



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

My dear family of Cross Lutheran Church and School,

As I write this I'm gazing out to a picture perfect fall day given to me by God. Not a cloud in the sky, the sun beating down on me, the palate of God's artistic painting is dazzling; the sun low in the sky brings the perfect shadows to compliment the plethora of hues from the trees.

There is no way mankind can replicate this on canvas or through the lens of a camera to achieve the wondrous, glorious, breath taking awesomeness of God and what He has created for us. ^{NRS} **Psalm 9:1** *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

In the same venue I have been privileged to preside at numerous baptisms, funerals, and weddings. God has

blessed me to preside at these events where He displays His powerful grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness in circumstances that defy all human compression and logic. ^{NRS} **1 Thessalonians 5:** ¹⁶ *Rejoice always,* ¹⁷ *pray without ceasing,* ¹⁸ *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Sounds like I'm always thanking God in one way or another. Some might say that by constantly thanking God it doesn't mean anything. It's just rote response and is shallow. So by that logic I should just thank God every once in a while so that when I do thank God it really means something. God forbid I ever follow that "logic"!!!

I should thank God after every heart beat! I should thank God after every breath I take! I should thank God af-

ter every step I take! I should thank God after every meal I eat! I should thank God all the time for my eye sight! I should thank God all the time for being able to hear! Do you get the pattern here as to how often I should thank God?

We should be living in a state of thank you to God yet we live in a state of complacency and taking every day for granted thinking it is something we are entitled to. When that type of "me, myself, and I" governs us, we lose sight of what we really are depending on to just function and live. Yet God is big enough, strong enough and compassionate enough to love us even when we don't thank Him.

^{NRS} **Psalm 118:** ²⁸ *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my*

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Nov. 3 – All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

P – Psalm 149

2R – 1 John 3:1-3

G – Matthew 5:1-12

Hymns: 738, 351, 330 Comm. 174, 196, 197

Nov. 10 – 25th Sunday after

Pentecost

1R – Exodus 3:1-15

P – Psalm 148

2R – 2 Thessalonians

G – Luke 20:27-40

Hymns: 540, 175, 263

Nov. 17 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Malachi 4:1-6

P – Psalm 98

2R – 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13

G – Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

Hymns: 495, 527, 554 Comm. 706,

710, 702, 709

Nov. 24 – Christ the King Sunday

1R – Malachi 3:13-18

P – Psalm 46

2R – Colossians 1:13-20

G – Luke 23:27-43

Hymns: 170, 526, 377

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day

1R – Deuteronomy 8:1-10

P – Psalm 67

2R – Philippians 4:6-20

G – Luke 17:11-19

Hymns: 407, 359, 534

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Nov. 10 – Parish Life

Nov. 17 – Worship & Music

Nov. 24 – Operation Christmas Child

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

Pastas, sauces, macaroni & cheese and peanut butter are staples that are always appreciated and enjoyed by all. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the

items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Thank You.

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 3*
- Veterans Day, *November 11*
- National Bible Week, *November 17-23*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 24*
- Thanksgiving, *November 28*

God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

We need to be in a constant life style of "thank you" to God for all the things He does for us. We need to constantly worship and give thanks for the greatest gift of all, His son Jesus Christ on the cross. We need to open our eyes and see all the little things God has given us that

touch our lives daily and give thanks. We need to worship not only on Sunday but daily through devotion, prayer, and thanksgiving to God for all that He provides us. ^{NRS} **Hebrews 12:** ²⁸ *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;*

This is November and

our tradition is to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day. Why not have "Thanksgiving" everyday because God gives us every day as a gift. And for that we need to sing praise and give thanks!! ^{NRS} **Psalm 30:** ⁴ *Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.*

God's speed

Pr Tim

In Memory



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

In memory of Daniel Smith, for Cross Building Fund:

Jean Sturm

In memory of Hulda Baur for Cross Building fund:

Jean Sturm

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

Jean Sturm

In memory of Judith Gaeth, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Elsie Trowbridge

In memory of Judith Gaeth, for Cross Building Fund:

Mike Fritz

In memory of Edith Allen for Cross Lutheran Church:

Denise Morin

CEA Meeting Minutes

Oct. 3

Present at the meeting were Pastor, April Rujan, CEA President, Melisa Raymond, vice-president, Rachel Higgins, treasurer, Gwynne Barry, and Geri Kay McLean, secretary.

Pastor opened with prayer at 5 p.m.

FAMILY MEETINGS

We are hosting a "Parenting with Love and Logic" seminar which will take place of the next 4 family meetings. The dates are Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5 and 12 from 6:15 – 8 p.m. It is encouraged that you attend all meetings rather than one or two.

