

# Cross Connection

Growing together

November 2017

## 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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## Message from Pastor Tim

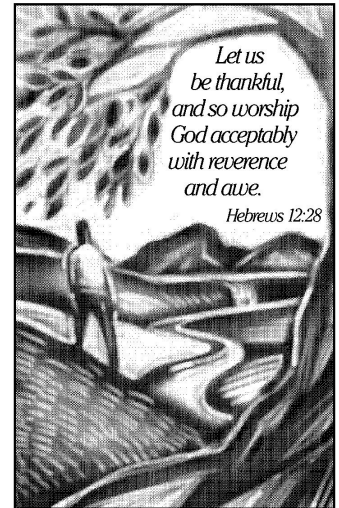
My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran Church and School,

What a beautiful fall God has given us. The warm temperatures, changing of the leaves, the bountiful harvest... oh how I wish it could stay this way until spring. LOL! However, reality sets in as the temperatures slowly drop, the rain makes things dreary and the harvest has a temporary reprieve to rest and catch up on things. God has blessed us over and over again, year after year, by demonstrating all the wonders of his creation, all the colors, all the food that comes from

the ground, all of the breathtaking sunsets and sunrises and so much more that we take for granted all that God provides us.

It is that time of year that we must intentionally give thanks to God, not only for all of the harvest, his creation and all that he has blessed us with, but most importantly, give thanks for giving his Son, Jesus Christ, the redeemer for our sins. We must intentionally and continually give thanks for that. Without Jesus Christ dying on the cross and defeating death, we are surly lost for eternity.

Let us then



give our most sincere thanks to God for all he does for us.

*NRS Hebrews 12:28*  
*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;*

God's peace

Pr Tim

# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Nov. 5 – All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:2-17  
P – Psalm 149  
2R – 1 John 3:1-3  
G – Matthew 5: 1-12

## Nov. 12 – 23rd Sunday after

## Pentecost

1R – Amos 5:18-24  
P – Psalm 70  
2R – 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18  
G – Matthew 25: 1-13

## Nov. 19 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Zephaniah 1:7-16  
P – Psalm 90: 1-12  
2R – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
G – Matthew 25: 14-30

## Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

1R - Deuteronomy 8: 7-18  
P – Psalm 67  
2R – Philippians 4: 6-20  
G – Luke 17: 11-19

## Nov. 26-Christ the King Sunday

1R—Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24  
P—Psalm 95: 1-7a



## 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

Throughout the month of November, Cross Church will be collecting nonperishable food, personal and feminine hygiene items, soap, toothpaste/brushes & paper goods for our Pigeon Food Pantry

Each month approximately 25 families are in need. Your items can be placed in the grocery cart in the overflow area at church.



## Choir Schedule:

Choirs will practice on Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27. Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Community Service

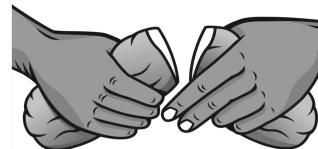
This year's Thanksgiving Community Service will be held at Salem United Methodist Church here in Pigeon on **November 19th at 3:00 p.m.**



**NOVEMBER 5th, don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!**

## 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!



**"FOOD THAT ENDURES TO eternal life."**  
JOHN 6:27, ESV

# Celebrate

## November Birthdays

- 1 Ron Schulz
- 3 Emily Schulz
- 4 Eric Gardy  
Shane Schulze
- 5 Dorothy Rummel  
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 9 Brennan Lange  
Joshua Rosenthal
- 10 Barb Buchholz
- 11 Steve Schulze  
Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretzschmer  
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith  
Peggy Koehler
- 16 Delores Lange
- 17 Austin Roestel  
Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Polega
- 22 Kassidy Swanson  
RoseAnn Budnick
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 25 Mike Sting
- 28 Grace Higgins
- 29 Jenna Lindenberg
- 30 Craig Smith

## Anniversaries

- 19 Pastor Tim & Sue Loehrke,  
45 yrs.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Please mark your calendars for Sat. December 16th. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. in the overflow area for a light lunch furnished by Parish Life and then go from there. All children and

adults are invited to participate. More information will be in the December newsletter.



