

Cross Connection

GROWING TOGETHER

JUNE/JULY 2010

Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross

WOW! Summer is here and you know what that means? Our lives slow down, we relax, we go on peaceful vacations, we sit and watch the crops grow and hope the Tigers play well enough to get in the World Series or maybe the Tribe. Isn't summer great? I'm thinking not.

NRS Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Kids have been playing baseball since the beginning of May. There are all sorts of music camps, sports camps, and kid retreats, and hectic vacations where we try to do everything and have to come home to rest. Before we know it August will be here and football along with soccer practice will be in full swing. Oh let's not forget Farmers Festival, the County Fair, and graduations parties. Yes, the time to relax, take it easy and rejuvenate ourselves is upon us.

NRS Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God!"

It just seems like there is no time in the calendar year to just sit and enjoy peace. Our schedules are so packed that there is barely enough time to eat.

What then is the cost of living the life of no peace? What are the consequences that have life long effects of which we do not know of right now? When families cannot sit down together for one meal a day to converse, know what is going on within each others lives, the effect is life long and the consequences are not good. The family unit breaks down, honor and respect for each other is stored in the attic, and ensuring that societies requirements are primary over all else becomes an obsession rather than keeping the family intact.

NRS Psalm 37:7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him

As our personal family unit breaks down so does our relationship with Jesus Christ. Church, God, and Jesus Christ have become more of a burden because there just isn't any-time allotted for that in our schedules. "Sunday is the only day I can sleep in" or "I have been so busy lately especially last night that I just couldn't get to church" are acceptable reasoning used in pushing Church, God, and Jesus Christ not to the attic but to the basement.

NRS Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Maybe this summer we can take time, even if it is 5 minutes a day, to schedule God into our lives. Maybe this summer we can take time, even if it is 5 minutes a day, to schedule the family to get together to see what everyone is doing, have devotions, pray for each other and break bread (eat together).

NRS Psalm 122:8 For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

Try it for the summer; 5 minutes for God and 5 minutes for family daily. See where that takes you. Watch the power of the Holy Spirit work in your family and you throughout the summer. Who knows, you just might get some rest and peace.

NRS Romans 14:19 Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building.

God's peace

Pr Tim

NRS Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our mission:
Bring people
to Christ.**

**Teach
Christians to
be disciples.**

**Send disciples
to reach the
world.**

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Preparing for Worship at Cross

June 6 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 1 Kings 17:17-24

P – Psalm 30

2R – Galatians 1:11-24

G – Luke 7:11-17

Hymns: LBW# 169, 165, 275

Communion Hymns: LBW# 213, 212, 214, 215

June 13 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

P – Psalm 32

2R – Galatians 2:15-21

G – Luke 7:36 – 8:3

Hymns: LBW # 293, 448, 356

June 20 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 65:1-9

P – Psalm 22:19-28

2R – Galatians 3:23-29

G – Luke 8:226-39

Hymns: LBW # 554, 489, 487

Communion Hymns: WOV # 702, 706, 710, 709

June 27 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 1 Kings 19:15-21

P – Psalm 16

2R – Galatians 5:1-25

G – Luke 9:51-62

Hymns: LBW# 492, 315, 495

July 4 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 66:10-14

P – Psalm 66:1-9

2R – Galatians 6:1-16

G – Luke 10:1-20

Hymns: LBW# 503, 370, 332

Communion Hymns: LBW # 196, 200, 203, 197

July 11 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

P – Psalm 25:1-10

2R – Colossians 1:1-14

G – Luke 10:25-37

Hymns: LBW# 551, WOV# 765, 731

July 18 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 18:1-10

P – Psalm 15

2R – Colossians 1:15-28

G – Luke 10:38-42

Hymns: LBW# 248, 465, 532

Communion Hymns: WOV # 776, 778, 699, 701

July 25 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 18:20-32

P – Psalm 138

2R – Colossians 2:6-19

G – Luke 11:1-13

Hymns: WOV# 767, 746, 690

Baptism

Kobain William Smith, born March 30, 2010, son of Ben & Kalya Smith was baptized at Cross on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Kobain's sponsors in Christian training are Jessica Robinson and Mike Mentor. We welcome Kobain into the family of God and

request your prayers for these caretakers of Kobain as they raise him up before the Lord.

Wedding

Amanda Joy Buschlen

&

Robert Louis Cronk

were united in marriage

Saturday, May 22, 2010.