Family Engineering Night is set for Feb. 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. with Scott Whipple and Jenny Trusock.

FUNDRAISERS

- Basketball Season – Starts in January. Concession volunteers are greatly appreciated.

- Krispy Kreme – Set for February.

- Carnival – The carnival is set for April and the date will be decided late. Thanks to Tina Main for helping April head up the carnival. This is also a mandatory fundraiser. Families, please set the calendar to help out this day.

- Spring Pancake Breakfast – Set for May 4 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Again, this is a mandatory fundraiser so set the calendar for this day to come help out.

- Cross Apparel – is available. Feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

The fall pancake breakfast was a great success! Special thanks to Nicole Shupe and Rachel Higgins.

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7 at 4:45 p.m.

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The **Morning Circle** will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

SHARED BLESSINGS TABLE

has been set up in the back hallway of the church. Please bring in any garden or orchard extras that you have and place them on the table before church to share with others. After the service, be sure to check the table to see if there is anything you can use!

Women of Faith

Saturday, Nov. 9

10:30 a.m.—Noon

Chapter 5—Balancing Faith & Sight

Please feel free to join us during any this series.

Celebrate



November Anniversaries

19 Pastor Tim & Sue

Loehrke, 41 years

28 Bill & Margaret Buchholz,

31 years

November Birthdays

- 1 Ron Schulz
- 2 Thelma Warner
- 3 Emily Schulz
Jeannie Renn
- 4 Eric Gardy
Shane Schulze
- 5 Dorothy Rummel
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 7 Jim Schumacher
- 9 Brennan Lange
Joshua Rosenthal
- 10 Barb Buchholz
Gladys Hayes
- 11 Steve Schulze
Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretschmer
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith
Peggy Koehler
- 16 Delores Lange
Edna Schulz
- 17 Austin Roestel
Barbara Ruff
Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Otto
- 22 Cassidy Swanson
RoseAnn Budnick
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 26 Cameron Schuette
- 28 Tammy Vermeersch
Grace Higgins
- 29 Jenna Buschlen
- 30 Craig Smith

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.



Remember our Shut-ins:

Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Thelma Warner, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Martin Rosenthal in hospice, Lois Decker, 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, Harold Deering, Todd Lay, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman, Rose Ann Budnick's mother, who is in hospice.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz, is stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. Ryan Schulz, is stationed at Marine Boot Camp, San Diego, CA. They both are sons of Lonnie Schulz and grand-

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Giving Tree....Please remember to take a tag off the giving tree and purchase the items listed on it for our shoebox project. Return your items to the box by the tree before November 17.

We are looking for volunteers to gift wrap shoeboxes. If you have any extra time this week, please take a few home with you and return them next Sunday! If you have any questions, ask someone from Mission / Outreach. Thanks!

If you are unable to pack a shoebox this year, a monetary gift to this project is always welcome! We can use your donation to help purchase necessary items for the boxes or to help pay the shipping costs of \$7 per box. Please give your donations to June Sturm, benevolence treasurer.

School News

November School Calendar



- 1 End of First Term
- 5 Family Enrichment Night
6:15—8 p.m.
- 6 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 7 CEA Meeting 4:45
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Family Enrichment Night
6:15—8 p.m.
- 13 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 15 No School
- 20 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 21 Full Day of School—NO Laker
Afternoon bus
- 27 No School
- 28 Thanksgiving Day—No School
- 29 No School



CHRISTMAS FAIR

If you have a favorite craft, the CEA would like your help. Cross CEA is organizing a Christmas Fair for Dec. 20. They are looking for donations of homemade items for students to purchase as Christmas presents for their families. We will need gifts for all ages. If you have a talent or craft and would like to contribute, contact Melissa Helmuth at 989-980-5497.

From the Desk of ... Deb Musolff

During a visit this summer from the missionaries of the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage/Haiti, Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Elston were moved to "adopt" Celimene. They brought this idea to the school staff. It was decided that a portion of the weekly chapel offerings would be used to sponsor Celimene's education. Mrs. Barry has asked the sponsoring organization about other things our school may do for Celimene. She received an email that brought tears to my eyes. Following is part of that email: "Without the sponsorship Celimene would never be able to attend school. She receives a lunch meal everyday while at school. This is probably the only the meal she gets that day. Truly education is the only way that these children have even a chance to rise above that level of poverty. There is also a great need to pray for these children, both their physical needs and spiritual. Voodoo is a constant evil presence everywhere in Haiti." Reading this reminded me again of how blessed we all are. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good."



