

Cross Connection

Growing together

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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,

What wild and crazy weather we have been having. One day it's sub-zero temperatures and the next day it's almost 60. One day the snow just never stops coming down and the next day the warm rain melts it all away. One day there is gale force winds along with snow and the next day the wind is calm and the sun is out. This is just nuts! However, the saying that makes it all ok, "that's Michigan for you," UHG!! There's got to be a better saying!!

This constant good weather then bad weather, this up and down, reflects life itself. There are good days and bad days. There are days that the seas are calm, there is a warm light breeze, the sunsets and sunrises are breathtaking and life is good. However, there are also bad days where there is a "hurricane" of events that start the minute you wake up in the morning

and stressful "stuff" just piles up one after another as the day goes on until finally at night you sit in your chair and pray to God that tomorrow goes a whole lot better. Then there are days that make riding a roller coaster seem like a walk in the park compared to the constant up and down within the day of events.

NRS Ecclesiastes 2:22
What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Wouldn't you love to have a lifestyle that gives you constant peace, constant days of stress free, constant nights of complete rest where your mind is not going a thousand miles an hour? Of course you would. But where do you find this constant peace of mind that freely gives you that lifestyle you



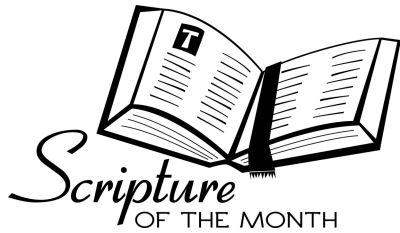
so desperately desire?

NRS Philippians 4: 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Now that you know where to find this lifestyle of constant and steady peace, the question now comes, will that constant peace be there day after day? Will Jesus Christ be there a week from today, a month from today, a

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Mar. 4 – Third Sunday in Lent

1R – Exodus 20: 1-17

P – Psalm 19

2R – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

G – John 2: 13-25

Mar. 11 – Fourth Sunday in

Lent

1R – Numbers 21: 4-9

P – Psalm 107: 1-9

2R – Ephesians 2: 1-10

G – John 3: 14-21

Mar. 18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

1R – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

P – Psalm 119: 9-16

2R – Hebrews 5: 1-10

G – Mark 10: 32-45

Mar. 25– Palm Sunday

1R - Zechariah 9: 9-12

P – Psalm 118: 19-29

2R – Philippians 2:5-11

G—Mark 14: 1-15, 47

Mar. 29—Maundy Thursday

1R—Exodus 24:3-11

P—Psalm 116: 12-19

2R—1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

G—Mark 14: 12-26

Mar. 30—Good Friday

1R—Isaiah 52:13—53:12

P—22 or 31

2R—Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9



Choirs will practice on **March 5, 12, 19, & 22.**

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

Music Palooza will be Thursday,

Family Game Night

Join us for another Family Game Night on March 3rd, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, a can of whipped topping if you'd like to play "Pie in Your Face", board games, & lots of energy! You won't want to miss it!!!

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year from today? And if he is there, will Jesus be the same as he was yesterday, a week ago, a month ago, and a year ago? Will his grace love mercy and forgiveness be the same yesterday, today and tomorrow? Or will Jesus be like a roller coaster with his peace? ^{NRS} **Hebrews 13:** ⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

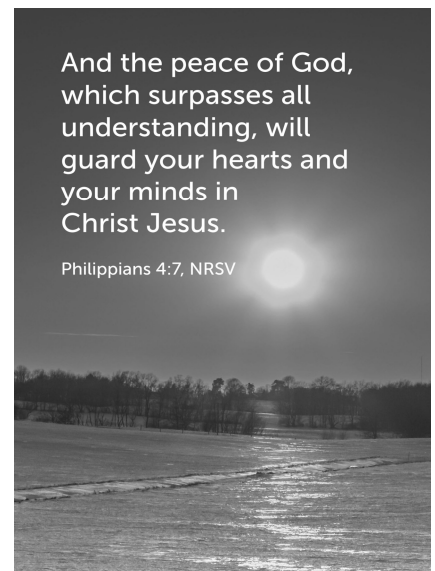
My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran, this Lenten season, embrace the constant lifestyle of Jesus' grace, love, mercy, and for-

giveness. Discover the peace of Jesus that surpasses all understanding day after day. Embrace a new lifestyle as a result of the tragedy on the cross to that brilliant Easter Sunday morning of the empty grave. In so doing you will find a day which is constant in the peace of Jesus Christ. A day that you will experience that miracle of God's agape love in ways, places, and relationships never encountered before.

