Spring has finally sprung. Old man winter took his time leaving. Some say there is one last blast from him however, I for one am putting away the snow boots, gloves, winter coat and the extra heavy socks. That seemed like a long winter. Cabin fever had set in big time and it is nice to just stand outside without the cold air taking my breath away. When that cabin fever hits, it seems like the walls close in and in some ways the feeling of being all alone because of the inability to get outside heightens. That sense of being alone, even when you are at an event where there a lot of people, that loneliness is very real.

One can then appreciate to some extent the loneliness the disciples experienced when they were in Jerusalem hiding in a room because they were "wanted" criminals by the Jews.

*NRS John 20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the*

*house where the disciples had met were*

*locked for fear of the Jews, ...*

There they were, eleven of them, in the same room, with each other, carrying the same anxiety, stress, uncertainty of what is going to become of them and yes, the very depth of loneliness within each of them yet being with each other. That despair of thinking I'm all alone. There is no one to help me through this. There is no one who cares what happens to me. There is no one who I can go to for advice and lead me in the right direction. There is no one who will walk with me, support me, and pray with me. I am utterly and eternally alone. There is no hope. I have been abandon. There is no worse feeling than being abandon and having no hope.

What is ironic about the disciples is that they knew they were not alone, not abandon, and that there



was eternal hope with them

all the time. They knew that through their three years of hearing Jesus teach them that he will always be with them and never abandon them. Yet they forgot to lean on what Jesus said and looked inward to themselves. They forgot to look to the promise of what Jesus made to them.

*NRS John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

What is more ironic in seeing the disciples react as they did, that we, also know the promise from Jesus Christ of never abandoning us by sending us the Advocate, i.e. Holy Spirit, that we too, when faced with loneliness, look inward seeing nothing but despair and emptiness, do not lean on the promise of Jesus Christ. We should learn from the dis- **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Bible Readings for the Month

### May 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 16: 9-15

P – Psalm 67

2R – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

G – John 16:23-33

### May 8 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 1:12-26

P – Psalm 133

2R – Revelation 22:1-20

G – John 17:20-26

### May 15 – Day of Pentecost

1R – Genesis 11:1-9

P – Psalm 143

2R – Acts 2:1-21

G – John 14:23-31

### May 22 – The Holy Trinity

1R - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

P – Psalm 8

2R – Acts 2:14a, 22-36

G – John 8:48-59

### May 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R - 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

P – Psalm 96:1-9

2R – Galatians 1:1-12

G – Luke 7:1-10

## Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

## Pigeon Food Pantry

Children need a nutritious start to the school day. Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup are good options. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

## IGA Labels for Learning

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

## Spartan Brand Cash for Labels

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

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ciples and the whole story that we are never alone and abandon. For as the disciples received the Holy Spirit;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Acts 2:1** *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.*

<sup>2</sup> *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit*

*gave them ability.*

So we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism into Jesus Christ;

<sup>NRS</sup> **Matthew 3:16** *And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.*

My dearly beloved family of Cross, we are never alone. Jesus made good his promise to send us The Holy Spirit. In that we can always lean on the Holy Spirit in our times when we think we are alone. We cele-

brate this on Pentecost. We must celebrate this every day by giving thanks to God for never abandoning us.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Matthew 28:** <sup>19</sup> *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"*

God's peace

Pr Tim

**“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS GARDEN”**

Have you visited the “Lift high The Cross Garden”? It is located on the south lawn of the church. The brick garden was established in 2002 providing a place to pray or reflect.

We are offering the opportunity to purchase a brick for the garden . You can purchase a brick for yourself or a family member. Also, think about those persons whom you may want to honor for a birthday, anniversary, wedding, graduation, baptism, or a memorial. There are also bricks representing different church groups.

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please engrave a brick as follows:  
Limit: Three 12-character (letter & spaces) lines per brick:\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*One brick per order form payable to:**

Make check payable to:  
**Cross Lutheran Church**  
**Memo: Brick Project**



Enclose a check and order forms in an envelope and put it in my mailbox at church or the church office marked to my attention:

June Sturm  
“Brick Project”

**Bricks are \$70 Each**

# Cross Pictorial Directory

Photographs will be taken May 5—7

If you are unable during these dates, you may submit a recent photo. Watch the bulletins for more details.

You may call the church office any time to schedule your Appointment.

