

# 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,

Did you get any gifts for Christmas? Duh pastor!! What a ridiculous question to ask!! Of course you did. Did you get a gift with the price tag still on it? Uh Oh!! Major penalty in gift giving. Never leave the price tag on a gift.

The question is why don't we leave the price tag on the gift? Why don't we let people know how much we have spent on them? Leaving the price tag on the gift let's people know how much we love them by how much we spend on them right? After all, the focus in the gift is actually on us and how much we spend rather than the focus on the gift for the person.

Yes, gifts cost money. Yes, we can guess at how much a gift cost. Yes we can tell how much we are valued in the value of the gift being received. Yes, our feelings can be hurt if the gift we



receive is of low value. A gift can truly tell us what worth we are to others.

What does it then mean when no gift is received? What does it mean when the gift was an afterthought? What does it mean when the gift received is of lesser value than the gift to the person next to you? Oh the pain and pleasure of gift giving. Is there a gift that holds equal value to everyone?

**YES, JESUS  
CHRIST.**

*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, 22 the righteous-*

*ness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.*

All of us received the most perfect gift last Dec 25, Jesus Christ. He was the gift given to us that is for everyone. His value is the same for all, the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

*NRS Romans 6: 22  
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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Bible Readings *for the* Month

### Jan. 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

1R – 1 Kings 3:4-15  
P – Psalm 119:97-104

2R – Ephesians 1:3-14  
G – Luke 2:40-52

### Jan. 11 – Baptism of Our Lord

1R – Genesis 1:1-5  
P – Psalm 29  
2R – Acts 19:1-7  
G – Mark 1:4-11

### Jan. 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

1R – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

P – Psalm 139: 1-10  
2R – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
G – John 1:43-51

### Jan. 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
P – Psalm 62  
2R – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)  
G – Mark 1:14-20

## 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. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

## Pigeon

### Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dry beans, bouillon cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. Always in need are toiletries, cereals, peanut butter and personal items. Place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you!

## Cartridges for Kids

Is a recycling program that pays schools and non-profit organizations cash for: cell phones, laser and ink jet print cartridges, laptops, iPods and tablets/readers/notebooks. Only original laser cartridges are excepted. They will not take remanufactured toner cartridges. Please place all items outside the office door.

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*But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

And this gift, Jesus Christ, was given out of deep love from God. It was given by God knowing there was nothing we can do to save us from eternal death.

*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.*

So as the New Year begins and resolutions are made, let all of us resolve to give the perfect gift that was given to us, not because we earned it but because out of deep love from God for us we were given it. So we too must give that to those who are around us so that free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ is made known to all.

*NRS **1 Peter 4:** <sup>8</sup> Above all,*

*maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining.<sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever **gift** each of you has received.*

That gift is Jesus Christ.

God's speed

Pr Tim

# Celebrate



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### January Birthdays

- 2 Jim Laursen  
Jeremy Siewert
- 3 Philip Schadd
- 4 Paul Schadd
- 7 Kyle Yackle
- 8 Elaine Licht  
Abigail Walker
- 9 Martin Sturm  
Miranda Hartel
- 10 Ken Licht  
Barb Degg
- 11 Michelle Walsh  
Jessica Peterson
- 14 Anna House
- 17 Karen Anklam  
Adam Rosenthal
- 18 Susan Loehrke
- 19 Dale Schuette
- 20 Denny Smith
- 21 Vickie Forster
- 22 Chris Papkey  
Matt Papkey
- 24 Brenda Smith  
Cordelia Trost
- 26 Lori McKenzie  
Alice Trost
- 27 Gerry Edler
- 28 Clarence Buchholz  
Heather Kunisch
- 29 David Elftman  
Connie Herford  
Tonja Nelson
- 31 Gary Forster

### Anniversaries

- 6 Aaron & Katherine  
Hessling, 8 years

### Women's & Men's Groups

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

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, Jan 14 at 9:30 a.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m.

**Women of Faith** will meet not meet Saturday, Jan. 17 from 10:30—noon. Topic will be Relational Strength, from the book, "Embracing Your Strengths."