God's blessing to you as you begin your life together!



In Memory/In Honor

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

In memory of **Gerald "Hap" Forster** for Cross Lutheran Church by Carol Forster.

In memory of **James Hellmer** for Cross Lutheran Church by Olga Renn.

In memory of **Gerhard Kunding** for Cross Lutheran School by Tom & Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Henry Lange Sr.** for Cross Hot Lunch Program by school staff.

In memory of **Carolyn Tomlinson** for Cross Lutheran

School by Tom & Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Ruth Weiderhold** for Cross Lutheran School by Tom & Bernice Shupe.

In honor of **Harvey Weiss' 88th Birthday** for Cross Building Fund by Phil, Patti, Heather and Matthew McNeil, Mike & Connie Eden and family.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Cross LYO Bake Sale and Car Wash

June 5th - 10am – 2pm at the parsonage. Youth bring old towels, pails, baked items, and energy by 9:30 am.

June 6th Graduation Sunday

Youth Ministry is hosting Coffee Hour June 13, 20, and 27th.

Cedar Point Adventure June 17-18, 2010

Flyers have been sent to youth entering 9th grade through graduating seniors, with a deadline of May 30th. Check youth bulletin board for details.

Bake Sale during Farmers Festival

One day only, watch for details!

Camp Michi-Lu-Ca

The week of July 11-16 three confirmation students and 5 Senior High Campers along with Pastor Tim, will be attending Camp in Fairview. Please keep this group in your prayers. We are still in need of an adult chaperone to volunteer at camp.

If you have this week available and are interested please contact Leanne Smith with info or questions ASAP. Thanks!



Leadership Training

Camp Michi-Lu-Ca also offers Leadership training August 1-6. We have several High School youth planning to attend and are asking for opportunities to serve to help defray cost. If you have jobs for them like house cleaning, yard work, etc. please contact Rachel Higgins or Leanne Smith. Your help is much appreciated! What a joy to have youth answer the call to leadership!

Bass Lake Festival

Michi-Lu-Ca is hosting this annual event we have been hearing so much about at camp. We have a group of 11 attending this event for the first time! This event is a band festival with speakers for High School youth. Information for this weekend is on flyer by the youth room.

Youth Ministry will meet June 17th and July 15 at 7:00 pm. Anyone with an interest working with the youth is welcome!

Special Dates

- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 20
- First Day of Summer, June 21
- * Independence Day, July 4

Coffee Hour

Every Sunday in June – Youth Ministry



(June 6/Graduation Sunday – Parish Life)

July – Rebecca Circle

"A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house."

—Paul Lewis

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Bible study & fellowship takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Plan to meet at the Bay Port Hotel for dinner at 7:00 p.m. on June 15th.

Celebrate

- June 2010**
- 3 Cathy Ruthenberg
 - 4 Patrick Hessling
Kyle Love
 - 5 Cory Cucinello
 - 6 Nadene Barbret
Kristy Carriveau
Rylee Fritz
 - 7 Brandis Mallais
Kayla Blunt
 - 8 Cyril Bauer
 - 9 Jacob Kretzschmer
 - 10 Kim Delpiere
Sarah Nichols
Hazen Fritz
Betty Licht
Cody Cucinello
 - 11 John House
 - 12 Jeff Elston
 - 16 Kevin Sturm
Kelly Rice II
 - 17 Marjorie Krause
Matthew Schulz
Nicholas Pionk
 - 18 Mike Fritz
Allen Collison
Loren Collison
 - 19 Mary Otto
 - 20 DJ McAlpine
 - 22 Shirley Deering
Dana Lange
 - 23 Noah Smith
Chris Schuette
Elsie Sturm
 - 24 Riley Shupe
 - 25 Logan Richmond
James Schuette
John Schuette
 - 26 Katarina Fisher
Katie Licht
 - 27 Ruth Schuette
 - 28 Mary Schuette
 - 29 Ruth Mohr
- July 2010**
- 3 Nancy Heck
Viola Schuette
 - 5 Elaine Buchholz
Chuck Edler

