

# Cross Connection

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,

Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. It is kind of ironic in that we enter a period of somberness, reflection, contemplation, remorse, sacrifice and a contrite heart for all the wrong we have done towards God which concludes with Jesus' death on the cross and with the ultimate victory over death on Easter morning which starts on Valentine's Day.

On Valentine's Day there will be copious amounts of flowers brought for loved ones. Hallmark stock will soar with all the "Valentine's Day cards" brought for that "special someone." Numerous gifts, large and small, will be exchanged to show how much you love that person. The chocolate industry is already behind in orders causing much consternation that could ruin the expression of "true love" to that once in a life time person. Restau-

rants are calling in extra help and setting up extra chairs and tables to accommodate the "love birds" in providing that special mood and moment when "true love" is expressed in the deep connection of those "amorous eyes." Billions of dollars will be spent just to say I love you.

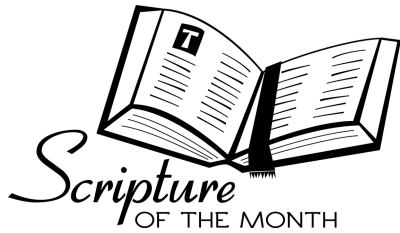
I wonder how many are preparing for Lent i.e. Ash Wednesday, in the same manner as they prepare for Valentine's Day. I can see churches setting up extra chairs for the service. Choirs frantically rehearsing to master that anthem. The custodians hurriedly cleaning the sanctuary. The pastor agonizing over the sermon and preparing the ashes for their imposition. People showing up early for the service in order to get a seat knowing it could be standing room only.

Again, the irony is that Valentine's Day and Ash



Wednesday are based on love. Valentine's Day on expressing our love for each other by demonstrating it through flowers, cards, candy and a fancy dinner. Ash Wednesday, on the other hand, is laid on the foundation of God's loves for us. *NRS* **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. The love that God gives us does not even come close to the love we give each other on Valentine's Day. God's love is one that is so deep and authentic that he is willing to allow his one and only **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Feb. 4 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 40: 21-31

P – Psalm 147: 1-11

2R – 1 Corinthians 9: 16-27

G – Mark 1: 29-39

## Feb. 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

1R – Exodus 34: 29-35

P – Psalm 50: 1-6

2R – 2 Corinthians 3: 12-13 & 4:1-6

G – Mark 9: 2-9

## Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

1R – Joel 2: 12-19

P – Psalm 51: 1-19

2R – 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10

G – Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

## Feb. 18– First Sunday in Lent

1R - Genesis 22: 1-18

P – Psalm 25: 12-18

2R – James 1: 12-18

G—Mark 1: 9-15

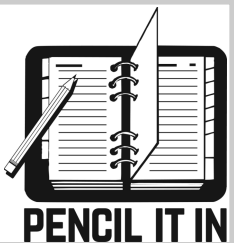
## Feb. 25—2nd Sunday in Lent

1R—Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

P—Psalm 22: 23-31

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, April 21st**, Parish Life is planning a fun day in Clare, MI. The day will include an Amish style lunch, shopping and touring.



## Choir Schedule:

Choirs will practice on Feb. 5, 12, & 22. Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.

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son to die on the cross to atone for our sins and raise him up on Easter morning defeating death once and for all giving us the path to eternal salvation. What Valentine card can express that same message to the “love of your life?” What Valentine card says I love you so much that I will die for you? What flower arrangement will express eternal salvation through Jesus Christ? What candle light dinner will express the mood of Jesus dying on the cross and defeating death on Easter morn-

ing? There are none!

So as God gives us his deep agape love to us through his son Jesus Christ, the cross and the empty tomb, we give back to God what we can. And that is why there is Ash Wednesday. <sup>NRS</sup> **Genesis 3:19** *By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Out of our deep love for God and all that he has given to us i.e. grace, love, mercy and

forgiveness, we put ashes on our foreheads to say we are sorry and beg God that he does not give us what we deserve.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Jeremiah 31:34** *No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

God's peace

Pr Tim



# Celebrate



## Anniversaries

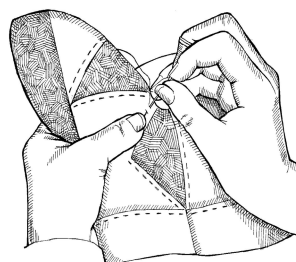
Feb. 13 Robin & Ann Buschlen,  
36 years