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

**A Potluck** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. before the Wednesday evening Service. This will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

## HURON COUNTY

### THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**Is in need member help. We need volunteers to be officers. If we do not have a full list, we will not get any funds to donate for the many projects that are requested every year. Please consider volunteering. Norm Nelson, financial director 11-14**



### *In Our Prayers*

#### **Remember our Shut-ins:**

Caroline Schuette, Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

#### **Please Remember in Prayer:**

Greg Prill, Abigail Gokey, Deb Lange, Margi Alfaro, (bone cancer), Rachel Rea, Teresa Wa-

terkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

#### **In the Service of Our Country:**

Nathan Schulz is in Camp LeJeune. Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point air base in North Carolina. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

# School News

## January School Calendar



- 5 School Resumes after break  
BB game at Cross 4:30 vs. Berne
- 7 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 8 CEA meeting 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.  
BB game at Harbor Beach at 4:30 p.m.
- 10 BB Junior High Tournament
- 11 BB Junior High Tournament
- 12 BB at Berne at 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 15 BB here at 4:30 vs. Rural Schools
- 19 BB here at 4:30 vs. Zion
- 21 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 22 BB here at 4:40 vs. O-G
- 23 Half day of school
- 26 No school
- 28 BB at 4:30 at O-G
- 29 BB at 4:30 vs. Rural Schools

## From the Desk of David Faupel ...

My students recently had an opportunity to take part in a wood-working project. Lyle Gascho

and George Gardy volunteered their time and talents to direct the Junior High students in building their own Nativity sets. The students got to experience hammering nails, using a drill, and sanding. When finished, they had a beautiful Nativity that they could take home with them, and they had built it themselves. You could see the pride on their faces.

Like most wood-working projects, this one required doing certain steps in a certain order. If the steps were not followed correctly, and in the right order, it would cause a problem for the students later on. Some of the students followed the directions perfectly and had no trouble making their Nativity. However, some did not follow all of the directions and wound up with a problem they could not fix. Thank goodness for Mr. Gascho and Mr. Gardy! With all

of their wisdom and experience they could step in and find a way to fix the problems. Though it took some students longer than others, all of them were able to successfully finish the project.

I think wood-working has some parallels with our Christian walk. God has given us directions about how we should live our lives on Earth, and He has a plan for each of us. Unfortunately, we don't always follow what God wants us to do. This often makes our lives more difficult and takes us away from where God wants us to be. Even though we mess up, God still uses us and can bring us back to accomplish His plan in the end. It might take a little longer and cause extra stress and complication in our lives, but God's plan will prevail! It tends to work out better when we follow His directions the first time, though!

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 10 & 11

Here at Cross, stop it to support our students!



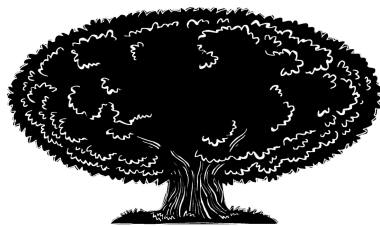
# January Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Jan. 4 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette	Aileen Prill	Carole Mead	Jeff Elston Mike LePage	Laura Trost	Johnny Higgins
Jan. 11 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Brittany Richmond	Karen Schuette		Kent McKenzie Michelle Richmond	Jean Sturm	Travis Fritz
Jan. 18 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Norm Nelson	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Bob Tate	Carol Diener	Greta Elston
Jan. 25 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Peggy Koehler	Peggy Koehler				Riley Shupe

**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!**

## Memorials Given



### Memorial Gifts

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

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

Richard Graham  
David and Linda Ruff  
Nadine Barbret  
Don and Beth Schmalenberg  
Vivian Buschlen  
Nancy Schuette  
Cindy Smith  
Lydia Decker  
John Gentz

**In memory of Barbara Ruff, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Jean Sturm  
Mildred Dunn  
The Spence Family  
Carolyn Gentz  
Ruth Schulwitz

**In memory of Maxine Wing, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Don and Kay Schuette

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

Don and Kay Schuette  
Linda Fietzer

**In memory of Dorothy Wenzel, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

**In memory of Gertrude and Adolph Schuette, for Cross Annual Fund:**

Art and Miriam Belding

**In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stueck, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:**

Harold and Shirley Deering

**In memory of Martin Schuette, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:**

Ruth Schuette

**In memory of Ethel Craig, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom and Bernice Shupe

**In honor of Cross Staff, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Denny & Leanne Smith

# Church Council Minutes



## November 11

**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, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Neil Herford, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Lori Smith, John Smith and Leanne Smith. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated October 14, 2014, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Lori Smith to approve the minutes as presented, John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AGENDA:** Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Krisie Fritz made a Motion to accept Nancy's report with correction, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion carried.