- 7 Mike Eden
Jordan Gunden
- 9 Adam Fritz
Matthew Mancini
- 10 Mike Trost
Nathan Licht
- 12 Michael Otto
Kate Pionk
Jim Warack
Ron Greene
- 13 Collin Schuette
- 14 Kim Fritz
Grant Buchholz
- 15 Kay Schuette
Natisha Decker
Zac Ruthenberg
- 16 Melissa Shupe
- 17 Kelsey Edler
- 18 Meta Farver
James Yackle
- 19 Tricia Fisher
Bill Hurdelbrink
- 20 Susan Licht
- 21 Ruth Milton
- 22 Bill Renn
- 23 Pam Sturm
Patti McNeil
- 24 Gloria Anderson
Patty Cucinello
Kavin Decker
Cheryl Warack
- 26 Michael Licht
- 27 Henry Trost
Russell Barry
- 29 George Gardy

- 30 Sarah Azarovitz
Darrin Schuette
- Anniversaries**
- 6/1 Robert & Sue Battel (14th)
 - 6/3 Mike & Lorraine LePage (32nd)
 - 6/5 Bryce & Beth Haley (6th)
 - 6/5 George & Linda Gardy (39th)
 - 6/10 Eric & Jennifer Gardy (4th)
 - 6/12 Kristy & Trevor Carriveau (6th)
 - 6/12 Marvin & Alice Trost (45th)
 - 6/17 Richard & Carol Mead (49th)
 - 6/17 Jack & Pam Sturm (38th)
 - 6/22 Randy & Cindy Buchholz (36th)
 - 6/22 Dale & Donna Schuette (47th)
 - 6/27 Tricia & Chad Fisher (12th)
 - 6/28 Gary & Vickie Forster (35th)
 - 6/29 Martin & Beverly Knost (48th)
 - 7/1 Brian & Tina Edler (4th)
 - 7/4 Fred & Sandy Haley (40th)
 - 7/4 Peg & David McCrimmon (3rd)
 - 7/10 John & Jacque Finneren (34th)
 - 7/12 Bob & Linda Tate (34th)
 - 7/15 Kevin & Lori Trost (4th)
 - 7/19 Peter & Missy Shupe (13th)
 - 7/20 Jeff & Beth Elston (14th)
 - 7/20 Randy & Suzanne Swanson (19th)
 - 7/21 Jeff & Kim Buchholz (3rd)
 - 7/22 Troy & Leanne Schuette (21th)
 - 7/24 Tim & Michelle Fritz (11th)
 - 7/30 Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer (16th)
 - 7/30 Don & Kay Schuette (44th)

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

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Rebecca Circle - Tues. June 1, 1:30 p.m. Edna Diebel, Hostess
Esther Circle - no meetings June, July, Aug.
Sarah Circle - Wed. June 9, 9:30 a.m.
Love Day - Wed., June 9, 1:30 p.m.
 No Bible Studies or Love Day is scheduled for July.

In the Service of Our Country: **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Please continue to pray for all service members and their families as they are separated.

School News

April 2010 CEA Meeting

President Maxine Rice
Vice-President Carrie Hundersmarck

Secretary Jessica Faidley
Treasurer Anne Anderson

Present at meeting were Maxine Rice, Anne Anderson, Norma He-mauer, Jessica Faidley and Pastor Tim

Pastor opened with Prayer at 8:15A.M.

Discussed minutes from last meet-ing, Anne motioned and Jessica second. Minutes passed.

Treasurers report was given. Jes-sica motioned and Maxine second. Motion passed.

Discussed the CEA mission, no conclusion yet.

Discussed fund-raising changes. Pastor spoke about future changes and new ideas that will be put forth in the coming weeks. A new business plan will be introduced.

Pastor gave the scholarship report.

Remaining Balance - \$ 161.54

Funds are still coming from Thrivent for Krispy Kreme Fund-raiser which is more than enough to cover the remaining balance.

April 24 is the Kid's Carnival and May 16 is the annual Spring Pan-cake Breakfast Fundraiser and the Candy Bar Fundraiser.

At the beginning of May, answers will be given as to tuition concerns, fundraising concerns and scholarship concerns.

The idea of inquiring with Pigeon IGA for fundraising was also laid on the table and discussed.

New business was discussed.

The Candy Bar Fundraiser status is as follows: Norma discussed candy bar options. Distribution will take place after the school musical. Note will be sent home with stu-dents. Candy bars will be available at the school Carnival as well.

The McDonalds Food and Family Center status is as follows: De-clared to give donations for carniva-l, as they support the Scrip Card Program regularly and many other events at Cross already.