# Celebrate



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays

- 1 Janet Schumacher
- 2 J.B. Barry
- Michelle Richmond
- 3 Andrea Schuette
- Andrew Licht
- 4 Peg McCrimmon
- 5 Patty Schulze
- 6 Jody McKenzie
- 8 Lydia Decker
- Kelson Smith
- 11 Brittany Richmond
- Isaac Elston
- 13 Linda Gardy
- Corey Trost
- Dale Schulz
- 14 John Trowbridge
- 15 Jan Love
- 17 Kayla Smith
- 19 Trevor Carriveau
- 20 Bob Tate
- 21 Roger Fritz
- Dawn Rosenthal
- 22 Jordan Trost
- Paul Schuette
- Jonah Yackle
- 23 Emma Smith
- 25 Matt LePage
- 27 Cole Walsh
- 28 John Smith
- Johnathon Higgins
- 29 Zachary Kretzschmer
- 30 Carol Diener
- Dorothy Henne
- Donna Wheeler
- 31 Leanne Smith
- Anniversaries**
- 13 Duane & Shelley Baur,  
27 years
- 15 Jim & Brenda Smith,  
12 years
- 23 John & Brigid Trow-  
bridge, 29 years
- 27 Duane & Karen Peter-  
son, 27 years
- 30 Mike & Jeanne Sting,  
29 years

## Communion Bread

We really need people to help with baking the communion bread. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe. Thank you!



### Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Edna Schulz, Dorothy Hafner, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Wendy Gettel, Allen Koehler, Jake Mazzara, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Dawn Rosen-

thal, Lillian Koehler, Rachel Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim (Mrs. Donald) Schadd, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is stationed at Camp LeJeune and Ryan Schulz is deployed overseas. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

## Women's & Men's Group Schedules

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wed., May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, May 11 at 1 p.m.

**Women of Faith** meet on Saturday, May 14 from 10:30 a.m.—Noon.

# School News

## May School Calendar



- 1 CEA Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 4 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 5 CEA Meeting 4:45 p.m.  
School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 18 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 20 TALL Fun Day at Bad Axe City Park
- 22 Washington DC Trip begins for 7th & 8th graders
- 25 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 27 Students return from DC trip
- 29 Memorial Day—No School

## From the Desk of ... Wendy Zick

As I write this article to be included in the May newsletter, there are about seven weeks left in the school year. Time to say goodbye to my 8th

grade which is just one student this year. Seems like I just get them trained well and off they go! I am looking forward to a fresh group of 5th graders next year and continuing with my current students. Next year is going to be great! Our school has been invited to participate in the Lutheran Music Festival 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will be held on Oct. 22nd at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. It is a bit like Honors band and top students will be selected to participate.

On January 25th of this year our Junior High students participated in the Thumb Friends of the Arts Solo and Ensemble Festival at Laker High School. They were awarded with four 1st Division ratings and one 2nd Division rating. On May 6th we will travel to Bay City to participate in the Lutheran School Music Festival at Zion Lutheran School. Students will be wearing their new uni-

forms and I appreciate all those who helped get them ready.

The bands will continue to rehearse this spring getting ready for closing chapel. We will also be exploring a music writing program that can be downloaded for free. It is called Finale Notepad and you can find it at: <http://www.finalemusic.com/products/finale-notepad/>. We do this every year and the students enjoy composing their own music. Another fun activity is our "Harry Partch" day when we explore websites with information about music, instruments, and composers and also some websites that have educational games that teach about music.

The days are getting warmer and longer. Make sure you take the time every day to spend some time with the Lord. I will be glad to see all our budding musicians returning in the fall. Have a blessed summer! In Christ, Wendy Zick

# CEA Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

*Come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and beverage.*

**Adults \$7; children ages 12 and younger \$4; under age 5 are Free**

Proceeds support Cross CEA and Cross Lutheran School.

# May Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
<b>May 1</b> 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Wes Trowbridge	Kristi Carriveau	John Trowbridge	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
<b>May 8</b> 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	June Sturm	Michelle Fritz		Dick Mead Ron Schulz		Garrett Fritz
<b>May 15</b> 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Gwynne Barry	Gwynne Barry	Gwynne Barry	Tom Shupe Mike Trost	Marilyn Baur	Logan Richmond
<b>May 22</b> 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette	Kim Schadd				Collin Schuette
<b>May 29</b> 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Kim Schadd				Riley 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!**

## FYI

Pastor Tim and Sue will be on a much deserved vacation from May 19—25. If an emergency arises during this time, please call Pastor Tim on his cell phone or the church office.

