

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 dear family of Cross Lutheran,

Did you see the solar eclipse? WOW!! What an awesome event! My thought when experiencing the eclipse; God is all powerful and we are not as powerful as we think we are. Godly events like that need to last a lot longer. The effect of the eclipse really didn't last long. As much as the moon tried to blot out the sun, and it did that for a while, the brightness of the sun overcame the darkness.

There are many times there seems to be a perpetual darkness overshadowing our lives. There are events in our lives which we have chosen causing darkness and then there are those events that we have no control over cloaks us in deep dark despair. When that happens, life is nothing but gloom. Life is all negative. Our thoughts, our language, our posture and our attitudes project darkness, "negative vibes" of

which causes an environment, i.e. church, of stress, strain and brings everyone down. Satan is truly a remarkable manipulator!

However, as the saying goes, it is always the darkest before the dawn.

NRS Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

And when the light of Jesus Christ shines, the darkness goes away. The negative thoughts, negative language, the negative rumors, the hurtful words, the environment, i.e. church, shines and the true glory of God is seen everywhere.

This family of Cross Lutheran Church and School is in the midst of many challenges, i.e. darkness. And with it comes the negativism. However, this is



not unique for Cross. It is not the first time in the 126 years of existence that challenges have been addressed. It is not the first time that the "darkness" has tried to destroy the Church and School. Satan is hard at work however, his work keeps him frustrated and bewildered. Why is that?

NRS 1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Bible Readings for the Month

Sept. 3 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Jeremiah 15:15-21

P – Psalm 26

2R – Romans 12:9-21

G – Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 10 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 33:7-9

P – Psalm 32:1-7

2R – Romans 13:1-10

G – Matthew 18:1-20

Sept. 17 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 50:15-21

P – Psalm 103:1-12

2R – Romans 14:1-12

G – Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 55:6-9

P – Psalm 27:1-9

Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

Pigeon Food Pantry

Children need a nutritious start to the school day. Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup are good options. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

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. Thank you!

Choir Schedule:

Choirs will practice on Sept. 11, 18 & 25. Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.

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build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

126 years ago our fore fathers established Cross Lutheran Church and School on the foundation of the glorious light of Jesus Christ. And over those 126 years, "darkness" has tried to crack and destroy that foundation. And for 126 years that foundation in the light of Jesus Christ has not cracked, moved or weakened. It has

constantly withstood all the "darkness" Satan can throw at it and the light of Jesus Christ continually shines. And that foundation is still there today and withstood another futile attempt by Satan to destroy it.

Cross Lutheran Church and School has been experiencing darkness. However, the darkness is waning! The brilliant light of Jesus Christ is once again coming in the dawn and it is getting brighter and brighter. The negativism needs to go

away and the positivity of Jesus Christ needs to permeate the environment. Glory and praise be given to Jesus Christ for without his grace, love, mercy and forgiveness being showered upon us, nothing is possible.

^{NRS} Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

God's peace

Pr Tim

Celebrate



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
Leo Peyerk
- 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

Anniversaries

- 2 Mike & Connie
Eden, 39 years
- 2 Ken & Betty Licht,
50 years

3	Al & Peggy Licht, 34 years	years
6	Bill & Jan Love, 48 years	20 Alex & Patty Cucinello, 31 years
11	Steve & Patty Schulze, 46 years	25 Chris & Marcie Papkey, 18 years
13	Matthew & Carrie Mancini, 9 years	28 Matthew & Brandis Poisson, 4 years
14	Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink, 65	

Operation Christmas Child

2017 is a year of changes for our Operation Christmas Child project here at Cross. We will now be only using preprinted shoeboxes from the company. No longer will we be able to send toothpaste or candy in our gifts, and now, the newest change, the shipping and handling charge has increased to \$9 per box. We have placed an OCC bank under the bulletin board near the family room for you to place your pocket change in and any donations you can make to help us reach our goal.

Jean Quilts

On September 7th and 21st we will be working on jean quilts for high school seniors in the overflow from 1-5? All are welcome to cut, sew, press, or design quilts. Questions call Leanne Smith 553-4241 or Sheila Yackle 453-2589.



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), Janet McCrimmon (mother-in-law of Peg McCrimmon), Bill Gray (father of

Lisa Gray), Don Schuette, Norm Townley (brother-in-law to Eleanor Tate), Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzendruber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- 1 No School
- 4 No School
- 5 School Resumes/First Day of Preschool
- 6 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 7 CEA 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 20 Chapel 8 a.m.
Picture Day
- 21 CEA Family Night
- 27 Chapel 8 a.m.