CEA Family Meeting will take place May 18. Begins at 6 pm. Tim Fritz and Terry Sturm will attend to answer questions dealing with the concerns of the school.

A memorial was discussed for the school on Delores Lange's behalf in memory of her husband, Henry Lange Sr. \$100.00 paid for by the CEA. Jessica motioned, Anne sec-ond, motion passed.

Closing Prayer lead by Pastor Tim.



School Calendar

6/3 Preschool Graduation
7:00 p.m.

6/4 Closing Chapel & Gradua-tion 8:30 a.m.

6/6 Graduation Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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For me the end of a school year is bittersweet. I rejoice because my second graders are reading, writing, thinking, and knowing their Savior. I feel sadness because I have spent three years with them. I remember

their first day of Kindergarten when they didn't know all of the letter and number names. Now they can read and understand an article about the expedition of Lewis and Clark. Tears well-up when I stop to consider what has been accomplished in the three years that I have been blessed to teach them. This year the second graders did a special project that I hope to continue each year. Each second grader decorated a plain pillow case with short prayers and reminders of Jesus' love. I will miss Emma, Caleb, and James, but I know they are ready for third grade.

Peace, Deb Musolff

It has been quite a year for us at Cross Lutheran School. We give thanks for the blessings of sharing God's word with students and par-ents. The staff looks forward to continuing that next year, which will come sooner than a blink of an eye!

Speaking of a blink of an eye, the fifth graders will be leaving my room and going to the big world of the Jr. High classroom. It seems they just arrived in my room! What a pleasure to have watched them grow---in more ways than one. As I tell all of my students, I will be watching them for years to come. I know what they have been taught and I expect them to show it. Thank God for His grace and love as we all fall short of that which we have been taught. They know that, too! God's blessings to Kendal, Corbin, Kady and Austin as they continue to grow in Him.

Mrs. Barry

June/July Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
June 6 9:30 a.m.	Rick Landry	June Sturm	Leanne Smith	John Trowbridge	J. Trowbridge R. Mead D. Diener Mike Trost Ryan Trost	Ruth Hamilton
June 13 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Ray Licht	Aileen Prill			
June 20 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Carol Diener	Peggy Koehler	Paul Schuette		Set-up Delores Lange Clean-up Laura Trost
June 27 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Connie Eden	Sue Battel			
July 4 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Sue Loehrke	Sue Loehrke	Karen Schuette		Carol Diener
July 11 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Norm Nelson	Brian Delpiere			
July 18 9:30 a.m.	Rick Landry	Pam Sturm	Jean Sturm	Carole Mead		Ruth Hamilton
July 25 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Sue Battel	Mary Dubs			

Peg McCrimmon will serve for Altar Guild on Wednesday evenings.

***If you are unable to participate as scheduled, please contact a substitute. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2278. Thanks and may God's peace be with you always.**

Opening and Closing Church for June & July Services (Unlocking and locking doors, turning on and off lights, sound system): Ushers

Peggy Koehler

Please keep saving these items over the summer months.

- Box Tops For Education
- Cartridges for Kids

- IGA Labels
- Spartan Labels
- Recyclable bottle return slips
- Old cell phone recycling

Field Day--- May 21

It was a gorgeous day for the Thumb Area Lutheran Schools to join and participate in track and field events at Laker High School. A new school, Emmanuel from Yale joined us this year.

The following Cross students received ribbons for their efforts:

3rd Grade

Kaitlyn Dowd-4th in Long Jump

Greta Elston-1st in Softball Throw with a new record of 103' 6", 3rd in Long Jump and 5th in Standing Broad Jump

Grant Gascho-1st in Triple Jump, 4th in Long Jump

Chris Potter-2nd in Triple Jump, 3rd in 50 yd. Dash, 5th in Long Jump

Johnny Higgins-3rd in Standing Broad Jump, 4th in 50 yd. Dash, 5th in Softball Throw

4th Grade

Lance Gascho-3rd in Standing Broad Jump, 4th in Softball Throw, 5th in Long Jump

Payton Burgess-5th in Standing Broad Jump

Kirsten Shupe-1st in Long Jump, 2nd in 60 Yd. Dash, 3rd in Standing Broad Jump

5th Grade

Kady Potter- 2nd in Triple Jump, 3rd in Long Jump, 4th in Softball Throw

Corbin Gaeth-1st in Long Jump, Standing Broad Jump, and High Jump, 2nd in Triple Jump

