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# Cross Connection

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## Cross Lutheran Church & School

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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 Church,

In the next few months there are some major holidays coming up that we all have made extensive plans for. Holiday's that call for traditions to be carried out at all cost and that vacations, time off work, planning of food, gifts, invitations, cards, etc. are critical to the success or failure of the holiday events. So I know you are thinking; what holidays are coming that I have forgotten to plan for that isn't already on the calendar. Well, let me tell you, National Day of Prayer (May 3), the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (May 17), Pentecost (May 27) and Trinity Sunday (June 3) to name a few. I know that I have personally put off vacation time in order to be around to take part in all of the festivities that surround these time honored celebrations on these fantastic holidays. I'm

losing sleep because of the anticipated excitement that is to come. My list of gifts to buy and cards to mail is growing by the minute. I've got to hurry because there is not much time left and the sales are going fast.

OK, I just woke up from my dream and I'm back in reality. Of course we are really getting ready for Mother's day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and don't forget about all those graduation parties all summer long.

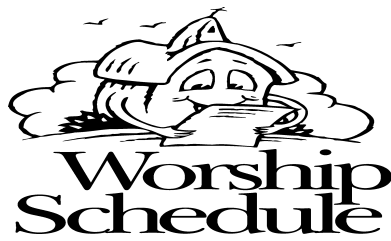
I can't help but think about all that we put into these time honored holidays and how we seem to push aside our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once Christmas and Easter have come and gone. Can you imagine what kind of world it would be if all of the Church holidays dominated our calendars? Can you imagine planning a

vacation around Trinity Sunday so you wouldn't miss that church holiday because you wanted to be in church to honor and worship the Triune God? Can you imagine buying two plane tickets to the Seattle, WA so you could be with friends to celebrate Christ the King Sunday with them? Can you imagine...

We say we honor Christ but when we look at how we honor Christ we honor Him when it is convenient for us and can fit into our schedule of holidays. Which then begs the question, what has more priority, society and its holidays or church and its holidays?

God gave us Jesus Christ not because it was convenient for Him but because we were in deep need and didn't know it. Jesus Christ took upon himself the consequences of all our sins and paid the price **(Cont. on Page 2)**

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## May 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 8:26 – 40  
 P – Psalm 150  
 2R – 1 John 4:1 – 11 (12 – 21)  
 G – John 15:1 - 8  
 Hymns: 336, 475, 344 Comm. 352,

527

## May 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 10:34 - 48  
 P – Psalm 98  
 2R – 1 John 5:1 - 8  
 G – John 15: 9 - 17  
 Hymns: 520, 306, 487

## May 20 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 1:12 - 26  
 P – Psalm 1

2R – 1 John 5: 9 - 15

G – John 17:11b - 19

Hymns: 488, 364, 333 Comm. 166, 478, 554

## May 27 – Day of Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

P – Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16)

2R – Acts 2:1 - 21

G – John 15:26 – 27; 16:4b - 15

Hymns: 448, 459, 507

## MICHIGAN BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 10 12 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

Here at

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



### Cross Lutheran Church Women

**Morning Circle** will meet Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.

**Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m.

The Study material for all circles will be "Wise and Foolish." Booklets are available.

**Love Day** will be Wednesday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

### Coffee Fellowship Hour

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 20 – Parish Life – Confirmation Reception

May 27 – Parish Life – Graduation Reception

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price on the cross. That is something we should give thanks for everyday. Everyday then should be a thankful holiday praising and honoring Jesus Christ for giving us life through his death on the cross and de-

feating death that Easter morning.

*NRS* **John 11:25** *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,*

So enjoy your holidays. The question is which holidays are important in your life that you will observe?

God's speed  
 Pr Tim

## In Memory



### IN LOVING MEMORY

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

In honor of **Olga Renn's Birthday**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz and family.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Nancy Schuette and family.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Cordelia Trost.

In memory of **David Hughes**, for Kids Against Hunger, by Nancy Schuette and family.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Fred and Delores Collison.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette.

In memory of **Helen Schave**, for Cross Building Fund, by Cordelia Trost.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by Delores

# Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, May 6**  
**9 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**Come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and beverages!**

**Adults \$6**

**Children (12 and younger) \$3**

**under age 5 - Free**

Proceeds support Cross Lutheran School. Sponsored by CEA and Thrivent Financial.

Lange.

In memory of **Helen Schave**, for Cross Building Fund, by Delores Lange.