Feb. 29 Clarence & Eleanor  
Schadd, 53 years



## Birthdays

- 1 Jeanne Sting
- 3 Brenda Kretzschmer
- 4 Ray Buchholz  
Charles Buchholz
- 7 Connie Eden  
Alex Cucinello  
Mike LePage
- 9 Marilyn Baur  
Greta Elston
- 10 Shelly Baur
- 13 Kirk Yackle
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Grace Trost  
Travis Roestel  
Christina Cucinello
- 16 Jacqueline Finneren
- 18 Eunice Richmond
- 19 Tim Fritz  
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Thuemmel
- 24 Elsie Trowbridge  
Paul Kunisch



## QUILTERS CORNER

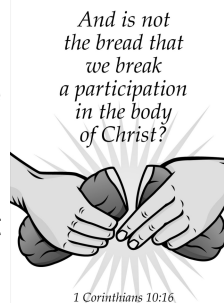
Quilters will meet on Wednesday, February 14th at 1 p.m.

QUILTING GROUP

Jean Quilts—Quilts for Senior High Students— will be meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1st and Thursday, Feb. 15th from 1-5 p.m.

## 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. Also you can view or download a PDF at [www.crosslutheranpigeon.org/communion-bread](http://www.crosslutheranpigeon.org/communion-bread).



### Remember our Shut-ins:

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

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Kyle Walker (grandson of Ron & Bonnie Schulze), Marshall Kurschner (friend of The McCrim-

mon's), Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Don Schuette, Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler.

### In the Service of Our Country:

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

# School News

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR



- 1 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Family Game Night 4:30-8
- 7 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 9 Robotics Tournament  
3:30-8 p.m.
- 14 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 15 Krispy Kreme orders due
- 19 NO School
- 20-23 School, NO Laker  
buses
- 21 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 27 Krispy Kreme Distribution
- 28 Chapel 8 a.m.

## From the Desk of ... Deb Musolf

This year for Christmas Dave and I spent time with our oldest daughter and her family in Virginia. It was our first time meeting our newest granddaughter, Maya, who was 3 months old. On her refrigerator Amanda has a list started of the books she has read to Maya. Now as a teacher I believe in the importance of reading, but thought this was a bit over the top so I questioned her. She has signed up for a program sponsored by the local library "1000 Books Before Kindergarten."

As I reflect on my retirement and my years of teaching I have seen many changes in education. That is no shock to anyone reading this article. All vocations see change over time and I have usually embraced change. One thing that has **not** changed throughout my career is the importance of reading to children, but is reading to infants that important??. The 1000 Books program piqued my interest. I had never heard of a number put with the amount books to be read and I wanted to know about reading to newborns so I did some research, and want to share with you what I learned.

From the 1000 BOOKS FOUNDATION:  
**"Why 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is so Important?"**

Numerous studies have established that by age **three (3)**, a child's brain has reached **80 percent** of its adult volume. The brain develops most rapidly during

the first 1,000 days of a child's life. A toddler's brain creates up to **two million new connections** every second. Early experiences and interactions are **a key factor** in a child's brain development. The ability to **learn language skills** is greatest before the age of **six (6)**. Early literacy skills have a **life-long impact** on educational and occupational success. The most important predictor of school success is **being read to** at home during early childhood

Finally, if you read just one book a day with your child, **you'll reach 1,000 books** in less than three years."

Turns out reading to our youngest children is a big deal! Keep it up!



## February Time & Talents—2018

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Feb. 4 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Kristi Carriveau	Gwynne Barry	Brian Delpiere,	Laura Trost	Zachary Kretschmer
Feb 11 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Eileen Johnson	John Trowbridge	Dick Koehler,	Jean Sturm	Kyle Briggs
Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry		Karen Schuette	Dick Mead,	Peg McCrimmon	Grace Trost
Feb. 18 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Phil Schadd	Leanne Smith	Carole Mead	Ron Schulz,	Carol Die-ner	Riley Fritz
Feb. 25 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Karen Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Barb Degg	Tom Shupe, Mike Trost	Laura Trost	Nicholas Trost

**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**

## WHAT IS SCRIP?

They are ordinary gift cards which can be used just like cash at restaurants or to purchase groceries, gas, gifts, etc. We buy them as a discount. That discount is how the school earns money for Tuition. You can help by ordering Scrip cards for the things you will spend money on. Order forms at the mailboxes.



