

# Cross Connection

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### Our mission:

**Bring people to  
Christ.**

**Teach Christians  
to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to  
reach the world.**



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Growing together

January 2020

## Message from Pastor Glenn

### From the Pastor's Desk,

Each year during the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, the majority of holiday planning seems to include a fair amount of traveling. Some may leave for short vacations to warmer climates and some may wish to stay a little longer as 'snow birds'. Some may be on break from school or work schedules and wish to return to family and friends to be "home for the holidays." There are always local school programs and concerts, as well as seasonal community activities happening, so we really don't think twice about packing a few things and jumping into our vehicles to drive somewhere. In a way, it's like "dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh," because "over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we'll go!" During this time of year, traveling to see friends, family, and neighbors reconnects relationships to the people we love and those who also care and love us.



As we hear the Christmas narrative of the birth of Christ, here too, there is news of a lot of traveling going on. Luke 2 tells us that, "***In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered...and so Joseph went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.***" Since Joseph was from the house and lineage of David, he took Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. Most of the pictures we see of Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem show Mary riding on the back of a donkey, but nowhere in Scripture is there any mention of a donkey or any other method of transportation for either Joseph or Mary, who was soon to give birth. It may have been quite possible that much of their traveling was completed on foot. Soon after they arrived, Mary "***gave birth to her firstborn and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger...***"

"***And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.***" An angel of the Lord appeared to them and brought "***good news of great joy that will be for all the people.***" Being a shepherd was not one of the most honored vocations, but a Savior who is Christ the Lord was a Savior for everyone, even a lowly shepherd. Here the angels even gave them detailed directions to go to the city of David and even a description; "***you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.***" Specifically chosen to receive this message from the angels, the shepherds traveled to "***see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.***"

In the Season of Epiphany, we hear of wise men who had traveled from the east to Jerusalem saying, "***Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.***" They were told that the prophet, Micah, spoke of Bethlehem, in the land of Judah. This is where they

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Jan. 5 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

1R – 1 Kings 3:4-15  
P – Psalm 119:97-104  
2R – Ephesians 1:3-14  
G – Luke 2:40-52

## Jan. 6 - Feast of the Epiphany

1R - Isaiah 60:1-6  
P - Psalm 72:1-11(12-15)  
2R - Ephesians 3:1-12  
G - Matthew 2:1-12

## Jan. 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

1R – Isaiah 42:1-9  
P – Psalm 29  
2R – Romans 6:1-11  
G – Matthew 3:13-17

## Jan. 19 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 49:1-7  
P – Psalm 40:1-11  
2R – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
G – John 1:29-42a

## Jan. 26 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

1R - Isaiah 9:1-4  
P – Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)  
2R – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
G – Matthew 4:12-25

### News from the Praise and Worship Team

Wow, 2020 is upon us! The next service with contemporary songs will be January 26th. It will again be a blended service with all the traditional elements and some contemporary songs. It was wonderful to see the church so full at our last service! It warms the hearts of the team to see so many in the congregation singing heartily to the contemporary songs that are now becoming more familiar to them.

Team member Corey Messing was accompanied by Randy Ovcen, who provided sound equipment, to the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care on Dec.18 where Corey sang old-time Christmas carols to a new contemporary version. The residents enjoyed singing along. This was such a kind gesture on Corey and Randy's part.

The sound booth is coming along and equipment will be ordered soon.

Joyce Jarvis, Praise & Worship Team Committee

### **Choir Schedule:**

Choirs will practice on **Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27.**

Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.

### **From the Pastor's Desk...continued from page 1**

would find the Christ child. ***"...they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was."*** Having seen the child and offering their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, they were warned in a dream about King Herod and returned to their home country by another route.

When they had departed, an angel appeared to Joseph instructing him to take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt for their safety because King Herod wished to destroy the child. Later, when Herod died, Joseph was once again visited by an angel and instructed to return to the land of Israel to a place in the district of Galilee to a city called Nazareth. This would fulfill the prophesy that, ***"He shall be called a Nazarene."***

Wherever our travels take us during this new church year and new calendar year, may we be reminded that the good news once shared by the angels has not changed in over 2000 years. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is still good news of great joy that will be for all people.

