



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,

As I write this I'm looking out the window and I see tall banks of snow starting to melt away. Old man winter is starting to loosen his polar artic grip and oh my does it feel good. I long to see green grass again, flowers blooming, and the first freshly cut grass aroma to permeate the air. I can smell it now as I sit here.

It is also a time where we start to get busy in anticipation for all that is needed to be done to get ready for spring. Our minds are going a hundred miles an hour with outside projects, getting the camping gear ready, trailers out of hibernation, motorcycles tuned up, bikes greased up, boats waxed, reservations for the traditional summer vacation, ordering mulch and dirt for the yard and garden, ordering all the necessary items to open the pool, and don't forget the most important of all, camp fire wood needs to be cut, split, and stacked for another seasons of s'mores!! Busy, busy, busy.

Yet, in all of that busyness, we enter into the season of Lent. A time of forty days where contemplation, discernment, and solitude with Jesus Christ and God is first and foremost. ^{NRS}

Matthew 14: ²² *Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,*

A time where we need to look inward as to who we really are and what we are in relation to Jesus Christ. A time to try and comprehend what God did for us through His son on the cross so that we might have eternal life and peace.

^{NRS} **John 3:** ¹⁴ *And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not*

perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

A time to take a deep breath and just sit in the quiet peaceful presence of Jesus Christ. "Well, I do that every day pastor. I go to my 'special' place in the house and have my five minutes of devotional time and then move on into my day. Also, when on vacation I sit by the lake and just meditate. It is so relaxing and peaceful." All of that is well and good but that is not 'sitting quietly in the presence of Jesus Christ.'

To sit and experience the peace of Jesus Christ is a peace that is not centered on "our" peace but the peace that he gives to us as a gift from the cross. That is a peace of wiping away our sins, our stress, our guilt, our shame, our fears, and our bondage to sin. That is a peace we try and give ourselves by sitting by the lake, **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross



March 2 – Transfiguration

1R – Exodus 24:8-18

P – Psalm 2:6-12

2R – 2 Peter 1:16-21

G – Matthew 17:1-9

Hymns: 536, 518, 459 Comm. 219, 212, 214, 215

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

1R – Joel 2:12-19

P – Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)

2R – 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

G – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9 – 1st Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 3:1-21

P – Psalm 32:1-7

2R – Romans 5:12-19

G – Matthew 4:1-11

Hymns: 470, 341, 229

March 16 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 12:1-9

P – Psalm 121

2R – Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

G – John 3:1-17

Hymns: 291, 344, 372 Comm. 710, 479, 709

March 23 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

1R – Exodus 17:1-7

P – Psalm 95:1-9

2R – Romans 5:1-8

G – John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Hymns: 104, 499, 99

March 30 – 4th Sunday in Lent

1R – Isaiah 42:14-21

P – Psalm 142

2R – Ephesians 5:8-14

G – John 9:1-41

Hymns: 97, 448, 385

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.

Special Dates

- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *March 2*
- Ash Wednesday, *March 5*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 7*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 9*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 9*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20*

Pigeon Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dried beans, boullion cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. 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!

watching a sunset / sunrise, etc. However, our peace is never accomplished because once we leave that moment, our sin, stress, shame, guilt, fear, etc. returns for us to deal with again. The peace Jesus Christ gives us takes away all of that and will never return! That is the promise of Jesus Christ from the cross! That is humanly incomprehensible.

NRS Philippians 4: 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.

My precious family of Cross, this Lenten season, seek God's peace and not your peace. Seek that peace that wipes all of that 'baggage' of sin away forever never to return. When you share or give peace,

say "God's peace." In so doing you are focusing in on the true source of the true peace we all so desperately seek, desire, want and need.

