



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 dearly beloved family
of Cross Lutheran,

This is my favorite time of the year. The fall colors are magnificent, the smell of the harvest, the breath taking sunsets and the moon glowing at night and not to mention the camp fires making for a perfect evening.

I am constantly amazed at how awesome God is. Every time this year, the planting in spring yields crops in the fall. How does that happen? What takes place in the ground that causes plants to grow so we can benefit from them? Could someone please explain to me how God created and engineered all that by starting with nothing? I would like to see how science could replicate that today by starting with nothing. When you stop to think about it and how that all comes about, you can't but help stand in awe of God and say WOW!!! God can do anything He wants to.

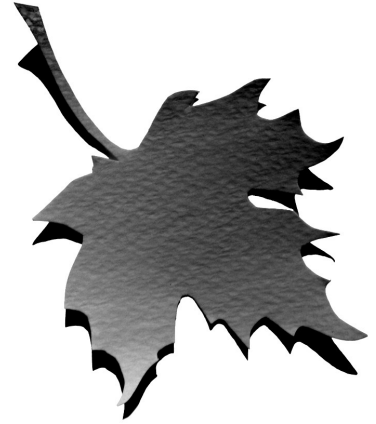
^{NRS} Genesis 1: 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The

earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

This is a great mystery for me. It is beyond my small ability to comprehend God's great power. The only way for me to comprehend this is through faith in God. Faith that says, 'don't worry about it Tim. God gave all this to you as a gift so just enjoy it and give to others as He has given to you.'

There is only one glitch in all that. I'm not a farmer so how / what am I to give to others? My short sightedness has made me miss what is planted deep inside of me. Through my baptism I not only am washed of my sins but I have received the Holy Spirit.

^{NRS} Matthew 3: 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the



heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved," with whom I am well pleased."

And as I have grown so has the Holy Spirit to the point that I am giving to others what God has given me, Jesus Christ. ^{NRS} **Matthew 5:16** *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. How does that work? What does God see in me that He plants the Holy Spirit in my dirt and from that produces good works*

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Oct. 6 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 P – Psalm 62
 2R – 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 G – Luke 17:1-10

Hymns: 253, 307, 259 Comm. 200, 203, 209, 212

Oct. 13 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ruth 1:1-19a
 P – Psalm 111
 2R – 2 Timothy 2:1-13
 G – Luke 17:11-19
 Hymns: 543, 502, 500

Oct. 20 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 32:22-30
 P – Psalm 121

2R – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

G – Luke 18:1-8

Hymns: 231, 365, 439 Comm. 746, 341, 215, 212

Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday

1R – Revelation 14:6-7

P – Psalm 46

2R – Romans 3:19-28

G – John 8:31-36

Hymns: 229, 230, 369 Comm. 340, 346, 210

Coffee Fellowship Hour

- Oct. 13 – Morning Circle
- Oct. 20 – Ministry of Education
- Oct. 27 – 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

Supplies are currently low and they are in need of toilet paper, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup. Anything you can donate is very helpful. With school in session, breakfast cereals are needed. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Thank You.

Special Dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 6
- Columbus Day Observance, October 14

October 14

- Reformation Sunday, October 27
- Reformation Day, October 31

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA green hymnals at home? Some of our LBW's are wearing out and need to be replaced. Whether you have "inherited" one or if one has "migrated" from church, please take a few moments to check to see if you have any that we could use in church. Just take them to the church office or give to Karen Schuette on Sunday.

that glorify Him?

NRS Romans 7: 14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. 15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

How does that work?

The only way this works

is my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His grace on the cross died for all of us and defeated death once and for all so that we can produce good crops, i.e. the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that others may feed on that and know the peace and joy of the grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

NRS Romans 8: 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit¹ is life because of right-

eousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ¹ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through² his Spirit that dwells in you...¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

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 Joshua and Taylor Heck, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Neil and Connie Herford

In memory of Patrice Gettel Lindow for Cross Lutheran Bell Choir:

Gary and Dora Lee Schulz

In memory of Daniel Smith for Cross Lutheran School:

Bill and Joy Armstrong

In memory of Doris Terrill, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Sheila Yackle

In memory of Eric Herzog, for Cross Lutheran School:

Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Joshua and Taylor Heck, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tim and Linda Voss

CEA Meeting Minutes

Sept 5

Change of CEA Officers

A new secretary was needed for the CEA so Melisa Raymond stepped up to Vice-President and Geri Kay Mclean is our new secretary.

