# Cross Connection

Cross Lutheran Church & School

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#### Our mission:

## Bring people to Christ.

Teach Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.



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Growing together

April 2018

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## **Message from Pastor Tim**

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

MISSION **IMPOSSI-**BLE. That TV series from the late 60's to early 70's where the bad guys were doing evil terror that seemed to be impossible to defeat. Yet, a group of "technical warriors" took on the impossible mission and somehow, someway, through "Hollywood magic" defeated the bad guys and saved the world. This occurred week after week and it was amazing how the world was saved again and again!!! Hmmm... wonder how that works?! Fast forward to today and I say, "Hollywood, where are you!? Where is your impossible mission team to defeat the bad today's quys in world!?"

that overshadows all the aood within this world. Bad i.e. guys Satan and our sinning, are everywhere. Sin abounds and has no boundaries. Where are all the "good guys" to take the impossible on mission of defeating sin and atoning for the consequences of sin i.e. eternal death?

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There are no "good guys" for all of have chosen to follow Satan's shallow promises rather than the promise of God.

NRS Romans 3: 21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God:

Is there no hope? ls there not someone whom we can call upon to defeat Satan and the consequences of our sins i.e. eternal death? Truly this is an impossible mission! Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said. "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." How then is God going to defeat the eternal death that Satan loudly proclaims "there is no hope of eternal salvation. Т cannot be defeated."

<sup>NRS</sup> **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.



## **Preparing for Worship at Cross**



#### April 1—Resurrection of Our Lord

1R – Isaiah 25:6-9

P – Psalm 16

2R - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### **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.



#### G – Mark 16:1-8 <u>April 8—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 1R – Acts 4:32-35 P – Psalm 148 2R –1 John 1:1—2:2 G – John 20:19-31 <u>April 15—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 1R—Acts 3: 111-21 P – Psalm 4



2R – 1 John 3:1-7 G – Luke 24:36-49 April 22—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1R - Acts 4:1-12 P – Psalm 23 2R – 1 John 3:16-24 G – John 10:11-18 April 29—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1R - Acts 8:26-40

P – Psalm 150

#### **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. You can also view or download a PDF a

www.crosslutheranpigeon.org/ communion-bread. Thank you.

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Jesus Christ became flesh and was sent on an impossible mission i.e. defeat the consequences of our sins, Satan's eternal death. Jesus took on this mission in order to save the world where the world could not / cannot save In order to defeat itself. death, Jesus had to become death i.e. Good Friday on the cross. His victory over death came on that glorious Easter morning when he rose to become flesh again and live He defeated among us. death once and for all. Here then is our one and only

hope of salvation and eternal life. JESUS CHRIST!!! As arduous, tortuous, humiliating and painful was the payment for our sins by Jesus, all the more glorious is his victory over Satan's eternal death.

HALLELUJAH!!! HALLELUJAH!!! JESUS LIVES!!! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!! God's peace Pr Tim





## Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Jarid Heck
- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretzschmer
- 8 Betty Champagne
  10 Jennifer Gardy
  Brigid Trowbridge
  Doug Richmond
- 12 Pat Azarovitz Lance Schuette
- 14 Zac Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle
- 18 Connor Flores
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz Karen Peterson Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal21 Philip Delpiere
- Michelle Fritz
- 22 Don Schadd
- 25 Gracey LePage
- 26 Kim Adams
- 27 Caitie House Brynlee Walsh
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen ANNIVERSARIES
- 1 Dave & Janis Elftman, 29 years
- 5 Dick & Peggy Koehler, 32 years
- 8 John & Lori Smith, 40 years
- 9 Denny & Leanne Smith, 35 years
- 17 Gary & Doralee Schulz, 36 years
- 18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 54 years



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Dorothy Hafner, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Don Schuette.

#### Please Remember in Prayer:

Dorothy Hafner, Kyle Walker (grandson of Ron & Bonnie Schulz), Marshall Kurschner (friend of The McCrimmon's), Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Don Schuette, Peggy Koehler, Allen Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), Leo McArdle (husband of Amy McArdle).

#### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz has returned to his base in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point, NC. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.



Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the church general fund, school's tuition assistance fund. building fund. music fund, capital improvement fund, cemetery fund, benevolence or LEAF fund. The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the overflow area. 