On Sunday, November 24, Cross Lutheran Church will once again be the host for the Community Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m. This has become an annual event in which we welcome the community into our home.

A reception will be held after the service. If you are able to help out, please call the church office. Thank you.

November Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Nov. 3 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Gwynne Barry	Aileen Prill	Gwynne Barry	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler	Carol Diener	Travis Fritz
Nov. 10 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Vivian Buschlen	Brian Delpiere		Dick Mead Ron Schulz		Mitchell Schuette
Nov. 17 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Carol Diener	Peggy Koehler	Carole Mead	Tom Shupe Mike Trost	Marilyn Baur	Brittany Richmond
Nov. 24 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Connie Eden	Karen Schuette	John Trowbridge		Laura Trost	Nicholas Swanson
Nov. 28	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon				Peg McCrimmon	Greta Elston

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!

GOD MOMENTS, REFLECTIONS, AND MEMORIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Is there a special memory or God moment from this joyous time of year that you remember? Are there any thoughts that give you pause to reflect on the wonderful gift God gave us? What helps you remember best why we celebrate Christmas? We are asking you to write it down and share it with your family at Cross. It can be short or longer. It doesn't need have a hymn reference or Bible verse (s), unless you wish it. You can sign it or remain anonymous. If you need any assistance,

we can help you to get your memory, reflection, or God moment down on paper. We want to hear your thoughts or stories!

We are hoping to compile them in a booklet to be given out during Advent, so we would like you to submit them by November 1st. Please turn them in to the Worship and Music mail box in the overflow. If you have any questions, contact Karen Schuette, 453-2744.

Thank You!

Church Council Minutes



September 10

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:08 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith, Neil Herford, Aileen Prill, Gretchen Roestel, and John Smith. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated, August 13, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Karen Schuette to approve the minutes, Tom Shupe 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 by Richard Koehler to add Cemetery Contract #6 under Old Business, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Krisie Fritz made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Karen Schuette. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY RE-

PORT: Paul Schuette was not present, but his report was provided to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2013 through 9/8/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$178,377.60, Budgeted Needs are \$199,390.85.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you cards were received from Elizabeth and Grace Higgins, thanking everyone for their opportunity to attend camp and for the many years of support.

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of May :

0 Funerals, 0 Weddings, 7 Teachings, 14 Communions, 12 Hospital Visits, 12 Home Visits, 25 Meetings, and 10 Services.

Church Calendar:

Congregational Finance Meeting after Service – Sunday, September 15, 2013.

No voting to take place

A general meeting for the purpose of input from the congregation into the development of the budget for 2014.

Adopt a Highway clean up – Saturday – September 21, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M. - ?

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Baptism – Cole Walsh, son of Ben & Michelle Walsh – Saturday, September 14, 2013.

Confirmation - First meeting at Ray and Elaine Licht's home. Sunday, September 15, 2013.

Pigeon Pastor's meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Communion Service at Country Bay, Sunday, September 22, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.

Wedding – Brandis Mallais and Matt Poisson – Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Baptism – Breanna Smith – Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Wedding – Jenna Buschlen and Spencer Lindenberg – Saturday, October 5, 2013.

CEA Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, September 6, 2013.

The annual NALC Dean's meeting with the Bishop is Monday and Tuesday, September 30th and October 1st, 2013, in Columbus, OH. I will be attending this meeting.

Made a Rotary Presentation on Monday, August 19, 2013 on Kids Against Hunger.

The Caseville Girls High School Volleyball team conducted practices on August 14-23, 2013 at Cross' gym.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Safetyville, week of September 9th, 2013.
- CEA family meeting night, Thursday, September 12, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.
- School Handbook to be distributed, Friday, September 13, 2013.

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Church Council (Cont.)

- NEWA Testing begins Monday, September 16, 2013.
- Constitution Day – Tuesday, September 17, 2013.
- Softball game at Harbor Beach – Friday, September 20, 2013.
- School Pictures – Thursday, September 26, 2013.

Progress Reports – Monday, September 30, 2013.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Enrollment for School year 2013-2014.

As of this date, we have 30 students in K-8, and 12 enrolled in preschool.

Laptop computers have been purchased for the school year.

New Security System is installed. Extra keys have been made and the door leading from the connector hallway to the gym needs tweaking.