***"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near..."*** (Isaiah 55:6)

In Christ, Pastor Glenn

# Celebrate



## Birthdays

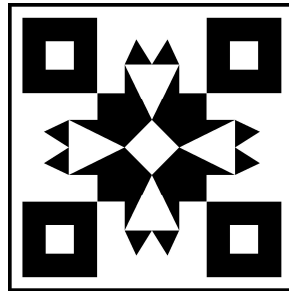
- 3 Phil Schadd
- 3 Lisa Gray
- 4 Paul Schadd
- 7 Kyle Yackle
- 8 Elaine Licht
- 9 Miranda Hartel
- 10 Ken Licht
- Barb Degg
- 11 Michelle Walsh
- Jessica Peterson
- 14 Anna House
- 17 Karen Anklam
- 19 Dale Schuette
- 20 Denny Smith
- 21 Vickie Forster
- 23 Gene Parsell
- 24 Brenda Smith
- Cordelia Trost
- Greg Yackle
- 26 Lori McKenzie
- Alice Trost
- 27 Gerry Edler
- 28 Heather Koroleski
- 29 Dave Elftman
- Connie Herford
- Tonja Nelson
- 31 Gary Forster

## Anniversaries

Jan. 12 Kevin & Betty Grimaldi  
2 years



## QUILTERS CORNER



Quilters will meet on Wednesday, January 8th @ 1 p.m.

Jean Quilts will be meeting on **Thursday, January 16th** from 1-4:30 p.m. in the overflow. Join us!!!

## ANNUAL REPORT

– We are nearing the end of the fiscal year, which means reports need to be compiled for the Annual Report. All accounting books (including invoices) will need to be into the office by **noon on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** for the auditing committee to review. All written reports will need to be into the office on **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in the annual report to the congregation. Those reports will be in everyone's mailbox for review on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. The annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** following the service.



### Remember our Shut-ins:

Fred Edler,  
Gloria Lewis,  
Elaine Licht,  
Ruth Schuette,

Martin Knost & Eunice Richmond.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Tifany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler (daughter-law of Gerry Edler), Clark Eidt, Elsie Trowbridge, Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel

niece of Carol Diener), Marilyn Blunt (mother of Laura Trost), Margaret McBride, and Robert Krzeszewski.

### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is stationed at Piqua, OH and Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz. Nicholas Swanson stationed at U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, son of Randy & Suzie Swanson and grandson of Nancy Schuette.

# School News

## JANUARY CALENDAR



- 1-3 No School
- 6 School resumes
- 8 Chapel 8:15 am
- 9 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30
- 15 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 17 End of marking period  
1/2 day of school
- 22 Chapel 8:15 am
- 29 Chapel 8:15 am

## From the Desk of...David Faupel

As a new year approaches, it provokes both a time of reflection and a time of looking forward. This year we are also entering a new decade, the 2020s! My, how time flies! It just so happens that this is my tenth year working at Cross Lutheran School. Looking back on the past decade, there have been many ups and downs, but do you know what? God was in control the whole time! Nothing that happened within the last year or the last decade surprised Him one bit.

2019 was a year of many changes for Cross Lutheran Church and School. We now have an early childcare center, DK/Kindergarten classroom, and a new pastor, just to name a few! All of these things were merely hopes, dreams, and prayers just one year ago. When I think about

how everything fell into place to make those things happen, all I can say is, "Thank you, God!"

We spend so much time making plans in our lives and even more time worrying when things do not go the way we want them to. We often question why God allows things to happen that don't fit in with our plans. We are like children; we don't understand what is truly best for us. But aren't you glad that God does? God sees the big picture, while we can only see one small piece at a time. We have to trust our Heavenly Father who loves us more than we can possibly imagine. Aren't you glad that you are a child of God?

We don't know what unexpected things will come our way in 2020 and beyond, but we can take confidence in knowing that God is in control. Happy New Year, and may God bless you!