## Women's & Men's Group Schedules

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wed., Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mission/Outreach** will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

**Women of Faith** will meet on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10:30—noon.



# Church Council Minutes



## Special Council Meeting:

On **Sunday, January 14, 2018** a special meeting of Cross council was called to order concerning the furnace that heats the sanctuary. The meeting took place following the Sunday service. Present were President Kent McKenzie, Eric Gardy, Norm Nelson, Krissi Fritz, Nancy Schuette, Kim Delpiere, Barb Degg, Gretchen Roestel and Rachel Higgins. After learning from Jack McCain Plumbing & Heating, Inc. that the heat exchanger is broken and the furnace will need to be replaced at the cost of approximately \$4,500 a motion was made by Barb Degg to have a new furnace installed. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Roestel and the motion carried.

## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:00 PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, Pastor Tim, Norm Nelson, Lorraine LePage, Nancy Schuette, Barb Degg, Kim Delpiere and Rachel Higgins. Also present as a guest was Gwynne Barry. Pastor offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Kim Delpiere to accept the agenda as provided, seconded by Barb Degg. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes dated December 12, 2017, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Norm Nelson to ap-

prove the minutes as presented. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Lorraine LePage made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Barb Degg. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Secretary Rachel Higgins read multiple communications.

A letter announcing the retirement from active ordained ministry was received from Pastor Tim Loehrke. The resignation letter stated that Sunday, June 10, 2018 will be the last Sunday he will be serving the congregation and the last official day will be June 15, 2018. With regret Norm Nelson made a motion to accept the resignation. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A letter of formal notification of retirement from Cross School at the end of the 2017/2018 school year was received from Deborah Musloff. With regret a motion was made by Kim Delpiere to accept the retirement letter. Nancy Schuette seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Thank you cards were received from Cross School staff for scrip cards received at Christmas.

Multiple thank you cards were received and read for Christmas baskets and gift cards given to community members.

## PASTORAL ACTS

**Funeral-1, Wedding-0, Baptisms-1, Teaching-4, Communion-10, Hosp Visits-3, Home Vis.-3, Meetings-6, Services-7**

## Pastoral acts:

Funeral for Barbara Buchholz, December 29, 2017

Baptism of Kendol Smith, son of Ben and Kayla Smith, grandson of John and Lori Smith

## Church calendar

- Epiphany, Sat, Jan 6
- Ash Wednesday, Feb 14
- Lenten Potlucks each Wednesday night, after Ash Wednesday, during Lent at 6:00 pm with service at 7:00 p.m.
- Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 16

## Holy Week, March 25-April 1

Palm Sunday, March 25

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm service with communion and foot washing

Good Friday, March 30, "Taberne" service 7:00 p.m.

Prayer vigil beginning at the end of service until mid-night.

## Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at cemetery, 7:00 p.m.

Brunch in overflow room, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Easter service 9:30 am with communion

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

I will be attending the NALC's annual pastoral conference in San Antonio, TX, Mon- Thur, Jan 29 – Feb 1, 2018

Every Tuesday morning in January I am conducting Bible study at Country Gardens.

## Principal's report

School enrollment, K-8 is 25, Pre-school 20, no 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

DC trip this year is scheduled for May 2018

# Council Minutes (Cont.)

All 6-7 graders (7students)

Cost is around \$1,000 per student

Fund raisers being planned to assist in the cost of the trip

There have been 3 days of no school due to weather conditions. There are 3 days left to use.

Robotics tournament here at Cross on Fri, Feb 9, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, if you would like to volunteer to assist in running the tournament, contact David Faupel.

Basketball season has started

Cross participated in the Harbor Beach tournament

Games are being held on Tuesday's, Thursday's and one on Saturday.

CEA is planning a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale soon. Details forthcoming.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

School Board did not meet due to weather conditions. Gwynne Barry reported that 58 gifts were received in the Annual Fund in the 2017 calendar year for a total of \$14,696.50. CEA school account has a balance of \$3,681.12.

## **MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:**

Report submitted.

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

Barb Degg reported that their meeting was delayed due to the weather but work on Lent preparation is ongoing.

## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:**

Kim reported that discussion for youth program is ongoing.

## **MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH:**

A written report was submitted and Lorraine LePage reported that this would be her last council meeting and Krisie Fritz will be taking her place to represent the Outreach Ministry.