Security system will be in effect during the school day, 8:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that the Laptop computers are up and running.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe gave his oral report to all present. Their ministry will be reviewing and working on the budget for 2014.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette reviewed her written report with everyone present. Highlights of her report were as follows: They cleaned the brown chairs this morning. Beth brought 20 hymnals from her parent's church and we will use those to replace the

worn out hymnals. Their ministry will once again do the Advent Devotional – deadline will be November 1, 2013.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was present and provided her written report.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows: Next year's Garage Sale is set for June 12-14, 2014. Pew Cards are in pews for visitors.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Vacant and is not in existence at this time.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present, and provided an oral report to all present.

Moved corner shrub.

Concern of playground equipment (checked out and is okay at this time).

Strobe lights – Action Electric hasn't gotten back with Neil.

Repaired the existing lights – no labor was charged, only for parts.

Aileen has a remote control device for additional safety in the school, also ordered a few extra keys.

Neil will fill out an application for an account with Standard Electric in Bad Axe.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was present and commented Dr. Sherry Baker is coming. They have set a dated of October 12, 2013, for a fall color tour, will have lunch in Kinde at the Pasta House. Adopt a Highway will be held on

September 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Nancy Heck made a Motion to take the funds in the amount of \$2,246.15 from the Chicken BBQ and move them to the Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by John Smith, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety Issues, etc... addressed prior.

Outreach Letters – Council needs to continue our efforts now and in the future. Pastor will be holding a class for new members in October.

John Smith is still addressing the hot water tank.

Refinancing Building Fund – a lengthy discussion was held regarding the budget and will be addressing the congregation on Sunday, September 15, 2013. No vote will take place until the Annual Meeting.

Cemetery Contract – Mike will get back with Richard Koehler regarding a bid. Need to have a sexton for the cemetery. Aileen is working on updating the Cemetery Guide.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

Church Council (Cont.) & Ministries

Ministry of Education

Sept. 19

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Gretchen Roestel. Members present were Gretchen Roestel, Pastor Tim and Connie Eden.

The minutes of the Aug. 15 meeting were reviewed. There was one correction. Under the Baptism paragraph the name should be Michelle Walsh instead of Michelle Smith. They were approved as corrected.

LEAF FUND: Two requests for Leaf Funds submitted by Beth Elston were approved. One was for an Aug. 15 Early Childhood Conference sponsored by Michigan District LCMS for \$30. the second was for SUMMIT Professional Education Brain Research Conference "Executing Functional Skills in Children and Teens." The dates for this conference are Sept. 9 and Oct. 13, and the cost is \$179.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Gretchen reported attendance the first two weeks of Sunday School was 13, then 5.

OLD BUSINESS: Ministry of Education is responsible for coffee hour this coming Sunday, Sept. 22.

NEW BUSINESS: Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Eden

Mission / Outreach Ministry

Sept. 24

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lori Smith, who opened with prayer. Members present were Lorraine LePage, Krisie Fritz, Lori Smith, Kay Schuette, Bonnie Schulz and Connie Eden. The minutes of the Aug. 20 meeting were reviewed. There was one correction. Next year's garage sale is set for June 12-13, 2014. the minutes were approved with this change. The Treasurer reported \$1,979.35 in the checking account. There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: Food Pantry, VBS, Garage Sale, Orphan Sponsorship, Guest Book, Pew Cards – nothing to report. **Scrip Cards** – On Oct. 6 we will have an order form in the bulletin along with a list of cards available for purchase that day, and begin promoting the cards for the holidays. The Scrip schedule for the next month is as follows: Sept. 29 – Connie; Oct. 6 – Krisie and Bonnie; Oct. 13 – rose Ann; Oct. 20 – Lorraine; Oct. 27 – Lori.

Card Ministry – Lorraine and Jean Sturm will be making Thanksgiving cards for our shutins. Connie mentioned that there are Advent Calendars left from those ordered for Sunday School last year. It was decided to put an Advent Calendar in each thanksgiving card.

Welcome Center – Connie has made up more Welcome bags for our visitors.

Operation Christmas Child – Lori and Connie reported about

an OCC meeting they attended at Bay Shore Camp. The speaker told about her personal experience handing out shoeboxes in Uganda last year. It was decided that Lori will contact the speaker, Annette Sproule and try to get her to speak in our church on Oct. 13, our OCC Kickoff Sunday. It was decided to have an OCC Giving Tree this year. It will contain cards with suggested items that can be purchased for our shoeboxes. We will decorate it on Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Lorraine will get garland for it. Shoeboxes will be collected from Oct. 13 until Nov. 17. Sorting will take place on Nov. 19, packing on Nov. 21 and delivery to Bay Shore Camp on Nov. 23.

Coffee Hour – the date of our next coffee hour is to be determined, based on obtaining the speaker and trying to coordinate it with the Operation Christmas Child Kickoff Sunday.