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*



## Basketball Schedule- for January

- 3 3rd-5th grade practice 10 -11 am
- 4 3rd-5th gr. Tournament at Harbor Beach H.S.
- 6 practice
- 7 Game at Cross vs Rural Schools, 3rd-5th @ 6 pm, 6th-8th @ 7 pm
- 9 practice
- 13 practice
- 14 Game at Cross vs Rural Schools, 3rd-5th @ 6 pm, 6th-8th @ 7 pm
- 15 3th-5th Game at Bad Axe Middle School @ 3:30 pm, vs 4th gr. girls
- 16 6th-8th Game at Cross vs Caseville
- 20 practice
- 21 Game at Cross vs Rural Schools, 3rd-5th @ 6 pm, 6th-8th @ 7 pm
- 23 practice
- 27 practice
- 29 Game at Cross, 3rd-5th vs Bad Axe 4th gr. girls @ 4 pm
- 30 Game at Cross, 6th-8th vs Caseville

**Schedule is tentative and may change.**

# January Time & Talents—2019

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Youth Message	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Jan. 5 9:30 am	Paul Schuette	Barb Degg	Pastor Glenn	Gwynne Barry	Jeff Elston, Mike LePage, Kent McKenzie, Norm Nelson	Jean Sturm	Grant Buchholz
Jan. 12 9:30 am	Mike Sting	June Sturm	Vicki Yackle	Barb Degg		Carol Diener	Caden Carriveau
Jan. 19 9:30 am	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Pastor Glenn	Norm Nelson		Jeanne Sting	Zac Trost
Jan. 26 9:30 am	Phil Schadd	Lori Smith	Michelle Fritz				Grace Shupe

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE.** If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2744. Thanks and God's Blessings to you! Karen Schuette

**USHERS PLEASE NOTE:** Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!

## WHAT IS SCRIP?

They are ordinary gift cards which can be used just like cash at restaurants or to purchase groceries, gas, gifts, etc. We buy them as a discount. That discount is how the school earns money for Tuition. You can help by ordering Scrip cards for the things you will spend money on. Order forms at the mailboxes.



## Women's & Men's Group Schedules

**Parish Life** on Tuesday, January 7 at 4:00 p.m.

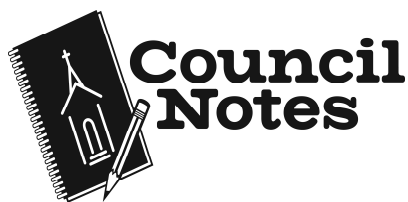
**Women's Bible Study** will meet Wed., Jan. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**Women of Faith** will meet on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10-11 a.m.



# Church Council Minutes



## CROSS LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie at 7:10 pm. Members present were Kent McKenzie, Mike LePage, Pastor Glenn Sokolowski, Nancy Schuette, Gretchen Roestel, Krisie Fritz, Norm Nelson, Barb Degg and Rachel Higgins. Guests were David Faupel and Sarah Brooks. Pastor Glenn Sokolowski opened the meeting in prayer and shared a devotional message after reading James 5:7-11.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was provided to all present. Two items were added to the agenda. A motion was made by Gretchen Roestel to accept the agenda with alterations, seconded by Barb Degg. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes dated November 12, 2019 were reviewed. A motion was made by Norm Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. Krisie Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:** Kyle & Vicki Yackle, John Smith and Joyce Jarvis were present to ex-

press concerns about the direction of the contemporary worship services. There were many questions and conversation about how and why specific music is chosen, who will be leading these decisions, equipment purchases, and set up/location of equipment and singers. After much discussion on multiple issues it became clear that intentional communication will need to take place with members serving the contemporary style service, members serving the traditional style service, and Pastor Glenn. Recommendations of having joint meetings to encourage communication and resolve issues were voiced and seemed agreeable to most. Pastor Glenn encouraged further discussion with anyone wanting to meet with him privately.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the report as presented. Gretchen Roestel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Glenn Sokolowski reported that he had held 1 baptismal instruction class, performed 1 baptism (Taylor Ann Licht), presided over 2 funeral services (Suzanne Schulze and Ray Buchholz) and 2 graveside committal services, worked at Cross Robotics Tournament, participated in the Community Thanksgiving Service, involved with the new

sign tutorial twice, toured Scheurer Long Term Care facility, weekly participation in the Wednesday morning school chapel services, opened doors for a personal party in the gym, preparing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Classes, will be teaching Religion Class twice weekly to the 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, preparing for the New Member Classes to start in January, attended Worship and Music meeting, Parish Life meeting, Mission Ministry meeting, and Altar Guild meeting, as well as multiple phone conversations, home visits and office visits; both scheduled and drop-in.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

David Faupel reported that the robotics tournament on Friday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> was very successful and many new people were in attendance at our facility.

