

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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From the Pastor's desk at Cross Lutheran Church-NALC,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, grace, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*"You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."!* (Acts 2:28)



Each month, writing a message for the Cross Lutheran Church newsletter has been at times a personal challenge, and yet has always pleasantly surprised me by unveiling another opportunity to grow. Without fail, my preparation always seeks God's Word for guidance. Without fail, a single Bible verse provides all I need when I am at a loss for words. God's Word is good! It always shines abundantly with grace, forgiveness, and love!

One of my favorite movies is the 1960 Walt Disney movie, "Pollyanna." The main character, Pollyanna Whittier, is an 11-year-old orphan who is sent to live with her wealthy Aunt Polly Harrington in the town of...Harrington. Even though Pollyanna is busy overcoming many recent changes in her life, she continues to be her cheerful, talkative, very optimistic self, focusing on the good things in life and always finding something to be glad about. She

describes this personal game as "The Glad Game," because she feels that it is important to look for the good in life instead of the bad. Pollyanna explains, "You see, when you're hunting for the glad things, you sort of forget the other kind." With this positive outlook, she begins to make a wide variety of friends in the community of Harrington.

It is no secret due to her wealth and influence that Aunt Polly controls most of the town, which includes the church and the subject matter of Reverend Ford's Sunday sermons. When the town wants to hold a charity bazaar to raise funds for a new orphanage, Aunt Polly is not in favor of it. The Harrington family had donated the original building and she argued that it was an important town landmark. Since she has a lot of influence, many of the townsfolk are reluctant to show their excitement and support for the charity bazaar for fear of her retaliation.

When Reverend Ford refuses to support the charity bazaar for fear of Aunt Polly, Pollyanna reminds him that "nobody can own a church." Pollyanna also tells him of the over 800 'Glad Passages' in the Bible. The next Sunday, instead of preaching 'gloom and doom' as Aunt Polly has always recommended, Reverend Ford decides to defy Aunt Polly, and promises the congregation to read one 'Glad Passage' from the Bible each Sunday from this time forward. He also announces that he supports the charity bazaar and encourages all church members to attend.

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Although there is much more to the plot, my favorite scene in the movie is when the townsfolk gather at the Harrington mansion in the last minutes of the movie. Pollyanna and her Aunt Polly are preparing for a necessary train trip and all present wish Pollyanna to get well soon and hurry back home. As Pollyanna and Reverend Ford meet, he says to her, *“We looked for the good in them and we found it, didn’t we?”* and Pollyanna smiles and shakes her head in agreement.

“Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.” (1 Corinthians 10:24)

If it has been a while or if you have never watched the movie, Pollyanna, I encourage you to check it out sometime soon. The movie reminds me of the innocent times we experience growing up. As children, we look for good role models such as our parents, relatives, friends, and community to provide examples of healthy relationships for us to emulate. Churches offer Christian education in the forms of Sunday School, Confirmation, and Vacation Bible School for our youth, but have we applied what we once had learned in our youth now as adults? Do we act as if ‘Jesus Christ owns the church’ or do we assume ownership? More importantly, the church has always had the responsibility to teach and to provide examples of healthy relationships for our young people. The question we must ask ourselves as active members of Cross Lutheran Church is, *“How are we doing? Have we taken time to examine ourselves? Have we provided examples of good relationships for our young people, our newest members, and our first-time visitors? As active members of Cross Lutheran Church, have we spent more time hunting for the glad things, instead of focusing on the other kind?”*

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:12-17)

The Lord bless you and keep you...in His service,

Pastor Glenn

And whatever you do,
in word or deed,
do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17



Preparing for Worship

August 6 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 55:1-5, P – Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26), 2R – Romans 9:1-5 (6-13), G – Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Job 38:4-18, P – Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16), 2R – Romans 10:5-17, G – Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, P - Psalm 67, 2R - Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32, G - Matthew 15:21-28

August 27 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 51:1-6, P – Psalm 138, 2R – Romans 11:33 - 12:8 G – Matthew 16:13-20

