

Cross Connection

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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,

I just finished my semi-annual visit to the dentist. It was the usual visit there; hands and sharp scraping devices in the mouth, cleaning of teeth, checking for cavities and any other “abnormalities” in my mouth. Finally, the usual lecture from the dentist: brush your teeth twice a day and floss more. My reward for enduring the scraping by sharp utensils, lectured at, and trying to carry on a conversation with all that “stuff” in my mouth, a bag containing floss, a new toothbrush to the color of my liking and toothpaste to keep my teeth clean when I brush twice a day (Yeah right). I declined the toy that came with the bag. I already had that one. Then it’s out the door with sparkling, clean white teeth only to return 6 months later to do this all over again. I live for such moments in my life. Why do I go to the dentist? In order to save my teeth.

As I was driving home, this visit to the dentist seemed very similar, if not downright mystical, that this is my rela-

tionship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In my baptism I am washed cleaned from my sin. ^{NRS} **Psalm 51:7** *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.* Then I am sent into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. ^{NRS} **Matthew 28:19** *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

However, in my deepest desire to accomplish Jesus’ directive, somewhere along the way I make choices i.e. sin, that start to make my insides dirty again. Even though I’ve been given, as a gift, the tools, i.e. baptism, communion, scripture, the cross, the empty tomb, to spread the Gospel, I still choose that which dirties my soul, my thoughts, my words, my actions. ^{NRS} **Romans 7:18** *For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.* ¹⁹ *For I do not do the good I*

want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Yet, I continue to live in denial that I can clean all of that “dirt” from within if I just work harder at doing good works. I don’t need any help. I’m strong. Other people need help, not me!!! ^{NRS} **Galatians 2:16** *yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.* Then there comes that moment within, that realization of helplessness and hopelessness. Where do I go!? ^{NRS} **Romans 7:24** *Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?*

I go back to the one and only place to be purged once again, to be made whiter than snow; my baptism in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ^{NRS} **Romans 7:25** *Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God,* **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross



Feb. 7 – Transfiguration Sunday

1R – Deuteronomy 34:1-12
P – Psalm 99
2R – Hebrews 3:1-6
G – Luke 9:28-36

Hymns: 526, 89, 651, Comm. 649, 518, 536, 552

Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday

1R – Joel 2:12-19
P – Psalm 51:1-13
2R – 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10
G – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb. 14 – First Sunday in Lent

1R – Deuteronomy 25:1-11
P – Psalm 91:1-13
2R – Romans 10:8b-13
G – Luke 4:1-13

Feb. 21 – Second Sunday in Lent

1R – Jeremiah 26:8-15
P – Psalm 4
2R – Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
G – Luke 13:31-35

Feb. 28 – Third Sunday in Lent

1R – Ezekiel 33:7-20
P – Psalm 85
2R – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
G – Luke 13:1-9

Cartridges for Kids

Due to the limited type of toner and ink cartridges they accept, we will no longer participate in this program.

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 and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything

you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

IGA Labels for Learning

Save the UPC barcodes. We earn \$25 for each bundle of 500.

Spartan Brand Cash for Labels

Save the Spartan Brand UPC codes. We earn \$20 for each bundle of 1,000.

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but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. ^{NRS} **Romans 8:1**
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Martin Luther asked the question: What is the significance of baptizing with water? His answer: It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil desires, should be drowned by daily repentance and sorrow for sin, and be put

to death, and that the new person should come forth every day and rise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. (Martin Luther's Small Catechism). ^{NRS} **Romans 6:4**
Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

As we enter the Lenten

season, let us deeply reflect upon our baptism as it connects us to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in him, and only him, we are purged of our sins. However, that purge must take place on the cross for without that, we wallow aimlessly in this world of sin with no hope.

God's peace

Pr Tim

January 8, 2016

Dear Reverend Loehrke and the members of Cross Lutheran Church,

With joy and thanksgiving we write to you ... on behalf of our Mom, Ruth Hamilton, and the rest of our families. Because of the many ways Ruth had been blessed throughout her life, it is her wish that Cross Lutheran Church be gifted part of her estate.

Mom carefully followed the history of this congregation from its beginnings, established by her grandfather, Reverend Richard Praetorius. In 1891, eleven members gathered in a barn to organize a new congregation. A building site was chosen and the 8 founders pledged for a new church. In this new church building, the congregation worshipped faithfully.

At the same time, Reverend Praetorius offered one of the rooms in his house for use as a school. He was the first teacher with 4 students and classes were taught Monday through Thursday.

