

Cross Connection

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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Growing together

September 2018

Message from Pastor Mike

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR



We live by a number of different calendars. Our secular calendar begins on January 1 and runs through December 31. The liturgical calendar begins with the first Sunday in Advent, this year December 2, and concludes with Christ the King Sunday (or the following Saturday, actually), which will be November 30, 2019.

But I suspect that a calendar that influences our lives even more, though perhaps unawares, is the school year calendar. This begins roughly on Labor Day and continues through the following August. Labor Day is in American society counted as the end of summer, and the next day is the one in which

we resume many of our normal work activities, even if we don't have children of school age.

In the church, although we observe the secular and liturgical calendars, this is true as well. Many of our activities and committees do their main work from September through May, and then "take the summer off."

At Cross Lutheran, we of course have a parochial school, and its calendar influences us greatly. Classes actually begin on August 27.

Sunday School and confirmation classes resume, however, on September 9, and this is what we know as Rally Day. At our worship that morning we will emphasize the educational ministry of Cross Lutheran in three separate ways:

1. We will install our new parochial school teacher, Carrie Ward, and her aide, Liz

Kuhl, with prayer and the laying on of hands.

2. We will ask God's blessings on our other parochial school teachers, our Sunday School teachers, and public school teachers and staff.

3. We will invite all students, from kindergarten to graduate school, to bring their backpacks and receive prayer and blessing at the start of the school year.

We'll be off and running with this new year! Join us for this special opening and prayer time on September 9! Bring your backpacks!



Preparing for Worship at Cross



Sept. 2 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
P – Psalm 15
2R – James 1:17-27
G – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sept. 9 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 35:4-7
P – Psalm 146
2R – James 3:1-12
G – Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 16 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 50:4-9
P – Psalm 116:1-8

2R – James 2:1-10[11-13]14-17
G – Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 23 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Jeremiah 11:18-20
P – Psalm 54
2R – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8
G – Mark 9:30-37

Sept 30—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Choir Schedule: Choirs will practice on **Sept. 10, 17 & 24.**

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



MISSIONARY KATHLEEN LUTZ IS COMING TO CROSS

We are eagerly looking forward to having missionary Kathleen Lutz come to Cross Lutheran **September 23-24.** Kathleen has been serving in Nairobi, Kenya since 2009. She is a native of Auburn, Indiana and served in the US as a deaconess before entering global missions.

Kathleen is affiliated with WMPL (World Mission Prayer League) which is a partner organization of the NALC. Although the NALC has a few of its own missionaries, its main mechanism for funding missionaries is through WMPL. WMPL was founded in the 1930's as an independent pan-Lutheran organization devoted to sponsoring missionaries

around the world. They currently have over 100 missionaries in the field. Kathleen is in the US for her periodic home leave.

She will be preaching at the Sunday morning worship service and also will be available for the Sunday School time. On Monday she will visit Cross School and meet with the various classes.

Kathleen's work is divided into three areas. The first is working with an orphanage and with street children in Nairobi. This program, known as Heart to Heart, also operates a school for these children who would otherwise have no educational opportunities.

The second area is reaching out to the nomadic tribes in the rural areas, bringing them the Gospel

and providing Bibles in the various native languages. The third is helping develop the deaconess program for the Kenyan Lutheran Church.

Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss this special event!



Missionary
Speaker

Celebrate



Anniversaries

2	Mike & Connie Eden, 40 years	14	Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink, 66 years
2	Ken & Betty Licht, 51 years		
3	Al & Peggy Licht, 35 years	20	Alex & Patty Cucinello, 32 years
6	Bill & Jan Love, 49 years	25	Chris & Marcie Papkey, 19 years
11	Steve & Patty Schulze, 47 yrs.		