God's peace
Pr Tim

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7, NRSV



Celebrate



Birthdays

- 1 Robin Buschlen
- 3 Al Licht
- 4 Mark Fritz
Larry Smith
- 5 Bonnie Schulz
- 6 Joshua Barry
Peggy Licht
Kevin Ohlrogge
- 7 Leanne Schuette
Aaron Smith
- 8 Ben Smith
Chad Sturm
- 9 Eleanor Schadd
- 12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 13 Joshua Kunisch
- 14 Ray Licht
- 16 Kolton Smith
- 17 June Sturm
- 21 Raylene Henkelmann
- 22 Alissa Peterson
- 24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley Trowbridge
- 26 Terry Collison
- 27 Nicholas Trost
- 28 Lonnie Schulz
- 29 Martin Knost
- 29 Jim Licht
- 30 Jeff Buchholz
Roberta Danks
Olga Renn
Kobain Smith



March ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/9 Roger & RoseAnn Budnick, 22 years
- 3/12 Mike & Mary Otto, 35 years
- 3/13 Blaine & Erin Buchholz, 8 years

QUILTERS CORNER



Quilters will meet on Wednesday, March 14th @ 1 p.m.

Jean Quilts for High School Seniors will meet on Thursday, March 1st and Thursday, March 15th from 1-5 p.m. in the church overflow. Join us!!!

Communion Bread

We really need people to help with baking the communion bread. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe. Also you can view or download a PDF at www.crosslutheranpigeon.org.



“Do this in remembrance of me.”



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Dorothy Hafner, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Don Schuette.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Kyle Walker (grandson of Ron & Bonnie Schulze), Marshall Kuschner (friend of The McCrim-

mon's), Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Don Schuette, Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz has returned to his base in North Carolina and Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

School News

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 CEA 4:45 pm
School Board
5:30 pm
- 5 Lutheran
School Week
- 7 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 14 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 21 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 22 Music Palooza 7 p.m.
- 28 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 29 1/2 day school—end of
marking period
- 30 NO School



From the Desk of ... Susan Hass

I am often asked, "What can I do to prepare my child for school?" Parents of preschoolers are frequently worried about their children learning to read. There is much that you are already doing and you can continue those things as well as add some more activities.

Teaching at home and building a "learning base" does not have to be about workbooks and drill, in fact, there is probably nothing that would turn a toddler or preschool child from wanting to acquire skills for school more than a workbook! Try some of these child-centered activities for pre-readers.

You are already reading familiar ones like "The Billy to your youngster; keep on Goats Gruff", or make up stories about your children. They won't mind being the heroes!

Read it over and over; then put it away for a while and introduce some new ones. Listen, Listen, Listen! There is nothing more important to your child's literacy development than to exchange words, sentences, in dialogue with the people who care most about him. Let your children talk to you while they help tidy up their rooms or fold laundry.

Sing songs! Sing all the oldies from your childhood, and make up silly songs to familiar tunes about the goings-on of your family. They don't need to rhyme, they just need to be fun and rhythmic.

However—rhymes are important. There are lots of rhyming picture puzzles for early learners and they are fine, but hearing rhyme is most important. Demonstrate pairs of rhyming words while you are driving. Encourage your preschooler to add a rhyme to a word you say. If you say "leg" and your child says "zeg", celebrate the recognition of rhyme and forget that "zeg" isn't a word—or is it?

Tell stories. Tell old

Already doing these things? Pat yourself on the back, you are helping your child get ready to read.

Susan Hass

Reading Support Teacher

ART PARTY!!!

Come to Cross Lutheran School gym on **Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m.** to participate in an art party. This fundraiser is put on by the Cross Lutheran School Board to benefit Cross Lutheran School. The class is \$40.00 and includes everything needed to make your very own masterpiece -

"Rustic Cross"!

March Time & Talents—2018

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Mar. 4 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Barb Degg	Michelle Fritz	Carole Mead	George Gardy,	Jean Sturm	Grace Trost
Mar. 11 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Wes Trowbridge	Karen Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Neil Herford,	Carol Diener	Zachary Kretzschmer
Mar. 18 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Connie Eden	Kim Schadd	Phil Schadd	Al Licht,	Laura Trost	Riley Fritz
Mar. 25 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Jeanne Sting	Eileen Johnson	John Trowbridge	Denny Smith,	Jean Sturm	Kyle Briggs
Mar. 29	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon		Karen Schuette	Larry Smith,	Peg McCrimmon	Nicholas Trost
Mar. 30					John Trowbridge	All Altar Guild	Grace Trost

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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25: Communion Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29: Service with Communion and Foot Washing @ 7 p.m.