Mondays

April 9, 16, 23, & 30

Bells at 6:30 p.m.

Choir at 7:30 p.m.



### Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Morning Circle will meet Wednesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon Circle will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, April 3 & 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilters will meet on Wednesday, April 11 at 1 p.m.

Mission/Outreach will meet Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

## School News

#### April School Calendar



- 2-6 Spring Break
- 5 CEA 4:45 p.m./School Board at 5:30 p.m.
- 9 School Resumes
- 11 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 12 1/2 day of school
- 18 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 20 TALL @ Zion (grades 6-8)
- 25 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 28 CEA Carnival

## From the Desk of

### ... David Faupel

Several 6th and 7th grade girls have been involved in a new afterschool program for the past few weeks. It is part of a state-wide initiative called Girls Solve IT and is sponsored by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology and Ford Motor Company. The girls collaborate as a group and compete in a fun hands-on manner to explore and learn technology. The program will consist of 3 Michigan-inspired technology guests which must

be completed to qualify learning new things about for the final competition technology!

round in May. Our team was mailed a Quest Kit that contained a Wonder Robot, Kindle, and some miscellaneous materials. The team has already completed the first quest, which involved programming the robot to move around and perform various tasks on a large map of Michigan. Some of the tasks involved making the robot dance, change colors, and even speak! The girls have been having a blast while



lifetime!

Learning for a

## CEA CARNIVAL

## Saturday, April 28th from 5-7:30 p.m.

Games, Prizes, Cake Walk, Bounce House, Face Painting, Bingo, Raffles

Fun for ALL ages!!



Family Game Night!

Join us on Saturday April 7 from 4:30—6:00 p.m.! Bring your favorite games!

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Apr. 1 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schu- ette	Leanne Smith	Norm Nelson	Jeff Elston Mike LePage	Carol Die- ner	Zachary Kretzschmer
Apr. 8 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Karen Schu- ette	Karen Schu- ette		Kent McKenzie		Kyle Briggs
Apr. 15 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schu- ette	Gwynne Barry	Vicki Yackle	Barb Degg	Norm Nelson Bob Tate	Laura Trost	Riley Fritz
Apr. 22 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schu- ette	Norm Nelson	Kristi Carriveau		-		Nicholas Trost
Apr. 29 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Lori Smith	Kari Halvorsen				Grace Trost

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTI-TUTE. 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!

## **Church Council Minutes**



March 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meet- dated February 13, 2018, were reing of the Cross Lutheran Church viewed by all present. A motion was Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:05 PM on the above date. Members present Nancy Schuette seconded the mowere Pastor Tim, Gretchen Roestel, tion. Motion carried. Norm Nelson, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Schuette, Barb Degg, Mike LePage and Rachel Higgins. Also present as a

guest was Gwynne Barry. Pastor of- TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the fered the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Gretchen Roestel to accept the agenda as printed. Mike LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Council Minutes MINUTES: made by Gretchen Roestel to approve the minutes as presented.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:** None

Treasurer's report were distributed by Mike LePage to all present. Norm Nelson made a motion to accept the seconded Gretchen report, by Roestel. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Correspondence from Huron County Safe Place was read by Rachel Higgins which thanked the congregation for a donation of \$1,323.50 to help support their work of supplying shelter, food and counseling to survivors of domestic abuse. Also received was a thank you from Youth for Christ for a donation of \$501.50 to support discipleship of youth in our community.

## **Council Minutes Cont.**

#### Pastor's Report

Funerals – 0, Weddings – 0, Baptisms – 2, Teaching – 16, Communion – 19, Hosp Vis – 2, Home Vis -9, Meetings – 18, Services - 8

#### Pastoral acts

Kayden Edler, son of Mike and Emily (Schulz) Edler, Sun, Feb 16

Landon Blaszczyk, son of Nick and Jody (McKenzie) Blaszczyk, Sun, Mar 11

#### Church calendar

- Fish fry Fri, Mar 16, 5p 7:30p
- Seder meal, confirmation class, Sun, March 25
- Holy Week, Mar 25 Apr 1
- Palm Sunday, Mar 25
- Maundy Thurs, Mar 29, 7p service with communion and foot washing
- Good Fri, Mar 30, "Tenebrae" service, 7p. Prayer vigil beginning at the end of service until mid-night.
- Easter Sunrise service at cemetery, 7 am
- Brunch in overflow , 7:45a 9a
- Easter service 9:30s with communion

#### Pastor's Report

Lenten potlucks will take place every Wed night during Lent at 6p followed by Wed night service at 7p.

