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### Our mission:

**Bring people to  
Christ.**

**Teach Christians  
to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to  
reach the world.**



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Growing together

November 2012

## Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran,

I have deep concern for the youth of our family of Cross Lutheran Church. I consider youth to be babies through seniors in high school.

Each child is a gift from God. God has given us this gift to feed, nurture, and teach the grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness of His son Jesus Christ our Lord. Each child has received the Holy Spirit through baptism. <sup>NRS</sup> **Romans 8:** <sup>14</sup> *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **children** of God.* We, the family of Cross Lutheran, have been commanded by God to raise these children to fear, love, and follow God's son, Jesus Christ and to lead a godly life.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Deuteronomy 6:** <sup>4</sup> *Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.* <sup>5</sup> *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.* <sup>6</sup> *Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.* <sup>7</sup> **Recite them to your children** and talk about them when you are at home



and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> *Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,* <sup>9</sup> *and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

My fear and concern is that the family of Cross Lutheran is not doing the best we can for our children as commanded by God.

Within our materialistic and me-myself-and-I culture, the family unit is increasingly allowing the "social morals and values" to be the foundation and guiding light that our children are instilled with to make life decisions. In other words, parents, knowing God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, would rather feed their children the

culture of today because it's easy, popular, and "doesn't hurt anybody."

<sup>NRS</sup> **1 Timothy 4:** <sup>11</sup>

*These are the things you must insist on and teach.*

<sup>12</sup> *Let no one despise your **youth**, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

Cross Lutheran has always had a "youth program" and cares for their children. Currently, however, there is reluctance for adult leadership. I wonder what signal that sends to our youth.

<sup>NRS</sup> **Matthew 7:** <sup>9</sup>

*Is there anyone among you who, if your **child** asks for bread, will give a stone?*

<sup>10</sup> *Or if the **child** asks for a fish, will give a snake?*

Are we willing to take the easy way out and feed our youth stones and give them snakes rather than go against the popular culture and feed our children the bread of life?

<sup>NRS</sup> **John 6:** <sup>33</sup>

*For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."* <sup>34</sup> *They said*

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# Preparing for Worship at Cross



## Nov. 4 – All Saints Sunday

1R – Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17  
 P – Psalm 149  
 2R – 1 John 3:1-3  
 G – Matthew 5:1-12  
 Hymns: 174, 176, 182 Comm. 710, 706, 709

## Nov. 11 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 1 Kings 17:8-16  
 P – Psalm 146  
 2R – Hebrews 9:24-28  
 G – Mark 12:38-44  
 Hymns: 336, 502, 480

## Nov. 18 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Daniel 12:1-3  
 P – Psalm 16  
 2R – Hebrews 10:11-25  
 G – Mark 13:1-13  
 Hymns: 406, 442, 526 Comm. 405, 200, 197, 196

## Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day

1R – Deut. 8:1-10  
 P – Psalm 67  
 2R – Phil. 5:6-20 or 1 Tim. 2:1-4  
 G – Luke 17:11-19  
 Hymns: 407, 241, 767

## Nov. 25 – Christ the King Sunday

1R – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
 P – Psalm 93  
 2R – Revelation 1:4b-8  
 G – John 18:33-37  
 Hymns: 170, 252, 171

## Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 4*
- Veterans Day, *November 11*
- National Bible Week, *November 18-25*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 22*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 25*

## Coffee Fellowship Hour

- Nov. 4 – Parish Life – After Annual Meeting
- Nov. 11 – Morning Circle
- Nov. 18 – Worship & Music
- Nov. 25 – All Circles

to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

If we do not feed our children the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who will? Can we rely on society to feed our children the bread of life, Jesus Christ?

The family of Cross Lutheran needs to make a stand and a statement in leading our children to Jesus Christ, not only for this genera-

tion but for generations to come.

*NRS Psalm 78: <sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; <sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, <sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;*

If there is truly concern for our children, please pray about

leading our children to Jesus Christ. You will not be alone. I have seen this family of Cross come together and rally around tragedy of great proportions. We are now facing a far greater tragedy with far reaching consequences with our youth. The family of Cross Lutheran needs to, no must, come together and follow God's command to teach and lead our youth to Jesus Christ.