NRS John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

God's peace

Pr Tim

In Memory



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

In memory of Don Leipprandt, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Hazen & Arlene Fritz

In memory of Don Leipprandt, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Edwin Licht, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Mozell Lang
Antonio & Margaret Alfaro
James & Carol Widney
Jeanette Flores
James & Susan Licht
Betty Champagne
Karen Anklam

In memory of Edwin Licht, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Tom & Margaret Spence
Miller

In memory of Edwin Licht, for Cross Lutheran School:

Otto & Joanne Bergman

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Sam O'Connor, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Nancy Schuette

In memory of Sam O'Connor, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Sam O'Connor, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Olga Renn

In memory of Shirley Temple Black, for Cross Lutheran School:

Bernice Shupe
Gisela Mann

In memory of Jay Richmond, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom and Bernice Shupe

Paper Shower

Sunday, March 23

Items needed:

- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Plastic Forks
- ◆ Small Plates
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Liquid Hand Soap

Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz	453-2127
Inez Buchholz	375-4165
Vivian Buschlen	453-2649
Patty Cucinello	453-3589
Roberta Danks	453-3760
Barbara Degg	856-2678
Gerry Edler	678-0080
Dolores Elftman	453-2679
Pat Elston	453-2409
Carol Forster	375-2754
Vickie Forster	883-3875
Ava Gies	453-2193
Rachel Higgins	975-0668
Dorothy Henne	453-3457
Lillian Koehler	453-2121
Peggy Koehler	453-2278
Elaine Licht	453-3744
Peggy Licht	453-3845
Carole Mead	856-7438
Carol Schadd	269-5150
Donna Schuette	375-4328
Karen Schuette	453-2744
Nancy Schuette	453-3969
Ruth Schuette	453-3885
Bonnie Schulz	453-3116
Kayla Smith	977-0979
Erica Sturm	453-3830
Alice Trost	453-2279
Laura Trost	453-3209
Brigid Trowbridge	453-3990
Sheila Yackle	453-2589

Women of Faith

will meet on

Saturday, March 15

From 10:30 a.m.—Noon

Topic will be:

*“Balancing Unity
and Diversity”*

Everyone Welcome!

Women’s Circles

March Schedule:

Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Day is Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate

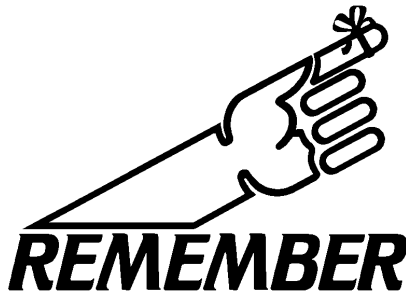


March Birthdays

- 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
- 11 Loranzie Deer
Jim Pionk
Alexis Schuette
- 12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 13 Brian Edler
Joshua Kunisch
- 14 Ray Licht
Charles Schuette
- 16 Lindsay Hutchinson
- 17 June Sturm
- 18 Carrie Mancini
- 22 Alissa Peterson
- 23 Tressa Schulze
- 24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley Trowbridge
- 26 Terry Collison
Greg Prill
- 27 Nicholas Trost
- 28 Lonnie Schulz
- 29 Hannah Harder
Martin Knost
Jim Licht
- 30 Jeff Buchholz
Roberta Danks
Olga Renn
Kobain Smith

March Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Mary Otto, 31 years
- 24 Larry & Barb Degg, 35 years
- 30 Hazen & Arlene Fritz, 40 years



Remember our Shut-ins:

Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Grace Bushey, Carol Diener, Kim Schadd, Gabriel and Adrian Tibbits, Lois Decker, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Leona Engelhardt, Doralee Schulz, Harold Deering, Todd Lay, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulz, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman, Frances Mazzara, Andrew Stevens, a 3 year old with leukemia.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC, Ryan Schulz graduated on Dec. 13 from Marine Boot Camp, San Diego, CA. They are both sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

Kids Against Hunger

Is a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to providing nutritional food to malnourished and starving children throughout the world.

Cross Lutheran Church will again host the

Mobile Packaging Unit on

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

beginning at about 2 p.m.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS 25,000 MEALS!

We need to raise \$7,000!

We will need help packing and donations.

