



Cross Connection



**June/July
2026**

"On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, 'If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you, just as the Scriptures say.' Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone that had faith in him."

John 7:37-39

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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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How often do we follow a tradition without really understanding it? Christmas and Easter are celebrations of the church steeped in rich tradition. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, in Holy Week we prepare for his death, and at Easter we praise his resurrection. But why do we observe Pentecost and what is the significance?

"Pentecost" comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* and translates as "fiftieth day." For Christians, it marks the 50th day after Easter when the Holy Spirit descended upon a group of followers. Jesus says to the group, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing deep inside of you."

In Acts 2:1-4 we learn "On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak."

We celebrate Pentecost as the very moment the church was formed with all its followers receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the beginning of the sainthood of all believers as we are baptized into faith. We are now steeped in rich tradition with our brothers and sisters in Christ from this early establishment. We are a part of this ancient church!

Jesus invites us to follow, have faith, and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. What a powerful invitation! We can walk in the light as Jesus did and bear witness to others by sharing the Good News!

It is indeed life-giving water! Amen.





In memory of Connie Eden,

- to Cross School,

Shiela Yackle,
Kevin & Debra Ohlrogge LIV TR,
Roberta Shaffer,
kay Schuette,
Brian & Kim Delpiere,
Chat N Chew Group,
Raylene Henkelmann,
Mary Bauer,
Sue Swackhamer,
Kenneth Schulze,
Randal & Gwendolyn Ovcen,
Steve Schulze,
Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz,
Norm & Tonja Nelson,
Thomas & Bernice Shupe,
Dorothy Thuemmel,
Henry & Barb Trost,
Douglas & Dianne Yackle,
Donald & Barbra Faupel,
David & Nicole Shupe,
Cozette McCormick,
Cynthia Engelhard,
Michael & Margie Stevenson,
Hank Clabuesch,
Eric & Anne Bell,
Bob & Eileen Johnson,
Timothy & Katrina Smith,

- to The Church General Fund,

Kyle Yackle,
Carol Diener,
Terry & June Sturm,
Alexander & Patricia Cucinello,
Randall & Cheryl Sturm,
Tom & Lorraine Piebe,
Ronald & Cheryl Dibel,
Arthur & Elaine Eden,
Florence Behm,
Jo Ann Lakie,
Trevia & Larry Dressler,
Richard Koehler,
Dave & Arlowene,
Shirley Deering,
Jalaine Schneeberger,
Matthew & Michelle Reibling,
David & Gahl Mitin,
Sandra Haley,
Karen Anklam,
Jack & Pamela Sturm,
David & David Jarvis,
Kevin & Steffany Kaiser & Family,
George & Linda Gardy,
Michael & Lorraine LePage,
Linda Fietzer,
Jean Sturm,
Paul & Karen Schuette,
Neal & Annie Eichler,
Larry & Anette Prich,
Scheurer Hospital Decial Records:
Patty, Rhonda, Vicki & Kathy,
Kent & Lori McKenzie,

Timothy & Katrina Smith,

- to The Church Building Fund

Bonnie Schulz,
Donald & Nancy Heck,
Mark & Krissie Janke,
Bruce Baur,
Donald & Nancy Heck,
Neil & Connie Herford,

- to the Organ Fund

Peggy McCrimmon,
Denson & Leanne Smith,

- to the Disaster Quilters

Nancy Schuette,
Michael & Jean Sting,

**THOSE IN NEED OF
CONTINUED PRAYER**

Dawn Hendricks, Bernice Shupe,
Beth Elston, Gene Parsell, Mike
Eden, Terry Sturm, Clark Elftman,
Hannah Britt, John Finneren, Tom
Shupe, Whitney Peyer, Joe
Stodola, Matt Edler, Larry Adams,
Al Collison, Susan Beller, Hope
Kittel, Noah Adams, Kay Schuette,
Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Robert
Blunt Jr, Marilyn Blunt, Alan Licht,
Richard Baranski, Ron Kubacki,
Danielle Corp, Jackson LePage.

CROSS CHURCH SHUT INS

Vivian Buschlen, Cordelia Trost,
Roberta Danks, Marvin Trost.
Please keep them in your prayers.

**THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR
COUNTRY**

Nicholas Swanson (US Air Force)
Warren Walker (US Army)



Scholarship Fund- We are blessed to have a school where children can grow both academically and spiritually. Our scholarship fund, which provides tuition and lunch assistance to families in need, is currently running low.

If you feel led, we invite you to consider giving a donation toward this important ministry. Every gift, big or small, directly impacts the life of a student and helps us to continue offering a Christian education to all who seek it.

Donations may be placed in the offering plate (marked "Scholarship Fund") or delivered to the church or school office. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and support.



**CHURCH DIRECTORY...
WE ARE PLANNING ON
PHOTOS BEING TAKEN
AUGUST 6, 7, & 8TH.**



Cross Lutheran Church Ministry of Education and Youth would like to make you aware of the opportunity for financial assistance. This would be for any Cross Youth Members going to a Christ Centered summer camp, such as Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, but not limited to Bay Shore.

A portion of the Fish Fry proceeds has been appropriated to support our youth. The amount of \$200 will be given toward the camp fee, for one camp session this summer.

For those attending Bay Shore Camp you MUST WRITE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH on your registration form. Arrangements have been made with Bay Shore Camp and \$200 will be deducted from your camp fee and paid by Cross Lutheran Youth Fund.

Questions contact Leanne Smith at (989) 553-4241

Cross Lutheran Church Family Garage Sale

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon MI



Thursday	June 4th	9 am-5 pm	
Friday	June 5th	9 am-5 pm	1/2 OFF
Saturday	June 6th	9 am-Noon	FREE

Cash Only

**If you wish to Donate items to the Cross Garage Sale
Drop Off Times Are:**

May 30th	Saturday	9 am - Noon
May 31st	Sunday	9 am - Noon
June 1st	Monday	9 am - 7 pm
June 2nd	Tuesday	9 am - 3 pm

Sorry, but we do not accept electronics, large appliances, large Christmas tree, shoes or books.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE?



I know you are probably wondering WHY. Have you ever wondered who puts up the manger scene during advent? Where is it stored? How old are the nativity figures in the manger? We are looking to replace a few figures and have an idea from some church families. Join us at the coffee hour after service on June 14th to find out the answers to these questions and enjoy each other's fellowship together. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Preparing for Worship

June 7 - Second Sunday after Pentecost- 1R- Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 P- Psalm 119:65-72
2R-Romans 4:13-25 G- Matthew 9:9-13

June 14 - Third Sunday after Pentecost- 1R- Exodus 19:2-8 P- Psalm 100 2R-
Romans 5:6-15 G- Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- 1R-Jeremiah 20:7-13 P- 91:1-10 2R- Ro-
mans 6:12-23 G- Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Juen 28 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - 1R- Jeremiah 28:5-9 P- 119:153-160 2R-
Romans 7:1-13 G- Matthew 10:34-42

Worship and Music Ministry
Meeting Report
May 13, 2026



Members Present: Mike Sting, Pastor Kevin Kaiser, Beth Elston, Peg McCrimmon, John Trowbridge - Trustee, Karen Schuette - Chair.

*Green paraments have arrived and will be put in service in June for the After Pentecost season.

*Liturgy Schedule - Pastor and Beth will put together a suitable Choral Setting to be used from June to September.

***MOTION BY JOHN AND SECONDED BY MIKE DIRECT BETH TO HIRE DAVID SCHONFELD, TECHNICIAN, TO SERVICE THE NAVE PIANO DOING A "PIANO REGULATION." MOTION CARRIED.**

*We will meet in summer only when needed.



Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Regular Meeting - April 14, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was held on April 14, 2026 at the Church, 200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI. President John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Kevin Kaiser offered the opening prayer.

Members Present: Josh Barry, Kim Delpiere, Nancy Heck, Kent McKenzie, Kim Sears, Peter Shupe, John Smith and Kevin Stachowiak .

Member Absent: John Trowbridge.

Also in Attendance: Pastor Kevin Kaiser, Phil Shadd and Leanne Smith.