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

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:** One roof top furnace is now working after being serviced. The other unit is still being investigated to see if repairing will be possible.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** Report submitted

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kent McKenzie announced that Mike LePage is willing to fill the vacant Treasurer position. Gretchen Roestel made a motion to appoint Mike LePage to the 2 year term with voting rights. Barb Degg seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, February 13, 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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Higgins, Secretary

*Love doesn't make the world go round.*

*Love is what makes the ride worthwhile!*



## **Coffee Hour**

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.

## **Mailboxes**

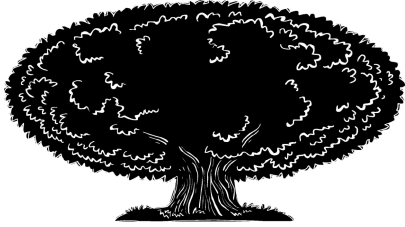
To save on postage, information, financial statements and other correspondence is placed there, Please check them regularly.

## **Church Service CDs**

Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome Deck for shut-ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcken for preparing and making the CDs.

# Memorials & Notes

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## Memorial Gifts

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

**In memory of Eleanor Tate, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Elaine Trost Jerbi & Hilmar Trost

Sharon Merriman

**In memory of Eleanor Tate, for Cross Lutheran Church, Building fund:**

Randy & Cindy Buchholz

Ray Buchholz

Terry & June Sturm

**In memory of Barbara Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Vivian Buschlen

Dennis & Carol Diener

Nancy Schuette

Dorothy Henne

Patricia Anderson

Lydia Decker

Sally Rogers

Gordon & Sue Hoffman

Myrna Born & Bob Rose

Bill & Shirley Zinnecker

Karen Baur

Bob & Selma Thiel

Mike & Jeanne Sting

David & Peggy McCormick

Mark & Sally Rummel

Dale & Donne Schuette

Krissie Fritz & Adam

Jason & Patty Reinhardt

Tim & Joyce Brown

Robert Wichert

Larry & Joyce Werner

Mary & Nick Buda

Don & Dulcia Wichert

Nick & Terri Strieter

Kent & Lori McKenzie

Terri Deering

Denny & Leanne Smith

Shirley Deering

**In memory of Barbara Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church, Building fund:**

John & Gwynne Barry

Brain & Kim Delpiere

Randy & Cindy Buchholz

Bruse & Marilyn Baur

**In memory of Barbara Buchholz for Cross Lutheran School:**

Clarence & Inez Buchholz

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Virginia Leipprandt

Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel

**In memory of Travis Baur, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Janet Konen

Paul & Karen Schuette

Jack & Pam Sturm

Olga Renn

Don & Sandra Schuette

James & Carol Bridges

Karen Anklam

Willis & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Shirley Deering

Brian & Kim Delpiere

Sheila Yackle

George & Linda Gardy

Fred & Margaret Edler

Mike & Jeanne Sting

Todd & Gretchen Roestel

**In memory of Travis Baur for Cross Lutheran School:**

Roberta Danks

Clarence & Inez Buchholz

**In memory of Travis Baur for Cross Lutheran Church, Cemetery fund:**

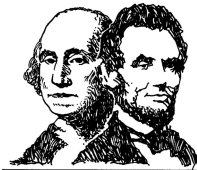
Bruce Baur

**In memory of Clara Finkbeiner, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Hazen Fritz

**In Honor of Pastor Tim Loehrke for Cross Lutheran Church, Building fund:**

Dennis & Carol Diener



## Presidents' Day

*"Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble."*  
—George Washington (1732–99)

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## Lent



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, **Christians** replicate **Jesus** Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.



# Ministry Minutes & more

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES

January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. Those present were Lorraine LePage, Bonnie Schulz, Rachel Messing, Gwen Ovcen, Lori Smith, Connie Eden, Krisie Fritz and Pastor Tim. The minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,005.08 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved. Two thank you notes were read and one verbal thanks was shared.