That was the humble beginning for a congregation and leaders who had a vision for the future. The vision was to bring the Word of God to people in the thumb. They chose to settle in Pigeon, a community with only 4 houses. Are you kidding me? Why there?

Now 125 years later, Cross Lutheran Church and School exist for the same mission ... to bring the Gospel message to people in the thumb. The Lord has blessed you with many humble faith filled leaders, pastors and teachers. Mom was one such servant, from many generations, who followed and embraced the mission of Cross.

With that thought close in our hearts, we humbly and gratefully offer this gift to you. Eternal life with Jesus has now been given to Ruth. We want that news of salvation through Jesus' grace to also reach as many families as possible.

Blessings to you as you teach and preach the Good News faithfully and clearly to future generations . . . as we have been commissioned to do.

Romans 10:14-15

"How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?" "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

In Christian love,

Bob Hamilton, Betty Auernhamer and Mary Otto

Celebrate



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
- 11 Gene Champagne
- 13 Kirk Yackle
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink
Grace Trost
Travis Roestel
- 16 Jacqueline Finneren
- 17 Eleanor Tate
- 18 Eunice Richmond
- 19 Tim Fritz
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Thuemmel
- 23 Pr. Raymond Orth
- 24 Elsie Trowbridge
Paul Kunish
- 26 Loren Elftman

Anniversaries

- 13 Robin & Ann Buschlen,
34 years
- 29 Clarence & Eleanor
Schadd, 51 years

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. Thank you!



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Jake Mazzara, nephew of RoseAnn Budnick, Dawn Rosen-

thal, Lillian Koehler, Rachel Rea, Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim (Mrs. Donald) Schadd, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan and Ryan Schulz are both now deployed overseas. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wed., Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m.—Noon.

School News

February School Calendar



- 1 BB game at O-G 4:30**
- 3 Chapel 12:45**
- 4 BB game at Cross vs. O-G
CEA 4:45
School Board 5:30**
- 6 Port Hope BB Tourney**
- 7 Port Hope BB Tourney**
- 10 Chapel 8 am—Ash Wed.**
- 12 Half Day of School**
- 15 No School**
- 16 No School**
- 17 Chapel 8 am**
- 24 Chapel 8am**

From the Desk of ... Wendy Zick

Our band program has been richly blessed this year! Not only do we have seven new students but we have had a saxophone and a cornet donated for student use. This was absolutely a "God thing" as we were short a sax at the beginning of the school year and both instruments come in handy when instruments are sent in for repairs or left at home. These instruments will be available for loan to next

year's beginners.

This year we had a student participate in the Honors band program. Cassie Witherspoon was nominated to perform with other talented thumb area students in a 77 piece band. Honors band is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience being in a large band that can rehearse and perform full band arrangements. On Saturday, November 7th, Cassie was in rehearsal for six hours at Vassar high school with only a few breaks and lunch. On Sunday, the 8th, the band performed wonderfully at their concert.

Prelude for Christmas Eve service this year included nine band students, grades 5-8, who performed a few Christmas songs together then solos were done by Junior High students. This was followed by Greta and Issac Elston who played beautifully on cello and viola.

We have several events yet this year. On January 25th, the Thumb Friends of the Arts Solo and Ensemble festival will be held at Laker High School. This year we

have three soloists, a flute duet, and a brass & bell quartet. We will soon start working on our music for the Music Palooza on March 31st in which grades 5-8 will be performing. Then the Junior High will participate in the Lutheran Schools Music Festival which will be held on May 6th at Zion in Bay City. Also new this year- we have uniforms! Our uniforms consist of tux shirts with red cummerbunds and bow ties with black slacks/skirts. I very much appreciate Maxine Rice who helped cut out the pieces for the ties and cummerbunds.

I want to say thank you to all the parents who endure the beginner squeaks and squawks! The fifth grade has been working very hard and I see by their practice slips that they are putting the time in at home. By now you should be able to recognize some tunes and soon you will be hearing beautiful music.

Winter will soon be just a memory as we move forward into Spring, or at least I hope so. Stay warm and be safe when you are traveling. In Christ, Wendy Zick

February Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Feb. 7 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Vivian Buschlen	Aileen Prill	Carole Mead	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler Dick Mead	Laura Trost	Logan Richmond
Feb. 10 7 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry		John Trowbridge	Norm Nelson Ron Schulz	Peg McCrimmon	
Feb. 14 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Norm Nelson	Eileen Johnson	Norm Nelson	Tom Shupe Mike Trost	Jean Sturm	Collin Schuette
Feb. 21 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Karen Schuette	Brian Delpiere	Kendal Delpiere		Carol Diener	Riley Shupe
Feb. 28 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Paul Schuette	Kent McKenzie	Paul Schuette		Marilyn Baur	Garrett Fritz

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!