Request Sun, Apr 8 off, leaving Thurs. Apr 5 to house hunt in OH and will be back Fri, Apr 13.

#### Principal's report

• School enrollment, K-8, 25, P/S

20, no 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Meet and greet, Tue, March 20, 6p – 7p
- Athletic Awards program, Sat, Mar 17, 4:30p
- Music Palooza, Thru, March 22, 7p

Chapel, Wed, March 28, Foot washing for school

1/2 day school, Thurs, March 29, dismiss 11a. P/S will meet that day.

Spring break, Mon – Fri, Apr 2-6

DC trip this year is scheduled for May 2018.

- All 6-7 graders (7 students)
- Cost is around \$1,000 per student.
- Fund raisers being planned t o assist in the cost of the trip.

There have been 7 days of no school due to weather conditions. Now one over.

CEA Krispy Kreme doughnut sale went very well.

CEA winter event for the school at Winter City Forest, Midland went very well. Kids / parents had a great time.

Jr High sang and performed a drama in church on Sun, Mar 11. Great job Jr High and Gwynne Barry

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Gretchen Roestel reported that at the March meeting preparation for the Krispy Kreme fundraiser was completed. Discussion of tuition and Hot Lunch fees were discussed.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Norm Nelson reported that so far there had been no response to the ad posting to fill the vacancy in the K-2 classroom.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MU-SIC:** Barb Degg reported that so far the response to the Lent elections has been favorable.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:** Nothing to report

**MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH:** Krisie Fritz reported that the books that were created by Steve Schulze with historical information and pictures of our church history and members will be on display for order/purchase. Work is also ongoing in preparation for the Tots 2 Teens sale coming up April 14, 2018.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Nothing to report

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:** Pastor Tim reported that the furnace unit above the library has ongoing issues. When the weather improves decisions on what can be done to prolong the use of the unit will be made.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** Nancy Schuette submitted a written report and highlighted an outing planned April 21, 2018 to Countryside Dinners which offers an Amish homemade meal and bus transportation included in the trip fee.

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

• Mike LePage will meet with the office secretary and school cook to review the budget for the hot lunch program.

• Discussion of possible interim pastor interview

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

## **Ministry Reports**

Barb Degg made a motion to present Deb Musolff with a \$500 certificate on Graduation Sunday as a retirement gift for her many years of service at Cross School. Also, an additional opportunity for the congregation to give a free will offering will be available. Krisie Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 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 were shared. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Higgins, Secretary

#### MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES

#### March 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Lorraine LePage, who led the group in prayer. Those present were Lori Smith, Tonja Nelson, Gwen Ovcen, Connie Eden, Lorraine LePage and Krisie Fritz. The minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer reported \$1,995.94 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved.

BUSINESS: Krisie reported that the church council was in favor of taking orders for the Cross Lutheran Church and School history books that Steve Schulze compiled for the 124<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was decided to begin taking orders after Easter when our "snowbird" members will be back.

The Tots 2 Teens and More Sale, to be held April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, was discussed. We reviewed the poster that was prepared to advertise the sale and purchase tables/register for the sale and made a few revi-We want people to sions. know that all types of sales are welcome, from baby items through teens, crafts, baked goods, and direct sales. The posters will be placed in local businesses and on Facebook.

One of our shut-in members is having trouble with not being

able to play the CD church recording at home. Krisie will stop by and assist her with this.

Lorraine has a nice picture of the church at Easter, and will make Easter cards for our shut-ins. Tonja will address and mail them. Our greeting card list was reviewed and revised.

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The Scrip schedule for March is as follows: March 11 – Tonja; March 18 – Lorraine; March 25 – Krisie and a helper. It was decided that there would be no cash sales on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018. With no



## **Ministry Reports continued**

further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

## Fish Fry Report

Thank you to all who served, prepped, set-up, hosted, fried, chopped, scrubbed, ran fish, battered, poured drinks, filled, smiled, made desserts, cleaned-up, and did so many, many jobs for the fish fry fundraiser.