## 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

We will be working on jean quilts for seniors on Thursday, Nov. 2nd and 16th from 1-5 p.m. If you would like to help with this project contact Leanne Smith or Sheila Yackle. There are a variety of things to do from cutting, pressing, tying, sewing, or designing.



### 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

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR



- 1 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 2 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Grandparents Day  
Half day of school  
End of marking period
- 7 Picture Retake Day
- 8 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 9 Half day of school
- 15 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 22 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 23 THANKSGIVING DAY  
No School
- 24 No School
- 29 Chapel 8 a.m.

## From the Desk of ... Susan Hass

The teaching staff at Cross School is a very busy foursome wearing any number of hats in a day and rarely with any respite. My place in this busyness is to appear 2 days a week to teach alongside them doing what I love best, teaching literacy, and when I can, lending a hand. I offered to submit something for the newsletter to relieve them of another job. This piece was written a few years ago and I no longer am required to haul meals to the fields, but I'm guessing that there are readers who will relate.

The first day of beet harvest arrived with grey-blue skies, a color for which there is no poetic paint name—nobody wants paint that color. Rain is threatened, then delivered it in a weak and pathetic drizzle.

No dramatic lightening to part the sky; no thunder cleaving the air. No pizzazz, just an obstacle in my day.

So it was with something less than enthusiasm I made the crew a lunch of hamburger stew, mashed potatoes, cabbage salad and cookies. Every year I tell myself I'm not going to do this anymore, but every year about two weeks before the beet season begins, I begin planning menus, mentally shortening the steps in completing a meal, mentally eliminating some pots and pans, mentally including whatever I had forgotten in the most labor-saving way possible.

The crew was working in a field about two miles north of our farm; and I had everything ready by noon, but took a few more minutes to make afternoon snacks of peanut butter and honey on graham crackers. I packed them along with the cutlery and cold foods in a capacious laundry basket and carried it to the car. Additional trips for each Crock Pot and casserole made me realize I was walking like Grandpappy Amos from the Real McCoys. Again I promise myself this is the last year.

I climb in the car and roll carefully down the driveway so as not to spill anything, and head to the field. I'm not smiling, but I'm not sulking either. Just doin' my job. Until I see the

activity in the field: a tractor and cart moving north; another pair moving south; the lifter steadily making its way behind a tractor and topper, cone-shaped beets rolling off the Ferris wheel into the bin. Both crew and machines working together to level a field that just hours ago was popping with bushy green leaves. Beets planted so close together they look more like a verdant sea than a crop of sugar beets, their shoulders rubbing against each other waiting to be plucked from the soil.

With this sight something stirs deep in my roots. Something like invigoration, something like pride, something generational. The osmosis of family farming surging up from my toes and into my blood stream. Though married to a farmer, I don't know how to drive a truck or a tractor; I don't know what crops are planted in which fields, I resent the energy and time it takes to bring a year's acreage to fruition until I feel the pulse of a harvest creating that unexplainable feeling in my veins.

I think I'll do my part next year, too.



# November Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Nov. 5 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Barb Degg	Michelle Fritz	Carole Mead	Brian Delpierre Dick Koehler	Laura Trost	Riley Fritz
Nov. 12 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Connie Eden	Gwynne Barry		Dick Mead Ron Schulz		Zachary Kretzschmer
Nov. 19 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Gwynne Barry	Leanne Smith	Barb Degg	Tom Shupe Mike Trost	Jean Sturm	Kyle Briggs
Nov. 23 10:00 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon		Karen Schuette		Peg McCrimmon	Grace Trost
Nov 26 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Laura Trost	Rachel Higgins	John Trowbridge		Carol Die-ner	Riley Fritz

**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, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study** will meet Wed., Nov 15 at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will be Tuesday, Nov. 7 & Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.

# Church Council Minutes



October 10, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie at 7:03PM on the above date. Members present were Kent McKenzie, Gretchen Roestel, Nancy Heck, Phil Schadd, Loraine LePage, Kim Delpiere, Patty Schulze, Barb Degg, Eric Gardy and Norm Nelson. Pastor provided the opening prayer.

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

**MINUTES:** The Council Minutes, dated September 12, 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:** Gwynne Barry, Beth Elston, Carol Diener, Robbie Shaffer, Karen Schuette & Paul Schuette were present.

