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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,

We are a throw-away-society. If something is broken we do not fix it but throw it away and buy a bigger and better one. Computers, cell phones, TV's, cameras, etc. fall into that category. Yet there will come a time in the future where those that we replace now will break and be thrown away for a bigger and better one. This cycle is one that is perpetual, never ending.

If we try and fix something it seems we do it with "chicken wire and duct tape." At least that's my approach to fixing things. I do the best I can with what I've got and hope for the best. Only to come to the realization that "my fix" was temporary and that I had to throw-it-away and buy a new and bigger one.

We could also apply this to our lives. Whether we like it or not, we have / are / will experience brokenness

within ourselves. Our brokenness comes as a result of our life choices and from the life choices of others that affect us. We look for ways that will heal us but only find short / shallow / temporary fixes that leave us still broken in spirit and hurting.

*NRS Psalm 34:*¹⁸ *The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.*

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

When we experience that brokenness within our selves we try numerous ways to heal our brokenness. We turn to alcohol, drugs, gambling, eating, exercising, etc. We remove ourselves from our social life and turn inward falsely feeling shunned by others and "not good

enough." In so doing we eventually come to the realization that doesn't work. Our brokenness is still with us and the wounds are still fresh.

*NRS Psalm 51:*¹⁵ *O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*¹⁶

*For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.*¹⁷ *The sacrifice acceptable to God¹ is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Where then can we go with our brokenness and start healing? We must go to God and the family of the church. We must break the mold of the church that is just for those who "lead an unbroken / godly life" and be a church that is a place for "broken spirits" to be healed and comforted. We must proclaim the church as one having members as saints and sinners.

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)
 P – Psalm 148
 2R – Revelation 1:4-18
 G – John 20:19-31

Hymns: 129, 138, 330 Comm.: 133, 198, 203, 709

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 9:1-22
 P – Psalm 30
 2R – Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14
 G – John 21:1-14 (15-19)
 Hymns: 254, 369, 525

April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 20:17-35

P – Psalm 23
 2R – Revelation 7:9-17
 G – John 10:22-30

Hymns: 147, 535, 352 Comm.: 699, 701, 702, 709

April 29 – 5th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 11:1-18
 P – Psalm 148
 2R – Revelation 21:1-7
 G – John 16:12-22
 Hymns: 523, 341, 419

Special Dates

Administrative Professionals Day,
 April 24

Coffee Fellowship Hour

April 7 – Plant Fund
 April 14 –
 April 21 – Parish Life Paper Shower
 April 28 –

Bread Maker

April 7 –
 April 21 –

Choir Practices

Bells 6:30/Choir 7:30

April 8, 15, 22, 29

Moms in Prayer

Monday, Apr. 8 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 15 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 22 at 8:35 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 29 at 8:35 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

Sunday, Apr. 21 from 5—6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 28 from 5—6:30 p.m.

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As a church that is a safe place to bring your brokenness and experience the healing power of Jesus Christ on the cross. Too many times when a person is broken, they don't want to go to church because "people talk about, judge, and condemn" the broken and contrite spirit. We must break that mold and be a church that gives the grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness to those who are of broken spirit just as Jesus Christ gave

all of us from the cross.

NRS Psalm 147:1 Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

I found this prayer and I personally pray it all the time; "For I hope that others will extend mercy, if not understanding, to me when,

God forbid, the storms and troubles of life overpower my best intentions and judgments. And I Lie inexcusably and embarrassingly grounded, a spectacle in a whispering surf." Written by Melvin Borg, volunteer Skipper on the M/V CHRISTIAN, Canby, Oregon.

NRS Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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 Ruth Milton, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Cheryl Riley
Terry and June Sturm

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:

Dick and Pat Hopkins
Gloria Anderson

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Sheila Yackle
Terry and June Sturm

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Building Fund:

Lois Geppert
Clarence and Inez Buchholz
Elsie Trowbridge
Larry and Gina Smith
Mike Fritz family
Ruth Schuette
Linda Fietzer
Richard and Carole Mead

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Harold and Louise Swartzendruber
Janet Konen
Varhaar Family
James and Frances Vacik
Larry and Joyce Werner
Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink
Randy and Lorna Baur
Dan and Mary Ritter
Stanley Shetler
Robert Schuette
Lorraine Kuhl
Lydia Decker
Ted and Peg Leipprandt