School News

March School Calendar



- 3 Progress Reports Out
- 4 Delivery of Donuts
Athletic Awards 6:30
- 5 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 6 CEA 4:45/School Board 5:30
- 8 Spelling B at Berne 9 a.m.
- 10 Lutheran Schools Week
- 12 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 17 No School—PD day
- 19 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 26 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 27 Music Palooza 7 p.m.
- 31 Spring Break Begins

Cross School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Third Grade

Emily Rochon
Grace Trost *

Fourth Grade

Hannah Helmuth

Fifth Grade

Leah Irion
Riley Shupe
Cassie

Witherspoon *

Sixth Grade

Emma Irion *
Maci Main
Beau Martindale

Seventh Grade

Greta Elston *
Grant Gascho

Eighth Grade

Lance Gascho *

* denotes all A's

From the Desk of ... Deb Musolff

Even though it has been a wonderfully, wintery winter, the kind we wish we could hibernate, things at school are hopping. With February came the second semester of the school year, Valentine's Day and winter break. On February 5 the students, teachers, and many parents went skiing at Apple Mountain. This was the third year for the CEA sponsored trip and many children have vastly improved their skills. Yet to come on February 25 is Family Engineering Event which will be presented by the Huron Intermediate School District.

March will keep us busy. It is Reading Month. The third through eighth graders will spend time reading to preschoolers. Call the office to schedule a time if you are interested in reading a favorite book to students. We love guest readers! March 8 is the annual Thumb Area Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee. March 10-14 is Lutheran Schools Week when we celebrate the opportunity to learn and work in a Christ-centered environment. March 27 is Music Palooza. Mark your calendars because it is always a special night.

The students and staff appreciate your prayers and your support.

Deb Musolff

Music Palooza

Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Cross School Gym

Join us for an exciting evening of music by the Bands and K-8 students.
Invite your family and friends!

March Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
March 2 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Vivian Buschlen	Karen Schuette	Karen Schuette	George Gardy Neil Herford	Marilyn Baur	Brittany Richmond
March 5 7 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Peggy Koehler		Gwynne Barry	Al Licht John Shope	Peg McCrimmon	
March 9 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Brittany Richmond	Gwynne Barry	Carole Mead	Denny Smith Larry Smith	Laura Trost	Nicholas Swanson
March 16 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Connie Eden	Aileen Prill	John Trowbridge		Jean Sturm	Greta Elston
March 23 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Sue Loehrke	Norm Nelson		Carol Diener	Jordan Trost
March 30 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Phil Schadd	Peggy Koehler	Phil Schadd		Marilyn Baur	Kirsten 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!

CEA Meeting Minutes

Feb. 6

Present at the meeting were April Rujan, Melisa Raymond, Rachel Higgins, Gwynne Barry and Geri Kay McLean.

Gwynne opened with a prayer at 5 p.m.

Family Meetings

Family Engineering Night is set for Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 6—8 p.m. with Scott Whipple and Jenny Trusock. Details will be sent home with students.

Fundraisers

- ◆ Krispy Kreme—Orders and money due Monday, Feb. 24. Doughnuts will be delivered on Fat Tuesday, March 4.
- ◆ World's Finest Candy Bar Sales are being set for some time in March.
- ◆ Carnival—the carnival is set for April and the date will be decided later. This is also a mandatory fundraiser. Families, please set the calendar to help out this day.
- ◆ Spring Pancake Breakfast—Set for May 4 from 9 a.m.—

1 p.m. Again, this is a mandatory fundraiser so set the calendar for this day to come help out.

- ◆ Cross Apparel—Cross apparel is available. Feel free to stop in the office to find out more.
- ◆ Thanks to all who were involved in the ski trip to Apple Mountain. Everyone had a great time!

CEA funds to date is \$6,172.77.

The next CEA meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 4:45 p.m.

Church Council Minutes



January 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:02 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith, Neil Herford, Aileen Prill, Gretchen Roestel, and John Smith. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes dated December 10, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes, Krisie Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the agenda as amended by Richard Koehler to add under New Business, #1. Christmas Gifts for Staff, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. John Smith made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette was pre-

sent, and provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$280,161.20, Budgeted Needs were \$288,009.00.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of December/January 2 Funerals, 5 Teachings, 21 Communion, 5 Hospital Visits, 12 Home Visits, 12 Meetings, and 13 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

Thelma Warner, December 14, 2013

Edwin Licht, January 9, 2014

Church Calendar:

- Epiphany started January 6, 2014, and ends on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

- First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2014 (Daylight Savings time begins, Yahoo!!!).

- AAU Girls Volleyball is practicing in Cross's gym every Monday night in January.

Cornerstone Concert, Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

My scheduled visit with Hope Lutheran (Hubbard Lake, MI) on Sunday, January 12, 2014, as Dean of the Michigan Mission District of the NALC, was cancelled due to the weather condi-

tions. My visit has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2014.