125th Anniversary Celebration

Will take place **Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016**. Planning has already begun. Co-chairs are Leanne Smith and Pam Sturm.

Invitations will be sent out soon. If you have an address for someone who shares our past and you wish to have them receive an invitation, please give that information to the church office.

A Church Pictorial Directory will be printed, with pictures dates set for May 5-7, 2016. If you know you will not be here at that time, please make arrangements to submit a recent photo.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards expenses may do so by indicating "125th Anniversary Celebration" on their check.

A Look Into The Past

When our church was established nearly 125 years ago, in August of 1891, there were eight founding fathers. They were:

Henry Bergman
Henry Licht
Fred Mentel
John Nitz
Henry Schuette
Fred Trost
Henry Trost
William Trost

Are you a descendent of one of these founding fathers? Do you have pictures of them or any artifacts or information that you would like to share during our celebration? If so, please call Betty champagne at 989-856-7170 or Peggy Koehler at 989-550-2543.

Church Council Minutes



**January 12, 2016-
Unapproved**

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:00PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, John Smith, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Neil Herford, Leanne Smith, Norm Nelson, Lori Smith and Patty Schulze. Pastor Timothy Loehrke provided a prayer to all present.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated December 8, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented. Neil Herford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from Youth for Christ, thanking

Cross Lutheran Church for financial support and prayers, was read by Phil Schadd. Another letter of thanks from Gwynne Barry for the scrip card was read.

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

Funeral 1, Wedding 0, Baptisms 0, Teaching 12, Communion 20, Hosp Vis 3, Home Vis 10, Meetings 30, Services 9.

Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Harold Deering - Thursday, December 31, 2015

Church calendar

- Ash Wednesday, February 10th, begins the Lenten Season
 - o Lenten Wednesday evening services

- o Potluck at 6:00PM

Service at 7:00PM (Stations of the Cross)

- Palm Sunday, March 20th.
- Maundy Thursday, March 24th (Service 7:00PM with communion & foot washing)
- Good Friday, March 25th (Tenebrae service at 7:00PM)

Prayer vigil, Friday evening after the service until Saturday noon.

- Easter Sunday, March 27th.
 - o Sunrise service at Cross Cemetery 7:00AM

Service with communion 9:30AM

- Fish Fry, Friday, March 11

Pastor's Report

- For the month of January and part of February, the gym will be utilized for volleyball, soccer, basketball and archery practice and games.
- Pastor is thankful for the time off around Christmas.
- Pastor will be off from Friday, January 15th – Monday, January 18th. Gwynne Barry will preside at the service on Sunday, January 17th.

No communion, Sunday, January 17th.

New members received Sunday, December 13:

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Jim Greenly

Dawn Hendricks

Lisa Gray & Kyle Briggs (son)

Robby Shaffer

School Calendar

- Apple Mountain Ski trip, Friday, January 15th.
- End of second semester, no school, Friday, January 22nd.

Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2015 - 2016 school year:
 - o K – 8, 31 (one 8th grader – Beau Martindale)
- P/S 12
- CEA Christmas fair went very well.
- Cross's basketball tournament was successful. A huge thank you to Gwynne Barry for organizing and directing this annual event. Cross's basketball team played for 4th place, however they did not win

Council Minutes (Cont.)

- Winter break, Friday, February 12th, ½ day. No school Monday & Tuesday February 15th & 16th. School resumes Wednesday February 17th.
- Received \$16,636 from annual fund letters since October.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and gave his oral report. John expressed his gratitude to Gwynne Barry for all the effort that she has put into the school's annual fund letter.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Norm Nelson was present and reported that there was no meeting last month.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and gave her oral report. There were 168 people who attended the December concert. Some upcoming changes in the worship service include canting the Psalms & singing the Lord's Prayer. Work is continuing on repairing the hymnals. The Cross Lutheran Junior High class has supplied the journal writings on the Beatitudes for the Lenten devotionals.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her oral report to all present. Some of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were received in Cambodia. The Giving Tree was a huge success with all needs being met.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Caroling was a huge success. They are in process of planning a "Fat Tuesday" event.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present and gave his oral report. Conduit work for the electricity to the sign has been completed. Wiring will be connected shortly.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Patty Schulze was present and provided her oral report to all present. The next Women of Faith bible study will be January 23rd, starting at 10:30AM. Parish Life is looking into getting Dr. Sherry Baker to make another presentation, possibly in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS: August 30, 1891 – August 30, 2016 (Tuesday), Cross Lutheran Church & School 125th anniversary.