Nancy has agreed to continue as Treasurer at this time, but Council needs to appoint her as no one came forward in the election to serve. **Neil Herford made a**

**motion to appoint Nancy Heck to the Treasurer's Position, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.**

**Nancy made a motion, as budgeted for 2015, to increase Aileen Prill's wage in the amount of \$500.00 for 2015, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul Schuette provided his written report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2014 through 11/9/14, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$247,187.97, Budgeted Needs were \$-19,350.49.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of October: 1 Funeral, 2 Baptisms, 1 Wedding, 11 Teachings, 11 Communions, 1 Hospital Visit, 4 Home Visits, 19 Meetings, and 12 Services.

### Pastoral Acts:

Funeral:

- Barbara Ruff, Saturday, November 8, 2014

Wedding:

- Brad Hartel & Miranda Fritz, Saturday, October 18, 2014

Baptisms:

- Madisyn Ann Hartel, daughter of Brad and Miranda, Friday, October 17, 2014.
- Kennedy Cronk, daughter of Rob and Amanda

(Buschlen) Cronk, Sunday, October 19, 2014

### Church Calendar:

- Monday, November 10, 2014 – Martin Luther's Birthday
- Friday, November 14, 2014 – Michigan Blood Drive at Cross
- Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – Pastors meet at Cross, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 23, 2014 – Christ the King Sunday
- Receive New Members
- Community Thanksgiving Service, 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 27, 2014 – Thanksgiving Service, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, November 30, 2014, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
- Vespers 7:00 p.m.
- Communion every Sunday in Advent
- Sunday, December 14, 2014, Advent Hope/Christmas Joy Concert/Bell Concert, 3:00 p.m.

### Pastor's Report:

- Sunday, September 28, 2014 – travel to St Joe, MI - St. Paul's Lutheran and installed Pastor Wade Turner.
- Tuesday, October 14, 2014, Michigan Mission District (MMD) of the NALC will hold its first annual convocation at St. Paul's Ewart, MI. Pastor will preside as Dean of the MMD. All 8 churches had representatives there.
- New Members Class is in progress and there will be 3 new families to be received on Christ the King Sunday, November 23,

# Church Council (Cont.)

2014.

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 as Dean of the MMD, Pastor will be in attendance for the ordination and installation of Matthew Magera at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Trufant, MI. Service starts at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Bradosky will preside for the ordination and installation.

## School Calendar:

- Karen Petereson attended a course for re-certification in the kitchen on September 30, 2014. She passed her exam and has been recertified.

- School Fall Break – November 24 – 28, 2014, Thanksgiving Week

CEA Christmas Fair, Friday, December 12, 2014

## Principal's Report:

Student Enrollment for 2014-2015 School year.

K-8, 38 students

Preschool , 17 children

- A retired teacher is tutoring students on a one to one basis with reading, math, etc.. The funding for her comes from Title 11 via Lakers.

- School Fall Break – November 24-28, 2014 (Thanksgiving Week)

Annual Fund raising letters have been mailed out. To date \$5,100.00 has been received.

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that there will be a Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser, and all profit will go to the Kitchen/ Hot Lunch Fund. (\$6.00 for ½ dozen).

## MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and provided his written report to all present.

Tom Shupe advised that the Special Offering envelope schedule was presented for 2015, there will be one change to remove Kid's Against Hunger and it will be changed to Huron County Homeless Coalition.

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Advent Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 14, 2014. There will be a reception following the concert.

- Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015.

- Beth's choral composition "Think on These Things" is being published by the Choristers Guild!

- Organ – cracked hose going from the blower – duct taped until organ tech is here in November.

Devotional Booklets – Will be using "Our Daily Bread".

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Ministry is planning a Christmas Program as in past years.

## MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Operation Christmas Child

- November 16, 2014 – Collections due

- November 18, 2014 – Sorting

- November 20, 2014 – Packing boxes in gym

- October 28, 2014 – Decorat-

ing church for fall and will start Sunday collections for Pigeon Food Pantry.

- Selling Scrip cards in November and December after church on Sundays

- Recording Services for Shut-ins needs to be updated – will work on this project in 2015.

Giving Tree – this year's Giving Tree will be for the children

## MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

There was nothing to report at this time.

## MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present and gave his oral report to all present. Neil has done many small jobs around the buildings!

## MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was absent and provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Will host the reception after the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, 2014. Pies were a hit last year, so we'll plan the same for this year. (There will be a sign up sheet for pies the 1<sup>st</sup> part of November).

Planning a Friends and Family Game Night on New Year's Eve on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and asks that everyone bring snacks to share.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- New Parsonage Update was given

- Cross will be purchasing a scrip card for Bob Tait to show our appreciation for the use of utilities prior to installation.