God's speed

Pr Tim

## In Memory

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



In memory of **Elsie Sturm**, for Cross Building Fund, by Norm and Tonja Nelson.

In memory of **Ruth Mohr**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Rae-ann Kusch.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Layne Henne.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Vivian Buschlen.

In memory of **Ruth Mohr**, for Cross 2012 Annual Fund, by George Mohr.

In memory of **John and Dorothy Diener**, for Cross 2012 Annual Fund, by Deann (Diener) Lewis.

In memory of **Jim Yackle**, for Cross Building Fund, by Neil and Connie Herford.

In memory of **Arlene Shaffer**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Schuette and family.

**THE FAMILY OF JAMES YACKLE** would like to thank our church family for their wonderful support during this difficult loss to our family. Jim was a man who valued kindness above all else in his life. Your kindness has been a lasting tribute to him and us. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.

## Cross Lutheran Lenten Devotional Booklet for 2013

Although Lent 2013 is not where our thoughts are just now, it's still a good time to be thinking ahead to what you would like to write for a devotion for Lent.

We all have stories related to our faith journeys or something you have read in scripture that sparks a new understanding of what our Lord did for us on the cross. These stories and reflections are not only of value to you, but to others too. Please share your thoughts with us.

Below is a list of possible scripture to use as inspiration and basis for your writing. These are suggestions only and you do not have to limit yourself to these alone. Hymns could also be used as a basis. Whole psalms are listed, but do not need to be used in their entirety.

Joel 2: 12-18

Psalm 27

Genesis 2:7-9

Genesis 3: 1-17

Matthew 25: 31-46

Psalm 51

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Psalm 105: 4-11

Exodus 32: 7-14

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Psalm 142

Romans 8: 1-10

Psalm 43

Psalm 28

Psalm 31: 1-5, 9-16

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Romans 8: 11-19

Philippians 2: 5-11

Psalm 23

Psalm 42

Psalm 91

Psalm 32

John 9: 31-32

Psalm 46: 1-2

Psalm 25: 9

Romans 10: 8b-13

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Since Ash Wednesday is February 13, we need to have all devotions completed by Sunday, January 13, so that it can be printed and assembled in time for Lent. Please contact Karen Schuette if you are interested in writing a part of this devotional.

**We also need volunteers willing to type and help put together this booklet. This is an important part of the process. Please contact Karen Schuette or Peg McCrimmon if you are interested as soon as possible.**

# Celebrate



## November Birthdays

- 1 Ron Schulz
- 2 Thelma Warner
- 3 Emily Schulz
- Jeannie Renn
- 4 Hulda Baur (99<sup>th</sup>)
- Eric Gardy
- Shane Schulze
- 5 Dorothy Rummel
- Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 7 Jim Schumacher
- 9 Brennan Lange
- Joshua Rosenthal
- 10 Barb Buchholz
- Gladys Hayes
- 11 Steve Schulze
- Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretzschmer
- Lois Chisholm
- Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith
- Peggy Koehler
- 16 Delores Lange
- Edna Schulz
- 17 Austin Roestel
- Barbara Ruff
- Gina Smith
- 21 Tracy Otto
- 22 Cassidy Swanson
- 24 Travis Fritz
- 26 Cameron Schuette
- Madison Edler
- 28 Tammy
- Vermeersch
- Grace Higgins
- 29 Jenna Buschlen
- 30 Craig Smith

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed,

please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.

## November Anniversaries

- 7 Jim & Cheryl Warack, 20 years
- 19 Pastor Tim & Sue Loehrke, 40 years
- 28 Bill & Margaret Buchholz, 30 years

## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

## Women of Faith Study

The topic for November is "Scattered." All women are invited to attend Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 to noon.

## Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated. There continues to be a great need, so please continue! Currently they are in desperate need of breakfast cereals and tuna. Contributions overall have slowed, so please help if you are able.