Ken and Dorothy Rathje
Neil and Connie Herford
Arnold Hentschl
Barb Buchholz
Paul and Diane Strieter
Dale and Donna Schuette
Pete and Edna Dutcher
Nancy Schuette and family
Vivian Buschlen
DeVere and Zita Sturm
Troy and Leanne Schuette
Delores Hartman
Steve and Pat Schulze
Gary and Linda Willey
Rick and Lori Kociba
Pat and Jason Reinhardt
Jim and Kathy McQueen
Steve and Kathy Dubs
Don and Kay Schuette
Dorothy Henne, Robert and Deb
Jim and Helen Volk
Richard and Terri Strieter
Don and Marguerite Roestel
Karen Anklam
Leonard Matestic
Sheila Yackle
Harold and Shirley Deering
Patricia Herzog
Ron and Arloia Lutz
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haley
Duane and Shelley Baur
James and Margaret Ritter
Ray and Elaine Buchholz
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voss
Jean Sturm
Randy and Cheryl Sturm
James and Alanna Lackie
William and Carol Weitzel
Kent Renn
Sid and Kay Smith
James and Carol Bridges
Joyce Rosenthal
Marlin and Marion Rathje
Mary and Mike Frey
Lee and Joyce Warschefsky
Linda Wolschlager
Allen and Betty Koehler
Bob and Elaine Brown

Gary and Vickie Forster
Terry and June Sturm

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran School:

Ernest and Sandy Schuette
David and Nicole Shupe
Tom and Bernice Shupe
Millard and Beatrice Deering
Orin and Frances Engelhardt
Pauline Kelly
Keith Sturm
Don and Barb Faupel
Jim Trost Family
Char Trost
Nick and Mary Buda
Mildred Schuette
Peter and Missy Shupe
Doug and Dorothy Thuemmel
Eleanor Tate
Sheila Pawlak
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thiel
Bob and Eileen Johnson
Gerald and Marilyn Buchholz
Clare and Donna Schuette
Gert Crump
Charles Buchholz
Denny and Leanne Smith
Jim and Kathy Murdoch
Todd and Gretchen Roestel
Suzanne Hall
Gloria Anderson

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran Capital Improvement Fund:

Don and Nancy Heck

In memory of Joyce Smith, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Nancy Schuette and family
Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink
Steve and Pat Schulze
Terry and June Sturm

In memory of Joyce Smith, for Cross Building Fund:

Clarence and Inez Buchholz

In memory of Joyce Smith, for Cross Lutheran School:

Todd and Gretchen Roestel

In memory of Paul Leipprandt, for Cross Lutheran School:

Terry and June Sturm

Celebrate



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretschmer
Jeff Trost
- 6 Ed Licht
Lillian Koehler
Brittany Renn
Travis Baur
- 8 Betty Champagne
Helen Greene
- 10 Jennifer Gardy
Brigid Trowbridge
Doug Richmond
- 11 Garrett Fritz
Barbara Eidt
Henry McAlpine
- 12 Pat Azarovitz
Julia Deer
Lance Schuette
- 13 Brandon Gemmell
- 14 Dan Papkey
Zachary Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle
- 18 Ruben Renn
Arlene Fritz
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz
Karen Peterson
Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere
Michelle Fritz
- 22 Justin Gemmell
- 25 Gracey LePage
Tim Warack
- 26 Richard Koehler Sr.
Kim Sturm
Jeffrey Otto
- 27 Ruth Hamilton
Caitie House
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen

April

Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Janis Elftman, 24 years
- 5 Dick & Peggy Koehler, 27 years
- 8 John & Lori Smith, 35 years
- 9 Denny & Leanne Smith, 30 years
- 17 Gary & Doralee Schulz, 31 years
- 18 Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 49 years
- 22 Kevin & Erica Sturm, 7 years
- 28 Bruce & Marilyn Baur, 51 years

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Women of Faith Study

The topic for April is "Know Thyself?" All women are invited to attend Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 to noon.

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 Needs

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. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door entrance.

Pop Tabs

Cross School is collecting the tabs from the tops of soda and beer cans. Proceeds from these help to support Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to save and donate them, place them in the recycle box outside the church office.