Family Meetings

Our first family meeting we had on Sept. 12 was a success. We voted in a new Secretary for the CEA and many families stepped up to help and co-chair our mandatory fundraisers. Thank you to those who did.

We have the pleasure of hosting a "Parenting with Love and Logic" seminar which will take the place of the next 4 family meetings. The dates are Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 3, 10 and it is encouraged you attend all meetings rather than one or two.

Fundraisers

Flower bulbs- This is ongoing and due back by Oct. 1. Orders should be back the next week.

Pancake Breakfast- This is set for Oct. 6 from 9am-1pm. Thanks to Nicole Shupe for helping Rachel Higgins head the breakfast up. This is a mandatory fundraiser so fami-

lies set the calendar to help out on this day.

Christmas Fair- Set for Dec. 19th the last full day of school before break. We are taking donations new and till then. Thanks to Susie Irion for helping co-chair this fundraiser.

Concessions- Basketball season starts in Jan. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Krispy Kreme- Set for February.

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

Spring Pancake Breakfast- Set for May 4th from 9am-1pm. Thanks to Geri Kay for helping Melisa Raymond head the breakfast up. Again this is a mandatory fundraiser so set the calendar for this day to come and help out.

Scrip Program- This is ongoing and weekly. See Aileen Prill in the office for details

CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Oct. 3at 4:45pm.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30

Celebrate



October Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Messing
Greg Buschlen
Rebecca Yackle
Ginny Trost
- 2 Katherine Schuette
Kelsey Fritz
- 4 Laura Trost
Abigail Schuette
Aileen Prill
- 6 Susanne Swanson
- 7 Lois Geppert
Chad Smith
- 9 Rachel Higgins
- 10 Fred Edler
- 11 Jennifer Sturm
- 12 Dorothy Hafner
- 14 Deborah Lange
Kate Hessling
- 15 Terri LaFontaine
- 17 Heath Forster
- 19 Caroline Schuette
Cooper LePage
- 20 Ethel Mueller
Todd Roestel
- 22 Carol Forster
- 23 Dolores Elftman
Krisie Fritz
- 24 Allie Siewert
Marvin Trost
Lois Decker
Justin Kunisch
- 26 Jill Hill
Kacey Peterson
Barb Trost
Jonathan LePage
Joshua LePage
- 28 Ann Buschlen
Carole Mead
- 29 Doralee Schulz
- 30 Emily House

Ava Gardy
Kyle Gemmell
31 Marlena Rosenthal
Austin Schuette
If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.

October Anniversaries

- 1 Fred & Margret Edler, 53 years
- 2 Brian & Kim Delpiere, 20 years
- 2 Russell & Jeanne Williams, 59
- 4 Phil & Patti McNeil, 10 years
- 7 Dan & Deb Papkey, 35 years
- 9 Roger & Pat Ewald, 47 years
- 11 Corey & Rachel Messing, 5 years
- 11 Jim & Janet Schumacher, 55 years
- 11 Chuck & Kristi Krohn, 10 years

- 12 Dennis & Carol Diener, 51 years
- 13 Larry & Gina Smith, 34 years
- 24 Terry & June Sturm, 43 years
- 27 Harold & Shirley Deering, 57 years

Cross Lutheran Church Women

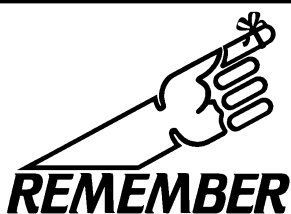
The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9 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!