In memory of **June Hnatiuk**, for Cross Building Fund, by Richard and Lillian Koehler.

In memory of **Lois Bergman**, for Cross Building Fund, by LouAnn Jarvis

# Celebrate



## May Birthdays

- 1 Janet Schumacher  
Amanda Buschlen
- 2 Arno Ruthenberg  
J.B. Barry  
Michelle Richmond
- 3 Andrea Schuette  
Harold Deering  
Andrew Licht
- 4 Peg McCrimmon  
Matthew McNeil
- 5 Patty Schulze  
Mikayla Young
- 6 Jody McKenzie
- 7 Julie Parker
- 8 Lydia Decker
- 11 Brittany Richmond  
Isaac Elston  
Fred Chisholm
- 13 Linda Gardy  
Corey Trost  
Dale Schulz  
William Schuette
- 14 John Trowbridge  
Ryan Warack
- 15 Janet Love
- 17 Kayla Smith
- 18 Courtney Siewert
- 20 Bob Tate
- 21 Roger Fritz  
Dawn Rosenthal  
Alexander Love
- 22 Jordan Trost  
Paul Schuette
- 23 Emma Smith  
Connie Walker
- 25 Matt LePage

- 28 John Smith  
Johnathon Higgins
- 29 Patrick Deer  
Zachary Kretzschmer
- 30 Carol Diener  
Dorothy Henne  
Donna Wheeler
- 31 Leanne Smith

- 16 years
- 16 Rick & Marlene Landry, 3 years
- 23 John & Brigid Trowbridge, 25 years
- 24 Ron & Michelle Bergman, 9 years
- 27 Henry & Barb Trost, 34 years
- 27 Duane & Karen Peterson, 23 years

## May Anniversaries

- 13 Duane & Shelly Baur, 23 years
- 13 Roger & Jeannie Renn, 12 years
- 15 Jim & Brenda Smith, 8 years
- 15 Darrin & Tracie Schuette,



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

George & Ruth Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur, Gloria Lewis.

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

Eric, Herzog, Edna Schulz, Harold Deering, Sally Rogers, Connor Flores, Kay Schuette, Lisa Sturm, Art Woelke, Todd Lay, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Helen Connors, mother of Wendy Gettel, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Stephanie Maust, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George and Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman. Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

### **Special Dates**

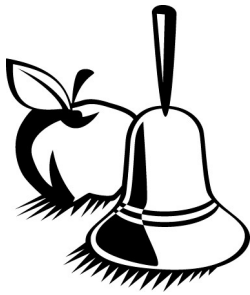
- National Day of Prayer, May 3
- Christian Family Week, May 6-13
- Mother's Day, May 13
- Ascension of the Lord, May 17
- Armed Forces Day, May 19
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 21
- Pentecost, May 27
- Memorial Day, May 28



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

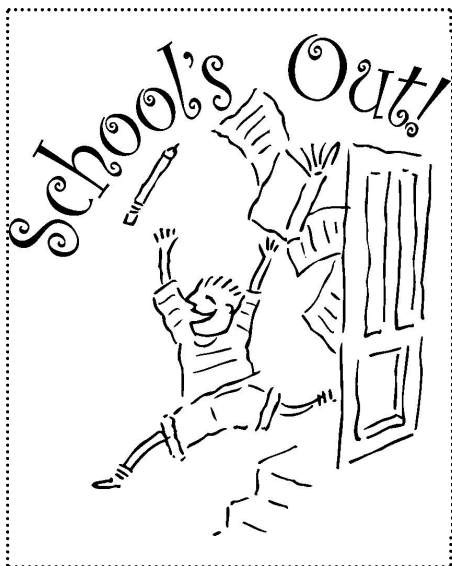
Tim Neal, the brother of Kayla Smith, who is in the army and was deployed to Afghanistan.

# School News



## School Calendar

- May 2 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- May 3 School Board 5:30 p.m.
- May 6 CEA Pancake Breakfast
- May 9 Long Term Chapel 1 p.m.  
Pre-School field trip to Octagon Barn
- May 16 Chapel 8:10 a.m.  
Pre-School Family Picnic 12:30—2 p.m.
- May 18 Field Day at Lakers  
No School for K-2
- May 24 Pre-School Graduation
- May 25 Last Day of School  
Closing Chapel 1:45 p.m.
- May 27 Graduation Day



## FROM THE DESK OF... GWYNNE BARRY

Greetings!