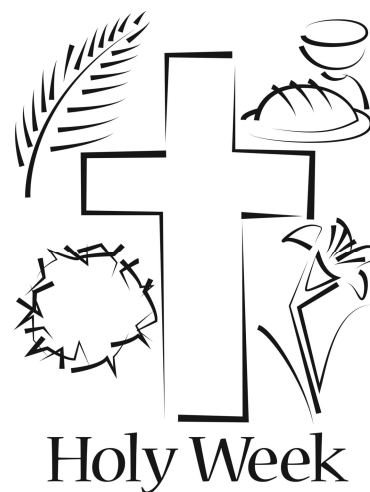
Good Friday, March 30: Service @ 7 p.m.

Prayer Vigil, March 30: from 8 p.m. till midnight

Easter Sunday, April 1: Sunrise Service at Cross Cemetery @ 7 a.m.

Easter Brunch in the overflow from 7:45—9 a.m.

Easter Communion Service @ 9:30 a.m.



Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Mar. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wed., Mar. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Mar. 6 and Mar. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission/Outreach will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 6 at 6:30 p.m.



Church Council Minutes



CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by Gretchen Roestel, who was standing in for President Kent McKenzie, at 7:05 PM on the above date. Members present were Pastor Tim, Norm Nelson, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Schuette, Barb Degg, Mike LePage and Rachel Higgins. Also present as a guest was Gwynne Barry. Pastor offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Norm Nelson to make one addition to the agenda. Norm Nelson then made a motion to accept the agenda which was seconded by Barb Degg. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes dated January 9, 2018, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Barb Degg to approve the minutes as presented. Mike LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/
REQUESTS:** None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Krisie Fritz made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Nancy Schuette. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

Pastoral acts -

Funeral-0, Wedding-0, Baptisms-0, Teaching-11, Communion-9, Hosp. Visits-2, Home Vis-4, Meetings-10, Services-10

Church calendar

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Lenten Potlucks each Wednesday night, after Ash Wednesday, during Lent at 6p with service at 7p.

Fish fry is scheduled for Fri, Mar 16

Holy Week, Mar 25 – Apr 1

Palm Sunday, Mar 25

Maundy Thur, Mar 29, 7p service with communion and foot washing

Good Fri, Mar 30, "Taberne" service, 7p

Prayer vigil beginning at the end of service until mid-night.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at cemetery, 7 am

Brunch in overflow room, 7:45a – 9a

Easter service 9:30s with communion

Pastor's Report

Lenten potlucks will take place every Wed night during Lent at 6p followed by Wed night service at 7p.

Completed Bible study at Country Gardens for the month of Dec.

Principal's report

School enrollment, K-8, 25, P/S 20, no 8th graders.

DC trip this year is scheduled for May 2018.

All 6-7 graders (7 students)

Cost is around \$1,000 per student.

Fund raisers being planned to assist in the cost of the trip.

There have been 5 days of no school due to weather conditions. There is 1 day left to use.

Robotics tournament here at Cross on Fri, Feb 9 was a huge success. David Faupel did an excellent job of planning, organizing, and arranging for key positions to be filled which made the tournament run very smoothly. Marcine Moore had a fantastic array of delectable food entries at the concession stand. People were WOWED with it all. Well done to David and Marcine and all who volunteered to make Cross' first robotic tournament a huge success!!!

Basketball season has ended. The season went well and we even won games!! A huge thank you to Gwynne Barry for taking on the coaching duties this year. THANK YOU!!

CEA is planning on Krispy Kreme doughnut sale soon. Details forthcoming. CEA is planning a winter event for the school at Winter City Forest in Midland on Thur, Feb 22, 9a – 1p. This is in place of skiing at Apple Mountain.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Gretchen Roestel reported that at the February meeting concession preparation for the upcoming Robotics Competition was completed. The school truancy guidelines were reviewed and revision is in process. Discussion also took place concerning the retirement preparations for the kindergarten, first and second grade classroom.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Norm Nelson reported that numerous thank you cards had been received including Lutheran World Relief, Huron County Homeless Solutions, Bay Shore Camp, and Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage.