### Remember our Shut-ins:

Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur, Gloria Lewis.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Terry Muntz, friend of John and Linda Shope, Beth Britt, granddaughter of Richard and Lillian Koehler, Connor Flores, grandson of Wendy and Lee Gettel, Ben Smith, Leola Engelhardt, mother of Doralee Schulz, Trevor Carriveau, son-in-law of Kent and Lori McKenzie, Inez Buchholz, Julia Voelker, Deb Lange, Ivernia Swartz, (Michelle Richmond's mother), Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, Sally Rogers, Kay Schuette,

Todd Lay, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman.

### In the Service of Our Country:

- Jordan Gunsell, nephew of Todd and Gretchen Roestel, is currently stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a military policeman.
- Justine Armstrong (niece of Rachel & Ron Higgins) is serving with the Air Force in Afghanistan. Please pray for Justine's safety and her 2 year old daughter, Riley, as they are separated.

# School News



## November School Calendar

- 1 CEA 4:45 p.m.  
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 2 1/2 Day of School  
Grandparent's Day  
No Laker p.m. bus
- 7 Chapel 12:45 p.m.  
Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences from 4—7 p.m.  
Pre-School Conferences  
5—7 p.m.
- 8 Full Day of School—No  
Laker Bus
- 14 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 15 No School
- 21 No School
- 22 No School
- 23 No School
- 26 School Resumes
- 27 CEA Family Meeting 6 p.m.
- 28 Chapel 8:10 a.m.

## FROM THE DESK OF... DEB MUSOLFF

The teachers of Cross Lutheran School recently had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools General Conference and Expo in Grand Rapids. This year MANS celebrated 40 years of service to faith-based schools. Education issues in Michigan have always impacted Non-public schools. We learned that in 1970 "Proposal C" was passed by voters in Michigan despite hard work to defeat it. Proposal C became Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution which prohibited aid to Non-public

Schools. The consequence is that Michigan has one of the most restrictive Constitutions regarding Non-public schools in the United States. This had a huge impact causing many school closures.

Learning this information was a "wake-up" call for me as a Christian and as a citizen of Michigan. I need to be more fervent in prayer for our government and its leaders. As I get ready to vote in November I need to be informed and know how issues affect my state. Am I considering just myself or am I voting for the common good? I hope you will do the same.

**Learning is a lifelong adventure!**

## CEA Meeting Minutes from October 4

Present at meeting were April Rujan, Rachel Higgins, Melissa Helmuth, Melisa Raymond, and Pastor Tim.

Pastor opened with Prayer at 4:45pm.

### Pancake Breakfast

First pancake breakfast is set for Oct 7. Volunteers have stepped up and we thank them for that.

Flower bulb fundraiser has been sent out and due back on Oct. 2.

### Family Meeting

Next family meeting is set for Nov. 27 at 6 pm. Bring your best recipe for a potluck dinner and the CEA will provide drinks and deserts. The main focus of the meeting will be the Christmas Fair.

### Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair is set for Dec. 21 and we are accepting donations of any kind to help make this year's experience as great as last year.

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# November Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Communion	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
Nov. 4 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Sue Loehrke	Brian Delpiere	John Trowbridge	Brian Delpiere Philip Delpiere	Carol Diener
Nov. 11 9:30 a.m.	Leanne Smith	Norm Nelson	Caitie and Emily House		Kendal Delpiere Richard Mead	
Nov. 18 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Laura Trost	Gwynne Barry	Carole Mead	Norm Nelson Ron Schulz	Laura Trost
Nov. 22 10 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon				
Nov. 25 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Karen Schuette	Aileen Prill			

**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!**

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**Grandparents/Special Person Day**

This day is set for Nov. 2 and is also a half day of school.

**Lutheran School Week**

Lutheran School Week is set for Jan. 28 through Feb. 1. Themes will be announced at a later date.

**Fundraisers**

Grand Traverse Pie Co. fundraiser - this will start Oct 22 and go till Nov. 1.

Concessions and Walsh's Pepper stick fundraiser - Both of these start in January.

Krispy Kreme - will start Jan 22 and is due back Feb. 5. Donuts will be delivered Feb. 12.

Hungry Howie - this fundraiser is set for the

month of March.

Carnival - our carnival is set for April 20.