Celebrate

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tom Shupe
- 3 Ron Bergman
- 4 Terry Sturm
- 7 Todd Gunden
Sandra Haley
Caden Carriveau
Kent McKenzie
- 11 Julia Heck
- 12 Bruce Baur
Jeremy Licht
Bernice Shupe
Duane Peterson
- 13 Keeley Baur
- 14 Randy Swanson
Corey Messing
- 15 Nicholas Swanson
- 16 Margaret Edler
- 17 Gwynne Barry
Khloe Carriveau
- 19 Gretchen Roestel
- 20 Larry Rosenthal
- 22 Kayle Thepsourinthone
- 23 Wynne Thepsourinthone
- 25 Karen Schuette
Tina Edler
- 26 Brian Koehler
Nancy Schuette
- 27 Max Eden
- 30 Dave Jarvis
- 31 Joshua Higgins
Stephen Schuette

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Pat & Kathy Azarovitz,
48 years
- 3 Mike & Laura Trost,
27 years
- 4 Kyle & Victoria Yackle,
16 years
Crystal & Kale Hill,
2 years
- 5 Greg & Rebecca Yackle,
17 years
- 6 JB & Gwynne Barry,
40 years
- 8 Ben & Kayla Smith,
15 years
- 9 Dorothy & Doug Thuemmel,
12 years
- 10 Mike & Heather Koroleski,
10 years
- 15 Todd & Gretchen Roestel,
31 years
- 16 Neil & Connie Herford,
54 years
James & Susan Licht,
43 years
- 21 Tom & Bernice Shupe,
52 years
Phil & Carol Schadd,
30 years
- 22 Debbie & Henry Lange,
36 years
- 23 Steve & Tina Schuette,
26 years
Nate & Jessica Licht,
9 years
- 26 Austin & Meagan Schuette,
6 years
- 27 David & Joyce Jarvis,
46 years
- 28 Norm & Tonja Nelson,
52 years

THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER

Kari Spearing, Kyle Walker,
Brandon Fritz, Barb Eidt,
Gene Parsell, Tim Voss,
Dorothy Henne, Michael Eden,
Terry Sturm, Clark Elftman,
Hannah Britt, Dave Licht,
Cordelia Trost, John Finneren,
Tom Shupe, Whitney Peyerk,
Dorothy Henne, Joe Stodola,
Matt Edler, Larry Adams,
Al Collison, Anna House,
Susan Beller, Hope Kittel,
Inez Buchholz, Noah Adams,
Kyle Walker, Kay Schuette,
Roberta Danks, Posie Tuckey,
Corey Messing, Marvin Trost,
Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm,
Deann Lewis, Martin Knost.
Kayle Thepsourinthone,
Robert Krzeszewski,
Dolores Elftman,

THOSE IN THE HONORABLE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Nicholas Swanson (U.S. Air
Force), Michael Cox (U. S. Navy),
and Alex Moyer (U.S. Marines)

The logo features the word "PRAYER" in large, multi-colored capital letters (P: orange, R: purple, A: blue, Y: green, E: red, R: blue). Below it, the word "list" is written in a black, cursive script font.

From the Desk of...David Faupel

Summer is certainly flying by! It will soon be time to gear up for a new school year. The first day of school will be August 28, and we are planning a back to school family event on Wednesday, August 23. We are excited to welcome several new staff members to our teaching team!

Nicole Shupe will be our 3rd-5th grade teacher. Mrs. Shupe received her degree from Ferris State University with a B.A. in Elementary Education and an associates in Early Childhood Development. Three years ago she joined us at Cross in the DK/Kindergarten classroom as an aide. Mrs. Shupe has two children who currently attend Cross and one now at Laker High School. Their family attends Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Mrs. Shupe also enjoys fishing, home improvement projects, and helping on their family farm. She is looking forward to the challenge of this new school year!

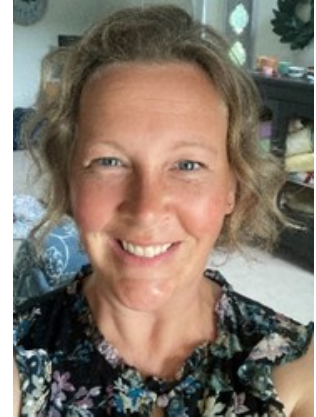


Kelly Gebauer will be teaching 6th-8th grade language arts and social studies in the afternoon this year. Ms. Gebauer holds a B.A. in Elementary Education and a M.A. of Education with a concentration in secondary education with an English focus from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has been teaching since 2015 with experience at both the elementary and secondary levels. Her love and passion for teaching began in the church through children's ministries while growing up and living in Alaska. She currently lives in Bad Axe and attends and serves at Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.