Remember our Shut-ins:

Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Thelma Warner, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lois Decker, sister of Linda Gardy, 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, Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, Kay Schuette, Todd Lay, Nadene Barbret, Eric

Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, 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:

- Justine Armstrong (niece of Rachel & Ron Higgins) is serving with the Air Force in Afghanistan. Please pray for Justine's safety and her 2 year old daughter, Riley, as they are separated.
- Nathan Schulz, grandson of Ron and Bonnie Schulz has graduated from Marine boot camp and is awaiting orders

School News

April School Calendar



1-5	Spring Break
4	CEA Meeting 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.
8	School Resumes
9	Vision Screening 10 a.m.
10	Chapel 12:45 p.m.
11	Kids Against Hunger
17	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
19	Half Day of School
20	Carnival and Open House
24	Chapel 8:10 a.m.

From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

"Elbows straight!" "Face forward!" "Palm up!" "Hold your pose!" Music students have been hearing plenty of directions like these during our preparations for the annual Music Palooza event for grades K-8. This show is a major highlight of the school year for many students. In fact, students will often come to class the week after musical, and ask me what next year's musical will be!

So why do students love the musical? Why do we

spend 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months of music classes preparing for a short performance? Is it that the songs are fun to sing? Is it the cool choreography? Is it that we get to speak into microphones and generally be the center of attention? Perhaps all these are true, but there is more.

The bottom line of musical is that we get to tell the story - God's story. The musical tells a story of God's love for people, and it is exciting to be part of the telling. Think of the old hymn, *I Love to Tell the Story*. Like the hymn writer, we love to be part of the telling of the story, whether it is to the hurting, the "hungering and thirsting," the new believer or the "ones who know it best." And the reason we drill and work so hard preparing is that

we want to tell it well.

Have you a story to tell about God's love for you? Of course you do. The question is how to tell it.

You don't have to write a book, host a radio show, or be in a musical with a faith message to tell part of God's story. You can tell it every day through your work, volunteering, and relationships. You can tell of Jesus and his love through your natural gifts and abilities, through words and actions. You can tell it to those who have never heard, and you can tell it to those who know it best. And, like the music students, you can prepare for the telling, in order to tell it well.

So choose a comfortable way to tell your chapter of God's story, and tell it well. May God bless your faithful efforts.

April Time & Talents

Date &	Assisting	Reader	Children's	Comm.	Ushers for	Altar Guild	Acolyte
April 7 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Vivian Buschlen	Aileen Prill	John Trowbridge	Bruce Baur Clarence Buchholz	Larua Trost	Elly Hyzer
April 14	Leanne Smith	Carol Diener	Leanne Smith		Jeff Elston Mike LePage		Travis Fritz
April 21	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Ray Licht	Carole Mead	Al Licht Kent McKenzie	Carol Diener	Mitchell Schuette
April 28	Peggy Koehler	Connie Eden	Gwynne Barry		Bob Tate		Brittany Richmond

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!**

CEA Meeting Minutes

February 20

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Rachel Higgins, Melissa Helmuth, and Pastor
 Pastor opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

Protection at School

Protecting the students and staff is important so \$1500 will be spent on protection upgrades. From now on the double doors into the gym will be locked. The locks on the doors in the gym and kitchen have been changed.

Krispy Kreme

Again Krispy Kreme fundraiser was a success. This fundraiser goes towards tuition and Aileen will send home tuition statements at a later date.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Walsh's pepper stick- April is in the process of setting up this fundraiser. It will start on March 1 and go till March 18. Students will be bringing home the packets. The money for this fundraiser will also go towards tuition.

Hungry Howie- this fundraiser is set for the month of March.

Carnival- our carnival is set for April 20 at 5:30. We are always looking for more help from parents so if interested please let one of us know. We will start set up the day before after the half day of school that day.

Spring Pancake Breakfast- this is set for May 5 and will need additional help from parents.

Family CEA Meeting

Our next family meeting is set for March 19 at 6:30. The CEA will provide sloppy joes and drinks, so parents please bring a dessert. The theme for the meeting is engineering night. Gwynne will check with Scott Whipple.

CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for April 4 at 4:45 p.m.