Spring Pancake Breakfast - this is set for May 5.

**Financial**

Gwynne Barry has a request for purchasing a more updated testing system and has asked the CEA for help financially. Melissa H. motioned the CEA pay half of the cost, April second's motion, motion accepted.

**CEA Meeting**

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Nov. 1 at 4:45pm.

**Cross Apparel**

Cross apparel still available, so feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

**Meeting closed with prayer @ 5:45**

# Ministry News

## Parish Life Ministry

**Oct. 2**

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm, and Paul Schuette.

- Discussed the Marty and Kate Potluck planned for Oct. 28. Meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. so that Sunday School can be attended. Coffee will be available ahead of time in the gym for people who wish to visit ahead of time. We will meet again on Monday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. to make final plans. A fun Reformation Trivia game is planned with prizes. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

- News Years Eve Family Time. We talked about making this an event for people of all ages. Games, movies, snacks were discussed. It was suggested to coordinate this with the Youth Ministry. More discussion is forthcoming.

- Coffee Fellowship Hour on Nov. 4 will take place after the Annual Meeting is finished. Parish Life will host. We will also host Coffee Hour on Dec. 9.

- Funeral dinners were discussed. New lists are being worked on.

- Dr. Sherry Baker will be back on Saturday, Jan. 19. Her focus for the workshop will be "Relationships." In order to help with costs, Parish Life may pay \$5 of members registration fee. Betty will ask Dr. Sherry if we can offer an early registration fee

and a slightly higher fee at the door.

We discussed the possibility of doing a Christmas Light Tour using the TAT bus. Betty will find out costs, capacity, available routes.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 6:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

## Mission / Outreach Ministry Minutes

**Sept. 25**

The meeting was called to order by Lori Smith at 6:30 p.m. and the opening prayer was also led by her. Members present were: Bonnie Schulz, LouAnn Jarvis, Krisie Fritz, Connie Eden, Rachel Messing and Lori Smith.

The minutes of the Aug. 28 meeting were read over and approved. The treasurer's report was also discussed. Checks were written to the Huron Daily Tribune for \$43.20 for the garage sale ad, and to Connie Eden for \$43.66 for the welcome packet gifts she ordered. This leaves a balance of \$1,418.85.

### OLD BUSINESS

### WELCOME STATION

More discussion and planning was made for our Welcome / Information Station. Bonnie reported that Ron Schulz is very busy at the present time and would not be able to take on the project, so the group turned their discussion back to the possibility of purchasing a pre-made desk from a furniture company. Rachel will talk with the rep from

Thumb Office Supply to see if he has any ideas. LouAnn reported that she has been getting ideas for a welcome banner and will come up with something more concrete as we get closer to buying the desk. The group decided to spend between \$355 - \$500 on the project.

### SHARED BLESSINGS TABLE

The table has been set up in the hallway and vegetables have been appearing and disappearing like we had hoped!

### OCC DATES

Kick off for this year's OCC Shoebox project will be Oct. 14, the same day we have the OCC coffee hour. Our collection date will be Nov. 11 here at Cross, with sorting night on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., packing on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and delivery on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### NEW BUSINESS

### FUNERAL MEALS

A motion was made and a unanimous vote was given for the Mission / Outreach Mission to pay for the meat for funerals from this point on. Pastor thought this was a great idea and the group agreed that when there is a death of a congregational member, it is a perfect time for the church family to reach out to them in support.

### HARVEST DECORATING & FOOD DRIVE

Decorating of the church will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. Please bring in all of your fall items to share. Lorraine and Lori will bring in wheel barrels again for the food collec-

# Ministry News

tion.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Scrip Schedule is as follows: 9/30 Krisie; 10/7 Kay; 10/14 Bonnie; 10/21 LouAnn; 10/28 Lorraine.

Our next coffee hour will be on Oct. 14 for Operation Christmas Child.

The meeting was adjourned and the Lord's Prayer was prayed by all.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Smith

## Stewardship Ministry

Sept. 25

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, chairman; Ray Licht, Paul Schuette, financial secretary; June Sturm, benevolence treasurer, Carol Diener, Kyle Yackle, and Pastor Tim Loehrke. Ray opened with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by June Sturm, and seconded by Ray Licht. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary Report** – Weekly contributions are down from the budget goal each week.