We are thankful that God has called these teachers to work at Cross Lutheran and that they have answered that call and chosen to share their gifts and minister here. We look forward to the ministry that will take place during the 2023-2024 school year.

August Calendar

8/23	Open House 5:30 to 7pm
8/28	1st day of school Opening Chapel 7:45 am



Cross Lutheran Staff 2023/2024

David Faupel – Principal/6-8 grade teacher
Kelly Gebauer – 6-8 grade teacher (pm)
Susan Hass – Title I teacher
Nicole Shupe – 3-5 grade teacher
Carrie Ward – 1-2 grade teacher
Leslie Eberly – DK/K & Music teacher
- DK/K Aide
Don Starks – Band teacher
Jenna Maust – 1-2 Support/Piano teacher
Jenny Turner – Art teacher
Brian Wright – PE teacher
Marcine Moore – H.L. Director
Cindy Powell – Kitchen Asst.





**In memory of Max McKenzie for
Cross Building fund:**
Bonnie Schulz

**In memory of Dennis Diener for
Cross Lutheran Altar Guild:**
Carol Diener

**In memory of Janet McCrimmon
for Cross Lutheran Church:**
Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Janet McCrimmon
for Cross Building fund:**
Carol Diener

**In memory of Janet McCrimmon
for Cross Organ Fund:**
Dave & Peg McCrimmon
Alex & Patty Cucinello



A big THANK YOU to all those that helped with VBS this year. Our theme as "Stellar" - Shine Jesus Light. There were 45 children that attended and we had 25 helpers. Our offering went to the Cross Roof Fund and Operation Christmas Child. Each fund received \$175.50. Again, thank you to all those who participated. - Rebecca Yackle



New Security Procedures

Beginning August 21, all doors to the church and school will be kept locked during regular school and daycare hours. This is common practice for both public and parochial schools in our area, and will provide an extra measure of safety for our students. The church council has approved the following security procedures:

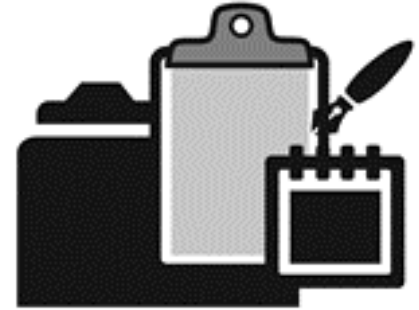
- All church visitors should use the Office Entrance during normal office hours. If possible, please call ahead to let the office know you will be coming.
- Upon arrival, press the doorbell by the office entrance doors. You may be asked to give your name and reason for visit. The door will then be unlocked for you to enter.
- Upon entering the building, visitors will need to sign in at the office. They will need to sign out when they leave.



CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Dick Koehler at 7:00 pm
Present: Kristy Carriveau, Kim Sears, John House, Jason Shaw, Nancy Schuette, Al Licht, and Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski & Dick Koehler. Absent: Matt Zimmerman and Norm Nelson
Guests: David Faupel and Jessica Schwartz



Church Council
Minutes

DEVOTIONS: Pastor shared a devotion and prayer.

AGENDA: Jason Shaw made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by John House, Motion carried.

MINUTES: Jason Shaw made motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Kim Sears. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Cross School: David Faupel, Principal

- Hallway access doors will have a buzzer system to access the building during school hours.
- Expected 2023/2024 enrollment is 64 students.
- New equipment will be installed this summer, all paid for by grants
- Two open positions, 3rd-5th grade and part time 6th grade

Daycare: Jessica Schwartz, Director.

- Daycare Center enrollment has dropped a little for the summer
- Looking at emergency response training, staff only

OFFICER REPORTS:

Matt Zimmerman, President - Nothing to report.

Kristy Carriveau, Secretary – Nothing to report.

Kim Sears, Treasurer:

- Reported that income is above budget by \$1,216.82. *Motion was made by John House to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Al Licht, motion carried.*

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Hosted a campfire and sing-along for Cross Lutheran School 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
- Provided all music for Sunday Worship Service, June 4th
- Attended the monthly Online Michigan Mission District Meeting, June 10th
- Officiated at Hazen Fritz Graveside Committal, June 10th

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Dick Koehler, School Board President - no report

MINISTRY REPORTS – TRUSTEES

Property: Al Licht

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- Nothing to report, meeting June 15th

Music & Worship: John House

- Nothing to report, meeting June 14th

Stewardship: Norm Nelson

- Nothing to report, absent

Mission Outreach: Nancy Schuette

- The annual garage sale brought in over \$5,000, need new helpers and youth next year.