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." These are words that echo in our classrooms during devotions this month as we open with the psalm. There are many blessings for which we rejoice!

We rejoice and are glad for the students' growth this school year. Kindergarteners are reading, math facts have been mastered, and you should hear the band! Students are growing in their knowledge of the Bible and in their faith.

We rejoice in our worship with the residents of Long Term. They will be coming to Cross to worship with us during a special chapel time. You are welcome to attend our chapel on Wednesday, May 9 at 1 P.M. The third -fifth graders are glad for all the experiences of sharing Jesus with the residents throughout the school year.

The weather has been beautiful, as you know, and we hope it continues as grades 3-8 get ready for Field Day at Lakers on Friday, May 18. (Rain date is Monday, May 21.) Cross is in charge of the concession stand this year. Would you consider spending some time working in the concession stand during the day from 9A.M. -1:30 P.M.? We have three volunteers already. Many thanks to Sue, Krisie, and Nancy! Contact Gwynne if you would like to help also. She'll rejoice if you volunteer!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. We rejoice and are glad to serve our Lord at Cross Lutheran School!

Thank you for your continued support.

Rejoice!

Gwynne Barry

# CEA Minutes

## CEA Meeting

March 7

President April Rujan

Vice-President Melissa Helmuth

Secretary Melisa Raymond

Treasurer Rachel Higgins

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, Rachel Higgins, and Pastor Tim

Pastor opened with Prayer at 5:30pm.

### Video Presentation

We would like to thank those that participated in the video presentation. A rough cut of the video has been and we are really looking forward to final video. Thanks again to Casey with Turner Arts he has done an amazing job with this project.

### Cross Carnival

Our annual Cross Carnival is just around the corner. The carnival is April 14 from 5:00-7:30 here at Cross school. Parents have been assigned to help with carnival please see the CEA for any issues.

### Pancake Breakfast

Pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2010 @ 5:30

### Cross Apparel

We now have Cross apparel, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @

6:30pm

April 4, 2012

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Present at meeting were April Rujan, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, Rachel Higgins, and Pastor Tim

Pastor opened with Prayer at 5:30pm.

### Video Presentation

We would like to thank those that participated in the video presentation. The video is finalized and it is great. We are anxious for you all too see it. It will be ready to view on the website shortly. We also plan on showing the video the night of the carnival. Thanks again to Casey with Turner Arts he has done an amazing job with this project.

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### Pancake Breakfast

Pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will need parents to volunteer for our final pancake breakfast of the year. Please contact the CEA if interested.

### CEA Meeting

Next CEA meeting is sched-

uled for April 25, 2010 @ 5:30

### Cross Apparel

We now have Cross apparel, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

Meeting closed with prayer @ 6:30pm

## Cross School

### Chapel Offering

Each Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. the students of Cross Lutheran School can be found attending a weekly Chapel Service in the church sanctuary. The time is spent singing, praying, hearing God's word and giving their chapel offerings.

Each month the offering goes to a different organization. Past offerings have gone to support Thumb Distribution, the Ronald McDonald House, the Food Pantry, Kids Against Hunger, and in March, it went to support God's Global Barnyard.

This organization provides animals to families in need. An animal can make a world of difference. They provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. Each gift can help a family escape the circle of hunger and poverty for good.

This is the second year the Cross students have participated. Purchased from the March offerings of \$120 were a goat, a pig, two chicks and a duck. The students get excited to be a part of helping children just like them in another part of the world!

# May Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's time	Communion Assistant	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
May 6 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Alissa Peterson	Gwynne Barry	Carole Mead	Bruce Baur Brian Delpiere Richard Mead	Delores Lange
May 13 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Carol Diener	Ray Licht		Norm Nelson Ron Schulz Tom Shupe	
May 20 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Vivian Buschlen	Brian Delpiere	Sue Loehrke		Carol Diener
May 27 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Ray Licht	Sue Loehrke	Gwynne Barry		Laura Trost

**LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD**

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!

## Cross Lutheran Church

~~Presents~~

### Self-Care: The Remedy For Stress

Sunday, May 20 from 2-4 p.m.

With guest speaker

#### Dr. Sherry Baker, PsyD, LPC

Dr. Sherry Baker has over 20 years experience offering Christian counseling. She holds two B.A. degrees, an M.A. in counseling, an M.A. and a PsyD. In Psychology. She has provided treatment groups for the court system since 1996. she is also a state

certified teacher.