- Sale of Old Parsonage – check has been received. Funds will be used to pay down the mortgage.

Increased council's authority to spend up to \$15,000 from \$2,000 for emergencies. Will require a constitution change & a vote during the church's annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A committee will be formed to investigate renovating the women's bathroom in the church. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to nominate Norm Nelson as the chair of this committee, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion passed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

Parish Life Ministry

Jan. 5

The meeting opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer. Present were: Patty Schulze, chair, Betty Champagne, Alice Trost, Pam Sturm, Aileen Prill, Sue Loehrke and Pastor Tim.

Women of Faith next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10:30 – noon. After the group has finished the current book, the next book planned is "Cultivating Contentment."

Coffee Hours: Parish Life will take Jan. 17 and handi helpers will be called to help out for Jan. 24 and 31 if no other ministry signs up for them.

Wednesday Potlucks during Lent begin Feb. 17

Paper Shower – It was decided that none would be scheduled as we still have ample supply of most items. When we run low of a particular item, a notice will be placed in the insert.

Future events: Betty made contact with Dr. Sherry Baker regarding coming for another presentation. Dr. Baker thought spring 2016 would be a good time. The topic she presented will focus on forgiveness, resentment and bitterness. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

Ministry Minutes & Notes

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Beginning in March, the afternoon Women's Bible Study will begin a 12 month study of the "minor prophets."

These books are often forgotten or neglected, yet, their messages are deeply relevant for today's believer. Each month as we study a new prophet we will discover whether it is a call for positive action that honors God or warnings to stop attitudes and behaviors that dishonor Him. As we rediscover these profound words, we will be reminded of what it means to follow and obey God, as well as be challenged to live a life that glorifies God in greater and more significant ways.

The afternoon Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm. The new study books are in so please see either Betty Champagne or Sue Loehrke if you would like to participate.

Morning Bible Study

will meet February 10th at 9:30 am in the church overflow.

In February we continue the 2nd part of a 4 session Bible Study in Philippians. What do you know about Philippians? Can you find Philippi on a map? Who wrote it? Do you have a favorite Bible verse from Philippians? Do you

know who founded the Christian church in Philippi? During this study we will discover more about the church in Philippi and its founding, discuss what challenges they faced, and how Philippians relates to our lives today.

As I think on our 125th anniversary celebration this Bible study comes to life in the here and now. As a servant of Jesus Christ, Paul is saying to us, in Philippians 1:3-6 RSV " I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, and I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

For the past 125 years we have been partners in the Gospel with those here now and those who have gone before us! Paul's exhortation continues to resonate to us!

His words are God's voice to you, the congregation of Cross Lutheran Church and all who share in the gospel of Christ!

Philippians 1: 9-11 RSV says: "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the

fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Know that God is always revealing himself through His Word, join us anytime for Bible study generally on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

125th Anniversary Sunday August 28, 2016 "Lift High the Cross"

Crafters & Sewers Needed

Worship & Music Ministry is looking for people with all kinds of talent. Ideas, suggestions, design, cut, sew, glue, assemble for New Church Banners. Please contact Peg McCrimmon. Please call and leave a message 856-4887 or leave a message in her mailbox in the church overflow with your name and phone number.

NEW CARPET DONATIONS

The congregation approved raising money to replace the current orange carpeting. After the money is collected, new carpet will be ordered. If you would like to donate to the new carpet fund, please indicate on your envelope "NEW CARPET FUND DONATION". This donation will be part of your total church givings. In the overflow area is a fund raising gauge showing the donation status.

Notes (Cont.)

CEA Meeting

Jan. 7

Present at meeting were Pastor, April Rujan, Melisa Raymond, Geri Kay Mclean, Nicole Shupe and Gwynne Barry

Pastor opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

Fundraisers

Karen's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser- This fundraiser was a huge success and a big thank you to all who helped make it happen.

Concessions- Basketball season is in full effect. Junior high tournament went well, thanks to all families that helped out. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade tournament is Feb. 6 and 7 in Port Hope.