On Monday, May 30, the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Office hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Will take place **Sunday, Aug. 28**. Planning has already begun. Co-chairs are Leanne Smith and Pam Sturm.

Invitations will be sent out soon. If you have an address for someone who shares our past and you wish to have them receive an invitation, please give that information to the church office.

**A Church Pictorial Directory will be printed, with pictures dates set for May 5-7, 2016.** If you know you will not be here at that time, please make arrangements to submit a recent photo.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards expenses may do so by indicating "125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration" on their check.

# Church Council Minutes



## April 12 - Unapproved

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:02PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, John Smith, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Norm Nelson, Patty Schulze and Lori Smith. Pastor Timothy Loehrke provided a prayer to all present.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Neil Herford to approve the Agenda as provided, seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated March 9, 2016, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented. Leanne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:** Mike Eden provided a presentation into purchasing benches for the Cross Lutheran Church memorial garden.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present.

Lori Smith made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion car-

ried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None this month.

**Funeral 2; Wedding 0; Baptisms 0; Teaching 16; Communion 16; Hosp Vis 6; Home Vis 12; Meetings 31; Services 16**

### Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Loren Elftman - Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Funeral, Albert Schulze - Saturday, March 26, 2016

### Church calendar

- Adopt-a-highway, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10AM.
- Mom 2 Mom sale, Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9AM – noon.
- Dr. Sherry Baker, Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – noon.
- Ascension of Our Lord, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

- As Dean of the Michigan Mission District (MMD), Pastor installed Pr. George Zarnow as the new pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Owosso, MI, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.
- As Dean of the MMD, Pastor will be meeting with all pastors within the MMD for a one day conference at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Evert, MI on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Every Tuesday in April (10:30AM to 11:30AM), Pastor will be holding Bible Study at Country Gardens.

- Girl Scouts meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the school cafeteria. Erica Sturm leads the Girl Scouts.
- Sue & Pastor will be taking a trip with their children and grandchildren to Disney World, May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will arrange for pastoral supply on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The confirmation program is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be no Confirmation Day since there are only (4) 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the class.
- Pastor would like to thank all who helped make the Lenten season and all of Holy Week reflective and meaningful.

### Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2015 - 2016 school year:
  - K – 8, 31 (one 8<sup>th</sup> grader – Beau Martindale)

### P/S 12

- CEA Kids Carnival, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM - 7:30PM.
- CEA Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00AM – 1:00PM.
- DC Trip for Junior High, Sunday – Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Preschool graduation, Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM.
- ½ day of school, Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Memorial Day, no school, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Last day of school, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, closing chapel 1:45PM.

# Council Minutes (Cont.)

- Graduation Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Beau Martindale.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

John Smith was present and gave his oral report. All is going well at the school.

## **MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:**

Norm Nelson was present and gave his oral report, itemizing the programs that are being supported.

## **MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

Leanne Smith was present and gave her oral report. Meeting is scheduled for this week.

## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:**

There was nothing to report.

## **MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:**

Written report was given to all present. The Mom 2 Mom sale will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00AM to noon. Vacation Bible School plans are underway for July, with the theme of "Sweet Jesus"

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

## **MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:**

Neil Herford was present and gave his oral report. Plastic has been installed for the sign. The parsonage fence has been ordered and should arrive in a few weeks. The sump pump in the parsonage temporarily stopped working and flooded the basement. We will look into getting a back-up pump.

## **MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:**

Patty Schulze was present and provided her oral report to all present. Dr. Sherry Baker will make a presentation on forgiveness, Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> for 10:00AM to noon. There will be a Great Lakes Loons outing on

Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

August 30, 1891 – August 30, 2016 (Tuesday), Cross Lutheran Church & School 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary- 199 RSVPs received so far.

Increased council's authority to spend up to \$15,000 from \$2,000 for emergencies. Will require a constitution change & a vote during the church's annual meeting.

Active / inactive membership – constitutional change.

Carpet fund update – All money has been received to complete the project.

Update on the remodeling of the bathrooms.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Nancy Heck to purchase & install (2) benches in the Cross Lutheran Church Memorial Garden for \$1,600. The motion was seconded by John Smith. Motion passed.