Cross Apparel

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

Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:30

Church Council Minutes



February 12

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

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated January 8, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the minutes as presented, Nancy Heck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by John Smith to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Karen Schuette. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$19,473.25 for the month of January, and expenses of \$30,009.38. The General Fund balance segmented, in-

cludes Leaf Fund \$413.59, Capital Improvement Fund 8,475.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a NEGATIVE Fund Balance of \$4,515.08 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$11,500.00. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 2/11/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$29,714.44, which is \$4,325.06, under budget.

COMMUNICATIONS: A Card was received from Gwynne Barry thanking Cross Lutheran for the Christmas gift cards she received, and a letter was received from Sherry Baker thanking Cross Lutheran for the use of our facilities. She commented that she is grateful to be working with Cross Lutheran and getting the Christian word out that all relationships must begin with Christ.

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of January: 3 funerals, 1 baptism, 13 teachings, 15 communions, 7 hospital visits, 10 home visits, 23 meetings and 15 services.

Ruth Milton, Funeral, Saturday, January 12, 2013

Tom Mohr, Funeral, Saturday, January 26, 2013.

Taylor Sawdy, Baptism, Saturday, January 26, 2013.

Bill Buchholz, Funeral, Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – Ash Wednesday

Every Wed. in Lent, potluck dinner @ 6:00 p.m., service @ 7:00 p.m. w/drama series

Every Sunday in Lent, vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15 2013 – Fish Fry

Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Christian Parenting Day

Sunday, March 24, 2013 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28, 2013 – Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29, 2013 – Good Friday

Prayer Vigil starts after Good Friday service and ends at noon on Saturday.

Sunday, March 31, 2013 – Easter Sunrise service at Cross Cemetery @ 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor on call Chaplin for the month of February at Scheurer Hospital.

From the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy, Huron County is developing a Task Force that will deal with such emergencies. All agencies, i.e. police, sheriff, EMT's., hospitals are part of this Task Force. I was asked to participate for the clergy. My responsibility is to talk with the pastors throughout Huron County and see if they would like to participate then go back to the Task Force and work on our part within an emergency

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situation.

Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013, with full service and imposition of ashes.

Vespers at 7:00 p.m. very Sunday in Lent.

Thank God there is a Winter Break next week.

Very busy time of the year!

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Monday through Friday, January 28, 2013 – February 1, 2013 – Lutheran School Week. Each day was a fun filled theme – School Spirit, Wilderness Day, Career Day, Sports Day, and Dress as your favorite Bible Character.

Ski Trip was a success at Apple Mountain Ski Resort. We had a beautiful sunny day which was perfect for skiing. Lost track of the “holy rollers” coming down the hill!

Ash Wednesday Chapel service, February 13, 2013, imposition of ashes will be performed. This is optional for the students.

February 18 -22, 2013 – Winter Break.

PRINCIPALS’S REPORT:

Basketball Season is over. Yahoo!! The two teams actually won some games. Even Better.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser ended February 12, 2013, 346 dozen doughnuts were distributed.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and reported the following:

No meeting was held because of snow storm.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present, and advised that he received prices for 3 locks, which would be \$100.00. He also

priced strike releases coming out of gym and to install locks on the gym, this would cost, starting in the ballpark of \$500.00.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Karen Schuette was present and provided minutes to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

Wednesday Night Lenten Dramas – Karen will choose 5 monologues from new source and ask people to read them. They will use the black curtain in the chancel again this year.

Will have a Lenten devotional booklet for 5 Sundays in Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Variety Show – Saturday, April 13, 2013. Parish Life and Mission Outreach will do the meal and hall decorations. Karen and Beth will be meeting to plan the program.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Tom Shupe was present and he provided his minutes to all present. He informed council that at their last meeting they had a discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Fund for Cross Church and School. The plan would categorize the improvements needed in the future for church, school, parish,, and grounds. The plan would then prioritize the improvements needed against financial goal and needs through the church. Once the plan is completed, it would be looked after in the future by the Stewardship Ministry. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Pastor advised that 10 signed up for

summer camp.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH: Lori Smith was present for the meeting and provided her written report to all present. Highlights were as follows:

We will start selling gift cards on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Welcome Station.

Completed a Press Release for Operation Christmas Child follow-up.

Scheduled a Mom to Mom Sale for Saturday – April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. 10 Tables have been sold as of this meeting.