We served over 540 meals, with 170 take outs included in the count, there were over 90 volunteers, and all expenses were donated. Thank you to Holli - jays, Thrivent Financial, Kevin Sturm, Bay Port State Bank, CD Sandblasting, Wallace Stone Quarry, Huron Gas, Thumb Bank & Trust, and the many anonymous donors who have contributed to this event to make it a success.

A total of \$5,960.00 will go toward a new furnace or wherever council designates it.

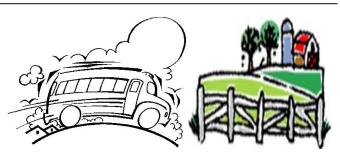
This project is a blessing to witness the body of Christ and the miracle of God feeding his children.

Joy in the Journey, Leanne Smith

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Clean-up is Saturday, **April 14th at 10 a.m.** We will meet at Cross cemetery. Please come join us in helping to keep our environment clean and our local area beautiful!!





### "BUS TRIP!!!"

Parish Life is planning a luncheon outing on Saturday, April 21st. The tentative plans are a delicious Amish cooked meal, a tour of the Clare area and plenty of fellowship! We are planning on having a bus take us from Cross to the Clare area to tour, dine, and return by 5-6 p.m. Watch the bulletin for updates and details.

#### Why we need Easter:

Sin takes us farther than we wanted to go, keeps us longer than we wanted to stay, and costs us far more than we could ever afford to pay.—Ken Davis



Formerly known as Cross Mom 2 Mom

Tots Treens & More

# Would you like a Table to Sell Children's Items, Crafts, Baked Goods, or Direct Sale Items?

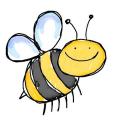
To Rent a Table or For More Information Contact Lori Smith at 989-453-3953 or smithlori404@yahoo.com Tables are \$20 each. Payments and Signed Rental Contracts Must be Received by April 6, 2018

## Saturday, April 14th 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Cross Lutheran Gym 200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI

Admission Fee \$2.00





## **April 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Serv. 7 a.m. Brunch 8 a.m. Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.	SPRING <b>2</b> BREAK No School Office Open 9 a.m noon all week	Stewardship 5:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m.	Men's 4 Breakfast 7 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	Pastor Tim vacation 4/5 thr <b>5</b> 4/13 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m. Financial class 7 p.m.	6	<b>7</b> Family Game Night 4:30-6:00 pm
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	School Resumes 9 Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	Afternoon 10 Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	Chapel 8 a.m. <b>11</b> Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	1/2 day school Financial class 7 p.m.	Pastor Tim returns fron <b>3</b> Vacation.	<b>14</b> Tots2Teens Sale 9 a.m noon Adopt a Highway 10 a.m.
Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Choirs: B 6:30, C 7:30	Lakers Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Chapel 8 a.m. 18 Comm. Service 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Financial class 7 p.m.	TALL 6-8 <b>20</b> grades at Zion	21 Parish Life Trip to Clare w/Amish Dinner. etc.
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## **Ministers - The people of Cross**

Officers, Ministries & Committees Pastor -Tim Loehrke Music Director - Beth Elston

#### **Church Council**

Kent McKenzie, President Gretchen Roestel, V P Rachel Higgins, Secretary Mike LePage, Treasurer Raylene Henkelmann, Financial Secretary Gretchen Roestel, School Bd. Eric Gardy, Properties Barb Degg, Worship & Music Norm Nelson, Stewardship Kim Delpiere, Education Tim & Michelle Fritz, Youth Nancy Schuette, Parish Life Krisie Fritz, Mission/Outreach <u>Adviso</u>rs Tim Loehrke, Pastor Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep. **Ministry of Properties** Eric Gardy, Chair Mike Eden Paul Schuette Ministry of Worship & Music Barb Degg, Chair Peg McCrimmon Beth Elston Karen Schuette Mike Sting Ministry of Mission / Outreach Lorraine LePage, Chair Krisie Fritz Connie Eden Rachel Messing **Bonnie Schulz** Kay Schuette RoseAnn Budnick Tonja Nelson

Gwen Ovcen

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Lori Smith

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Lori Trost -Secretary Nicole Shupe -Treasurer

#### Handy Helper Ministry

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