Details of the Cross Lutheran Fish Fry, held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, were given to the council. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to designate \$200 of the proceeds to the school hot lunch fund, with the balance of funds going toward the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The motion was seconded by Neil Herford. Motion passed. Nancy will check with Kevin Sturm about having a chicken barbeque fundraiser in the near future.

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come be-

fore 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 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

## **Parish Life Ministry**

### **April 12**

Meeting opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer. Present were: Patty Schulze, chair, Pam Sturm, Betty Champagne, Aileen Prill, Sue Loehrke and Pastor Tim.

Women of Faith will meet next on Saturday, May 14

Coffee Hours: We will host Sunday, May 22. There will be no coffee hour scheduled May 29, which is Memorial Day Weekend.

Dr. Sherry Baker April 30, 10 a.m. – noon. Discussion was held on the meal being served. Betty said she anticipates there being 40 in attendance.

Great Lakes Loons Game – We will plan on going Sunday, July 24. This is a 2 p.m. game. Aileen will reserve 35 tickets.

Graduation Sunday, June 5. Sue will purchase a cake in honor of the 4 high school and 1 Cross School graduates.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 5 p.m.

The meeting closed at 5:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.



# Ministry Minutes

## Mission/Outreach Ministry Minutes

April 4

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. with prayer led by Lori Smith. Those present were: Lori Smith, Gwen Ovcen, Kay Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Pastor Tim, Lorraine LePage, Rachel Messing, Connie Eden, and guest, Nancy Heck. The minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer reported \$1,933.00 in the checking account.

The following items were discussed: We will host the coffee hour on April 24. The Mom 2 Mom sale will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, with concessions of coffee, water and breakfast type snacks, which all of us will bring items for. Setup will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday night and from 8-9 a.m. Saturday. We will contact the baby pantry to come and pick up what's left after the sale. Lori noted that she and John, Corey Messing and Greg Yackle loaded and moved Nadine Barbret's things from Country Gardens to the church shed for the church garage sale in June. VBS plans are underway for July. The theme is "Sweet Jesus." The VBS information banner is currently hanging in the gym. Lori will be seeking talented bakers to make fancy

decorated cupcakes. Now is a great time to find sales going on where folks can find items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Lori found a great sale at Wal-Mart, where she found 40 articles of clothing for \$1.00 or less each. Everyone keep your eyes open! Rachel Messing reminded us to share postings on the church Facebook page. The more times they are shared, the greater number of people who will see them. There is some interest in having promotional pens for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Lorraine will look into getting pens.

The Scrip schedule for April and May is as follows: 4/3 – Lori & Gwen; 4/10 – Lorraine; 4/17 – Kay; 4/24– Krisie; 5/1 – Connie & Krisie/Lorraine; 5/8 – Lorraine; 5/15 – Kay; 5/22 – Connie/Rachel; 5/29 – Krisie.

Nancy Heck was present as we discussed the Bathroom/Carpeting projects. A motion was made by Lorraine to redirect \$2,500 from the bathroom fund to the carpet fund, so that in addition we can have the family and choir rooms carpeted. Rachel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Nancy will report this information to the church council at their next meeting on April 12.

Our next meeting date is May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Eden

## Stewardship Ministry Minutes

March 22 - 7 p.m.

The following members were present: Pastor Tim Loehrke, Cyndi Buchholz, June Sturm, Paul Schuette, Norm Nelson, Jeanne Sting

**Opening Prayer** - given by Pastor Tim

**Minutes** – No minutes given.

**Coffee Hour** – Proceeds from March 20 came to \$55.00, moved by June, seconded by Jeanne to donate it to the Anniversary Fund.

**Fish Fry** - \$5,000 raised to go to Anniversary Fund.

**School/Parsonage Fund** – balance is \$20,221.35

Memorial Garden Brick program is active again, \$70.00 per brick

Moved by June, Seconded by Cyndi to approve Financial Secretary's report, passed.

Moved by Jeanne, seconded by Cyndi to approve Benevolence Secretary's report, passed.

A donation of \$10,000 was received for renovation of church bathrooms.

Carpet fund is at 75% of goal.

New light switches are needed for the sanctuary, current switch has a short.

Has been determined that the heating units for the school need to be replaced, they are 15 years old.