The Christmas Fair for students is Friday, December 13, 2019.

Sarah Brooks reported that there will be a focus on marketing in the upcoming year to fill vacancies.

There is currently research taking place for technology to enhance communication with parents of the daily activities at the center. Currently communication is mostly through paperwork.

The Early Child Care Center will be closed December 24 - 27 and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



# Council Minutes (Cont.)

**MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:** Norm Nelson gave a report of benevolence contributions.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Barb Degg reported that security was a concern discussed at the monthly meeting and would like to look at options to make sure the building is secure during worship services.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:** No Report

**MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH:** Krisie Fritz submitted a written report. She also highlighted that the ministry would be purchasing \$10 gift cards to the local grocery store to be included with 31 baskets being distributed through the Food Pantry for Christmas.

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH:** No report

**MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:** Nancy Schuette submitted a written report. She noted that the church directory has not been updated since 2016 and now that our new pastor is in place this may be a good time to have a new directory made.

**MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Kent McKenzie reported that snow removal for the sidewalk areas has been contracted through Esch Landscaping to ensure walkways are cleared and safe from snow and ice.

The new electronic sign is in-

stalled and training is taking place for staff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Pastor Glenn inquired about a current hard copy book for church registry of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Further research will take place as to when documentation of a written form ended as currently all record keeping is done in the computer on a program called Shepherd's Staff.

Pastor Glenn noted that there is not clear revision of language concerning the marriage policy and facility usage policy in the church constitution. He suggested this issue as well as a few others will need to be addressed to accommodate the recent change to having Trustees on Church Council rather than Ministry Leaders.

- Pastor Glenn and LuAnne will be taking vacation time for the Holidays. They will leave after the Christmas Service and return Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements will be made for Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for his absence.

- A motion was made by Krisie Fritz to again gift the staff of Cross Church and School with \$50 scrip cards of their choice for Christmas. Barb Degg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Glenn expressed concern with the music styles causing division within the congregation with a "us" and "them" mindset. He suggested

combined meetings to encourage communication and more continuity in being able to incorporate the music into worship services.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of council will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Higgins



## **CROSS LUTHERAN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 1, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** After a two week prior announcement of the event a brief meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church congregation was called to order by President Kent McKenzie following the worship service on December 1, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was held in the sanctuary of the church. Pastor Sokolowski opened with prayer.

# Ministry Minutes, & More

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Paul Schuette discussed proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws regarding the addition of trustees to council and to change the fiscal year.

**MEETING PURPOSE:** After a brief question and answer period a motion was made by Jack Sturm to move forward the proposed changes. Pat Azarovitz seconded the motion and a vote was taken from the congregation by private ballot.

**RESULTS** Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Roestel, Vice President

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## CROSS LUTHERAN BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** After a two week prior announcement of the event a brief meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church congregation was called to order by President Kent McKenzie following the worship service on December 1, 2019 at 10:52 a.m. The meeting was held in the sanctuary of the church.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Mike LePage presented the budget proposal for the 2020 fiscal year.

**MEETING PURPOSE:** The presentation was discussed including a provision that the day care budget would be presented in February during the annual meeting and we may need to amend the budget at that time. A motion was made by Pat Azarovitz to approve the budget. Barb Degg seconded the motion

and a vote was taken from the congregation by private ballot.

**RESULTS** Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Roestel, Vice President

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## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES

December 3, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. Members present were Tonja Nelson, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Heck, Lorraine LePage and Connie Eden. We welcomed new member, LuAnne Sokolowski and Pastor Sokolowski to our meeting. The minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,255.56 in the checking account. The report was approved. Correspondence from Erica Fletcher from Pioneers Church Partnership Team as well as the Aaron Shupe Family was read, thanking Cross for supporting the Shupes in their mission work. **BUSINESS:** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Review – 588 boxes were packed and \$1,570.71 was collected for shipping the shoeboxes. The Holy Spirit was present as young and old alike came out and joyfully packed boxes for children of the world. Electronic Sign – The sign has been installed. A motion was made by Krisie and seconded by Tonja to pay the \$5,000.00 that was earmarked by Mission Outreach for