Austin Roestel-2nd in High Jump, 4th in Triple Jump

6th Grade

Isaac Elston-1st in Standing Broad

Jump and Softball Throw, 3rd in Long Jump, 5th in 7th grade Shot Put

Karleigh Irion-2nd in Softball Throw, 3rd in Long Jump and Triple Jump

Grace Higgins- 1st in Softball Throw and 75 Yd. Dash, 2nd in Long Jump

7th Grade

Morgan Anderson-2nd in Standing Broad Jump, 4th in 75 Yd. Dash

Ryan Hemauer- 3rd in Shot Put and Standing Broad Jump, 4th in Softball Throw

A huge thank you to Sue Loehrke, Krisie Fritz, and Nancy Heck for working the concession stand for Cross. Their willingness to help was greatly appreciated!

Get Your Car Cleaned!!

Saturday, June 5

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Parsonage/Nietzke

Faupel parking lot

Proceeds go
to youth events

Thrivent sponsored



Youth Car Wash & Bake Sale

Remember in Prayer...

Cathy Ruthenberg, Kurt Anderson, Amanda Laurie (Heck), Eunice Richmond, Lester Otto (Mike Eden's brother's father-in-law), Marlena Rosenthal, Meta Farver, Dorothy Hafner, Fran & Jim Laursen, Karen Anklam, Harvey Weiss, Cheryl Merlington, Andrea Harder, Blaize Webber, Michelle

Chiotti, Betty Schulze, Dennis Dierner, Harold Deering, Marge Krause, Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman.

Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

Remember our Shut-ins:

Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Harvey Weiss, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Viola Schuette, Marge Krause, Fred Edler, Meta Farver, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur

Council Minutes

APRIL 14

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Tim Fritz at 7:05 PM. Members present were Kim Delpiere, Betty Champagne, Connie Eden, Tom Shupe, Pastor Loehrke, Ray Licht, Lorraine LePage, Leanne Smith, Ron Higgins, Peggy Koehler, Sue Battel and Terry Sturm. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous council meeting were reviewed and corrections were noted.

The motion was made by Peggy Koehler to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie Eden. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor gave his monthly report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Report given by Pastor.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Report given by Terry Sturm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Terry Sturm moved to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Ray Licht. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Nothing was reported at this time.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Ray Licht distributed a report.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Report distributed to everyone present.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Connie Eden distributed a report

to everyone present.

MINISTRY OF OUT REACH: Report distributed to everyone present.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Report submitted to everyone.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Report distributed to everyone.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Report distributed to every one present.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Report distributed to everyone present.

OLD BUSINESS: Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee were reviewed by council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Licht moved that council act on all recommendations from the Ad Hoc Finance Committee and that Tim Fritz will give a letter of recommendations to the congregation. Peggy Koehler seconded. Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee for Cross Lutheran School.

1. Grades K-8 will be offered next school year 2010-2011.
2. Registration fee will be \$50/child.
3. Tuition for Cross member, first child \$1,100/yr. (\$100 increase from 2009-2010), each additional child \$700/yr (same as 2009-2010)
4. Tuition for Non-Cross member, first child \$1,350/yr (same as 2009-2010), each additional child \$800/yr (\$100 increase from 2009-2010)

5. 25% down payment of total tuition prior to the start of the school year 2010-2011.
 - A. Method of payment through EFT, Credit Card, etc.
 - B. Install credit card machine in church office to accommodate payment of tuition and hot lunch.
6. Tuition assistance,
 - A. 1/3 of the total amount of tuition per family is the maximum amount awarded.
 - B. Tuition assistance will be awarded at the earliest in March of 2011 if funds are available. (fund raising, donations, etc.)
 - C. Encourage families to utilize the Script program and find sponsors within their church they attend to help pay for tuition.
7. Transfer \$10,000 from the endowment fund to the general fund.
8. Transfer \$2,500 from School Board account to the general fund.