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, son of Lonnie Schulz and grandson of Ron and Bonnie Schulz is stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

School News

October School Calendar



- 2 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 3 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 9 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 16 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 18 Soccer @ Elkton Fields
- 22 Family Enrichment 6:15—8 p.m.
- 23 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 25 Grandparents Day 1/2 day of school
- 29 Family Enrichment 6:15—8 p.m.
- 31 Chapel 8:10 a.m.—
Reformation Day

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, Oct. 6 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Adults \$7

Children ages 5-12 \$4
Children under age 5
Free

Menu: All you can eat
pancakes, scrambled
eggs, cheesy potatoes,
sausage, applesauce,
beverage

From the Desk of ... Gwynne Barry

As we journey with God's people in our study of the Bible, our class reviewed the story of Noah. Now third, fourth, and fifth graders have more questions about the story and many of those questions begin with "What if. . . ." "What if the animals ran out of good drinking water?" "What if the predators wanted to eat the prey animals?" "What if the lions got out?" The list goes on and on. What if. . .

We don't know the answers to the "What ifs". We do know that God keeps his promises. He has kept His promise that the entire world would not be flooded again. The beautiful rainbow reminds us of His covenant with His people. I would like to share some acrostic poems that my students wrote in conjunction with the Noah story. A poem was written for each color of the rainbow.

Peace, Gwynne Barry

Rejoiced Noah did when he
 saw the rainbow
Every flood is a sign that God
 flooded the Earth
Do you rejoice that God will never
 flood the earth again?
By Leah Irion 5th Gr.

Yellow

Everything god says is true
Loving is our God
Let's tell about God and rejoice
Our God is very great
We will be safe if we trust in God
By Emily Rochon 3rd Gr.

Blessed are God's people
Let's tell people about God's
 Promises
Use the Bible to tell others about God
Everlasting is God's promise that
 God will never flood the Earth again.
By Hannah Helmuth 4th Gr.

Our God will not flood the Earth again
Read about God's love
All people need to love God
Never will God abandon us
God was the one who picked Noah
Everyone should love our God
By Riley Shupe 5th Gr. And
Yuri Eichler 3rd Gr.

God gave us a promise
Rejoice! Our God is great
Every day we will give thanks
Enormous is God's love
Never doubt the Lord
By Grace Trost 3rd Gr.

In the world God gave us a
 promise
Never to flood again
Done is the Lord with flooding
 the earth
Ideal is the Lord God
God is powerful
Our God gave us a promise to
 never flood the world
 again
By Cassie Witherspoon 5th Gr.
and Lupita Young 3rd Gr.



Very loving
Is our God
Only one flood would cover our
 Earth
Let's tell people about our God
 and rejoice
Everything God says is true
Thank you, God for keeping
 your promises
By the 3rd—5th grade class

October Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte '
Oct. 6 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Norm Nelson	Jean Sturm	Norm Nelson	Bruce Baur Clarence Buchholz	Marilyn Baur	Jordan Trost
Oct. 13 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	June Sturm	Ray Licht		Jeff Elston Mike LePage		Kirsten Shupe
Oct. 20 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Phil Schadd	Gwynne Barry	John Trowbridge	Kent McKenzie Bob Tate	Laura Trost	Johnathon Higgins
Oct. 27	Gwynne Barry	Laura Trost	Karen Schuette	Carole Mead		Jean Sturm	Elly Hyzer

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

As we approach the Advent and Christmas seasons we begin to think of all the "things" we must do to get ready for Christmas day. Buying gifts, decorating, preparing for family gatherings fill our minds and time. But what is the root of your Advent and Christmas joy (activity)? It is the anticipation and celebration of Christ Jesus' birth! Many wonderful memories and times of joy happen and we each have special remembrances that bring us closer to our Lord or have brought us further along on our Faith Journeys.

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 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. Thanks.

Church Council Minutes



August 13

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:07 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith, Gretchen Roestel, Aileen Prill, and John Smith. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated, June 11, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck 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 Karen Schuette to approve the agenda as amended by Richard Koehler to add Cemetery under New Business, seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette was not present, but his report was pro-

vided to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2013 through 8/11/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$154,060.55, Budgeted Needs are \$177,236.31. Paul will be emailing quarterly statements.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

PASTORAL ACTS:

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

- 2 Funerals, 1 Wedding, 7 Teachings, 10 Communion, 7 Hospital Visits, 12 Home Visits, 10 Meetings, and 10 Services.
- Funeral: Jay Lutz, July 15, 2013.
- Funeral: Joshua Heck, Jessica Heck, and Taylor Heck, August 2, 2013
- Wedding: Mike Koroleski and Heather Kunisch, August 10, 2013

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Rally Day/back to School Sunday/Chicken BBQ – Sunday, September 8, 2013.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Loons Game, Friday, June 21, 2013, 23 from Cross attended and had a great time.