this project at our August 6 meeting. Motion carried. Pigeon Food Pantry – Donations for the food pantry were packed and will be delivered to First Methodist Church. It was noted that donations were down this season. The food pantry will be packing baskets for 31 families for Christmas. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Tonja to purchase 31 gift cards/certificates from Pigeon Family Market to be placed in the food baskets as a gift from Cross Lutheran Church and School. Motion carried. Lorraine will get the gift cards/certificates. Cross Giving Tree - Anyone who would like to help a family in need this Christmas may take a tag, purchase the gifts listed, wrap and return them to the church per the instructions on the tag. Card List for Shut-Ins and Sick – The list was reviewed and updated. Connie will be sending out Christmas Cards. Anyone who knows of someone who should be added to the list, contact Connie at 989-453-3480. Scrip Cards – December 8 (Cash Sales and Orders) – Kay and Nancy; December 15 (Cash Sales and Orders) – Lorraine and Tonja; December 22 (Cash Sales Only) – Connie and Lori. Other– Connie will get some more welcome bags together.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on January 7, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Eden, Secretary



# Memorials & Notes

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## memorials & gifts

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

**In memory of Suzanne Schulze, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Myrna Born

**In memory of Suzanne Schulze, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Suzanne Schulze, for Cross Building fund:**

Denny & Leanne Smith

**In memory of Ray Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Janet Schumacher

Diesel Truck Sales

Ruth Schuette

**In memory of Ray Buchholz, for Cross Building fund:**

Sheila Yackle

Hazen Fritz

Karen Anklam

Olga Renn

Denny & Leanne Smith

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

Don & Nancy Heck

Don & Brenda Hofmeister

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Patsy Aguilera

June & Barb Armbruster

Deb Andrakowicz

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

Mike & Patty Bruce

Inez Buchholz

Countryside Transportation

Roger & Sally Buschlen

Bill Chappel family

Alex & Patty Cucinello & family

Brian & Kim Delpiere

Robert & Rose Ondrajko

John & Rhonda Elenbaum

Marjorie Elenbaum

Randy & Evelyn Fritz

Otto & Loraine Fluegge

Tom Fritz

Steve Gayari

Mark Gruehn family

Warren & Crystal Kappen

Ed & Lori Kemp

John & Lori Kemp

Kemp Tiling Co.

Bill & Norma Kretzschmer

Arlen & Deb Kundinger

Alan & Peggy Licht

Peggy Lockhart

Ray Licht

Eric & Renee Majeski

Dave & Kathy Nimitz

Dale & Linda Oeschger

Ray Pettit & Lisa

Tom & Laurie Rathje

Jason & Patti Reinhardt

Las Schaper family

Dale & donna Schuette

Steve Schulze

John Stallman

Don & Nancy Stecker

Jim & Carol Stein

Richard & Judy Stokan

Jack & Pam Sturm

Terry & June Sturm

Gary & Mary Wissner

Doug & Dianne Yackle

Tom & Brenda Voss

Randall Buchholz

Carol Diener

Fred & Margaret Edler

Dorothy Henne

DDave & Peg McCrimmon

Norm & Tonja Nelson

Nancy Schuette family

Jean Sturm

Pr. Glenn & Luanne Sokolowski

Marvin & Alice Trost

Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz

Jan Deering

Orin & Francis Engelhardt

Rob & Deb Henne

Lonnie & Susan Irion & family

Mrs. Bernard King

# Memorials (Cont.)

Rich & Elaine Renn  
Dennis Schulze  
Dick & Terri Strieter  
Steve Buchholz  
Wayne Deering  
Bryan & Pam Deering  
Ann Walz Edwards  
Roger & Pat Elston  
Shirley Deering  
Lydia Decker  
Glenn & Elaine Watterworth  
Wiederhold Sales  
Mike & Jeanne Sting  
Thumb Truck LLC  
Dale & Deb Hornbacher

**In memory of Ray Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Cordelia Trost  
Myrna Born

**In memory of Ray Buchholz, for Cross Cemetery fund:**

Ken & Betty Licht

**In memory of Gloria Anderson, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Joe & Carole Pavelich

**In memory of Clarence Schadd, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Ruth Schuette

**In memory of Harold Deering, for Cross Building fund:**

Shirley Deering

**In memory of M&M Adam Steuck, for Cross Building fund:**

Shirley Deering

**In Honor of Denny & Leanne Smith, for Cross Building fund:**

Zac Kretzschmer

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## Parish Life Ministry

Parish Life met December 3rd at 5 pm in the church overflow. Members present: Pam Alice, Betty, Paul, Nancy and Pastor Glenn. We welcomed 2 new members, Robin Krzeszewski and LuAnne Sokolowski.