Agenda Update and Approval: Motion by Delpiere, second by Stachowiak, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes of March Meeting

Motion by McKenzie, second by Shupe to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fish Fry Report

Leanne Smith reported a profit of \$7,750.51 from the Dinner. Following discussion a motion was made by Heck, second by McKenzie to split the proceeds as follows: \$2,750.51 for Youth Group Activities, \$2,500 to Cross Lutheran School Scholarship Fund and \$2,500 for the new Roof Fund. All Ayes. Motion carried. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Heck, second by Barry to start a Roof Fundraiser to replace a portion of the Church Roof. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Kaiser submitted a written report for Council to review. Council granted the School permission to use the Sanctuary for their upcoming Spring Music and Art Festival. Motion by Barry, second by Sears, to accept Mryna Born and Natalya Solowich into Membership of Cross Lutheran Church. All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Barry, second by McKenzie to release Kyle Buchholz to St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, MI. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Sears submitted a written report for March. General Fund had a beginning balance of \$158,322 and an ending balance of \$161,964. Building Fund had a beginning balance of \$12,935 and an ending balance of \$13,235. Motion by Delpiere, second by Stachowiak to approve the Treasurer's Report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Vice President/School Board: Following Discussion a motion was made by McKenzie, second by Shupe to purchase and install Cameras in the Church hallways with available Grant Funds. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Reports

Ministry of Properties: Trustee McKenzie reported the Property Committee will review Church Safety/Security options at their next meeting.

Ministry of Worship and Music: Following discussion, a motion was made by Delpiere, second by Sears that we advertise for a Music Director (including organ, piano and choirs). All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mission Outreach Ministry: Trustee Delpiere reported they have met with a Representative from Universal Church Directory and are continuing to plan the new Church Directory. Flowers will be given to all Mothers on Mother's Day. Church Garage Sale will be June 4th - 6th.

Ministry of Youth and Education: Trustee Barry reported youth activities are being planned for Spring. Bible School will be June 8th thru 11th.

Old Business

Motion by Heck, second by Sears to donate the offerings from the April 12th coffee hour to the Organ Fund. All Ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Funds have been donated for the the purchase of a Generator for the parsonage. Property Committee will get prices for the May meeting.

Motion by Delpiere, second by Sears to pay Gwynne Barry for teaching Confirmation Classes until Pastor arrived. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shupe, second by McKenzie, to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Heck
Cross Council Secretary





Youth and Education Notes May

Ahhh, summertime. School is out. Classes are done. Gardens are growing or in the process of being planted as our spring has been a chilly one! The ballfields are busy each night. Ice cream and swimming are a priority. The days are long. One would think that the summer months would be a time of taking a break and relaxing...but summertime has its own agenda. We find our calendars filling up quickly and it seems we have to find time to schedule a break from the action.

In the busyness of our lives, it is important to take a break....God even took a break. We are reminded of this in Genesis as He rested on the seventh day of creation. Yes, there is a time to rest in our lives, to take a break from the action. But, that doesn't mean we should take a break from God.

Gathering as His children to hear His Word, to pray for His people, to partake of His meal, to serve, to sing, to give thanks...the list is endless...should still be a priority during the summer months for you and your family!

We give thanks for our summer schedules and boundless opportunities to praise our awesome God!

Looking back at our youth events of late April and May, we give thanks for the attendance of our kids. Our Pigeon Scavenger Hunt was a blast as eight Cross youth and five adults participated in the adventure with laughs, prizes, and food! On May 17 we met at the parsonage with seven youth, four parents, Pastor and Steffany and me. We discussed past and future activities, hurried through roasting hotdogs and s'mores, and then spent time in the basement when the tornado siren went off in Pigeon. Memories made!

VBS is just around the corner...June 8-11. "Rainforest Falls–Exploring the Nature of God" is this year's theme. Your help in any form is appreciated as we share God's Word with His children. At the time of this writing, 24 families have signed up their children.

Ahh....summertime. As our schedules flex a bit during the summer months, remember the lessons being presented at our VBS.... God is our creator, God knows everything, God is our safe place, God is love, God is forever.....our God is an awesome God!

In His love,
Gwynne Barry
Ministry of Youth and Education



MISSION OUTREACH
MINUTES

May 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President, Krisie Janke.