Birthdays

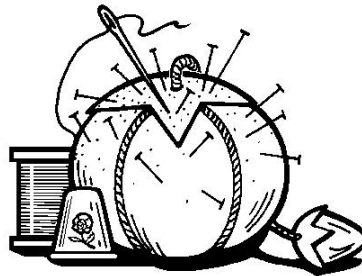
- 1 Clarence Schadd
- 3 Ken Schulze
- 5 Kristi Krohn
- Janis Elftman
- 8 Kevin Trost
- John Shope
- 14 Jack Sturm
- 15 Linda Shope
- 18 Allison Yackle
- Gloria Lewis
- Norm Nelson
- 19 Inez Buchholz
- 20 Elizabeth Higgins
- 21 Beth Elston
- Andrew Trost
- 23 Lori Smith
- 24 Richard Mead
- 26 Tim Schuette
- 27 Kirsten Shupe
- 28 Victoria Yackle
- 29 Violet Messing
- 30 Laken LePage
- Erica Sturm

Schedule of Speakers for Sunday Services in September

- September 2nd:
- September 9th: Pastor Mike
- September 16th: Pastor Mike
- September 23rd: Kathleen Lutz
- September 30: Jay Dubey



Jean Quilts



Jean Quilts will meet on Thursday, September 6th and 20th from 1:00—5:00 p.m. in the church overflow. Come Join us!



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Elaine Licht & Ruth Schuette.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzen-druber, Allen Koehler, Mary Cham-pion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Rich-mond, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), & Brandea Fritz.

In the Service of Our Coun-try:

Nathan Schulz stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.



School News

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- 3 No School
- 4 School Resumes/First Day of Preschool
- 5 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 6 School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 19 Chapel 8 a.m. & Picture Day
- 26 Chapel 8 a.m.



principal of the school this year, while still teaching 6th-8th grade students. Pastor Tim previously served as principal in addition to his many duties as pastor. He stepped in the school could no longer pay for a part-time principal due to enrollment. Since that time, all of the teachers and staff have shared, and will continue to share, in administrative responsibilities.

While Pastor Tim did a great job leading both the church and the school, the reality is that we cannot expect the next pastor to also serve as principal. The job of a pastor is large enough on its own without the added responsibilities of being a principal.

Cross Lutheran Church and School this year! Will there be changes? Yes. Will there be difficulties? Most definitely. Will God be in control the whole time and His will done? We can have confidence that the answer to both of those questions is a resounding, "Yes!" That it what excites me the most, and I hope it excites you as well!

"And we know that in ALL things God works for the GOOD of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

~Romans 8:28



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

After our summer break, it's time to schedule our monthly Family/Youth Events. Our first event will be held on **Saturday, September 8 from 4:30-6:00 PM** at the Key North Mini Golf and Family Fun Center in Caseville. Mini Golf and the Giant Slide will be our activities there. A special treat is being planned and there is no cost for this event. We thank the Braun Family for their generosity in hosting this activity. Please plan to come for fellowship and fun!

From the Desk of ... David Faupel

2018-2019 will be a year of changes for all of us here at Cross Lutheran Church and School. Though we normally resist it, change can often be a good thing. It forces us to get out of our comfort zones. We are stretched, we grow, and God uses those opportunities to work through us for His glory!

In the spirit of this change, I will be taking on the role of

Though I do not view myself as being "qualified" to be a principal, I am willing to serve in that role until such time when our enrollment allows us to hire at least a part-time principal. I have heard it said that, "God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called." Each of us is called by God to serve both inside and outside the walls of our church and school. What is God calling you to do? Have you answered the call?

I can't wait to see all that God is going to do in and through

We are excited to welcome two new staff members to our team this year!



Mrs. Carrie Ward is our new K-2 teacher. Mrs. Ward received her teaching degree from Spring Arbor University and taught for five years in California. She and her husband, Dustin, have three children, and they live in Pigeon. Their family attends Elkton Missionary Church. Mrs. Ward enjoys reading, crafting, and being creative.