Dr. Baker will speak on the importance of Christian Counseling vs. Secular Counseling. She will address issues of special interest to women of all ages and will explain what a Mental Health Check-up is.

Dr. sherry has extensive training and experience in providing help for addictions, depression, suicide, anxiety, domestic violence, parenting, codependency, substance abuse, grief counseling, couples counseling and anger management. Her goal as a counselor is to be a servant of God in ministry to hurting people.

*Refreshments will be served. There is no charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. Due to limited seating, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED! Call Betty at 856-7170 or Sue at 453-3053 to reserve your seat.*

## Council Meeting Minutes



### Council Minutes

#### March 13

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

**MINUTES:** The previous Council Minutes dated Feb. 14, 2012 were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by John Smith 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 Nancy Heck to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

**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 \$23,386.84 for

the month of February and expenses of \$29,598.02. the General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund - \$732.49, Roof Repair Fund - \$3,695.14, Organ Repair Fund - \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Fund Balance of \$584.08, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$8,975.00. Tom Shupe made a motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 3/11/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$50,829.49 which is \$9,293.97 under budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS:** None.

**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 February: 1 funeral, 0 baptisms, 15 teachings, 9 communions, 4 hospital visits, 7 home visits, 18 meetings and 15 services.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR:

- Fri, Mar 16, fish Fry, Kevin Sturm
- Sun, Mar 18, DVD Marriage Seminar
- Thu, Mar 22, Kids Against Hunger (Ron Guenther is taking over for Fred Kalis)

- Sat, Mar 24, Christian Parenting Day, Bernice Shupe

- Sun, Apr 1, Palm Sunday

- Thur, Apr 5 Maundy Thur, service at 7 p.m. with foot washing and communion

- Fri, Apr 6, Good Friday, service at 7 p.m.

- o Prayer Vigil begins immediately following the Good Friday service and ends Sat, Apr 7 at noon.

- o Sun, apr 8 Easter

- o Sunrise service at the Cross cemetery, 7 a.m.

- o Easter continental breakfast 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Easter service 9:30 a.m. with communion

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Meeting with Bishop Spring Emeritus, April 26, at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, MI

- New Members to Cross Lutheran are:

- o Rose Ann and Roger budnick

- o Russ and Jeanne Williams

- o Marjorie Dondineau

- o First Communion Classes will be held in April

- o Vespers is beingheld every Sunday in Lent at 7 p.m.

Potluck supper at 6 p.m. every Wednesday night during Lent

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- School year 2011-2012, Grades K-8, 34 students (a fourth grader transferred in after winter break, and Pre-School 17 students
- March is reading month for the school
- Archery is ongoing and doing well. They are hitting the target!
- Lutheran School week is March 5 – 9. A great week especially the Bible characters' on Friday.
- CEA video for church and school

Carnival will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012, 5 -7:30 p.m.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

John Smith was present and reported that a rough cut of the video will be viewed Tuesday, Feb. 21. Spelling Bee was held last weekend at Christ the King and reported that Cross did well. Krispy Crème Fundraiser went well, the school sold over 400 dozen of Krispy Crème's.

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:**

Mike Fritz wasn't present, no report was given. Dick Koehler advised council that he and John Smith will take care of the eaves trough issue over the doorway leading to the offices, and between them two or Mike will get the signs up.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

Karen Schuette provided a written report to all present. Highlights included Beth Elston and Pastor Tim have a dual membership to Association for Lutheran Musicians for \$140, and she will alert Carol Diener about paying for this service.

**MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:**

Tom Shupe was present, and provided minutes for review. Highlights of his report were as follows: Cross Lutheran Church as contributed \$1,273.96 to the NALC for the 2011 year, and after some discussion their committee would like to give \$5,000 in 2013. They currently have \$716 for Kids Against Hunger.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:**

Kevin Trost was present and provided a written report. Highlights of his report were as follows: Fish fry is set for March 16. Youth ministry will host the Easter Breakfast. Thrivent funds have been requested for both of these events.

**MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:**

Lori Smith was present. Highlights of her oral report were as follows:

- A miss you card will be sent to non-active church members.
- Cross Garage Sale June 7, 8, 9, 2012
- Bible School offering in July during Farmers' Festival will go towards Operation Christmas Child for 2012

Mom to Mom sale is April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Admission fee \$1)

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:**

Gretchen Roestel was not present. A written report wasn't available.