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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Barb Degg reported that Lenten music is prepared and some teaching will take place concerning the song choices and messages. She also shared that new Lenten banners have been created by Peg McCrimmon.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Gretchen Roestel reported that the new changes for children's Sunday School time has been working out smoothly and volunteer teachers have stepped up.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH: A written report was submitted by Krisie Fritz. Krisie shared books that were created by Steve Schulze with historical information and pictures of our church history and members. She made a motion to offer the books for sale to members. Mike LePage seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Gretchen Roestel shared that the Family Game Night held February 3, 2018 was well attended and requests for more events were expressed by multiple attendees.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Pastor Tim shared that the lighting in the sanctuary is being worked on by Neil Herford. We also have been experiencing difficulties with the oven in the kitchen not heating properly. Jack McCain Plumbing and Heating serviced the oven and expressed concern for the age of the equipment and parts being obsolete.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Nancy Schuette submitted a written report and highlighted that the prayer list will no longer be done through a phone chain but rather using the

One Call service through the church office. Anyone interested in being included in the prayer chain will need to contact the office to be added to the list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastoral call process was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor Tim shared that the school lunch program is experiencing difficulty with the budget and asked Mike LePage to meet with the school cook and secretary to review the books and help brainstorm ways to help balance the program.

- Gretchen Roestel shared that a subcommittee has been formed to discuss the future structure of the school. The committee consists of Mike LePage, Gwynne Barry, Kent McKenzie and Gretchen Roestel.

Norm Nelson shared information concerning a stewardship course that will be offered at Cross by Dave Ramsey called Financial Peace University. The course will begin March 8, 2018 and is a 9 week series. Class will not be held on Maundy Thursday so it will take 10 weeks to complete the entire series. The course kit cost is \$109. There was discussion that the price may be difficult for some people to afford so it was decided that a payment plan will be offered in order to not exclude anyone interested.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned and good things from around the room were shared. The meeting was closed

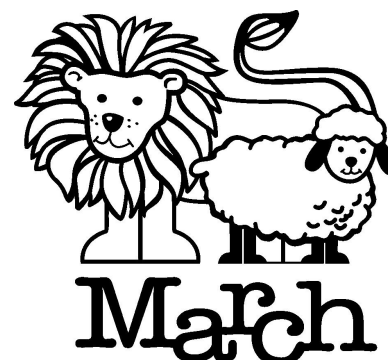
with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Higgins, Secretary

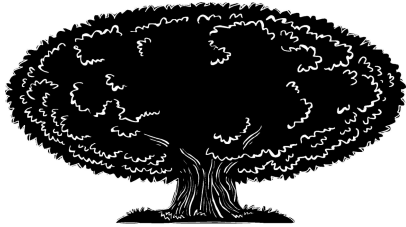


Not only can ministry groups sign up to host a coffee hour, anyone can! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate the proceeds to the church general fund, school's tuition assistance fund, building fund, music fund, capital improvement fund, cemetery fund, benevolence, or LEAF fund.

The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the Overflow area.



Memorials & Notes



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Barbara Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

James & Judy Brown

Lloyd Schinerer

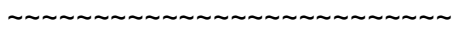
In memory of Susan Brueggeman, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Hans & Karen Brueggeman

Jean Sturm

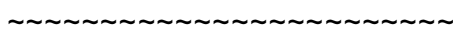
In memory of Virginia Schaaf, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Janet Schumacher



Mailboxes

To save on postage, information, financial statements and other correspondence is placed there. Please check them regularly.



Church Service CDs

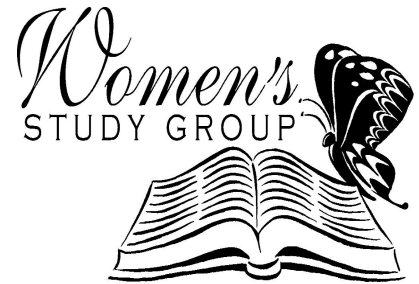
Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome Deck for shut-ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcen for preparing and making the CDs.



Financial Peace University

Are you aware how many times God's word teaches you how to handle your money? Wouldn't the world be a better place if we all learned how to follow the teachings from the Bible? Dave Ramey, known author and speaker, has put together just the class for this teaching. His lesson plan teaches you how to start winning with money. Learn the step-by-step plan to take control of your money and your future. Learn how you can change your life for the better. The classes will teach you how to plan, save, and make your money grow. Sign up for a Financial Peace University class provided by Dave Ramey. Classes will be held at Cross Lutheran Church starting **Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a 9 week series.