Parish Life: Nancy Schuette

- Looking for help with coffee hour

Youth: Jason Shaw

- Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Music Department Job Description and Covenant Agreement. *Motion was made by Al Licht to accept both documents, seconded by Jason Shaw, motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- School/ Church Cleaning Service- two bids were received, the offer will be made to Randy Schutte. *Motion was made by Al Licht to accept both documents, seconded by Kim Sears, motion carried.*
- September 22, CEA Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for 7th and 8th grade DC Trip *Motion was made by John House to accept dinner, seconded by Al Licht, motion carried.*
- Recommendation to raise Cross Hot Lunch prices by \$.50 *Motion was made by Jason Shaw to accept price increase, seconded by Al Licht, motion carried.*
- New security/ entrance policy for school and church proposed by David Faupel *Motion was made by Al Licht to accept the increase, seconded by Kim Sears, motion carried.*
- School Endowment Fund Committee member recommendation is as follows: Nancy Heck, Carol Diener, Pam Sturm, Connie Herford and Cindy Buchholz. *Motion was made by Kim Sears to accept all new members, seconded by Jason Shaw, motion carried.*

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristy Carriveau

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**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Matt Zimmerman at 6:59 pm

Present: Matt Zimmerman, Norm Nelson, Kristy Carriveau, Kim Sears, John House, Jason Shaw, Nancy Schuette, Al Licht, and Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski. Absent: Dick Koehler

Guests: Karen Schuette and Marcine Moore

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor shared a devotion and prayer.

**AGENDA:** *Jason Shaw made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Kim Sears, Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:** *Al Licht made motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Jason Shaw. Motion carried.*

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Cross School:** David Faupel, Principal

- Nothing to report, absent

**Daycare:** Jessica Schwartz, Director.

- Nothing to report, absent

**VISITOR REPORTS:**

**Worship and Music: Karen Schuette**

- No fundraising will be held until after the roof project
- Going forward, we will use a simplified bulletin

**Kitchen Rental: Marcine Moore**

- Asking to rent kitchen for professional use
- Evenings and weekends mainly
- Will not interfere with school or daycare food preparation

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Matt Zimmerman, President - Nothing to report.

Kristy Carriveau, Secretary – Nothing to report.

Kim Sears, Treasurer:

- Reported that income is above budget by \$11,935.41. *Motion was made by John House to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Al Licht, motion carried.*

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Attended Michigan Mission District meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> .

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

Dick Koehler, School Board President - no report

**MINISTRY REPORTS – TRUSTEES**

**Property:** Al Licht

- Summit fire inspection contract for kitchen, \$442/ year *Motion was made by Jason Shaw to accept the contract, seconded by Kim Sears, motion carried.*
- Soffit area on nave needs to be repaired, will wait until roof is fixed

**Music & Worship:** John House

- See Karen's report

**Stewardship:** Norm Nelson

- Offering envelopes for 2024 have been ordered

**Mission Outreach:** Nancy Schuette

- Nothing to report

**Parish Life:** Nancy Schuette

- Nothing to report

**Youth:** Jason Shaw

- Five scholarships for Bay Shore Camp were given out to church youth

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- New cleaning company for church & school is Tip O' Thumb Cleaning Service, will begin in August

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Farm Bureau is discontinuing church insurance, Tim Fritz will start looking for a new company