Pam reported \$295.56 and Nancy has \$20.75 after expenses for apple juice, plates and coffee cups totaling \$12.60.

Women of Faith will meet on January 4th at 10 a.m. in the church overflow.

Since no one has signed up for coffee hour the rest of the month, Parish Life will serve.

LuAnne volunteered to make a new coffee hour chart for 2020 and put it on the bulletin board. It will be available for anyone to sign up.

We again discussed the Pizza Party & Caroling. Since we couldn't coordinate it with dress rehearsal for the Christmas Eve program, we decided to cancel it for this year and try to have one again next year.

We discussed having a New Member Fellowship Sunday in January when new members are welcomed into the congregation. We discussed having stick-on nametags for everyone, so new members can identify church members. We will discuss more next month after the class begins.

It was suggested we have a new photo directory made. We haven't had one since 2016 and now that we have a new pastor, it is an appropriate time. Parish Life will talk with others and will discuss more at our next meeting, January 7th at 4 pm.

The meeting was closed at 6:15 with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schuette, chairman

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**Women's Bible Study** -



Women's Bible Study

will meet on  
**Wednesday,  
January 8th**  
from 1:30-

3:30 we will be studying the story of Mary of Bethany with the focus on Wisdom. Readings are from Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-44 and Proverbs 31:1-31. The Proverbs 31 woman this month will be Ruth Bell. We will be concluding this Study soon, so if you have a Bible study or ideas that you are interested in bring them. The invitation is open to all, come and join us! Questions call Leanne Smith 989-553-4241.


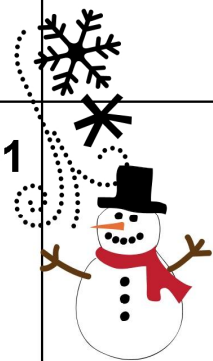


brrrrrr!

Baby,  
It's cold  
outside!



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b> Closed Wed. 9:00 - noon Thurs. &amp; Fri.</p>			<p>New Year's Day <b>1</b></p> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Women of Faith 10-11 am
<p>Comm. Service <b>5</b> 9:30 am SS 9 am Adult Bb Study/ Coffee hr 10:45</p>	<p>School Resumes <b>6</b></p> <p>Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Worship &amp; Music 3 pm Parish Life 4 pm Mens Bible 6:30 Mission/Outreach 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Chapel 8:15 am <b>8</b></p> <p>Altar Guild 10 am Quilters 1 pm Women's Bible 1:30 pm <b>Acct Books due for Audit</b></p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<p>Comm. Service <b>12</b> Blessing of Quilts 9:30 am SS 9 am Adult Bb study/ Coffee hr 10:45</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Stewardship 5:30 pm</p> <p>Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Executive 6 pm Council 7 pm</p>	<p>Chapel <b>15</b> 8:15 am</p>	<p>Jean Quilts <b>16</b> 1-4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>1/2 day of School End of 2nd Marking Period</p>	<b>18</b>
<p>Comm. Service <b>19</b> 9:30 am Baptism - Schuette SS 9 am Adult Bb Study/ Coffee hr 10:45</p>	<p>Choirs: <b>20</b> Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Reports due for Annual Report</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Men's Bible 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Chapel <b>22</b> 8:15 am</p>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p>Worship Service <b>26</b> 9:30 am SS 9 am Adult Bb Study/ Coffee hr 10:45</p> <p><b>Annual Reports in mailboxes</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<b>28</b>	<p>Chapel <b>29</b> 8:15 am</p>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# Ministers - The People of Cross

## **Officers, Ministries & Committees**

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## **Church Council**

Kent McKenzie, President  
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Barb Degg, Worship & Music  
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Jean Sturm, Education  
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Nancy Schuette, Parish Life  
Krisie Fritz, Mission/Outreach

## **Advisors**

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