**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 Kim Delpiere. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Phil Schadd read a thank you note from Our Daily Bread Ministries for Cross' donation.

**Funeral-1, Wedding-1, Baptisms-0, Teaching-7, Communion-11, Hosp. Vis.-0, Home Vis.-8, Meetings-12, Services-7**

## Pastoral acts

- Funeral, Wednesday, September 20, Bob Drury.
- Wedding, Saturday, September 30, Matthew Loehrke & Anna Lewing, Missoula, MT.

## Church calendar

- Sunday, October 29, 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation observed
- Tuesday, October 31, 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation (Halloween)
- Sunday, November 5, All Saints Sunday
  - o Annual meeting following the service.
  - o Daylight Savings Time Ends, turn clocks back one hour.
- Sunday, December 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent.

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

- Pastor is deeply grateful for the time off to officiate at his son's wedding in Missoula, MT.
- Pastor has one more Sunday left for vacation this year. He would like to take Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> off. His granddaughter's birthday is being cele-

brated that weekend and he needs to start putting his family first when it comes to events like this. In past years, he has not attended these events because of his commitment to his family of Cross.

- o The Gideons are scheduled that day to make a presentation during his sermon time.

- o There will be no hymn singing that Sunday.

- The annual Deans meeting with the Bishop is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 – Thursday, November 16 in Columbus, OH. Pastor will be attending as Dean for the Michigan Mission District.

## Principal's report

- Student enrollment for 2017 - 2018 school year.
  - o Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 10
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 8
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 7

Preschool: 19

- The Jr. High, under the direction of Mr. Faupel, has started Cross' Robotic Club meeting, once a week after school.
- Thanks to Mr. Faupel for his hard work in obtaining / scheduling a Robotic Tournament, Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, here at Cross.
- TALL Art Day, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Cross
- DC trip this year is scheduled for May 2018.

- o All 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> graders (7 students)

- o Cost is around \$1,000 per student.

- o Fund raisers are being

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planned to assist in the cost of the trip.

- CEA spaghetti dinner, Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM – 7:00PM.

**MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:** Loraine presented her written report. Operation Christmas Child packing will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be collecting items for the Pigeon Food Pantry.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Church budget

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was discussion on changing the timing of the Christmas concert. For this year the schedule will remain as it has been in the past.

There was discussion on changing the timing of Sunday School. No action was taken at this time.

Loraine LePage made a motion to inform the congregation during the annual meeting that council may look into the possibility of having trustees on the council in place of the chairs of the various ministries. Gretchen Roestel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Phil Schadd made a motion to approve the proposed budget & send it to the congregation for its approval during the annual meeting. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nancy Heck made a motion

to notify the congregation during the annual meeting that council will review the budget by May of 2018, with the possibility of reducing the teaching staff by one based on the current financial situation. Loraine LePage seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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 by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Schadd, Secretary

## LIGHTS of LOVE

Is a new program sponsored by Scheurer Hospital to purchase holiday lights to decorate our local hospital. Lights, ornaments or even lighted trees can be purchases in memory or honor of someone special. Brochures and order forms are located on the Welcome Desk in the overflow room. A special lighting ceremony and reception will be held on **Friday, Dec. 1st** at 5:30 p.m. in the main lobby of Scheurer Hospital. Any questions, please see Barb Degg, Shirley Deering or Sue Loehrke.



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.

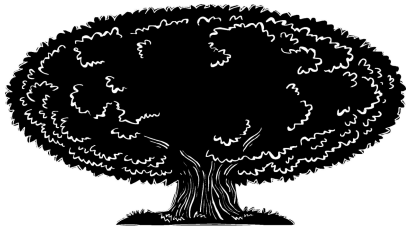
The coffee hour you host can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies. It's your choice!

Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the Overflow area.