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:**

Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows: Women of Faith will continue with the next study scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Dur Sherry Baker will be

here on Sunday, May 20, 2 – 4 p.m. program will be "Self-Care – A Remedy for Stress". DVD series "Laughing your Way to a Better Marriage" will be held on Sunday, March 18.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- NALC Constitution update – Voting will take place on Sunday, March 18 for the national NALC Constitution, it will strictly be a yes or no vote.
- Principal for 2012-2013 school year. It appears that is is unfeasible at this time, discussion followed with some other ideas to be looked into.
- Traffic direction signs. Dick Koehler will take care of ths as indicated earlier under the Property Report.

Worship and Music Survey will be distributed on a Sunday, sometime after Easter, probably will be Sunday, April 22.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Designated Road Clean Up – Aileen wishes to pursue this mission through the Huron County Road Commission. Cross would be given a portion of highway to clean up twice a year. Council gave her the go ahead with this mission.

**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 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

# Ministries

## Stewardship Ministry Minutes March 27

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Tom Shupe at 7 p.m. on the above date. Members present were Ray Licht, Roger Fritz, Kyle Tackle, Pastor Tim Loehrke, Kim Delpiere, Nancy Heck, Paul Schuette and June Sturm. Opening prayer was led by Tom Shupe.

**MINUTES** from the previous meeting, Feb. 28, were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray Licht, seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

**BENEVOLENCE REPORT:** None written at this time. June reported that a check for \$1,135 was written for Kids Against hunger. A total of \$1,100 was donated by the Cross School and a special church offering Sunday, March 18 (\$424).

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Paul reviewed his report with everyone present. The 11 week contributions are down when compared to last years. The committee decided to include the lose change to the report.

**TREASURER REPORT:** It was reported that the general fund in \$2,344.32 in the negative. The building fund balance of Feb. is \$8,668.80.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tom reported to the committee that council has asked the School Board for a budget. They would like to see the board lower the cost to run the school.

**ADJOURNED:** with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delpiere

## Ministry of Education Minutes March 23

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. Pastor began with a prayer. Those present were Gretchen Roestel, Connie Eden, Laura Trost and Pastor Tim.

The meeting began with discussion of LEAF funds. There were no requests so we moved on to Sunday School. There was a discussion of the curriculum for next school year. Also it was decided that Connie wouldn't be responsible for picking out curriculum any more. That would be the job of the Ministry of Education. There was also a discussion about what needs to be changed with Sunday School. Gretchen suggested sending out surveys to families to get their input as to what they would like changed. There will be talk about survey questions at the next meeting.

Vacation Bible School was addressed. Connie mentioned that Lori Smith has sent out for the VBS kit.

Moving on to Baptisms. Pastor announced that Cindy Bimberg's granddaughter will be baptized on March 31. The Baptism will be a private one and it will be at 11 a.m. We discussed putting the baby on the Baptism board.

In old business, t was mentioned that \$41 was made at the March coffee hour.

In new business, the Education committee will be doing coffee hour on April 1. We discussed the suggestion for changing the time of the Christmas Eve program. Pastor mentioned that nothing more has been brought up about it. Gretchen stated that she would be teaching Sunday School in April.

CEA school video was also discussed. Pastor said that it was 90% done. The video will be shown on the school website once it is finished. Pastor also mentioned that the video would be brought to other churches. Discussion was also made on how to get the video out to the public. Laura Trost wondered if the school had ever looked into renting a billboard to promote the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Tim. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m.

# Ministries

## Parish Life Ministry

**April 3**

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer.

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

- Paper Shower was held Sunday, March 11. Supplies donated included: 65 rolls of paper towels, 5 rolls of foil, 5 boxes of large baggies, 2 boxes of plastic wrap, 1000 spoons, 1000 forks, 754 small paper plates, 6 boxes of Kleenex, 4 bottles of dish detergent, 5 bottles of hand soap, 166 hot cups, 2000 napkins, 3 boxes of flavored cream. It was noted that when small groups are meeting, they may make use of these items and need not bring their own.

- We received positive response on Lenten Potlucks and will continue them next year.

- Women of Faith Study meets next on April 14 from 10:30 – noon. Betty expects there to be more people at this one. It's still very early in the study and anyone may join in.