Krispy Kreme- Order forms have been sent home and are due back Jan 29. Orders will be delivered Feb 9. Reminder this is a tuition assistance fundraiser.

Carnival- The carnival is set for April 16. This is also a mandatory fundraiser so families set the calendar to help out this day.

Spring Pancake Breakfast- Set for May 1 from 9am-1pm. 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

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Feb 4, 2016

Cross Apparel

Cross apparel available, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30

Stations of The Cross

- The First Station: Jesus Is Condemned to Death
- The Second Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross
- The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time
- The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother
- The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross
- The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face
- The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls a Second Time
- The Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem
- The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls a Third Time
- The Tenth Station: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
- The Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
- The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross
- The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

- The Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

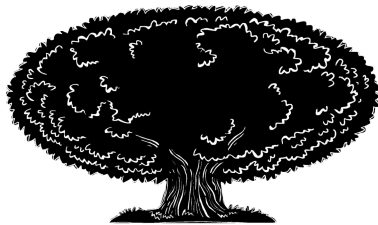
JEAN QUILTS

We are planning several afternoons to work on jean quilts for Cross High School seniors. Thursday February 4 and 18 from 1-5 pm. We will be cutting, pressing, and sewing quilt tops, bring sewing scissors, rotary cutters and mats, an iron or sewing machine. We will meet in the overflow or family room depending on other activities at church. There is an overabundance of jeans thanks to many donors and we need to condense. If you have an interest in this project please call Leanne Smith 989-553-4241 or Sheila Yackle at 989-453-2589.

AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED

the bathrooms here in the church need some major repairs and updating. Mission/ Outreach has designated some past garage sale money to begin this project with the hopes that it will be done by the anniversary celebration later this year. Norm Nelson has volunteered to chair the committee that is being organized for this purpose. Several men have already volunteered their time and expertise for this project. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Norm at 989 856-3183. Thank you!

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Margaret M. Sagstetter

In memory of Nadene Barbret, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Rob Barbret

Oliver & Mary Jacob

In memory of Ronald Ackerman, for Cross Lutheran Carpet Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Adam Stueck, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Harold & Shirley Deering

In memory of Ruth Hamilton, for Cross Lutheran School:

Wallace & Marion Hart

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Terry & June Sturm

In memory of Ruth & George Mohr, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Wallace & Marion Hart

In memory of Martha Heiser, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Dana Young

Dorothy Thuemmel

Eugene & Betty Cham-

pagne

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

In memory of Harold Deering, for Cross Lutheran Carpet Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

Lydia Decker

In memory of Harold Deering, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Dennis & Carol Diener

Cordelia Trost

In memory of Harold Deering, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Loren & Delores Elftman

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Paul & Karen Schuette

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

Eugene & Betty Champagne

Dorothy Henne

Carol Forester

Mike & Lorraine LePage

Don & Kay Schuette

Barb Buchholz

Dave & Peg McCormick

Jim & Cozy McCormick

Hazen Fritz

Ray Buchholz

Randy & Cindy Buchholz

Jack & Pam Sturm

Terry & June Sturm

Dale & Donna Schuette

Mike Fritz

Jenny Volmmer

Barbara Degg

Roger & Pat Elston

Nancy Schuette

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Jenny Ziel

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Jim Ewald

Rose Voss

Donna Ziel, David Ziel

Ken & Gina Ziel and girls

Tom & Anne Ziel

Elaine Poirier

Jim, Janet & Maria Schumacher

Audrey Vollmer

Dr. Wayne & Doreen Miller

Ed & Coleen Braun

Ken & Dody Yahn

Memorials (Cont.)

Devere & Zita Sturm
Ted & Peg Leipprandt
Jay & Pam Dubey
Thumb National Bank
Mary & Nick Buda
Millard & Beatrice Deering
Denny & Leanne Smith
Joyce Schlamp
Delbert & Mary Benson
Susan Wade
Ken & Marcella Hecht
Moreen & Al Kost
Jean Sturm

**In memory of Arlene Fritz, for
Cross Lutheran Church:**

Denny & Leanne Smith

**In memory of Harold Deering,
for Cross Lutheran School:**

Herb & Elaine Neurath
Henry & Jeanette Ziel
Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel
Tom & Bernice Shupe
Vivian Buschlen
Alma Stahl
Ruth Schuette

**In memory of Melvin Bergman,
for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Joyce Schlamp

**In memory of Lester Otto, for
Cross Lutheran Building
Fund:**

Randy & Cindy Buchholz
Ray Buchholz

**In memory of Lester Otto, for
Cross Lutheran Church:**

Mike & Connie Eden

Chris & Jennifer Eden
and family
Jamey Eden and family
Greg & Rebecca Yackle
& family
Corey & Rachel Messing
& Violet

**In memory of Frederick
Kausch, for Cross Lutheran
Church:**

Dennis & Carol Diener

**In memory of Vera Menzel, for
Cross Lutheran Church:**

Mike & Connie Eden &
family

**In memory of Harold Deering,
for Cross Lutheran Capital
Improvement Fund:**

Don & Nancy Heck

FAT TUESDAY YOUTH EVENT!