Another busy time of year!!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Basketball season is in full swing.

End of first semester, Friday, January 24, 2014. ½ day of school

- No school, Monday, January 27, 2014, Laker Professional Development Day

- School Ski Trip, Apple Mountain, Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

Winter Break, Monday – Friday, February 17-21, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Enrollment for School year 2013-2014.

As of this date, we have 31 students in K-8, and 17 enrolled in preschool.

Annual School fund drive letter went out to alumni and families

Responses have come in with generous donations.

- State Audit of Hot Lunch Program was conducted on Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Cross Basketball Tournament was very successful. Lakers 8th grad won the championship game against our Lady of Lake Huron (OLLH).

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that the School Board meeting was cancelled due to snow storm. Audit for the Hot Lunch Program went okay, we need to

Church Council (Cont.)

tweak a few things and count things differently, but other than that it went well. This audit is completed every 3 years by the State.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Tom Shupe was present and advised that his ministry did not meet in the month of December.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Karen Schuette was present and her ministry did not have a meeting in the month of December. Highlights of her oral report were as follows: Advent-Christmas Concert was held on Sunday, December 15, 2013, and collected approximately \$365.00 in donations.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Gretchen Roestel was present and provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Sunday School teachers were assigned for the months January through April.

No Leaf requests were made.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH: Lori Smith was present and her ministry did not meet in the month of December. Highlights of her oral report were as follows:

Lori received a Letter and Certificate from Bay Shore Camp to send 1 child from Cross to their camp. Aileen is making some calls regarding this.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Vacant and is not in existence at this time. Pastor is saddened by no one coming forward to take on this ministry.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present, and provided an oral report to all present.

No meeting has been scheduled at this time to discuss the gym walls with Gary Booms.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill was present. Her ministry had no meeting in January.

12 people attended the New Year's Eve Party.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hot water tank - John Smith is hoping to have this completed prior to the next meeting.

Parsonage - The following areas were discussed in detail by council.

Nietzke & Faupel - They don't want the parsonage, would tear it down. Mike LePage is negotiating and working on the sale of the home and other lots at this time.

Basic Floor Plan - Ron and the group is still working on this.

Parsonage Building Fund - an account has been set up at Bay Port State Bank, and have collected over \$40,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Gift Cards - Neil Herford made a Motion to give all staff gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 and a \$100.00 gas card to Robyn Buschlen for snow removal, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 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 was shared by all present. The meeting was

closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

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### Coffee Fellowship Hour

March 2 - Outdoor Flower Fund

March 9 -

March 16 - Ministry of Education

March 23 - Parish Life - Paper Shower

March 30 - Bench Fund

### Lenten Potlucks - 6 p.m.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9

### Looking Ahead

#### ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY

Saturday, April 12—10 a.m.

#### CEA CARNIVAL/SCHOOL

##### OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 12

#### MOM 2 MOM SALE

Saturday, April 26

### Parish Life Ministry

#### February 4

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with a prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke and Pastor Tim.

- Women of Faith Study meets next on Feb. 15 from 10:30 - noon. Topic for this month is "Balancing Wants and Needs"



# Ministry Meetings

- Coffee Hours: Aileen will pass around the signup chart at the next council meeting. If no one signs up for Feb. 16, we'll host that day.
- On Sunday, Feb. 16, Cross is hosting Cornerstone. We need to provide a meal for 40 people. Pizzas will be purchased from the Youth account, a sign up sheet is available for salads, desserts and beverages. Sue will make a sign up sheet for helpers.
- We are hosting a Valentine Youth Event on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 2 – 4 p.m. Jean Sturm has put together packets for creating valentines, Karen Peterson will be making heart shaped cookies for the children to decorate and Pastor Tim is choosing a short movie. We're asking for older youth and adults help to assist the little ones in making their creations.
- Loons Game – we looked over the “fellowship night” dates they have and chose Sunday, Aug. 17. It's an afternoon game.
- Paper Shower will be Sunday March 23. We'll come up with a list of needed items to put in the bulletin and newsletter.
- United Christians in Prayer will be here Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m. We'll host a light reception afterwards. A sign up sheet will be available for providing cookies.
- Lenten Potlucks will begin Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.
- Confirmation Sunday is May 11. Parish Life will host that coffee hour with cakes.