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Ministers - The people of Cross

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Tim Fritz, president

Terry Sturm, vice president

Kim Delpiere, secretary

Tom Shupe, treasurer

Paul Schuette, financial secretary

Terry Sturm, school board

Ronald Higgins, properties

Peggy Koehler, worship & music

Ray Licht, stewardship

Connie Eden, education

Sue Stuever-Battel, Outreach

Leanne Smith, youth

Betty Champagne, parish life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, pastor

Paul Schuette, constitution rep

Ministry of Properties

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden

Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Peggy Koehler

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

Ministry of Social Services

Lorraine LePage

Krisi Fritz

Lori Smith

Lou Ann Jarvis

Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht

Tom Shupe

June Sturm

Carol Diener

Bob Battel

Ministry of Education

Connie Eden

Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith

Kim Fritz

Ministry of Outreach

Sue Stuever-Battel

Maxine Rice

Stephanie Lakin

Ministry of Youth

Leanne Smith

Sue Loehrke

Brandis Mallais

Rachel Higgins

Donna Schuette

Danielle Irion

Keeley Baur

Ministry of Parish Life

Life

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Sturm

Inez Buchholz

Rick Landry

Marlene Landry

Audit Committee

Suzie Swanson

Leanne Schuette

Mike LePage

Pam Sturm

Patty Schulze

Bob Battel

Peter Shupe

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board President

Terry Sturm, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President

Gretchen Roestel, Secretary

Anne Anderson, Treasurer

Maxine Rice, C.E.A. president

Norma Hemauer, non-member rep.

Pastor Tim, Advisor

Nominating Committee

Mary Dubs

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9. Transfer \$2,500 from CEA account to the general fund.
10. Examine new insurance plans for the staff.
11. Find someone to manage the tuition assistance program.
12. Staff wages are to be frozen at the current salaries for the next three years.
 - The new Benevolence Fund Schedule was tabled.
 - Council approved \$400 to Connie and Mike Eden for the Synod Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

ADJORNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned by the chairman and good things from around the room were shared by everyone. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Delpiere, Secretary



2nd Annual Church Camp

June 25th – 27th

Campers mark your calendar for Friday, June 25th – Sunday, June 27th to camp with our church group at Campers Haven Family Campground.

The cost is \$33 per night and reservations can be made by calling 269-7989. Please be sure to tell them you are with the group from Cross Lutheran Church. Contact Mary Dubs at 550-2511 if you have any questions.

Ministries

Parish Life Ministry

The Parish Life Ministry met on Tuesday, May 4 at 5 p.m. We opened with devotions and prayer by Rick Landry. Members present were Inez Buchholz, Betty Champagne, Marlene Landry, Rick Landry, Sue Loehrke, Paul Schuette, Pam Sturm and Pastor Tim.

We were very pleased with the congregation's response to the paper shower and really appreciated how generous our church members were.

We discussed the Confirmation Reception and are planning to all "Handy Helpers" for cookies, etc. We also discussed how well coffee hours are being attended & how great the visiting is. We feel the fellowship is so important, much more important than the huge variety of goodies. Coffee, juice and cookies are just fine, even cookies from the store.

We discussed some of the various activities and duties of the eight ministries mentioned in the by-laws. Where does everything fit in? It was suggested that Betty present this to Church Council and have a meeting of the eight ministries. Council agreed that the ministries will all meet one hour before the June Council meeting.

At our next meeting, we'll discuss an adult fellowship meeting for this fall.

Our next meeting will be on June 1 at 5 p.m. Paul Schuette volunteered to have devotions.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Betty Champagne, chairman

Worship & Music

The monies collected by the ministry coffee hour in March will be used to purchase new polishing clothes for the hand bells and altar guild. There is a need for more Altar Guild members. Interested people should contact Peggy Koehler. It was suggested that a fire extinguisher be purchased to put in the overflow area.

Peggy Koehler, Chairperson

Ministry of Education

LEAF FUND: The current balance is \$1,368.49. There has been no income or disbursements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Cross Sunday School has entered into a Hand in Hand ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Covenant to support Rod Nordby and Nancy Anderson in Papua, New Guinea. In a covenant relationship an ELCA missionary, the ELCA Global Mission Support team, the covenant church and a sponsor promise to accompany each other by giving generously and receiving graciously in Christ's name. This covenant is a promise of prayer, communication and financial support. We have pledged to contribute \$120.00 in the coming year, which equals \$10.00 per month. For an example of how our support can make a difference, our gift of \$10.00 will pay for a month's supply of cooking kerosene. The first Sunday School offering each month is designated for this support. We hope to keep you informed of our progress and any communications between us and our missionaries.

Our 2009-2010 Sunday School season came to a close on May 23. A great big thank you to all of our faithful teachers for giving of your time and talents. We hope everyone has a blessed summer. See you back in Sunday School on September 12!