Contact Rachel at 989-975-0668 to register, cost of the classes and materials is 109.00. A payment plan is available.



The Women's Afternoon Circle that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. is re-organizing and will be using different study material. All women are invited to come and enjoy this study time together. If you are interested, please call Betty Champagne at 989-856-7170.

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Confirmands and their immediate families will have an opportunity to celebrate Passover adapted for Christian families on **Sunday, March 25th**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cross cafeteria. Information has been sent to families. Please RSVP as soon as possible, so we can plan for this meal. Questions—contact Leanne Smith at 989-553-4241.



## Seder Meal



# Ministry Minutes & more

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES

February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. Those present were Bonnie Schulz, Lorraine LePage, Tonja Nelson, Gwen Ovcen, Krisie Fritz, Lori Smith, Connie Eden and guest, Steve Schulze. The minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,995.94 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved. A thank you note was read.

**BUSINESS:** Steve Schulze presented four books of Cross Lutheran Church and School history that he compiled for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. These include baptisms, confirmations, weddings and deaths from 1894-2014. A lot of time and research went into them, and we discussed the possibility of offering copies of them for sale. The Mission Outreach ministry is in favor of this, and Krisie Fritz will take them to the next church council meeting for

review and approval to sell them. We suggest taking orders and prepayment and waiting until our "snowbird" members are back in the spring.

With church council approval, Krisie Fritz has been appointed as the new council representative for Mission Outreach, replacing Lorraine LePage due to the fact that Mike LePage, our new church Treasurer, is now a member of church council.

The Mom 2 Mom sale was discussed. It was decided to change the name of the sale to Tots 2 Teens Sale, Crafters and Bakers, with the hopes of offering something for everyone. Individuals and groups are welcome to rent a table. The sale will be held April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

The church garage sale will take place June 7, 8 and 9, 2018. Saturday morning will be the usual free sale and cleanup. We hope to have extra volunteers on Saturday to clean up and get the gym ready for the farewell dinner on Sunday, June 10 for Pastor Tim and Sue.

The Vacation Bible School theme for this summer is Lego & Let God.

Lorraine will purchase and send Valentine cards to our shut-ins.



Scrip Schedule: February 11 – Bonnie; February 18 – Lori; February 25 – Krisie; March 4 cash sale – Lorraine and a helper.

Our next meeting will take place on March 6, 2018. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**CROSS CHURCH FAMILY**




**GARAGE SALE**



**June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

## Prayer Group

The Prayer Chain is being re-organized, and will now be known as the Prayer Group. If you'd like to be included and receive a phone blast when someone requests a special prayer need, please notify the church office and advise Karen which phone number or numbers you would like used.



The Prayer Chain will no longer exist..With the new system those that wish to receive a call will get a request via the phone blast and there will be no need to call anyone else.



## SAVE THE DATE

Parish Life is planning a luncheon outing on Saturday, April 21st. The tentative plans are a delicious Amish cooked meal, a tour of the Clare area and plenty of fellowship! We are planning on having a bus take us from Cross to the Clare area to tour, dine, and return by 5-6 p.m. Complete details will be in the April newsletter.

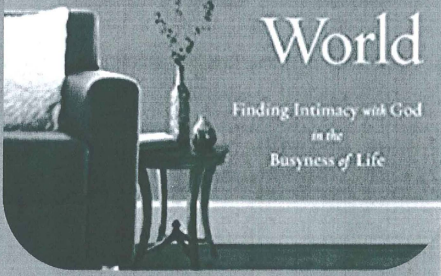


Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

THIS BOOK WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A NEW WOMEN'S MONTHLY STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 24, 2018 AT 10:30 AM TO NOON IN THE CHURCH OVERFLOW. AT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, RUPPERT STREET, PIGEON, MICHIGAN. IF YOU HAVE NEVER HAD FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER WOMEN WHILE EXPLORING THE WORD OF GOD, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO START! YOU WILL BE SO GLAD YOU DID.

# Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

*Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life*



“The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy.”

“Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy Mary/ Martha life--and he extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Tenderly he invites you to choose "the better part"--a joyful life of "living-room" intimacy with him that flows naturally into "kitchen service" for him.”