- Christmas Gifts

# Ministries

- 11 - \$50.00 scrip cards will be given to all staff, which will include the two contractors we employ here at Cross.
- 1 - \$100.00 scrip card will be given to Robin Buschlen as a thank you for snow plowing the church parking lots. At the present time there is no charge to Cross for his services.
- **Tom Shupe made a motion to give gifts as stated above, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Tim gave his impression as to the Dean's conference with Bishop

Currently there are CORE relationship issues, Deans have been blogging and all are on the same page.

- "Radical Hospitality" – dealings again with the ELCA – taking the path to welcome everybody. The people they thought they would gain have not come so they are now looking at the open table approach. ELCA is taking the stand that all people are welcomed at the table. The NALC believes that all baptized Christians are welcomed at the table.

Summer Camp at Michi-Lu-Ca is no longer in existence. ELCA was helping with these costs, and all further resources will be shifted to Stony Lake. (Stony Lake is a 1/3 of the size of Michi-Lu-Ca and is on the western side of the state). Will need to research and address at a later time regarding a camp for our children here at Cross.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

## A Look at the Financial Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to:

1. Serve as a member of the Ministry of Stewardship.
2. Procure General Fund envelopes and other materials related to records of member contributions on a weekly basis.
3. Record individual contributions on a weekly basis.
4. Record communion records.
5. Schedule counters to process offering envelopes on a weekly basis.
6. Reconcile the total of envelopes and other contributions to the total entered on the individual contribution records.
7. Prepare and distribute quarterly statements of offerings to respective contributors.
8. Issue and distribute annual statements of giving to re-

spective contributors on or before the 15th of January, for the previous calendar year.

9. Keep all individual giving records confidential.
10. Recommend policies and procedures for improvement in fiscal management to the Stewardship Ministry as requested or needed.

## Parish Life Ministry

Dec. 2

- Women of Faith not meeting in December, will meet Jan. 17
- We will host Coffee Hour on December 21 – new list is up for 2015
- Potluck before Wednesday service Jan. 7
- Christmas Caroling, Dec. 20 at noon. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. for those attending the Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal or anyone caroling. We'll depart around noon going to Home Sweet Home, Country Bay and County Garden and local shut-ins.
- Friends and Family New Year's Eve game night on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Bring favorite snacks and games. Gym will be available and movies showing. Bring a Friend!
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

## Mission / Outreach Ministry Minutes



## Ministries (Cont.)

### Nov. 25

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with prayer led by Lori Smith. Those present were Bonnie Schulz, Kay Schuette, Lori Smith, Connie Eden, Rachel Messing and Krisie Fritz. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. There was no correspondence. The Treasurer reported \$7,074.30 in the checking account.

The Food Pantry items were packed up. Bonnie will call Norma King to arrange for delivery to the Pigeon Food Pantry. She will also get some young men to help carry the heavy boxes. In the meantime they will be stored in the OCC storage room. On Saturday, 11/29/14 we will meet at church at 10 a.m. to remove the fall decorations and decorate for Advent.

The Scrip Card cash sale process was reviewed. It was noted that soon Shooter's gift cards will be available. The Scrip schedule for December is as follows: 12/7 Lori; 12/14 Krisie; 12/21 Kay. These three Sundays we will continue weekly cash sales. There will be no Scrip sales on 12/28. The January schedule is as follows: 1/4 Bonnie (cash sales); 1/11 Connie; 1/18 Lorraine and 1/25 RoseAnn.

Connie reported that Thanksgiving cards and Advent calendars have been sent out to our shut-

ins. Connie and Bonnie will work together to send out Christmas cards and ornaments.

The family Room was discussed. On Sunday mornings we will turn on the lamps in the room to make it more inviting for those who may need to use the room. Someone will check to make sure they are turned off after church. On our wish list for the room is getting the speaker moved from the choir room and wiring so that the lamps can be turned on with the wall switch.

Our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry was a success again this year. We sent off 656 boxes. Six boxes are being tracked so we will know where they were sent. After a short breather, we will organize our storage room and start collecting items for next Christmas.

The tags on the Giving Tree were switched from suggested OCC gift items to Christmas wish lists from special children in our community.

We will not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. With no more business, we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

## Ministry of Worship & Music

### Nov. 20

Members present: Leanne Smith, Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, Karen Schuette

New chairperson, Leanne Smith called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Reviewed the minutes of the October meeting.