Funeral Dinners – After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the motion made on Sept. 25, 2012 regarding funeral meals. The new motion is as follows: Mission / Outreach will contribute \$75 to the family to offset the cost of the funeral meal.

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Shared Blessings – This has been going well, with folks bringing in fruits and vegetables from their trees and gardens.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harvest Decorating and Food Drive – We will combine decorating with our next meeting on Oct. 29. We will meet at 5:30 p.m., have pizza, our meeting and decorate the church. Everyone is to bring their fall decora-

Ministry News

tions, pumpkins, etc. Mike Eden will be asked to supply the corn shock. **Other** – We discussed our concern for the small children and youth of our congregation and our need to reach out to them. **Closing** – the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

Ministry of Worship & Music

Sept. 26

Members present: Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, and Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer.

MUSIC

Beth reported that the choirs are back on schedule, practicing most Monday evenings. We have welcomed some new members!

WORSHIP

We have had many funerals at Cross in this past year. Leanne Smith has some ideas for observing All Saints Sunday. She will work on this and get with Pastor. Peg has also talked with Leanne and informed us that we will need to order candles and holders not only for Christmas but to use on All Saints Sunday.

Nov. 17 – a representative from the Gideons will speak during Worship.

Dec. 8 – shoebox presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Hymnals – Peg is integrating the hymnals received from Bethlehem Lutheran where they are needed in the pews. Beth and Peg will initiate a Thank You note

to the congregation.

Brown Chairs – were cleaned on Sept. 10. We rented 2 Rinse and Vacs from the IGA with ministry money. Marilyn Baur, Nancy Schuette, Linda Fietzer, Raylene Henkelmann, Vivian Buschlen, Peg McCrimmon, and Karen Schuette cleaned the chairs. Barb Degg and Peg supplied a tasty lunch! We still need to Scotch Guard the chairs, but cannot until we have more money in our W & M fund.

Youth in Worship – Karen will talk to Gretchen (Education) to work together.

Advent Reflections, God Moments, etc. – Articles have been put in the newsletter and bulletin requesting writings.

NEW BUSINESS

We need to supply ushers for the Community Thanksgiving Service at Cross on Sunday, Nov. 24, 3 p.m. Karen will ask for volunteers.

We will host Coffee Hour on Nov. 17.

Next meeting – Thursday, Oct. 24.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by

Karen Schuette

Parish Life Ministry

October 1

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, and Pam Sturm.

• Women of Faith Study meets next on Oct. 5 from 10:30 –

noon. Topic for this month is "Balancing Work and Rest"

• Nov. 10 Coffee Hour will be hosted by Parish Life.

• Nov. 24 Cross is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m. Parish Life will hold a reception afterwards. We plan on serving pies and will be calling handi helpers for assistance.

• Oct. 27 is Reformation Sunday and 5 new members are expected to join. We will provide boutonnieres for them.

• We discussed holding a Friends and Family Fun Night on Friday, Oct. 18, but have decided to cancel that and focus on the New Year's Eve Fun Night.

• We went over the projects we took part in over the past year to include them in the 2013 Annual Report.

A sign-up sheet is available for the Autumn Color Tour, to be held Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10:30 – 2:30 p.m. A stop for lunch will take place at the Pasta House in Kinde.

Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

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

Neil Herford, Chair

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden,

Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Karen Schuette, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Barb Degg

Beth Elston

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October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Dean's Meeting 1 Pr. Tim Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m.	2 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	3 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.	Ethics 7:30 a.m. 4 Pr. Tim Wedding Rehearsal 5 p.m. BOOKS DUE	5 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon Jenna Buschlen Wedding
		Comm. Service 6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. New Members Class 10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7 Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm. Choir 7:30 p.m.	8 Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	Chapel 9 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	10 REPORTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT ARE DUE
Worship Service 13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. New Members Class 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	14 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m.	15 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm Service 7 p.m.	16 Ministry of Education 5:30 p.m.	17 Soccer @ Elkton Fields	18 19	19
Worship Service 20 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	21 Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Mission / Outreach 22 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m. Family Enrichment Series 6:15 - 8 p.m.	Chapel 23 8:10 a.m. Comm Service 7 p.m.	24 Worship & Music 7 p.m.	Grandparents 25 Day 1/2 Day of School Wedding Rehearsal	26 Kelsey Fritz Wedding
REFORMATION 27 SUNDAY Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	28 Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Family 29 Enrichment Series 6:15 - 8 p.m.	Comm Service 30 7 p.m.	31 Chapel 8:10 a.m.		