Michi-Lu-Ca – Sunday – Friday, July 7-12, 2013, 2 High School, 3 Confirmation, and 4 Elementary – Great Time.

VBS, Monday-Thursday, July 15

-18, 2013. Average Attendance was 73 children; Cross VBS had a float in the Summer Fest Parade and won the Mayor's Choice Trophy Award (Who's the mayor and what church is he a member of? Hmmmm...)

NALC Annual Convocation - Mike and Connie Eden, Sue and I attended Tuesday – Friday, August 6-9, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA. A written report will be presented at next council meeting.

CONCERN: Lack of Volunteer's to teach Sunday School., especially the high school and adults.

PRAISE: The family of Cross Lutheran once again came together for the Heck/Langley funeral. The whole community grieved the loss and Cross Lutheran provided the necessary hospitality, comfort, sanctuary, and peace for all.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Staff Returns full-time – Monday, August 19, 2013, with staff meeting at 9:00 a.m.

School Year 2013-2014

Opening Chapel – Monday, August 26, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday, August 27-29, will be full days of school

- No Laker Bus Service
- Parents arrange for transportation either through TAT or privately.

Friday – Monday, August 30 – September 2, 2013 – No School – Labor Day Weekend.

Tuesday – September 3, 2013 – School Resumes with Laker Bus Service.

Lakers have scheduled a Fall

Church Council (Cont.)

Break (No School) for the week of October 28-November 1, 2013. This is the first time Lakers is doing a Fall Break. Cross will have school that week.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Enrollment for School year 2013-2014.

As of this date, we anticipate all students to return, and hoping to have more students enroll.

17 students already pre-registered for next school year, 2 of those are Kindergartners.

Karen Peterson and Aileen Prill attended a Hot Lunch Training seminar on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 to learn about new requirements from the state within the hot lunch program. Cross' hot lunch program will be audited this year. The date of the audit has yet to be determined.

More laptop computers are being purchased for the beginning of the school year. (6-8 laptops).

New security system is partially installed but will be in place and operational at the beginning of the school year.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report as follows:

Gwynne Barry has decided that it would be better to order more laptops (6-8) rather than using I-Pad's for our students.

Aileen Prill now has a warning line.

No outstanding hot lunch statements at this time.

CEA gave \$500.00 to the general fund.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe gave his oral report to

all present.

Stewardship reviewed the Benevolence/Special Offerings – no decision was made at the meeting. They do plan on adding a 6th envelope for NALC. They also discussed a special offering at the door for Homeless Coalition, rather than a special envelope. Endowment fund was discussed, but no decision was made – some feel it should be dissolved and others feels it should continue. Quarterly Statements/News Letters will now be emailed to save postage.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND

MUSIC: Karen Schuette had no minutes to provide. Peg and Karen evaluated 360 hymnals - 6 hymnals were pulled from the pews that were in poor condition. Beth brought 12 hymnals from her parent's church for Cross Lutheran Church. Lastly, their ministry will have a Chair Cleaning Day to clean the brown chairs. New chairs and tables are out of the question at this time.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was present – no minutes were presented. She reported that her ministry will meet on August 15, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m. – they are in desperate need of teachers.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her written report from the June meeting to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows: Outreach turned over \$3,000.00 to the Church Building Fund. Outreach is still expecting \$600.00 more from Thrivent for the Garage Sale. Approximate Volunteer time was

650 hours. VBS was a success and won the Mayor's Trophy Award in the Annual Pigeon Parade. Mission/Outreach will continue to reach out to our visitors and make them feel welcomed with a gift and a will also follow up by sending a letter or card through the mail.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was not present, and no report was given.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill did not have minutes to provide – their ministry did not meet in the months of June and July. Highlights of her oral report were as follows: Dr. Sherry Baker will return for a workshop on September 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. The focus will be addictions, self-care and boundaries. Lastly, we are in need of hosts for coffee hours in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety Issues, etc... will be addressed prior to school re-suming.

Outreach Letters – Council needs to continue our efforts now and in the future. Pastor will be holding a new member class in October. "Please sign cards" have been placed in pews for visitors.