# Memorials & Notes

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## Memorial Gifts

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

**In memory of Robert Drury, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Laker Elementary  
Richard & Bette Dirksen  
Dr. Donald & Julia Robbins  
Lisa DiCamillo  
James McIntyre  
Sheila Yackle  
Jody McKenzie  
Kent & Lori McKenzie  
Alice Vollmar  
Theodore & Margaret Leipprandt  
Leslie Drury  
Jon & Faith Barrett  
Mary Buda  
Eric Buschlen  
Randall & Cheryl Sturm  
Michael & Lorraine LePage  
Karen Anklam  
Mary Otto  
William & Janet Love  
John Walsh  
Robert & Janet Gulash

**In memory of Susan Briggman, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Walter Schuette family

**In memory of Robert Drury for Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund:**

Bruce & Marilyn Baur  
Donald & Nancy Heck  
Jacpb Heck  
Jack & Pam Sturm

**In memory of Lawrence Langley, for Cross Lutheran Church School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Mary Holdwick for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

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

Donald & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Leland Warchefsky, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Robert Drury, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Champagne Funeral Home

**In memory of Clark Faist, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Nancy Schuette family  
Fred & Margaret Edler

## 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 CDs.



Cross Lutheran Students are selling poinsettias now! Classic Poinsettias are \$13 & Painted Poinsettias are \$15. They are grown right here in Michigan and are 100% guaranteed See Flyer at back of church to purchase. These make excellent Christmas Gifts! Orders & money will be due by **Thursday, November 2nd**. Checks can be written to: *Cross Lutheran CEA*.

Delivery of plants will be set at a later date but will be within the last days of November to the first week in December. Will notify at a later date.

## Mailboxes

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



# Ministry Minutes & More

## Mission/Outreach

### Ministry Minutes

**September 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Lorraine LePage at 6:30 p.m. Lorraine led us in devotions. Those present were Lorraine LePage, Bonnie Schulz, Gwen Ovcen, Kristie Fritz, Tonja Nelson and Connie Eden. The minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a correction to a date on the scrip schedule. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4,144.44 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved. A thank-you note was read.

**BUSINESS:** Bonnie made a request that Mission Outreach help with the postage casts for the quilts that the Cross Quilter's Group sent out yesterday to the NALC Disaster Fund. Gwen made a motion to give \$250.00 for shipping costs for the quilts shipped for the NALC Disaster Fund. Krisie seconded the motion. The motion carried. Next year's garage sale was discussed. We were wondering if we could begin the sale Wednesday afternoon from 4:00—7:00 p.m., pending discussion with Pastor and with the church council approval. This will be discussed further at our next meeting. Krisie reported that she completed the Thrivent report of this year's garage sale. The \$250.00 gift card was given to Lori to purchase items for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child kick-off is Sunday, 10/8/17, sorting will be 11/14 and packing will be 11/16. A goal of 400 boxes was set, with an extra 200 to be done after the goal is met. We decided to buy 200 Sterlite plastic boxes @ \$7.95/pkg. of 10. Bonnie will get them. We already have 400 cardboard OCC boxes that Lori ordered. We will pack 200 cardboard boxes and 200 plastic boxes, and then up to 200 more cardboard boxes. Lorraine suggested that we concentrate on packing a WOW item in each box. WOW items suggested by OCC are things like stuffed animals, soccer balls with pumps, clothing items and toys that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. It was suggested that each M/O member purchase 50 WOW items by the next meeting and submit our bills for the items at that time.

Decorating for Thanksgiving will be on Thursday 11/2/17 at 6:30 p.m. We will take down the decorations on Friday, 11/24/17 at 9:00 a.m. We will again be collecting items for the Pigeon Food Pantry. Lorraine will find out if we can purchase IGA gift cards now that Pigeon IGA is under new management. Lorraine offered to make Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for our shut-ins with photos taken of our church decorated for Fall and our outdoor manger scene. We will be serving coffee hours as follows: 10/8/17—Group 2 (Bonnie, Kay, Connie, Rachel, RoseAnn;

11/12/17—Group 1 (Lorraine, Tonja, Lori, Gwen, Krisie); 12/10/17—Group 2.

Scrip schedule: 10/1/17—Lorraine/helper; 10/8/17 Tonja; 10/15/17—Connie; 10/22/17—Bonnie; 10/29/17—Krisie.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

## Mission/Outreach

### Ministry Minutes

**October 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. Those present were Lorraine LePage, Tonja Nelson, Gwen Ovcen, Lori Smith, Bonnie Schulz, RoseAnn Budnick, Connie Eden and Krisie Fritz. The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer gave her annual report for October 2016 to October 2017. The beginning balance was \$4,452.08. Total receipts were \$9,725.76 and total expenses were \$10,033.42, leaving an ending balance of \$4,144.44. The Treasurer's report was approved. There was no correspondence.