**BUSINESS:** In follow-up to last meeting's discussion of a request from a member for a weekly recording of the church service, Krisie reported that she got mailers for the CD's, and we will ask the church secretary to mail them. OCC Tracking: Lori reported that she received notification that some of the shoeboxes we packed have been tracked to Rwanda, Zambia and St. Lucia. Christmas Food Pantry boxes: Pigeon Food Pantry shared with us that 32 boxes of food and other necessities were packed and distributed to area families this Christmas. They were overwhelmed by Cross's participation, and very thankful. Winter Event/Project: Several ideas for a winter outreach project were discussed. Further discussion will take place at our February meeting. Mom 2 Mom Sale: Our annual sale will be held this year on April 14,

2018. We discussed some possible changes for this year, to be further discussed at our next meeting. Garage Sale: Our annual church garage sale was discussed, as well as some possible changes. Further discussion will take place at our next meeting. Coffee Hours: Group 1 will serve February 4, September 9 and November 11, 2018. Group 2 will serve April 15, October 14 and December 2, 2018. It is requested that **no red punch** be served.

Scrip Schedule: January 7 – Krisie and Connie (Cash sales); January 14 – Bonnie; January 21 – Lori; January 28 – Lorraine. February 4 – Krisie and Connie (Cash sales).

Our next meeting will be held on February 6, 2018. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Eden



## Mission/Outreach Ministry Notes

Scrip cards will be sold on Sunday, February 4th, at the welcome desk after the service.

What's On Sale Right Now?



Seasonal items such as stocking stuffer toys, Christmas coloring books, etc. Christmas shirts, leggings, slippers and socks. Christmas hats, scarf sets, toy gift packs, chapsticks, and wash cloths.

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY

is excited to announce that we have been notified by Samaritan's Purse that the shoeboxes shipped from Cross went to Zambia, Rwanda, and St. Lucia. Zambia is located in Southern Africa where 46% of the population is 14 or younger. In 1994, an estimated 800,000 people were killed in the most horrific act of genocide in recent history. Shoebox gifts are distributed to children in impoverished villages of orphans and widows. St. Lucia is an island nation in the eastern Caribbean. A small part of it is a beautiful tourist destination, while the majority of the island, which is extremely poor, was devastated by hurricane Irma in 2017. Rwanda is located in central and east Africa. This country, too, was destroyed by the Rwandan genocide in 1994. Thousands of children live in refugee camps and have basically nothing. This simple shoebox gift is a ray of hope and shows the love of Jesus to them in a real way! Please join us in remembering these children and countries in our daily prayers. God bless all of you for your generous involvement in this life changing project!

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT



**WHEN**   
**February 3, 2018**  
**4:30pm - 6:00pm**

**WHERE**  
**Cross Lutheran Church**  
 Gymnasium/Cafeteria

**FEEL FREE TO BRING** • your favorite family game • finger food to share • Friends! • Neighbors! • Cousins! • Grandparents •

**PLEASE SEE GRETCHEN ROESTEL WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

**REMINDER...**

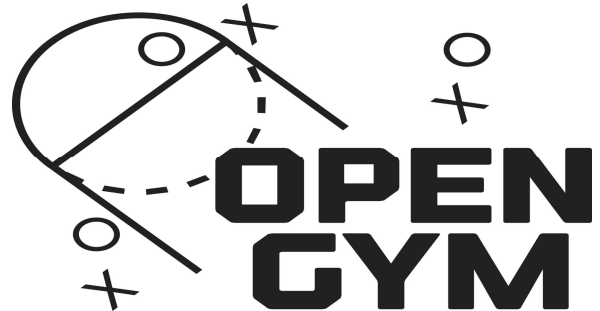
**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE**  
 Beginning February 4, 2018

**9:00 AM-9:40 AM**

**VOLUNTEERS**  
 can sign up to teach a lesson in the overflow...  
 Lots of teaching material is available

**CHILDREN WILL ENTER CHURCH AT CHILDRENS TIME...**

There will be Open Gym every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. until Spring!



## Krispy Kreme Fundraiser has Started!

Krispy Kreme order forms have been sent home with the children.

This Fundraiser monies earned will be for each individual child's tuition and/or the Junior High students Washington DC trip.

Orders and Money are due on Thursday, February 15th and Doughnuts will be delivered and distributed on Tuesday, February 27th with pick-up from 9 to 4 p.m. in the school gym.

**The CEA & Students appreciate your support greatly!!!**

## DOUGHNUTS TO SUIT YOUR TASTE

\$ 9.00  
 PER DOZEN



**SPECIAL VARIETY DOZENS**  
 • Chocolate Iced  
 • Lemon Filled  
 • Raspberry Filled  
 • Kreme Filled  
 \*ONE VARIETY PER DOZEN

**SIGNATURE COFFEES**

\$ 8.00  
 PER DOZEN



ORIGINAL GLAZED® DOUGHNUTS

\$ 9.00  
 PER BAG



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**Annual Cross Fish Fry**—will be on **Friday, March 16th** so save the date as there are lots of roles to fill. We will need help from start up to clean up and everything in between!