From the Desk of ... Gwynne Barry

At the time of this writing, it is August 10, 2017. I am sitting in my classroom gathering my thoughts, organizing items ordered for the new school year, and getting out teacher resources I will be using this year. I also have on my mind that I need to write the article for September's Newsletter. As I opened the Teacher's Guide, *One in Christ*, to review our religion curriculum I thought, "I need to share this."

These are the unit titles:

Unit 1--God and His Word

Unit 2--The Holy Spirit Blesses the Church

Unit 3--God the Father's Gracious Gifts

Unit 4--Jesus Brings Salvation

Unit 5--God Hears and Answers His People

Unit 6--God's Love Leads Us to Respond with Love

Unit 7--God Comes to Us through the Means of Grace

Unit 8--God Works in Me to Follow His Ways

Unit 9--God Makes Us His Witnesses

As I look at each unit title, I think, "Wow, this is for everyone." During this time of struggle, exploration, and decisions these unit titles speak to me. I hope they speak to you as well.

God has gifted me with a tremendous privilege. As a teacher at Cross, I have the opportunity to teach the most important truths anyone can ever learn.

Jesus brings salvation. He lived, died, and now lives again, offering forgiveness of our sins and the chance at starting over again, and a home in heaven with Him someday.

We all share in the privilege of sharing the gospel! **The Holy Spirit blesses the church.** Yes, we are blessed. **God comes to us through the means of grace.** The four B's: Bible, Baptism, and Body and Blood. **God**

hears and answers His people. We need to be a praying people, asking for God's will to be done. **God's love leads us to respond with love.** God's word is the heart of our worship. We can praise and serve God wherever we go. **God works in us to follow His ways. God makes us His witnesses.** "Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life." Phil. 2:15-16

As **God** continues to shower us with His **gracious gifts**, may we all remember it begins with **God and His Word.**

With a renewed energy, may all the people of Cross Lutheran Church and School work together to share the gospel and make disciples. "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel--**NO!** I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine."

This school year our school wide theme is: **Do Something.** I'm sure you'll be seeing and hearing more about that in the future.

It is something we each can reflect on though. Given what God has done for us, what is it that we can do? Do something.

In His love,
Gwynne Barry

September Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Sept. 3 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Laura Trost	Kristi Carriveau	Gwynne Barry	Bruce Baur George Gardy	Marilyn Baur	Grace Trost
Sept. 10 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	June Sturm	Vicki Yackle		Neil Herford Al Licht		Riley Fritz
Sept. 17 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Connie Eden	Kari Halverson	John Trowbridge	Denny Smith Larry Smith	Laura Trost	Zachary Kretzschmer
Sept. 24 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Gwynne Barry	Eileen Johnson		John Trowbridge		Nicholas 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

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

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wed., Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m.

Church Council Minutes



August 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:05PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, Gretchen Roestel, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Loraine LePage, Eric Gardy, Patty Schulze and Barb Degg. Nancy provided the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Gretchen Roestel to accept the agenda as provided, seconded by Barb Degg. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated June 20, 2017, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made Nancy Heck to approve the minutes as presented. Loraine LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present. Barb Degg made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Patty Schulze. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Phil Schadd read the resignations of Cross's custodian and school

cook. Phil read a thank you note from Meals on Wheels.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: The heating and air conditioning units were installed over the school and are working well.

OLD BUSINESS:

There will be a chicken barbeque, September 17. The proceeds will be donated to the church's general fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Barb Degg to approve Marcine Moore as the school cook and custodian of the church and school. Eric Gardy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The congregational surveys were reviewed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 7:30PM, following the Wednesday night church service to discuss the budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned and good things from around the room were shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

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 Ovcken for preparing and making the CD's.

Adopt-A-Highway

We will clean our portion of M-142 near Pigeon on Saturday, Sept. 23 beginning at 10 a.m.

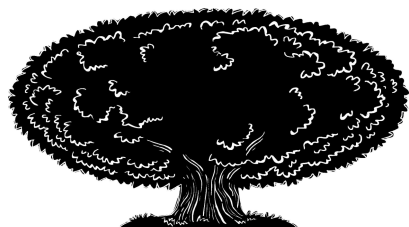
We will meet at Cross Cemetery and plan teams from there.