Ministry also spoke on signs needed along the roadways advertising our church and school.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Gretchen Roestel was not present, but minutes were provided.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

Paper Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Discussed the meal for the Spring Musical which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Lenten Potlucks begin on February 20, 2013 and continues through Wednesday until Holy Week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety/Security – Additional measures are being looked at to secure the doors, kitchen and gymnasium (3 doors and connector hallway). Strike Release/ Button which means that Aileen would push a button and doesn't need to get up each time to let someone in – she would just

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strike the release button. Also spoke of using a magnet on Interior Doors. A Motion was made by Tom Shupe to add additional security for the school and it is not to exceed \$1,500.00, funds to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund. John Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Outreach Letter was drafted and designed by Pastor for all to look at and discuss. This matter will continue to be addressed on our agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

August 6 -9, 2013 – Pittsburg, PA – NALC Annual Convocation in conjunction with Lutheran Core

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 next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

MISSION/OUTREACH MINUTES

February 26

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Lori Smith opened with prayer. Members present were: Rose Ann Budnick, Lorraine LePage, Bonnie Schulz, Lou Ann Jarvis, Lori Smith, Kay Schuette, Rachel Messing, Pastor Tim and Connie Eden. The minutes of the January 22 meeting were reviewed. There was a correction under Coffee Hours: "Mission/Outreach will host the

coffee hours on March 3 and September 15, 2013". The Treasurer's report shows that there is currently \$790.74 in the checking account.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Pantry: No report except that the food pantry is always in need and appreciative of our donations.

Scrip cards: We will be selling Scrip cards the first Sunday of each month. Aileen will have a variety of cards in the lock box and we can pick them up and return the unsold cards and money there.

Welcome Station: A "Welcome" sign has been placed above the Welcome Station and the brochure holders have been attached on one end. We continued our discussion of pew cards, guest book and how to encourage our guests to stop by the Welcome Station to receive their welcome packet.

Operation Christmas Child: Lori reported that the press release and picture were placed in the Huron Daily Tribune and Huron County View newspapers.

Mom 2 Mom Sale: The date is April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Help is needed to get posters out and above, ads in the papers and on the Mom 2 Mom website right away. There have been 7 tables sold and 5 more applications have been requested and not back yet. Pastor suggested that Aileen Prill would be able to help us with the advertising. We will offer concessions of muffins/rolls, cookies, coffee, water, juice and pop. We will not offer lunch items this year because of only running the sale until noon.

Funeral dinners: Our women have served several funeral dinners recently, and many ideas and suggestions were shared for future meals.

Variety Show: The date for the variety show is April 13, 2013. Mission/Outreach is in charge of decorating for the Country-Western theme show. We will also help serve the meal that is being prepared by Parish Life. Decorating will take place the morning of the show. We have red and white checked napkins and tablecloths left from VBS that may be used.

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Tree: We will not have an Easter giving tree this year.

Easter Cards: We will write out the Easter cards for shut-ins at our next meeting.

Easter Breakfast: Pastor noted that the Youth are not able to do the Easter Breakfast this year, and asked if we would be able to help plan it. As about half of our ministry members will be out of town for Easter, we were not able to make that commitment.

Vacation Bible School: A circus themed VBS will be held at Cross July 15-18, 2013. Lori is looking for tents, a juggler, bright colored circus type props, bright colored fabric and a snow cone machine.

Road Signs: Discussion was tabled for another meeting.

Garage Sale: The church garage sale is scheduled for June 6, 7, & 8. Lorraine noted that she would be willing to help, but cannot head it up this year. She will prepare a written list of guidelines to help things run smoothly.

Ministry News

Coffee Hour: We are in charge of coffee hour on March 3, 2013.

The Scrip schedule for March was assigned. Our next meeting will be held on March 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, Chairman; Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary, Nancy Heck, Treasurer; Ray Licht; Richard Koehler; Carol Diener; Gwynne Barry; Kyle Yackle; and Pastor Tim Loehrke. Prayer was lead by Tom Shupe.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by Nancy Heck and 2nd by Paul Schuette. Motion carried.

Building Fund – Donations have been very good to date. A final Payment was made to Bay Port State Bank to pay off the balance of the building loan. There are still outstanding private loans that the church is making interest payments to yet.