**BUSINESS:** Operation Christmas Child—Lori shared regarding a phone call she received from our area representative at OCC headquarters. On November 12 there

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will be a door collection at church for shipping and on that same date we will plan to show an OCC video with an address from Franklin Graham. Each Child at Cross School and Sunday School will be asked to do a children's letter and these will be copied and placed into each shoebox. Sorting will take place November 14 and packing night will be November 16. We will purchase cookies and RoseAnn will get bottled water for refreshments on packing night. Lori will prepare a news release. We have 230 plastic boxes and 400 preprinted cardboard boxes.

Lorraine shared a sample greeting card she has prepared to send to our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. She will get them made and send them out. Help is still needed to cover recording of church services when Randy Ovceen is not able to be present. Possible solutions were discussed. Decorating for Thanksgiving was discussed. We will decorate on November 2 at 6:30 p.m. We will see how many wooden crates we can find to use for decorating this year. The decorations will be removed on November 24 at 9:00 a.m. We will once again receive donations for the Pigeon Food Pantry. Pigeon IGA will prepare \$10 gift certificates, which will be added to each Thanksgiving basket as a gift from Cross Lutheran Church. Bonnie will work on recruiting young people to help carry the food collected to the food pantry. RoseAnn offered to take over the Christmas Giving

Tree outreach. We will be serving the coffee hour on November 12 (Group 1)

Scrip Schedule: October 22—Bonnie; October 29—Krisie; November 5—Connie/Gwen; November 12—RoseAnn/helper; November 19—Lorraine/Tonja; November 26—Gwen/helper.

Our next meeting will be held on November 28, when we will take the food to the food pantry. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

## OCC NEWS

### Shoeboxes for kids



It's time to fill shoeboxes full of gifts to bless boys and girls in need around the world while introducing them to Jesus Christ! Ask at your workplace or businesses you frequent if they have any promotional items available. Paper tablets, pens, pencils, stickers, combs, rulers, cups, toys, toothbrushes, etc. Many businesses love to donate to the shoebox ministry if you just ask!!

Cross OCC dates are: **11/12 Final Collection, 11/14 Sort-**

**ing, and 11/16 Packing.** Mark your calendars and plan to come and help. You will be blessed!

## OCC ITEMS NEEDED:

Crayons—100, Colored pencils—100, Coloring Books—300, Pencils—100, Toothbrushes—400, Comb/Brush—300, Washcloth—300, Bar Soap—200, Pencil Sharpener—225, T-shirt—200, Underwear/Socks—200, Small Stuffed Animal—100, Barbie—50, Toy Cars—50, Foam Ball/Tennis Ball—50, Harmonica—50, Woodwind Recorder—50, Playdough—50, Stickers 200, Yoyo—100.



## Children's Christmas Program

will be on **Dec. 24th.** Please contact Kristy Carriveau at 989-553-3584 if you know that your child will be in the program!

## Mission/Outreach Ministry Notes

Scrip cards will be sold on **Sunday, Nov. 5th** at the welcome desk after the service.

# Lift Your Voices



Parents of Young Children,

We have been gifted with resources that can be duplicated for local use so children can sing at home, in the car, or in the classroom.

This CD of Children's Songs will be used periodically for Children's Time. I am planning on practicing with the children at the beginning of Sunday School, and could use your help to practice with them also.

Scheduled songs are: November 19, 2017 #33 The Last Supper (this is a communion Sunday)

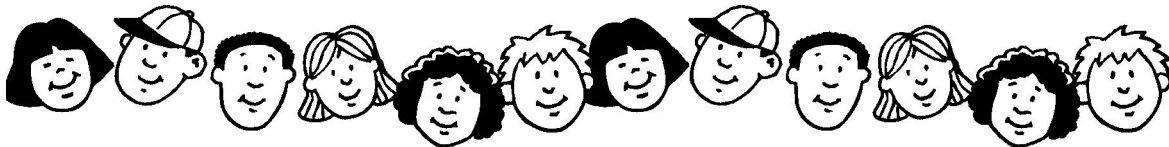
December 24, 2017 #1 Gloria (9:30 a.m.)