- Dr. Sherry Baker on Sunday, May 20 from 2-4 will be "Self-Care: a remedy for stress" – Flyers will be distributed after Easter. Refreshments will be available after the presentation. More discussion at May meeting.

- Discussed the DVD series "Laughing Your Way to a Better Marriage" by Mark Gungor. Feedback from those attending was good. Since we did not show the last segment, we will look into possibly scheduling a time to do so. Depending on cost, we may purchase our own set of DVDs.

- April 15 and 22 Coffee Hours donations will support the purchasing of flowers planted outside by Mike and Connie Eden. Handy Helpers will be called to make items of each Sunday.

- May 20 Parish Life will hold a reception Coffee Hour for the Confirmation class (4). Sue will order a cake from Walmart.

- May 27 Parish Life will hold a reception Coffee Hour for the Graduation class (4). No Cake, regular refreshments.

- Need to begin promoting the Loons game on Aug. 7. Aileen will call to see when tickets need to be purchased.

Aileen informed the group about the Adopt-A-Highway program which the church will be involved in. Our clean up date is Saturday, April 21.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 1 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill



## Garage Sale

The Cross Family Garage Sale will be held June 7, 8 and 9. Please continue to collect items for this sale. More information will be coming soon in the weekly bulletins.



## Mother's Day

Don't forget, Sunday May 13 is Mother's Day!

## Great Lakes Loons Game

**Tuesday, Aug. 7**

**vs. Dayton Dragons**

Game time is 7:05 p.m. There is fireworks after the game. We have on hold 30 reserved box seats behind home plate. Tickets are \$9 each. If you are interested in going and wish to purchase one of these tickets, please see call the church office at 453-3330.

# Being Confirmed and Graduating!!

On Sunday, May 20, the following students, after completing instruction in Luther's Small Catechism, will be confirmed:



- ◆ **Isaac Elston**, son of Jeff and Beth Elston.
- ◆ **Grace Higgins**, daughter of Ron and Rachel Higgins.
- ◆ **Emily House**, daughter of John House.
- ◆ **Ryan Trost**, son of Mike and Laura Trost.

On Sunday, May 27, the following students, will graduate from Cross School Kindergarten:

- ◆ **Rebekah Helmuth**, daughter of Joel and Melissa Helmuth.
- ◆ **Ashtyn Martindale**, son of Shane and Carrie Martindale.
- ◆ **Grace McLean**, daughter of Kevin and Geri Kay McLean.
- ◆ **Ellie Rujan**, daughter of Tim and April Rujan.
- ◆ **Grace Shupe**, daughter of Peter and Missy Shupe.

Students graduating from 8th grade at Cross School are:

- ◆ **Isaac Elston**, son of Jeff and Beth Elston
- ◆ **Grace Higgins**, daughter of Ron and Rachel Higgins
- ◆ **Emily House**, daughter of John House
- ◆ **Michaela Love**, daughter of Richard and Brenda Love.

**2012 High School Graduates:** During the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, May 27 we will be

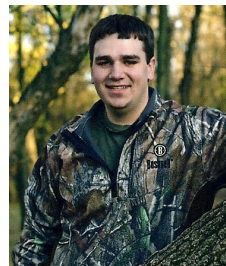
acknowledging all graduates. You are invited to wear your graduation gown, and sit together with members of the Class of 2012. You can put your gowns on in the youth room at church, meet in the overflow, and proceed in with Pastor Tim when service begins. There will be refreshments after the service. Congratulations on your accomplishments. God's Blessings on your journey!

The 2012 graduates are:

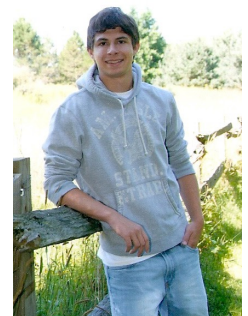
- ◆ **Adam Fritz**, son of Mark and Krisie Fritz, graduating from Laker High School.



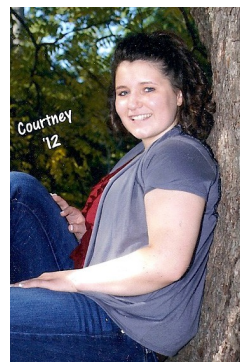
- ◆ **Jordan Licht**, son of Al and Peggy Licht, graduating from Laker High School.



- ◆ **Paul Schadd**, son of Phil and Carol Schadd, graduating from Bad Axe High School.



- ◆ **Courtney Siewert**, daughter of James Siewert, graduating from Laker High School.