Treasurer Report – Nancy reported the general fund is falling behind and could have a negative balance soon if nothing changes. An idea was brought to the table to make an announcement to the congregation this week about the bank pay off and to mention our general fund is falling behind. Dick Koehler said he would make the announcement but wanted some good numbers from Nancy and

Carol on how well the 5 dollars per week has done on the building fund over the past few years. Discussion was also held on printing the dollar amount of donations from the previous week in the bulletin each week. Some people may not like to see this information each week, but our budgeted goal has been falling behind for quite some time.

Financial Secretary Report – The general fund is behind the Budgeted goal this last month.

New Business – Gwynne brought an idea to the Stewardship Ministry that works like the scrip program but is for internet use. The program is called Market America or shop.com. The site uses commission from thousands of "stores" that could go toward the church/school.

A motion was made by Ray Licht and 2nd by Carol Diener to present and recommend the Market America program to church council. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on the Capital Improvement Plan. Pastor Tim Loehrke put together a list of improvements he had thought of. One item that stuck out was that Pastor's office is not sound proof. This is very important because of confidentiality between Pastor and client.

Nancy Heck made a motion to ask Church Council to sound proof Pastors Office, Connecting Hallway, and to have a new door on the office with a window. Motion was seconded by Ray Licht. Motion carried.

Adjourned: with Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is March 26 at 7 p.m.

Parish Life Ministry

March 5

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm, Alice Trost, Paul Schuette, Pastor Tim and guest Karen Schuette.

- Karen was present to discuss with us the Dinner and Western Show which will be held Saturday, April 13. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. with the show starting at about 7 p.m. Parish Life will be handling the dinner as well as promotion. Adults will be \$8, kids 5-12 will be \$4 and children under 5 will be Free. The menu was discussed as well as promoting the event. Proceeds will support the Capital Improvement Fund.

- Women of Faith will meet again on March 23 from 10:30 – noon. Sue and Betty will be choosing a new book for the next series.

- The Paper Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 items needed are: Coffee, small plates, forks, NOT spoons or knives, Kleenexes, paper towels, and hand soap

- Dr. Sherry Baker will return for another workshop on April 27 from 2 – 4 p.m. Men are encouraged to attend and learn about relationships. It was stressed that relationships encompasses all kinds of relationships.

- May 19 – Confirmation Coffee Hour. We'll have a cake, coffee and punch.

- June 2 – Graduation Coffee Hour. We'll have cake, coffee and punch.

- Easter Brunch – this was discussed. There will not be a brunch this year.

Ministry News Continued & Events

June 21 – 30 Tickets have been reserved for the Loons Game.
Next regular meeting Tuesday, April 2 at 5 p.m.
Meeting ended at 6 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Aileen Prill

Coming Up

- ◆ Michigan Blood Drive May 6
- ◆ Garage Sale - June 6, 7 and 8
- ◆ Loons Game—Friday, June 21 — Details soon.

Adopt A Highway

We will be cleaning our 2 mile portion of M-25 on Saturday, April 13 beginning at 10 a.m. With enough people on hand, this takes less than 2 hours. Everyone involved is required to attend a safety meeting prior to participating. We will hold a safety meeting at 10:45 in the School Library on April 7. Anyone who cannot make that, please call the church office, to obtain the necessary information.

Paper Shower

Sunday, April 21

Items in need:

- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Small Plates
- ◆ Forks (NOT Spoons or Knives)
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Liquid Hand Soap
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Coffee

Kids Against Hunger

We will be packing the meals again this year on Thursday, April 11 beginning about 2 p.m.

If you would like to help, please be here at that time. We hope to package 20,000 meals this year. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the meals, please use a pew envelope and mark it Kids Against Hunger.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Saturday, April 27

9 a.m. to Noon

\$1 admission

- Strollers will be permitted at this sale.
- Concessions will be available
- Call Lori Smith, 453-3953 or email her at jsmith@avci.net

WESTERN THEMED DINNER AND SHOW

Saturday, April 13

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Show at 7 p.m.

Dinner includes: BBQ pork sandwiches, roasted potato wedges, baked beans, cole-slaw, beverage and dessert.