We discussed the possibility of

having a team in Relay for Life. We'll see if there is interest in the congregation and take it from there.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 4 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

## Mission Outreach Ministry

### Jan. 28

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. Lori Smith opened the meeting by encouraging us to think about our blessings as we gave thanks for warm things on that cold, frigid night. Members present were Rose Ann Budnick, Kay Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Lorraine LePage, Rachel Messing, Lori Smith, Connie Eden and Pastor Tim. The minutes of the October 29, 2013 meeting were approved. The treasurer reported \$2,079.61 in the checking account. A thank you note for the Christmas card and ornament was read from Fred and Margaret Edler.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

As we reviewed our holiday projects (harvest decorating, food pantry collection, OCC and giving tree) a few things were noted. We will try to get Annette Sproule booked to speak about Operation Christmas Child on the kick-off Sunday this coming year. Lori noted that Annette told her to contact her in July. Connie

Eden will send her a thank you note for being here in December. Cross received a certificate from Bay Shore Camp for one free camper as a thank you for our contribution to the 2013 OCC collection. Lorraine reported that 18 children received gifts through our Giving Tree project. **Scrip Cards** – It was decided that we will go back to having cash sales on the first Sunday of the month. An order blank will be placed in the bulletins and we will announce it in church that morning. The Scrip schedule for February is as follows: 2/2 Lorraine and Lori; 2/9 Rose Ann, 2/16 Rachel; 2/23 Kay. **Food Pantry** – Bonnie's suggestions of items needed in the bulletin and newsletter are helpful. **Card Ministry** – Connie will have the Sunday school children make Valentine cards for our shut-ins. **Welcome Center, Guest Book, Visitor Cards** – noting to report. **Coffee Hours** – We signed up for the following: 7/12 – VBS; 10/12 – Kick off to OCC; 11/23 – Shipping for OCC. Funeral Dinners – We are waiting for the bills from the Licht funeral.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Mom 2 Mom Sale** – The sale will be held on April 26. Lori and Rachel will get posters ready. We should start talking to young moms about the upcoming sale. **Garage Sale** – The dates of the sale are June 12 – 14. Lorraine made a motion that the majority of the profit go toward new car-

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peting for the church. Rachel seconded. It was unanimously supported. **VBS** – The dates for VBS are July 14 – 17. It will be “Son West,” a western theme. Some discussion was held as to whether an evening VBS would work, as it’s so hard to get working people to help with VBS, and it takes a lot of volunteers to pull it off. There will be more discussion later on day vs. night. **Roadside Signs and Youth Room Facelift** – The church council approved going ahead with both projects. Many ideas were tossed about and more discussion will be held later. **Next Meeting** – Our next meeting will be Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Closing – The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Eden

## Ministry of Worship and Music

**Jan. 23**

Members present: Barb Degg, Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, and Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer.

November meeting minutes were reviewed.

Worship and Music fund has \$46.65 as of 1/23/2014.

### MUSIC

Advent / Christmas concert and reception wrap up – 112 people attended and the offering was \$305.00. With the lower attend-

ance and seeing fewer people from some other area churches, Beth remembered that in the past we sent fliers out to the churches. Aileen handles the publicity for the concert and Karen will ask her how we communicate with the churches. For the reception – we need more help with food, set up and clean up. We will revisit this topic in August and possibly ask some other ministries for help at that time.

Hymn Selection – Questions were raised on the method of selecting some of the hymns for worship. The committee does a lot of work but could use more guidance. Beth said she would help them.

Liturgy – We will use LBW setting 1 or 2 for Lent, Easter through Pentecost Sunday (3/7 – 6/8).

Beth purchased new music plus singing bell blocks with some of the concert offering.

### WORSHIP

Lent – Pastor and Karen will select Lenten Wednesday night worship materials and any devotional materials.

### OLD BUSINESS

Youth in Worship – Karen gave Gretchen a copy of ways to incorporate youth in worship and has not gotten back with her yet.

Brown Chairs – Peg has not been able to Scotch Guard them yet. She is leaving for Florida

soon. Barb and Karen will do them.