**Benevolence Report** – was given and reviewed from Aug. 28 – Sept. 25. Benevolence funds have been distributed to date. Current balance on hand is \$2001.15 which is mostly for Kids Against Hunger.

**Building Fund** – the balance in

the Building Fund is doing good to date. Hard work from the Cross members has helped the balance along with memorials from past members. A motion was made by Ray Licht and supported by Paul Schuette to pay off the operation loan at Bay Port State Bank of \$7875.00 with money from the building fund. Motion was accepted.

## New Business

Carol Diener handed out a proposed budget comparing the current fiscal year to the proposed new year. Discussion was held over changes made to the income and expenses put together for the new year. The proposed budget did include a five percent raise to Cross School and Church staff and an estimated increase to health insurance.

A motion was made by Paul Schuette and supported by Ray Licht to recommend the new budget as printed church council for the new year.

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

The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

## Worship and Music

Sept. 26

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

## MUSIC – BETH

- Have begun using new liturgy – on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Sandy Maxhausen will be substituting as organist for Beth on Sunday, Sept. 30.

## WORSHIP – PASTOR

- Advent – will be following same as in past years – Sunday evening Vespers.

Lenten Devotional – Announced in church and an article put in the newsletter. More information to congregation will follow in October.

Council did not meet in September.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Hearing Loop – Karen will contact company.

Youth Ministry – Discussed at length ideas from a list generated by Beth and Jeff. Picked out several items to focus on (ushering, reading Psalm, read a prayer petition, leading the Creed, Greeting people coming out of church). These ideas will be listed in a letter to our Youth and their parents to discuss and consider. Will follow up to identify interested people. Some of the other ideas can be implemented with the cooperation of Ministry of Education. We will be contacting them in the future for their help.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Budget – Looked over the budget that Stewardship had already prepared.

Coffee Hour money will be used to purchase gloves for Bell Choir.

Next meeting, Oct. 25.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



# Odds & Ends



**\$1,127.40**

Was earned in the past year from Box Tops for Education! This is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box tops coupon on hundreds of products throughout grocery, discount and club stores. Clip it from the package and place it in the box outside the secretary's office.

We'll take care of the rest!



**\$555.10**

That's how much Cross School earned from Cartridges for Kids in the past year! Keep recycling and keep bringing in your used ink and toner cartridges! They will only take originals, compatibles are no longer accepted.

**\$98.18**

Was earned from Target Stores with their "Take Charge of Education Program. To date, Cross has earned \$1,469.33 from Target!!



**\$62.89**

Was earned in the past year by using GoodSearch.com



**\$3,661.75**

Was earned through the Scrip Program during the past year. Scrip cards are store gift cards. They make the perfect gift for graduation, confirmation, wedding, birthday or any occasion. Check out the order form for all the different choices. You may place your orders each week, and they will be available the following Sunday.

## Pop Tabs

Cross School is collecting the tabs from the tops of soda and

beer cans. Proceeds from these help to support Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to save and donate them. Place them in the recycle box outside the church office.

## Operation Christmas Child

October 14 we kicked off our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. The coffee hour that day was a benefit for shipping costs for the boxes. Each box costs \$7 to ship and last year we sent 400 boxes. That's \$2,700 in shipping alone! We are asking the members and friends of Cross to please give generously!

November 11 will be Cross' collection date. We ask that all filled shoeboxes and items be turned in by that day.

Tuesday, November 13 will be the sorting evening in the gym. At 7 p.m. we will meet and begin sorting all the items on to tables. Everyone is welcome to come out and help!

Thursday, November 15 will be the shoebox packing night. Again, we will meet at 7 p.m. and ask for volunteers to come and help. Even if it's just for an hour or two, we need many volunteers for this part!