Adults **\$8**

Kids ages 5 to 12 are **\$4**

Under age 5 are **Free**

Proceeds will support the Cross Capital Improvement Fund. This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.

VBS

Plans are under way for a Circus July 15—18. If you have any ideas or special talents to share, call Lori Smith.

Events Continued

A Workshop for Relationships

Saturday, April 27 from 2–4 p.m.

This is the 5th time Dr. Sherry Baker, Psy.D LPC will be at Cross Lutheran, offering Christian guidance. This workshop is part 2 of a focus on improving relationships with everyone in your life. Men are encouraged to attend! Dr. Baker is once again bringing along her intern, Terri Martinez.

This workshop will be two hours of **hope, encouragement and solutions** for you in your relationships!

Topics Include: communication, problem solving, celebrating differences, and dealing with envy, jealousy, anger, and forgiveness.

Dr. Sherry Baker has over 20 years experience offering Christian counseling.

Pre-register with a friend for \$15 each. Individuals are \$20. Call Sue at 453-3053 or Betty at 856-7170 or Aileen at 453-3330 ext 201.

CEA Carnival & Open House

Saturday, April 20 from 5–7:30 p.m.

***Games *Prizes * Cake Walk * Bounce House *
Face Painting * Raffles * Bingo * Popcorn * Cotton
Candy * Fun For All Ages!**

**PLUS! Check out the school and register for 13/14—
Early Registration Discount Available!**

**CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
& PRE-SCHOOL**

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Gerry Edler 678-0080

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Peggy Licht 453-3845

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**Please let the office know
if you wish to be added
to the Handy Helper List.**

<u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u>		FEBRUARY	2013	
BALANCE ON HAND	2/1/2013			23,173.65
INCOME:				
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES		27,555.40		
SCHOOL REGISTRATION				
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		250.00		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		210.00		
CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM		-		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds		-		
LEAF		-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT		-		
BEQUEST		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>28,015.40</u>	28,015.40	
EXPENSES:				
LEAF - CONTINUING EDUCATIONS		-		
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES		<u>30,787.82</u>		
		30,787.82	<u>(30,787.82)</u>	
NET INCOME			<u>(2,772.42)</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND	2/28/2013			20,401.23

<u>GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:</u>	
LEAF FUND	413.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	8,475.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	(7,537.50)
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	<u>11,750.00</u>
TOTAL:	20,401.23

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able

Total balance in all funds \$20,401.23 - Total balance in General Fund -\$7,537.50 (negative balance)

<u>BUILDING FUND:</u>			
BALANCE ON HAND	2/1/2013		28,714.97
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*		1,605.89	
FUND RAISERS		-	
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND		-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		-	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>1,605.89</u>	1,605.89
EXPENSES:			
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT			(3,000.00)
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES			(4,000.00)
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID			<u>(10,965.18)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE			(16,359.29) <u>(16,359.29)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	2/28/13		12,355.68

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR MARCH IS \$3,000.00 FOR PRIVATE LOAN INTEREST

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES	(62,640.49)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES	<u>47,488.65</u>
SHORT	(15,151.84)
DEBT OWING 2/28/2013	
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	-
PRIVATE LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>
	250,000.00
OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Spring Break is April 1 - 5 School Resumes Monday, April 8</p>	1	<p>Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. Basketball 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	3	<p>CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Basketball 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	5	6
7	<p>School Resumes Choirs: B 6:30/C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m.</p>	9	<p>Chapel 12:45 p.m. Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.</p>	11	12	13
<p>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p>		<p>Basketball 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.</p>		<p>Kids Against Hunger 2 p.m.</p>		<p>Adopt a Highway Cleanup 10 a.m. Western Dinner and Show 6 p.m.</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Basketball 5:30 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Choirs: B 6:30/C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Pigeon Pastors here at 1 p.m. Archery Banquet 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm Service 7 p.m.</p>		<p>1/2 Day of School</p>	<p>Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon Carnival & Open House 5 - 7:30 p.m.</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Paper Shower Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Choirs: B 6:30/C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Mission Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m. Basketball 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Centershot 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Mom 2 Mom Sale 9 a.m. - Noon Workshop on Relationships 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
28	29	30				
<p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m. Basketball 5:30 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Choirs: B 6:30/C 7:30 MIP 8:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Basketball 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>				