Advent Reflections – Good feedback. Will bring up again in August to see if we want to do again.

Children’s Time – Does it help if someone goes up to sit with children when someone misbehaves? Yes, it does. Will continue to monitor.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ushers – discussed closing doors before the service so that those inside the sanctuary have quiet before the service. Need to alert ushers to watch for those who need help getting to their seats. Ushers should lock outside doors. Karen will discuss with them. Pastor wants the sanctuary left open after the service until most people have left. Discussed the need to find and ask some more people to join Worship and Music ministry.

Next meeting – Feb. 27.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

# **Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 14** from **5—7:30** p.m.

**Menu includes: All you can eat fish, fries, beans, baked potatoes, roll, coleslaw, desserts and beverage.**

**Adults \$9<sup>50</sup>**

**Kids age 5—12 are \$5**

**Kids age 5 and under are FREE!**

**Take outs are available. Proceeds support our Youth!**

**This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.**

**CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH - PIGEON**



# March 2014

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| <b>C Service</b><br>9:30 a.m. <b>2</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br>10:45<br><b>Christians in</b><br><b>Prayer</b> 4 p.m.        | <b>3</b>                                   | Afternoon Circle<br>1:30 p.m. <b>4</b><br>Parish Life 5 pm<br>Athletic Awards<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Archery 4 - 5:30<br>p.m. | Men's<br>Breakfast <b>5</b><br>7 a.m.<br><b>Chapel 12:45</b><br><b>Comm</b><br><b>Service 7 pm</b>                                   | Archery <b>6</b><br>4-5:30<br>CEA 4:45 pm<br>School Board<br>5:30 pm      | Ethics<br>7:30 a.m. <b>7</b><br>Pr. Tim     | Thumb<br>Distribution <b>8</b><br><br>Spelling B<br>at Berne 9 am       |
| <b>C Service</b><br>9:30 a.m. <b>9</b><br><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br><b>Confirmation</b><br>5 - 6:30 p.m.<br><b>Vespers 7 pm</b>  | <b>10</b><br><br>BB in gym 5:<br>30 - 7 pm | <b>11</b><br><br>Executive 6 pm<br>Council 7 pm                                                                        | <b>Chapel 8:10 am</b><br><b>Morning Circle</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Quilting Day 1:<br>30 pm<br>Potluck 6pm<br><b>C Service 7 pm</b> | <b>13</b>                                                                 | <b>14</b><br><br>Fish<br>Fry<br>5 - 7:30 pm | <b>15</b><br><br><b>Women of</b><br><b>Faith</b><br><b>10:30 - Noon</b> |
| <b>C Service</b><br>9:30 a.m. <b>16</b><br><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br><br><b>Vespers 7 pm</b>                                     | <b>17</b><br><br>No<br>School              | <b>Pigeon</b> <b>18</b><br><b>Pastors 1 pm</b><br><b>Men's Bible</b><br><b>Study</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b>                 | <b>19</b><br><br><b>Chapel 8:10</b><br><b>am</b><br>Potluck 6 pm<br><b>C Service 7 pm</b>                                            | <b>20</b><br><br>Worship &<br>Music 7 pm                                  | <b>21</b>                                   | <b>22</b>                                                               |
| <b>C Service</b><br>9:30 a.m. <b>23</b><br><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br><b>Confirmation</b><br>5 - 6:30 p.m.<br><b>Vespers 7 pm</b> | <b>24</b>                                  | Mission<br>Outreach 6 <b>25</b><br>pm<br><br>Stewardship<br>7 pm                                                       | <b>Chapel 8:10</b> <b>26</b><br><b>am</b><br>Potluck 6 pm<br><b>C Service 7 pm</b>                                                   | <b>27</b><br><br>Ministry of<br>Education 5:<br>30 pm<br>Music<br>Palooza | <b>28</b>                                   | <b>29</b>                                                               |
| <b>C Service</b><br>9:30 a.m. <b>30</b><br><b>SS 10:45 a.m.</b><br><br><b>Vespers 7 pm</b>                                     | <b>31</b><br><br>Spring<br>Break<br>Begins | <b>LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK IS MARCH 10 - 14</b><br><b>Cross School Spring Break begins March 31</b>                      |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                           |                                             |                                                                         |