Mrs. Liz Kuhl is our new K-2 morning aide. Mrs. Kuhl received her teaching degree from Saginaw Valley State University. She worked in day care and taught pre-kindergarten at a First Baptist church and school in Bay City before becoming a stay-at-home-mom. She and her husband, Mike, have three children, and they live in Sebawaing. The Kuhls serve as Children's Ministry Directors at Elkton Missionary Church.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Kuhl will both be officially installed as school staff members on Sunday, September 9, during the church service. Welcome to Cross Lutheran School, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Kuhl!

OUR 2018/19 TEACHING STAFF

David Faupel—Grades 6-8

Gwynne Barry—Grades 3-5

Carrie Ward—Grades K-2

Liz Kuhl—K-2 Aide

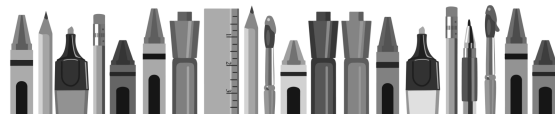
Beth Elston—Preschool & Music

Jean Hatch—Preschool Aide



OCC-SHOEBOX PROJECT

If you are interested in helping with the Shoebox Project, school supply items are on sale now! We try to include in each shoebox, some of these items: crayons, markers, notebooks, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, calculators, rulers and much more. We appreciate any of these items and they can be dropped off at the church welcome desk.



September Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Sept 2 9:30 am	Phil Schadd	Gwynne Barry	Leanne Smith		George Gardy		Grace Shupe
Sept. 9 9:30 am	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Eileen Johnson	Carol Mead	Neil Herford Al Licht Denny Smith	Jean Sturm	Zachary Kretschmer
Sept. 16 9:30 am	Gwynne Barry	Phil Schadd	Vicki Yackle	Phil Schadd	Larry Smith John Trowbridge	Carol Die-ner	Riley Fritz
Sept. 23 9:30 am	Karen Schu-ette	Wes Trowbridge	Leanne Smith				Kyle Briggs
Sept. 30 9:30 am	Paul Schu-ette	Karen Schu-ette	Eileen Johnson				??

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

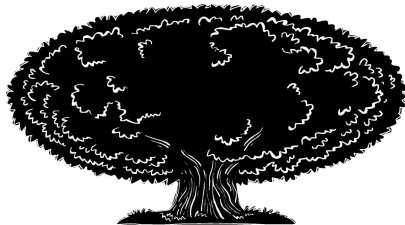
Women's Circle will be Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Sept. 4 & 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.



Memorials & Notes



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Millard Smith, for Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery fund:

Ken & Betty Licht

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr., for Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund:

Cordelia Trost

Shirley Deering

Michael & Connie Eden

Kay Schuette

Ronald & Bonnie Schulz

Randy & Cindy Buchholz

JB & Gwynne Barry

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

Lois Geppert

Denny & Leanne Smith

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr., for Cross Lutheran Church:

Janet & Maria Schumacher

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Gerald Russell & Rhonda Jordan

Robert & Susan Miller

Dale & Donna Schuette

Dorothy Henne

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr., for Cross Lutheran School:

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann

Deb Musolff

Shirley Ridenour

Mission/Outreach Ministry Notes

Scrip cards will be sold on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the welcome desk after the service.

Sunday, September 16th



Sign-up sheets for desserts and to help serve & clean up are at the Welcome desk in the overflow area.

Church Service CDs

Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome Desk for Shut Ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcen for preparing and making the CD's.

Adopt-A-Highway

We will clean our portion of M-142 near Pigeon on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at 9 a.m.



We will meet at Cross Cemetery and plan teams from there.



"Stories of Jesus" a CD of Children's Songs

Parents of Young Children,

I have been gifted with a resource that can be duplicated for local use so children can sing at home, in the car, or in the classroom. CD's have been distributed, if you did not receive one, please contact me.