ATTENDANCE: Those in attendance were Krisie Janke, Kim Delpiere, Laura Trost, Lorraine LePage, Kay Schuette, Heather Kettle, Tonja Nelson, Lori Smith, John Smith, Pastor Kevin Kaiser, and special guest, Michelle Bell from Universal Church Directories. A prayer was given by Pastor Kevin Kaiser.

MINUTES: The minutes from the April meeting were handed out and looked over. A motion was made by Kim Delpiere to accept the minutes and seconded by Lori Smith. Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: We received a Thank You from Safe Place. There was also discussion about purchasing a brick for the Cross Garden in memory of Connie Eden.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Lorraine LePage. There was one check outstanding in the amount of \$663. Lori Smith also found a check from a year ago made out to the Food Pantry.

BUSINESS: Mother's Day details were all set. John and Lori Smith were in charge of Coffee Hour for that Sunday. Father's Day was also all set with the purchase of the Man of God multi-tool. Discussion was turned to the upcoming Garage Sale. Lorraine mentioned flyers being placed in mailboxes. There was also talk about sign-up sheets for workers. It was mentioned that most people just show up to help. Pastor mentioned passing around a sign-up sheet during church. There was mention of putting the garage sale on the outdoor sign after graduation on the 17th. Lorraine suggested purchasing table signs this year for the tables. There was talk about posting the garage sale in The View. Krisie will contact Tim Fritz for the Thumb Industries trailer.

For the outreach this month, Lorraine suggested the Pigeon Food Pantry. A motion was made by Lorraine to give the Food Pantry a check for \$100. Lori Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Michelle Bell passed out an overview for pictures for the new Church Directory. She mentioned that there would be about 6-8 weeks for sign up. There was discussion on volunteers, sign up weekends, and software used for the directory, which would be free. This would be downloaded on a computer.

There was discussion about taking group pictures for the directory and that it would be better to have them taken before school was out. Photographers from Universal Church Directories would take photos of the church itself, inside and out. Online scheduling will be coming soon. This would be turned off on Friday night and back on Monday morning. We can have 2 Admins to be in charge of inputting the appointment times from the weekends when the online would be shut off and to make any changes to appointments online. There was talk of reminder phone blasts before appointment days and times. Anyone who wanted to submit a photo would have to pay \$15. Lorraine suggested that our group pay the \$15 for shut-ins who wanted to submit a photo. Groups of 5 or more people could have more than 1 appointment time. There was talk of having David Faupel send information to school families before school was let out for the summer.

Also in other business, Pastor Kevin suggested our Mission Outreach group possibly adopting a student's lunch for the next school year for student's who aren't covered by scholarships and need help. The meals are \$4 a day. The total for one student a year would be \$660.

Lorraine mentioned that the welcome packets were ready and we just needed to decide where we wanted to place them. There was discussion about using the bulletin boards in the entrance ways and also of possibly finding a way to place them outside for when the church is locked.

Kim Delpiere made a motion to purchase a brick in memory of Connie Eden not to exceed \$100. Tonja Nelson seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Krisie will order the brick. The writing on the brick is yet to be determined.

The next coffee hour for the whole group will be on May 24, 2026. This will be a special coffee hour and for anyone who wishes to help.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Trost





June

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4 School Board 5:30 pm Garage Sale 9-5 pm	5 Garage Sale 9-5 pm	6 Garage Sale 9- Noon
7 Communion Service 9:30 am	8 VBS 9-11:30 am	9 VBS 9-11:30 am Daycare 3 pm Council 7 pm	10 VBS 9-11:30 am Mission Outreach 1 pm	11 VBS 9-11:30 am	12	13
14 Worship Service 9:30 am	15	16	17	18 Quilters 1 pm	19	20
21 Communion Service 9:30 am	22	23	24	25 Quilters 1 pm	26	27
28 Worship Service 9:30 am	29	30	1	2	3	4



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion Service 9:30 am	6	7	8 Mission Outreach 1 pm	9 Quilters 1 pm	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:30 am	13	14 Daycare 3 pm Council 7 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Communion Service 9:30 am	20	21	22	23 Quilters 1 pm	24 Newsletter DUE	25
26 Worship Service 9:30 am	27	28	29	30	31	