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 Don Rogers, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Sheila Yackle
Roberta Danks
Janet & Maria Schumacher
Mike & Connie Eden & family
John & Lori Smith & family
Phil & Patti McNeil & family
Rhonda Kuehn
Shirley Deering
Jeff & Ann Hartel
Art & Laurie Britt
Dennis & Carol Diener
Kent & Lori McKenzie
Thumb National Bank
Hank Clabuesch
Dale & Deila Collison
Roger & Pat Elston
Jamie Ewald
Jim & Sue Kusmierz
Randy & Judy Ruff
Jay & Rachelle Hahn
Jim & Jackie Heiden
Mark & Lisa Pijaszek
Larry & Gina Smith
Scott & Jodi Wojciechowski
Peg Mc Crimmon

In memory of Edna Schulz, for Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund:

Bill & Janet Love

In memory of Edna Schulz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Mark & Laurie Wroblewski

Louann Trost

In memory of Monica McCarty, for Cross Lutheran School:

Sheila Yackle

In memory of Lilian Koehler, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Louann Trost

In memory of Henry Schulz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Louann Trost

In memory of Julia (Trost) Parker, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Louann Trost

In memory of Don Rogers, for Cross Lutheran School:

Herb Neurath

Remember that candy and toothpaste can not be sent.

OCC

Watch the summer clearance sales for items for shoeboxes. Some Wal-Marts have the flip-flops on clearance for .50 as well as clearance prices on summer clothing, sunglasses, balls, etc. Bring your donations to the shoebox storage room or the OCC tote in the front entrance room of the church!

Shared Blessing Table

Once again we will have a Shared Blessings table in the hallway of the church. This table is for anyone to bring in or take home, extra garden produce, excess orchard produce, or extra grocery items. Please feel free to give or take at any time!

Mailboxes

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

VBS 2018

Looking ahead....VBS 2018 will be called "Lego and Let God" and will focus on Lego building blocks. If anyone has any Legos sitting around that they no longer use or need, please consider donating them to VBS. Contact Lori Smith @ 989 453-3953! Thanks!

Mission/Outreach

Ministry Notes

Scrip cards will be sold on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the welcome desk after the service.

Sunday, October 8 will be our annual OCC shoebox kickoff. Mission/ outreach will have coffee hour that day with the offering going towards shipping costs.

Sunday, November 12 will be Cross' collection day. Tuesday, November 14 will be sorting night and Thursday, November 16 will be packing night. We do not need notebooks at this time. Also,



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Comm. Service 3 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.	4	1st Day of Preschool 5 Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Chapel 6 12:45 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	Line Dancing 3:30 p.m. 7 Jean Quilts 1 p.m. CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5: 30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.	8	9
Worship Service 10 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	11 Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Afternoon Circle 12 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	Chapel 13 8 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	14 Line Dancing 3:30 p.m.	15	16
Comm. Service 17 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.	18 Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Pigeon Pastors 19 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Chapel 20 8 a.m. School Picture Day Comm. Service 7 p.m.	Jean Quilts 1 p.m. 21 Line Dancing 3:30 p.m. CEA Family Night 6 p.m.	22	Adopt-A-Highway 23 10 a.m.
Worship Service 24 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5-6:30 p.m.	25 Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	26	Chapel 27 8 a.m.	28 Line Dancing 3:30 p.m.	29	30

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Kent McKenzie, President

John Smith, V P

Phil Schadd, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Jeanne Sting, Financial Secretary

John Smith, School Board

Neil Herford, Properties

Leanne Smith, Worship & Music

Norm Nelson, Stewardship

Kim Delpiere, Education

Pastor Tim, Youth

Patti Schulze, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

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Lorraine LePage

Gwen Ovcen

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Gretchen Roestel

Jean Sturm

Laura Trost

Ministry of Youth

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Aileen Prill

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Kenneth Licht

Mike LePage

Peg McCrimmon

Kacey Peterson

Leanne Schuette

Nominating Committee

Bob Tate

Peggy Koehler

Lori McKenzie

Gwynne Barry

Steve Schulze

Dick Koehler

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

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Eileen Johnson, Vice President

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Erica Sturm, Treasurer

April Rujan, CEA President

Pastor Tim, Advisor

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Melisa Raymond-Secretary

Nicole Shupe -Treasurer

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Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Barbara Degg 856-2678

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Delores Eftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forster 375-2754

Vickie Forster 553-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

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

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

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