### MUSIC – BETH

Advent/Christmas Concert – Beth will need readers and will ask Jan Love, Kate Schuette and Pastor Tim. Mike Sting will help with playing the congregational hymns during the concert. Barbara Blech will also accompany. Beth will ask Ron Schulz, Dick Mead, and Tom Shupe to user.

The offering after the concert will be designated for the music department. Peg reported on reception food. We have asked the Handy Helpers for completely assembled dishes and have also asked for a helper for after the reception. Leanne will post a food signup sheet for choir members. Karen will talk to Aileen about a press release and mailings to churches. Leanne asked Karen to set a workday for assembling table centerpieces. Dec. 10, 11 or 12. Karen is to call and inform members.

Organ – the tech, Jason, came to work on the organ. Mike Sting went along with him. The shades will need to be replaced eventu-

## Ministries (Cont.)

ally and the cost is around \$8,000 per shade. We need two? There are other needs for the organ. Beth and Mike will formulate a list.

The piano will be tuned within the next week.

Microphones – discussed the mic on the altar. Beth said she could not hear the Assisting Minister. Pastor will check into this. Also discussed the mic needs for the concert.

### WORSHIP – PASTOR

Decided to table discussion of “Scripture and Reflection” in book Liturgy with Style until January.

Community Thanksgiving worship is Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day worship is Thursday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent – Nov. 30 – we will change to WOV #5 for Liturgy. Communion will be served each Sunday.

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) worship – Family service, 7 p.m. Communion service, 10 p.m.

Christmas Day (Dec. 25) worship – Communion, 10 a.m.

Pastor and Sue are leaving for Ohio on 12/25. We decided that he should not need to be here for the Sunday, Dec. 28 worship. He will decide what to do.

New Year's Eve – Family game night

### OLD BUSINESS

Devotional booklets for congregation – Our Daily Bread – we will use the quarterly format. Aileen will order.

Acolytes – we discussed having 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on up in the acolyte “pool.” Leanne suggested family participation together. Will discuss more in January.

Advent Reflections – Jr. High journals – Beth edited and it is ready to copy. Need to make enough so that all school families receive one and we have them to give out at the concert. Karen will copy and Peg will assemble.

### NEW BUSINESS

Hymnals – We need to schedule a workday in January to repair some LBWs and tape some WOVs.

Bibles – Peg asked if we could use Coffee hour money and memorials to purchase Bibles for Wed night worship. Have \$108.65 in our fund. There are Bibles in the Youth Room/Family Room that can be used now.

Briefly discussed ushers – can use to involve young people.

Next meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Schuette

The 2015 sign up poster for Coffee Hours is ready. Please



schedule your group for hosting!

“Given  
for  
you.”



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.

### COOKBOOKS

Are still available for \$10 each in the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say “thank you.” Proceeds help support our youth ministry.

# let it snow

## January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				New Years Day <b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> BB practice 10 a.m. - noon
<b>Comm Service 4</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Choirs: 5</b> B 6:30/C 7:30 BB game at 4:30 p.m. vs. Berne Gym in use 7:30 - 9 p.m.	Parish Life 5 p.m. <b>6</b> Worship & Music 7 p.m. Gym in use 6 - 9 p.m.	<b>Chapel 12:45 p.m. 7</b> Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	CEA 4:45 p.m. <b>8</b> School Board 5:30 p.m. BB at HB 4:30 p.m. Gym in use 5 - 7 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Junior High Basketball Tournament
<b>Worship Service 11</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</b> BB Tourney	<b>Choirs: 12</b> B 6:30/C 7:30 BB game at 4:30 p.m. at Berne Gym in use 7:30 - 9 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Circle 13</b> 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m. Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Chapel 8:10 a.m. 14</b> <b>Morning Circle 9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting 1 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b> BB at 4:30 p.m. vs. Rural Schools Gym in use 7:30 - 9 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - noon
<b>Comm. Service 18</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Choirs: 19</b> B 6:30/C 7:30 BB game at 4:30 p.m. vs. Zion	<b>Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. 20</b> <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b> Gym in use 6 - 9 p.m.	<b>Chapel 8:10 a.m. 21</b> <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>22</b> BB vs. O-G 4:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> Half Day of School	<b>24</b>
<b>Worship Service 25</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</b>	No School <b>26</b> No Choir	Mission Outreach 6:30 p.m. <b>27</b> Gym in use 6 - 9 p.m.	<b>Chapel 8:10 a.m. 28</b> BB at O-G 4:30 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	BB at 4:30 p.m. vs. Rural <b>29</b> Gym in use 7:30 - 9 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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