Gym floor and wall project still on

# Meetings & Memorials

hold.

Privacy fence for parsonage is in process

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7 p.m.

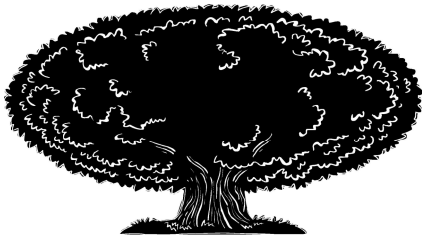
Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schuette

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

In memory of Albert Eden, for Cross Outdoor Flower Fund:



## Memorial Gifts

Mike & Jeanne Sting

In memory of Loren Elftman, for Cross Lutheran School:

Norm & Tonja Nelson

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Sebewaing Sparkettes

In memory of Edward, Helen & Myra Stoeckle, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:

Sheila Yackle

In memory of Albert Schulze, for Cross Carpet Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur  
Richard & Peggy Koehler  
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Lydia Decker

In memory of Albert Schulze, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Mike & Jeanne Sting  
Denny & Carol Diener  
Elaine Schulze  
John & Sharyn Rockefeller  
Marvin & Alice Trost & family  
Kay Tait  
Olga Renn  
Shirley Deering  
David & Kathleen Wine-miller  
Ron & Patti Damm  
Bernia Financial Services

Dale & Donna Schuette  
Ray, Randy & Cindy Buchholz  
Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer  
Krisie Fritz & Family  
Cooperative Elevator, Pigeon  
Ted & Peg Leipprandt  
Gary & Deann Protzman  
Schulze Farms  
Erna Reed  
Thomas Oesch  
Bruce & Connie Reed  
Kent & Elaine Paul  
Mryna Born  
Robert Rose  
Gerald Wissner  
Ron & Cheri Diebel  
Cheryl Elenbaum  
John & Suzanne Bivens  
Chuck, Mary & Jesse Avalos

In memory of Loren Elftman, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Mike & Jeanne Sting

In memory of Albert Schulze, for Cross Lutheran School:

Thumb National Bank  
Allen & Betty Koehler  
Paul & Katherine Reed  
Norm & Magdalene Townley

Tom & Bernice Shupe  
Fred & Margaret Edler  
Denny & Leanne Smith  
Jean Sturm  
Ray & Elaine Licht  
Bob & Eileen Johnson  
Ed & Peggy Voelker  
Rich & Elaine Renn  
Janet Retford  
Ron & Arlene Jamieson  
Loretta Schmidt  
Fibranz Family  
Ivan & Delores Burkhard  
Devere Sturm  
Lori Kemp  
Tammy Gremel  
Don & Peggy Parrish

In memory of Loren Elftman, for Cross Building Fund:

Don & Nancy Heck

In memory of Albert Schulze, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:

Lillian Koehler

Cordelia Trost

In memory of Loren Elftman, for Cross Building Fund:

Don & Nancy Heck

In memory of Lovina Kimball, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Mary Bronson, for Cross Building Fund:

Ray, Randy & Cindy Buchholz

# Ministers - The people of Cross

## Officers, Ministries and Committees

### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

### Music Director

Beth Elston

### Church Council

Kent McKenzie, President

John Smith, V P

Phil Schadd, Secretary

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# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Comm. Service 1</b> 9:30 a.m.  <b>CEA Pancake Breakfast</b> 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>2</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>Parish Life 3</b> 5 p.m. 125th 5:30 p.m.  <b>Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel 4</b> 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>5</b> Photography 2 - 9 p.m. CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	<b>6</b>  Photography 2 - 9 p.m.	<b>7</b>  Photography 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>Worship Service 8</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>9</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Circle 10</b> 1:30 p.m.  Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	<b>Chapel 11</b> 8 a.m. <b>Morning Circle 9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting 1 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b>  Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon</b>
<b>Comm Service 15</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</b> Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>16</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>  <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel 18</b> 12:45 p.m.  <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>19</b>  Pastor Tim and Sue leave on vacation. They will return May 25.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Worship Service 22</b> 9:30 a.m.  Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>23</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>Mission /Outreach 24</b> 6:30 p.m.  Stewardship 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>  <b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b>	<b>26</b>  Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>Worship Service 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>30</b>  MEMORIAL DAY  Office Closed	<b>31</b>				