This CD of Children's Songs will be used periodically for Children's time. I am planning on incorporating #18 Jesus and the Children on October 7th and #19 Jesus Heals a Blind Man on October 28th.

We will be singing during Sunday School in September/October. I encourage you to listen and sing these songs with your children. Enjoy this resource and as we continue to grow in faith may you be blessed with the "Stories of Jesus".

Joy in the Journey,

Leanne Smith

Cross Lutheran Church

Chicken BBQ

Sunday

September 16, 2018

\$12 Adult

includes:
1/2 Chicken
with Red Skin
Potatoes, Baked
Beans, Cole Slaw,
Roll, Drink and
HOMEMADE
Dessert

11 AM

to

2 PM

**OR UNTIL
SOLD OUT**

\$6 Child

(Age: 12 & Under)
includes:
Chicken Leg
with Red Skin
Potatoes, Baked
Beans, Roll, Drink
and HOMEMADE
Dessert

EAT-IN OR TAKE OUT
(Rain or Shine)

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Proceeds to Benefit The Capital Improvement Fund
THRIVENT SPONSORED



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Speakers: 9/2 9/9 Pastor Mike 9/16 Pastor Mike 9/23 Kathleen Lutz 9/30 Jay Dubey</p>						1
<p>Worship Service 9:30 2 Coffee Hr 10:45 am</p>	<p>LABOR DAY 3 Office Closed</p>	<p>School Resumes 4 PS Starts Parish Life 5 pm Mens Bible 6:30</p>	<p>Chapel 12:45 pm 5 Women's Circle 9:30 am Service 7 pm</p>	<p>Jean Quilts 1-5 p.m. 6 School Board 5:30 pm Pastor returns in PM</p>	7	<p>Family Fun Night 8 4:30 - 6:00 Key North Mini Golf in Caseville</p>
<p>Comm. Service 9:30 9 RALLY DAY Coffee Hr 10:45 am Confirmation 11 am - 2 pm</p>	<p>10 Stewardship 5:30 pm Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	11	<p>Chapel 8 am 12 Quilters 1 pm Service 7 pm</p>	13	14	<p>15 Women of Faith 10:30 - noon</p>
<p>Comm. Service 9:30 16 Chicken BBQ 11 am - 2 pm Pastor leaves for Ohio</p>	<p>17 Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	18	<p>Chapel 8 am 19 Picture Day at school Service 7 pm</p>	<p>20 Jean Quilts 1-5 p.m.</p>	21	22
<p>Worship Service 9:30 23 (Missionary Kathleen Lutz) SS 9 am Adult Bb studt/ Coffee Hr 10:45</p>	<p>24 Choirs: Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	25	<p>Chapel 8 am 26 Service 7 pm</p>	27	28	<p>29 Adopt-a-highway 9 a.m.</p>
<p>Worship Service 9:30 30 SS 9 am Adult Bb study/ Coffee Hr 10:45</p>			<p>welcome fall </p>			

Ministers - The People of Cross

Officers, Ministries & Committees

Interim Pastor—Michael Tamorra

Music Director - Beth Elston

Church Council

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Rachel Higgins, Secretary

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Nancy Schuette, Parish Life

Krisie Fritz, Mission/Outreach

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Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

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Paul Schuette

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Kacey Peterson

Leanne Schuette

Bob Tate

Trevor Carriveau

Nominating Committee

Brigid Trowbridge

Duane Peterson

Steve Schulze

Dick Koehler

George Gardy

Donna Schuette

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Pastor Tim, Advisor

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Gerry Edler 678-0080

Delores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

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Vickie Forster 553-3875

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Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Dawn Hendricks 860-3589

Dorothy Henne 453-3457

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Lori McKenzie 553-3582

Carole Mead 856-7438

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Nancy Schuette 453-3969

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Laura Trost 453-3209

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Sheila Yackle 453-2589

Please let the office know of any changes to these Ministries and Committees.