Questions?  
 Betty Champagne: 989-856-7170 or Gretchen Roestel: 989-550-6099 (text)  
 A \$10 donation for the book is suggested, however not required.

**Annual Cross Fish Fry**—will be on **Friday, March 16th** so save the date as there are lots of roles to fill. We will need help from start up to clean up and everything in between!

Help is Needed:

• Donations for fish, beans, oil, potatoes, cole slaw, paper products, and drinks.

• We need lots of desserts, some packaged for take outs. (We are known for our wonderful selection!) There will be sign-up sheets on the welcome desk.

• We need someone or a few people working together to be in charge of decorating tables. Simple is good!

• Help is needed with prep the day before, set-up the day of serving, and clean-up after. Sign-up sheets will be on the welcome desk.

Come, bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy the meal!

If there are any businesses that would like to donate, we will have a thank you on the tables as recognition of a donation.

Call or text Leanne Smith at 989-553-4241.

In the past there have been many hands involved in this project and it has been a joy to see this event come together with so many working together in the Body of Christ. Proceeds for this event have been disbursed to Youth, Building Fund, General Fund, School, Scholarship Fund, Hot Lunch, and Capital Improvement Fund.

Blessings on the Journey,

# Fish Fry



**Friday,  
March 16  
5 to 7:30 p.m.**

All You Can Eat Fish, Fries, Beans, Baked Potatoes, Roll, Cole Slaw, Desserts and Beverage.

Adults: **\$10**      Kids 5-12: **\$6**

**Under 5: Free**

## Cross Lutheran Church

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon  
This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.

Proceeds will support Cross Lutheran Church and School.

**Take outs  
Available!**

**Tots ↘ Teens**

**SALE**

**Crafters AND Bakers**

*Something For Everyone*

**Cross Lutheran Gym**  
200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI

**Saturday, April 14th**  
**9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Admission Fee \$2.00**

To Rent a Table or For More Information  
Contact Lori Smith at  
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# March 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                    | Tue                                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                 | Thu                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                 | Sat                                          |
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| <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b><br><b>March 5-9</b>                                                                                                   |                                                        |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     | <b>1</b>                                                                                          | <b>2</b>                                                                            | <b>3</b><br>Family Game Night<br>4:30-6 p.m. |
| Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. <b>4</b><br>SS 9 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.<br>Christians in Prayer 3 p.m. at Elkton<br>Missionary | <b>5</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 p.m.<br>C 7:30 p.m.  | Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. <b>6</b><br>Parish Life 5 p.m.<br>Stewardship 6 p.m.<br><b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>7</b><br>Chapel 12:45 p.m.<br><br>Potluck 6 p.m.<br><b>Lenten Service 7 p.m.</b> | <b>8</b>                                                                                          | <b>9</b>                                                                            | <b>10</b><br>Art Party 10 a.m.               |
| Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. <b>11</b><br>SS 9 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.<br>Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.                         | <b>12</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 p.m.<br>C 7:30 p.m. | <b>13</b><br>Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m.<br>Executive 6 p.m.<br>Council 7 p.m.                                         | <b>14</b><br>Chapel 8 a.m.<br><br>Potluck 6 p.m.<br><b>Lenten Service 7 p.m.</b>    | <b>15</b>                                                                                         | <b>16</b><br><br>Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m.                                               | <b>17</b>                                    |
| Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. <b>18</b><br>SS 9 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.                                                       | <b>19</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 p.m.<br>C 7:30 p.m. | Laker Pastor's at Cross 1 p.m. <b>20</b><br><br><b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>                                    | <b>21</b><br>Chapel 8 a.m.<br><br>Potluck 6 p.m.<br><b>Lenten Service 7 p.m.</b>    | <b>22</b><br><br>Music Palooza 7 p.m.                                                             | <b>23</b>                                                                           | <b>24</b>                                    |
| Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. <b>25</b><br>SS 9 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.<br>Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.                         | <b>26</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>B 6:30 p.m.<br>C 7:30 p.m. | <b>27</b>                                                                                                             | <b>28</b><br>Chapel 8 a.m.<br><br><b>NO Potluck</b><br><b>NO Service</b>            | <b>29</b><br>1/2 day of school<br>End of 3rd grading period<br><br>Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. | <b>30</b><br>NO School<br>Good Friday Service 7 p.m.<br><br>Prayer Vigil 8-Midnight | <b>31</b>                                    |

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