John Smith has been going over the hot water tank blue prints to determine which is the best option for the kitchen.

Pastor's office – sound proofing still needs to be addressed, window has been installed.

Refinancing Building Fund - Stewardship will hold a special meeting on September 10, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m. to put

Church Council (Cont.) & Ministries

together information for a special congregational meeting. Dick Koehler is working on a letter to mail out to all members.

Rally Day/Back to School Sunday September 8, 2013 Chicken BBQ fund raiser (Peg Koehler organizing this event), Council sponsoring this event. Kevin Sturm will provide and cook the chicken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2014 – Offerings need to pick up or we will need to determine what we need to cut for 2014 budget.

Cemetery – Denny Diener, Sexton, wishes to withdraw from this duty. Council will check with Mike Fritz regarding a bid to take care of the cemetery.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. (There will be no Executive Meeting due to the Special Stewardship Meeting @ 5:30 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

Ministry of Worship and Music

Aug. 22

Members present: Barb Degg,

Beth Elston, Peg McCrimmon, Pastor Tim, Karen Schuette. An excellent picnic at Peg's house was enjoyed by members and families.

Meeting opened with prayer.

MUSIC

Beth purchased new anthems for choir from memorial from the Jay Lutz family.

Beth noted that the organ shades for volume control were not performing properly. She noticed it and wondered if congregation does too.

We will use the current liturgy through the fall until Advent.

Advent/Christmas concert – Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

WORSHIP

Pastor is looking ahead to Good Friday and exploring ideas for Good Friday worship. He will check our archives to see what was done in past. One idea – Stations of the Cross.

OLD BUSINESS

Hymnals – Nearly all LBW's have been checked and numbered. A few of the worst ones have been taken out of the pews. Beth was able to bring 20 hymnals from her parent's church and those can be used to replace ones taken out. Karen will also write articles for the October newsletter and bulletin to ask for donations of any extra hymnals in congregation homes.

Cleaning brown chairs – We will have a cleaning day on Tuesday, Sept. 10 beginning at 9 a.m. Karen will announce in church and put an article in bulletin asking for helpers on that day.

Youth in Worship – Karen will talk to Gretchen (Education) about the difficulty in getting our youth involved. Will give Gretchen the list of ideas that were generated and ask for their help.

NEW BUSINESS

Advent Devotional – After much discussion it was decided to ask the congregation to share memories, God moments, and / or reflections concerning the Christmas season and their faith journey. These will be published in a booklet to be given out during Advent (beginning at the Advent / Christmas concert). No specific Bible verse(s) or hymn references are necessary. Deadline will be Nov. 1. We can also use artwork from the school children. Aileen has collected and saved a good number of Christmas drawings and we should be able to use them to enhance the booklet.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Mission / Outreach Ministry

Aug. 20

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Connie Eden, filling in for Lori Smith, chairman, who was unable to be present. Connie led the group in prayer. Members present were Bonnie Schulz, Rose Ann Budnick, Lorraine LePage, Rachel Messing, Connie Eden, Krisie Fritz and Kay Schuette. The minutes of the June 25 meeting were approved. The treasurer reported \$1,953.81 currently in our ac-

Ministry News

count. It is noted that we have not yet received the Thrivent Matching Funds from the church garage sale. A letter of appreciation and a donation to the ministry was received from Sheila Yackle.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Pantry, Scrip, Welcome Center – nothing to report. Card Ministry – Bonnie sent 4th of July cards to our shut-ins. Lorraine took a picture of the harvest decorations in church last fall, and suggested that we use that picture on our Thanksgiving cards this year. Coffee Hour – Mission / Outreach has coffee hour on Sept. 15. Funeral Dinners – Discussion was held about setting a monetary amount that the ministry would contribute toward funeral dinners. This will be discussed more at the next meeting. VBS – There were 74 kids and 30+ adults and teens in attendance during VBS last month. After expenses, proceeds in the amount of \$194.27 will go to Operation Christmas Child. Garage Sale – It is noted that \$3,000 of the proceeds from the garage sale was paid to the church. Next year's garage sale is set for June 12 – 14. Haiti Orphan Sponsorship – Our sponsorship has been paid for one year. Guest Book – Connie reported that she has sent cards to our recent guests who have signed the guest book and included their address.