Saturday, November 17, we will deliver the shoeboxes to Bay Shore Camp for shipping. If you would like to help us deliver the boxes, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the gym and drive to Sebewaing. We will go to the Lamplighter after we deliver the boxes for brunch. (Dutch Treat)

# Ministers - The people of Cross

## Officers, Ministries and Committees

### Pastor

Tim Loehrke

### Music Director

Beth Elston

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Karen Schuette, Worship  
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Tom Shupe, Stewardship

Gretchen Roestel, Educa-  
tion

Kevin Trost, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Out-  
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Pastor Tim, Advisor

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Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Sheila Yackle 453-2589



In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

With joy and thanksgiving to God we recognize

Cross Lutheran Church,  
Pigeon, MI

as a Charter Congregation of the

**NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bishop John F. Brundage".

Bishop

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark C. Chang".

General Secretary



August 2012

Dear Pastor and Lay Leaders,

*Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.*

*With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(2 Thessalonians 1:2-5, 11-12)*

I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in Thessalonica because I know these first two years of our existence have been difficult ones for all of our congregations and their leaders. In spite of the great risks and difficulties, you are among those who endured and persevered for the sake of boldly confessing Christ. For your witness we are truly grateful.

During our Convocation we recognized our first 250 congregations as Charter Congregations of the North American Lutheran Church. Your congregation was among those so recognized.

A larger document listing all the names of Charter Congregations will appear on our website in a format that you may also print and frame. In addition, with this letter is a certificate honoring you and expressing our sincere appreciation for your faithfulness.

While we give thanks for the past we look forward to all the future holds. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen you as together we move forward in ministry and mission as the North American Lutheran Church.

If your certificate requires correction, please contact my assistant, Becky Seifert, at [bseifert@thenalc.org](mailto:bseifert@thenalc.org) or 614-777-5709.

It is good to be with you following Christ Jesus,

John F. Bradosky, Bishop

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COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:

	SEPTEMBER	2012	
BALANCE ON HAND 9/1/2012			36,380.21
INCOME:			
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES	28,657.97		
SCHOOL REGISTRATION	-		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	87.00		
CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM	2,086.04		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds	25.00		
LEAF	-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT	-		
BEQUEST	-		
TOTAL INCOME:	30,856.01	30,856.01	
EXPENSES:			
PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN	-		
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES	29,251.67		
		(29,251.67)	
NET INCOME		1,604.34	
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/2012			37,984.55

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:

LEAF FUND	757.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	18,645.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	581.82
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	10,700.00
TOTAL:	37,984.55

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work  
Please continue to help as you are able

Total balance in all funds \$37,984.55 - Total balance in General Fund \$581.82 (positive balance)

BUILDING FUND:

BALANCE ON HAND 9/1/2012		11,746.35
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*	8,073.56	
FUND RAISERS	2,718.00	
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND	-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	-	
TOTAL INCOME:	10,791.56	10,791.56
EXPENSES:		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT	(10,885.00)	
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES	(625.00)	
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID	-	
TOTAL EXPENSE	(718.44)	(718.44)
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/12		11,027.91

\*\*\*THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR OCTOBER IS \$3,500.00.

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES	(276,172.02)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES	253,190.91
SHORT	(22,981.11)
DEBT OWING 9/30/2012	
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	25,506.82
PRIVATE LOANS	250,000.00
	275,506.82
OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	275,506.82
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	275,506.82

# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				1 CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour after meeting	5 Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.	6 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m.	7 Men's Breakfast 7 a.m. Chapel 12:45 p.m. P/T Conf. 4-7 P.S. Conf. 5-7 Comm. Service 7 p.m.	8	9	10 Thumb Distribution
11 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	12 Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.	13 Operation Shoebox Sorting 7 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	14 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1:30 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	15 No School Shoebox Packing 7 p.m.	16	17 Women of Faith Study 10:30 a.m. - Noon Shoebboxes to BayShore
18 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Community Worship Service 3 p.m.	19 Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.	20 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m.	21 No School Comm. Service 7 p.m.	22 Thanksgiving Service 10 a.m. 	23 No School Office Closed	24
25 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. SS / Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	26 Moms in Prayer 8:35 p.m.	27 CEA Family Meeting 6 p.m. Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	28 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	29	30	