Tuesday, Feb. 9

4:30—5:45 p.m.

**Ages 5 through
High School**

Meet in the gym. Please
contact Gwynne Barry if
you plan on attending.

Call or text 551-2452

By Feb. 5.

Fish Fry Friday, March 11

5-7:30 p.m.

All you can eat Fish,
Fries, Beans, Baked
Potato, Roll, Cole
Slaw, Dessert &
Beverage.

Adults \$10

Kids age 5-12 \$6

Under age 5 FREE

**Take Outs
Available**

Proceeds will support Cross
Lutheran Church and School.

This is a Thrivent Financial
Sponsored Event.

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**OPEN GYM**  
**Sunday, Jan. 31, Feb.**  
**14, 21 and 28**

**6—8 p.m.**

**Everyone  
Welcome**



## February 2016

| Sun                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                  | Sat                                                              |
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| <p>Pastor Tim will be attending the NALC Pastor's Conference Feb. 1 - 5</p>                                                                 | <p>BB game at OG 4:30 p.m. <b>1</b></p> <p>Choirs:<br/>B 6:30/C 7:30</p> <p>Gym in use<br/>5:30 - 8:30</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Parish Life 5 p.m.<br/>125th - 5:30 p.m.<br/><b>Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.</b></p> <p>Gym in use<br/>6 - 9 p.m.</p>     | <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b></p> <p>NO Service</p>                                                                                      | <p>CEA 4:45 p.m.<br/>School Board 5:30 p.m.<br/>BB O-G vs. Cross 4:30 p.m.<br/>Worship &amp; Music 7 p.m.<br/>Gym in use 6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>4</b></p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Gym in use<br/>4:30 - 6 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Port Hope<br/>3-5 grade<br/>BB Tournament</p> |
| <p><b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. 7</b><br/><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.<br/>PH Tourney Continues</p>                        | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Choirs:<br/>B 6:30/C 7:30</p> <p>Gym in use<br/>5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>                    | <p><b>Afternoon 9</b><br/><b>Circle 1:30 p.m.</b><br/>Youth 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.<br/>Executive 6 p.m.<br/>Council 7 p.m.<br/>Gym use 6-9</p> | <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY 10</b></p> <p><b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b><br/><b>Morning Circle 9:30 a.m.</b><br/>Quilting 1 p.m.<br/><b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts 6 p.m.<br/>Gym in use 5:30 - 9 p.m.</p>                                                                                 | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Half Day of School</p>           | <p><b>13</b></p>                                                 |
| <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b><br/><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Open Gym 6-8 p.m.<br/><b>Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>No School</p> <p>Gym in use<br/>5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>                                   | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>No School<br/><b>Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m.</b><br/><b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b></p>                                | <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b></p> <p>Potluck 6 p.m.<br/><b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b></p>                                                 | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Jean Quilts 1 - 5 p.m.<br/>Gym in use 5:30 - 9 p.m.</p>                                                                             | <p><b>19</b></p>                                     | <p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - noon</b></p>  |
| <p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b><br/><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Open Gym 6-8 p.m.</p>                                       | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Choirs:<br/>B 6:30/C 7:30</p> <p>Gym in use<br/>5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>                   | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Mission/ Outreach 6:30 p.m.<br/>Stewardship 7 p.m.<br/>Gym in use 6 - 9 p.m.</p>                                     | <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b></p> <p>Potluck 6 p.m.<br/><b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b></p>                                                 | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts 6 p.m.<br/>Gym in use 5:30 - 9 p.m.</p>                                                                                 | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Gym in use<br/>4:30 - 6 p.m.</p> | <p><b>27</b></p>                                                 |
| <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m.</b><br/><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Open Gym 6-8 p.m.<br/><b>Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Choirs:<br/>B 6:30/C 7:30</p>                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |                                                                  |

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