January 7, 2018 #5 Jesus is Baptized

January 21, 2018 #6 Follow Me

We will be singing these songs during Sunday School in the next 3 months. This is not a performance, but an opportunity to participate and learn the stories of Jesus in song. There will be reminders in the bulletin or mailboxes as to when the songs will be used during Children's Time for the next 3 years. 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".

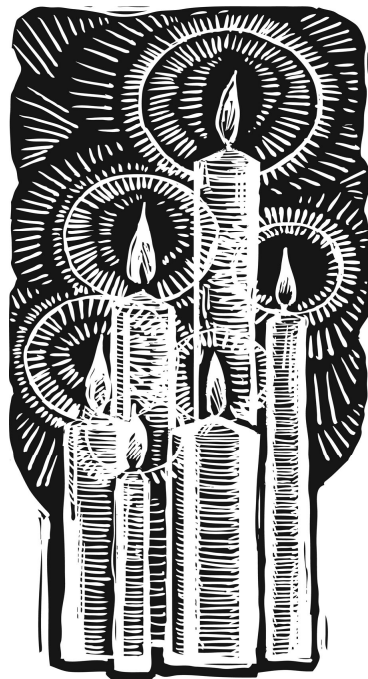
Joy in the Journey,  
Leanne Smith



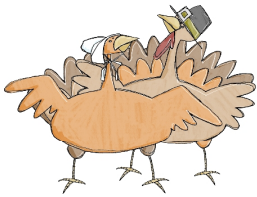
**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY is NOVEMBER 5th**— we will join in Word and Sacrament to commemorate the martyrs of the Church, all people of God living, and those who are resting in God's everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

During the service, candles will be lit beginning with the Christ candle in the front of the church. The flame will continue to grow as it is passed to people standing with candles around the perimeter of the congregation symbolizing the light of God's grace and healing power to all.

There will be candles at the welcome desk, in the overflow area to pick-up before you enter the sanctuary. You may take one to join these around the congregation or choose to stay seated. There is no right or wrong way to participate. There will be more details and instruction during the service.



*All Saints' Day*



# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>All Saints Day 1</b> Chapel 12:45 p.m.  Potluck 6 p.m. <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>2</b> Jean Quilts 1-5 p.m. CEA 4:45 pm School Board 5:30 pm  Worship & Music 7 pm	<b>3</b> <b>Grandparents Day</b>  Half day of School  Marking Period ends	<b>4</b>
<b>Comm. Service 5</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> ANNUAL MEETING 10:45 a.m. Day Light Savings Time Ends	<b>6</b> Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Picture Retake day  <b>Parish Life 5 p.m.</b>  <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Chapel 8 a.m.</b> P/T Conferences  <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>9</b> Half day of School  Pastor leaving for OH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Thumb Organ Group 10- noon
<b>Worship Service 12</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>SS/Adult Bible Class</b> <b>Coffee Hr.</b> Giddeon Presentation OCC Collection	<b>13</b> Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> OCC Sorting Night  NALC Deans Meeting - OH PM Circle 1:30 Executive 6 pm Council 7 pm	<b>15</b> Chapel 8 a.m. School - NO Laker Buses NALC Deans Meeting - OH  <b>Quilters 1 p.m.</b>	<b>16</b> OCC Packing Night  NALC Deans Meeting - OH  Jean Quilts 1-5 p.m.	<b>17</b> Pastor returning from OH in p.m.	<b>18</b> Women of Faith 10:30 a.m.
<b>Comm. Service 19</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>SS/Adult Bible</b> <b>Coffee Hr.</b> <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Thanksgiving Community Service 3 pm	<b>20</b> Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Laker Pastor's 1 p.m.  <b>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>22</b> Chapel 8 a.m.	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>Service 10 a.m.</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>24</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>Worship Service 26</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>SS/Adult Bible Class</b> Coffee Hr 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 pm	<b>27</b> Choirs: Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Mission/ Outreach 6:30 pm	<b>29</b> Chapel 8 a.m.  <b>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</b>	<b>30</b>		

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