# Ministers - The people of Cross

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Beth Elston

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Secretary

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Mike Fritz, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

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Gretchen Roestel, Education

Kevin Trost, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

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LePage

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Barb Buchholz 453-2127

Inez Buchholz 375-4165

Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forester 375-2754

Vickie Forester 883-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Lou Ann Jarvis 453-2790

Lillian Koehler 453-2121

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Olga Renn 453-2150

Carol Schadd 269-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Arlene Wold 856-4988

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

# Growing Together

<u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u>		MARCH	2012	
BALANCE ON HAND	3/1/2012			21,286.71
INCOME:				
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES		27,583.89		
BRICK FUND		-		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		3.00		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds		-		
LEAF		-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT		-		
LINE OF CREDIT ADVANCE		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>27,586.89</u>	27,586.89	
EXPENSES:				
PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN		-		
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES		<u>30,528.33</u>		
		30,528.33	<u>(30,528.33)</u>	
NET INCOME			<u>(2,941.44)</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND	3/31/2012			18,345.27

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:	
LEAF FUND	732.49
ROOF REPAIR	3,695.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	(2,357.36)
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	<u>8,975.00</u>
TOTAL:	18,345.27

<p>Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able</p>
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Total balance in all funds \$18,345.27 - Total balance in General Fund -\$2,357.36 (negative balance)

<u>BUILDING FUND:</u>				
BALANCE ON HAND	3/1/2012			8,668.80
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*		5,475.30		
FUND RAISERS		-		
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND		-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>5,475.30</u>	5,475.30	
EXPENSES:				
OFFICE SUPPLIES			-	
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT			(3,000.00)	
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES			(3,125.00)	
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID			-	
TOTAL EXPENSE			<u>(649.70)</u>	<u>(649.70)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	3/31/12			8,019.10

<p>***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR APRIL IS \$3,600.00.</p>
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GENERAL FUND			
BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES		(91,884.01)	
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES		<u>78,283.67</u>	
	UNDER	(13,600.34)	
DEBT OWING 3/31/2012			
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	42,205.54		
PRIVATE LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>		
	292,205.54		
OPERATIONAL LOAN	<u>17,885.00</u>		
TOTAL LOANS	310,090.54		
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-		
TOTAL LOANS	<u>310,090.54</u>		

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Afternoon Circle</b> <b>1:30 p.m.</b> Parish Life 5 p.m. Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	2 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	3 School Board 5:30 p.m.  Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	4 Confirmation at Bay Shore  Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	5 Retreat Camp
6 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7 Moms in Prayer 5 - 6 p.m. Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	8 Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.  Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	9 <b>Morning Circle</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Love Day 1:30 p.m. <b>Long Term Chapel</b> <b>1 p.m.</b> Archery 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7</b> <b>p.m.</b>	10 Michigan Blood Drive 12 - 6 p.m.	11	12 Thumb Distribution 8:30 a.m.
13 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 a.m.</b>  <b>MOTHER'S</b> <b>DAY</b>	14 Moms in Prayer 5 - 6 p.m. Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30	15 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m.	16 <b>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</b> Youth Ministry 7:30 p.m.	17 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	18 Field Day No School K-2  Ministry of Ed. 4:30 p.m.	19 Confirmation Rehearsal 11 a.m.
20 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 a.m.</b> <b>CONFIRMATION</b> <b>DAY</b> Dr. Sherry Baker 2 - 4 p.m.	21 Moms in Prayer 5 - 6 p.m.	22 Mission / Outreach 6:30 p.m.  Stewardship 7 p.m.	23 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	24 Pre-School Graduation  Worship & Music 7 p.m.	25 Closing Chapel LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26
27 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>PENTECOST</b>  <b>CROSS SCHOOL</b> <b>GRADUATION</b>	28 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	29	30 <b>Comm. Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	31		

# Ministries

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## CROSS CLOTHING ORDER FORM

▶ Please make checks payable to Cross Lutheran School. Money must accompany order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Item # and Description	Red w/White Embroidery	Navy w/White Embroidery	Size	Quantity	Total
				<b>Total Quantity</b>	
				<b>Total</b>	
				Balance Due	

Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Size 2XL and up add \$2.00 to each clothing item.  
 Sizes: Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL Youth 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18-20  
 Please indicate M - Mens or W—Womens or Y—Youth  
 Orders will be taken through October 31, 2011.