NEW BUSINESS

Pew Cards for Guests – New in the pews are cards to welcome our guests. They are to be filled out and placed in the offering plate or handed in. Pastor will receive the cards first and will forward on those to be followed up with a welcome card from our

ministry. Shared Blessings Table – The table is set up and ready for folks to share their garden goodies.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Closing – The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Connie Eden

Ministry of Education

Aug. 15

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Gretchen Roestel. Those members present were: Pastor Tim, Gretchen Roestel, Connie Eden, Jean Sturm, and Laura Trost. Pastor opened with prayer.

LEAF FUND: Gretchen reported that there was \$593.59 in the fund. There was discussion about revising the LEAF Fund guidelines.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sept. 8 will be the opening day of Sunday School. Gretchen will be passing out Bibles that day to the children going into 3rd grade. Those teaching Sunday School this year will be Connie Eden, Gretchen Roestel, June Sturm, and Jean Sturm. They will be alternating months. Substitutes will be Gwynne Barry and Laura Trost. June Sturm will again be directing the children's Christmas program this year. Thank you June! Gretchen will be teaching Sunday School in September, Connie in October, Jean in November, and June in December. There will be no Sunday School on Sept. 15 due to the Special Finance meeting and on Nov. 3 because of the Annual meeting. It was decided that Pastor would be teaching the Youth again this

year. At this time there is need of someone to lead the Adult Sunday school.

BIBLES: There was discussion that we need to order more Bibles. We will be ordering 5 Bibles for Baptism and 10 Elementary Bibles. There are 7 Good News bibles stores away in the office that Pastor decided we would donate to the Helping Hands thrift store in Caseville.

BAPTISMS: Pastor Tim informed us that Ben and Michelle Walsh would be getting their son, Cole Daniel Walsh, baptized on Saturday, Sept. 14.

OLD BUSINESS: It was mentioned that \$168.90 was collected in the past year from coffee hours.

NEW BUSINESS: Gretchen signed up for these coffee hour dates: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, and Dec. 8. We also discussed Worship & Music committee getting bibles to place in the church pews in the future. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Trost

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If you have a desire to serve as chairman of one of these ministries, please contact Ray Licht at 453-3744, Betty Champagne at 856-7170, Roger Fritz at 678-4457, John House at 551-9796, Duane Peterson at 551-307, or Kyle Yackle at 553-1790

Family Enrichment Nights

Building strong families together. Learn new ways to work with your children/teens using strategies and skills from... Love and Logic® This is for all students K-8th grade and parents.

- ◆ Four Tuesdays
 - ◆ Oct. 22, 29 and Sept. 5 and 12
- ◆ 6:15—8 p.m.

- ◆ Cross Lutheran School Cafeteria

If you would like more information, please contact Rachel Higgins at 975-0668.

Women of Faith Saturday, Oct. 5 10:30 a.m.—Noon Chapter 4— Balancing Work & Rest

Please feel free to join us during any this series.

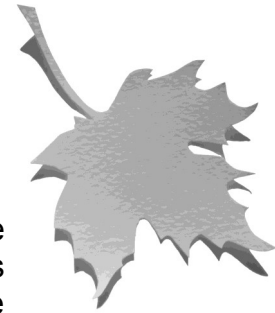
Cross Lutheran Cemetery Guide

This guide has been updated and copies are in your mailboxes. Contact the office if additional copies are needed.

Autumn Color Tour

Saturday, Oct. 12
10:30 a.m.—2:30
p.m.

*Enjoy the Beauty of
God's Creation!*



The bus will leave from Cross Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. and will return to church at approximately 2:30 p.m. the bus seats 28 people so please sign up by Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Welcome Center.

The driver will follow M-25 through Caseville, Port Austin, Grindstone and Port Hope.

A stop at an eagle's next is expected also!

The tour will include a stop for lunch at The Pasta House in Kinde. Cost for lunch is on your own. You may bring a sack lunch to enjoy on the bus if you wish.

Cost for the TAT bus is **\$4.50** Per person.

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.	29 Family Enrichment Series 6:15 - 8 p.m.	30 Comm Service 7 p.m.	31 Chapel 8:10 a.m.		

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