**Next Council Meeting** – Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristy Carriveau





# August 2023



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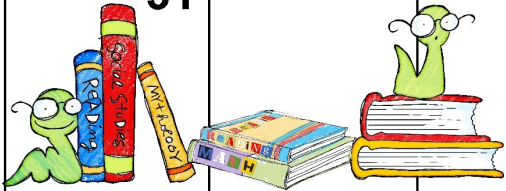
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|                                                         |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>Worship & Music<br>3 pm | <b>2</b><br>Women's Bible<br>1:30 pm                                                 | <b>3</b><br>Jean Quilts 1 pm<br><br>School Board<br>5:30 pm<br>Properties 7 pm                    | <b>4</b>                                                                | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>Comm. Service 9:30                          | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>8</b><br><br>Council 7 pm        | <b>9</b><br><br>Quilters 1 pm                                                        | <b>10</b>                                                                                         | <b>11</b><br>Daycare closed for<br>floor waxing<br>8/11, 8/12 &<br>8/13 | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b><br>Comm. Service 9:30                         | <b>14</b><br><br>Stewardship<br>5:30 pm                                                                                                                 | <b>15</b>                           | <b>16</b>                                                                            | <b>17</b><br><br>Jean Quilts 1 pm                                                                 | <b>18</b>                                                               | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b><br>Comm. Service 9:30<br><br>Schuette Reunion | <b>21</b><br><br>Office returns to<br>normal hours<br><br><b>Newsletter<br/>deadline</b>                                                                | <b>22</b>                           | <b>23</b><br><br>Quilters 1 pm<br><br>Open<br>House/Back to<br>school<br>5:30 - 7 pm | <b>24</b>                                                                                         | <b>25</b>                                                               | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b><br>Comm. Service 9:30                         |  <b>28</b><br><br>1st day of school<br><br>Opening Chapel<br>7:45 am | <b>29</b>                           | <b>30</b>                                                                            | <b>31</b><br> |                                                                         |           |

**Officers, Ministries & Committees**

**Pastor** – Glenn Sokolowski

**Music Director** - Beth Elston

**Church Council**

Matt Zimmerman, President

Dick Koehler, VP

Kristy Carriveau, Secretary

Kim Sears, Treasurer

John House, Trustee

(Worship & Music)

Norm Nelson, Trustee

(Stewardship)

Nancy Schuette, Trustee

(Parish Life &

Mission/Outreach)

Alan Licht, Trustee

(Property)

Jason Shaw, Trustee

(Youth/Education)

**Ministry of Properties**

Mike Sting, Chair

Matt Zimmerman

Paul Schuette

Pat Azaroviyz

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Karen Schuette, Chair

John House

Peg McCrimmon

Beth Elston

Mike Sting

LuAnne Sokolowski

Barb Degg

**Ministry of Mission / Outreach**

Krisie Fritz

Connie Eden

Kay Schuette

Tonja Nelson

Nancy Heck

Lorraine LePage

Lori Smith

Kim Delpiere

**Ministry of Stewardship**

Norm Nelson, Chair

Carol Diener

Paul Schuette

June Sturm

Cindy Buchholz

Karen Anklam

Linda Fietzer

**Ministry of Education**

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June Sturm

Kim Delpiere

Gwynne Barry

**Ministry of Youth**

Tim & Michelle Fritz, Chair

**Ministry of Parish Life**

Nancy Schuette, Chair

Pam Sturm

Alice Trost

Paul Schuette

LuAnne Sokolowski

Dawn Hendricks

**Cemetery**

Steve Schutze

Kevin Trost

Lonnie Schulz

Matt Zimmerman

**Audit Committee**

Jeanne Sting

Carol Diener

Suzie Swanson

John Schuette

Vacant

Vacant

**Nominating Committee**

Dawn Hendricks

Jessica Licht

Michelle Walsh

Erica King

Karen Schuette

Vacant

**Synod Assembly Rep –**

Vacant

**School Board**

Dick Koehler, President

Kevin Trost, Vice-President

Eileen Johnson, Secretary

Kevin Stachowiak, nonmember rep

Rebecca Yackle, CEA Treasurer

Michelle Walsh, CEA President

**CEA/PTO**

Michelle Walsh-President

Lindsay Stachowiak-Vice Pres.

Ashley Shetler -Secretary

Rebecca Yackle –Treasurer

**CHILDCARE BOARD**

Mike LaPage

Kent McKenzie

Shannon McCain

Michelle Walsh

Kayle Thepsourinthone

**Handy Helper Ministry**

Karen Anklam 551-8265

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Barbara Degg 856-2678

Delores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Vickie Forster 553-3875

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Peggy Licht 975-1963

Lori McKenzie 553-3582

Marcine Moore 550-9405

Carol Schadd 550-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Donna Wheeler 453-3712

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

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Please let the office know of any changes to these Ministries and Committees.

Updated 2/13/23

(Officers, Ministries & Committees)