BABY BIBLES: A baby Bible was presented to Kobain William Smith at his baptism on May 8.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held July 19-22, Farmer's Festival week, under the direction of Sue Battel. Watch the bulletin for details. We are looking for volunteers to help in any way.

The Ministry of Education meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Connie Eden.



June 17, 18 & 19

Mark your calendar & clean those closets! Come find a treasure and get rid of those unwanted items at the same time. You can drop off your donations at the Cross Gym:

Sunday, June 13 from 9:00 – Noon

Monday, June 14 from 9:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15 from 9:00 – 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please call Lorraine LePage, 453-2742.

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.

Once again we are offering the opportunity to purchase a brick. The proceeds will go toward the Building Fund and to upgrade the garden. Please submit orders along with \$70.00 for each brick. Walk to the garden for ideas on engraving.

You can purchase a brick for yourself and your family. 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.

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Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Please engrave a brick as follows:

Limit: Three 13-character (letter & spaces) lines per brick:

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***One brick per order form please.**

Make check or money order payable to:

Cross Lutheran Church - Memo: Brick Project

Questions: June Sturm 989-453-2575

Enclose a check for \$70.00 per brick in an envelope and put it in the mailbox at church or send to:

June Sturm
633 Camelot Lane
Pigeon, MI 48755

Ministries and Announcements

Stewardship Ministry

April 26 – 7:00 p.m. The following members were present Ray Licht, Chairman; Tom Shupe, Dawn Rosenthal, June Sturm, Pastor Tim Loehrke.

-Tom Shupe reported on financial situation: Letting congregation know we are in a crisis was an important approach of the committee. General offerings have been relatively good. We are below budget for March of about \$400. We need around \$6700 in an offering per week to meet the budget. April moneys have come in from the outside (such as memorials, gifts, etc.) and not from the plate offerings. Discussed the importance of Tithing.

-Matching Funds from Thrivent were received in the amount of \$2,300.00 (on gifts of \$4600 special offerings).

-Benevolence Treas. June Sturm report: The special offerings for Benevolence were discussed. After a lengthy discussion on the importance of Benevolent giving only one change was made to the current list. Will recommend to the Church Council that the Christmas Day Benevolence Offering Envelope – ½ to Bay Shore Camp, Sebewaing and ½ to Donor's Choice.

-Brick Project. "Lift High The Cross Garden": to date around 17 bricks have been newly placed in the garden. Will put a new form in the newsletter for the summer.

-New Business: We are in great need of a Financial Secretary (records quarterly giving's of individuals and prints out statements quarterly.) Several names have been suggested.

-Adjourned. 8:20 p.m. Next meeting is May 25 at 7:00 p.m., Submitted by acting secretary, June Sturm.

Quilting Workshop

It's not too late to join the quilting retreat scheduled for June 4th & 5th here at Cross. The fee is \$125 and includes class instruction, pattern and meals.

Receiving New Members

We will be receiving new members on June 27. The first class will be held on June 13 at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact pastor so materials can be prepared.

Scrip Cards

Make your regular purchases and earn money for the church & school at the same time. Please place your Scrip orders on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Order forms can be found in the overflow area.

Vacation Bible School



A country fair is coming to Cross!

From July 19 – 22 we will spend

our mornings growing kids in the Son during our Son Harvest Country Fair Vacation Bible School. Children ages 3 through grade 6 are sure to have a blast with down-on-the-farm crafts, activities and snacks as they discover the fruit of the spirit in their lives. (Galatians 5:22-23).

All children are invited. Please take time to invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren. Registration forms will be available in the overflow or call the church. VBS is 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ending with participation in the Farmer's Festival Children's Parade.

Can you help? VBS Director Sue Battel is seeking adult and youth helpers to be station leaders, group leaders, snack providers, actors, musicians and more. Commitments can be large or small. Watch the bulletins for a list of supplies needed. Reach Sue at sue@stuever.us or 872-4794.

Thank you

To Kim Sturm for running the first Cross Lutheran Volleyball Camp. The proceeds from the camp will be put toward the Building Fund.

Senior Health Fair

You are invited to join in the 2010 Huron County Senior Fair on Friday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bad Axe High School. Admission is free. Come check out the exhibits, free blood pressure checks, giveaways, door prizes, classes and much more! Lunch is available.