Help is Needed:

- ◆ Placing Flyers in Pigeon, Bay Port, Caseville, Elkton, Bad Axe, Sebawaing and surrounding areas and businesses.
- ◆ Donations for fish, beans, oil, potatoes, cole slaw, paper products, and drinks.
- ◆ We need lots of desserts, some packaged for take outs. (We are known for our wonderful selection!) There will be sign-up sheets on the welcome desk.
- ◆ We need someone or a few people working together to be in charge of decorating tables. Simple is good!
- ◆ Help is needed with prep the day before, set-up the day of serving, and clean-up after. Sign-up sheets will be on the welcome desk.

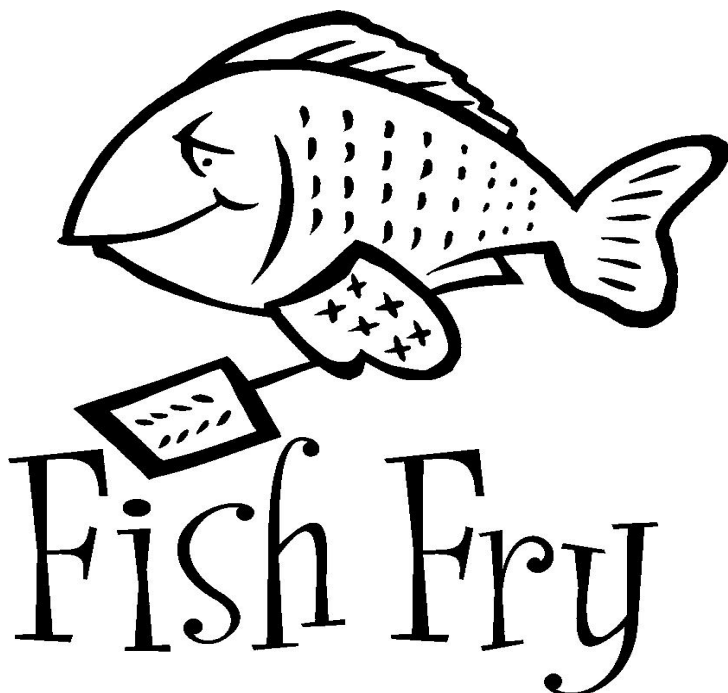
Come, bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy the meal!

If there are any businesses that would like to donate, we will have a thank you on the tables as recognition of a donation.

Call or text Leanne Smith at 989-553-4241.

In the past there have been many hands involved in this project and it has been a joy to see this event come together with so many working together in the Body of Christ. Proceeds for this event have been disbursed to Youth, Building Fund, General Fund, School, Scholarship Fund, Hot Lunch, and Capital Improvement Fund.

Blessings on the Journey,



Confirmands and their immediate families will have an opportunity to celebrate Passover adapted for Christian families on **Sunday, March 25th**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cross cafeteria.





**Seder Meal**

Information has been sent to families. Please RSVP by the end of February so we can plan for this meal. Questions—contact Leanne Smith at 989-553-4241.



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Pastor Tim returns from Conf. <b>1</b>  CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Family Game Night 4:30 - 6 p.m.
<b>Comm. Service 4</b> 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>5</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Parish Life 5 p.m. <b>6</b> Stewardship 6:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel 12:45 p.m. 7</b>  Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Robotics Tournament 3 - 10 p.m.	<b>10</b>  Women of Faith 10:30 - noon
<b>Comm. Service 11</b> 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. <b>Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Circle 13</b> 1:30 p.m.  Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Chapel 14</b> 8 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilters 1 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b>  Krispy Kreme orders due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Comm. Service 18</b> 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	<b>No School 19</b>  NO Choirs	Laker Pastors 1 p.m. <b>20</b>  School but NO Laker Buses  <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel 8 a.m. 21</b>  School but NO Lakes Buses  Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>22</b>  School but NO Laker Buses	<b>23</b>  School but NO Laker Buses	<b>24</b>
<b>Comm. Service 25</b> 9:30 a.m. SS 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m. <b>Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>26</b>  Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>  Krispy Kreme Distribution 9 - 4 pm Gym	<b>Chapel 8 a.m. 28</b>  Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>			

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*Updated 1/2018*

