

# Cross Connection

## 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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Growing together

May 2020

## Message from Pastor Glenn

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



I remember traveling to a town in Northern Wisconsin to watch my son play high school baseball one spring. I expected it to be a nice warm sunny day, since the sun was out. I was taking my camera, hoping to get a few good pictures since my son was going to be pitching. As I was about to leave, LuAnne suggested that I pack some warm clothes in case the weather became colder, which turned out to be a pretty good idea!

At the beginning of the 2nd inning of the baseball game, the dark clouds rolled in and it quickly got cold. As I walked to the car to put on something warmer, it started to snow and the flakes got bigger! That was actually the first and only time that I've watched a game sitting by myself in an aluminum lawn chair on the 1st base side bundled up in an insulated coat and bib overalls, insulated boots, and stocking hat, while trying to keep my camera dry.

When the game ended, however, the sun came out and it quickly turned into the most beautiful afternoon. The snow soon melted away, so my son and I decided to make it a father/son afternoon and traveled another hour north to Duluth, MN to visit the Canal Park lift bridge in hopes of seeing a ship passing up close. As we arrived, a huge ship was turning, ready to come in from the big lake. It wasn't more than five minutes later when we watched it travel through the canal, under the lift bridge. It was amazing!

Since the sun was starting to set, we started for the car. As we walked, my son turned to me and said, "Can you believe it? Going from playing baseball in a snowstorm to seeing a ship come in as soon as we arrive? What a great day!" I wholeheartedly agreed and we talked about it most of the way home. It had been a great day! It was only about a month later when our two youngest sons graduated from high school. That was seventeen years ago!

How did that happen? Where did the time go? We've all said something similar from time to time as we look on days that have passed...and time continues to pass day by day. Let us thank and praise God for each blessed day that He has given us and continues to give us. As brothers and sisters in Christ, God continues to bless our Church and community, one day at a time.

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# Preparing for Worship at Cross

## May 3—4th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 2:42-47, P – Psalm 23, 2R – 1 Peter 2:19-25, G – John 10:1-10

## May 10—5th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60, P – Psalm 146, 2R – 1 Peter 2:2-10, G – John 14:1-14

## May 17—6th Sunday of Easter

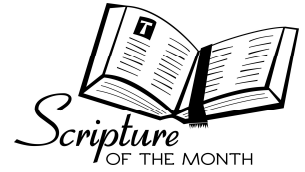
1R—Acts 17:16-31, P – Psalm 66:8-20, 2R – 1 Peter 3:13-22, G – John 14:15-21

## May 24—7th Sunday of Easter

1R - Acts 1:12-26, P – Psalm 68:1-10, 2R – 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11, G – John 17:1-11

## May 31- Pentecost

1R - Numbers 11:24-30, P – Psalm 25:1-15, 2R – Acts 2:1-21, G – John 7:37-39



**CROSS CEMETERY** – “Winter decorations may be placed on or after November 1 and removed by April 1 of the following year. Those left on graves after April 1 will be removed and disposed of by members of the cemetery committee.”

“It is recommended that all decorations be placed alongside the gravestone or very near so as not to impede mowing.”

**Please remove all flowers, decorations and grave blankets for spring cleanup.** With the weather warming up, it will soon be time for mowing! Thank you for your cooperation.

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Please take time, on this day that the Lord has made, to pray for our young people at Cross Lutheran Church and School, in addition to other young people in this community and around the world.

- ◆ Remember the many blessings we receive from our youth who attend Sunday School and Sunday worship, sing during the church service, as well as serving in other ministries in the church and community.
- ◆ Remember those who are graduating from 8th grade, those becoming confirmed members of area churches, and those who are graduating from area high schools.
- ◆ Remember those who are graduating from junior and technical colleges, universities, and seminaries.



~ Let us thank and praise God for each blessed day that He has given us and continues to give us. ~

***“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*** (Psalm 118:24)

In Christ,

Pastor Glenn

# Celebrate



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janet Schumacher
- 2 J.B. Barry  
Michelle Richmond
- 3 Andrea Herrygers  
Andrew Licht
- 4 Peg McCrimmon
- 5 Patty Schulze
- 6 Jody Blaszczyk
- 8 Lydia Decker  
Kelson Smith
- 11 Brittany Richmond  
Isaac Elston  
Carol Schadd
- 13 Linda Gardy  
Corey Trost  
Dale Schulz
- 14 John Trowbridge
- 15 Jan Love
- 17 Kayla Smith
- 19 Trevor Carriveau
- 20 Bob Tate  
Breanna Smith
- 21 Roger Fritz  
Dawn Rosenthal
- 22 Jordan Trost  
Paul Schuette  
Jonah Yackle
- 23 Emma Smith
- 25 Matt LePage
- 27 Cole Walsh
- 28 John Smith  
Johnathon Higgins
- 29 Zachary Kretzschmer
- 30 Carol Diener  
Dorothy Henne  
Donna Wheeler
- 31 Leanne Smith



### Remember our Shut-ins:

Elaine Licht, Ruth Schuette, Martin Knost, Eunice Richmond.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), Clark Eidt,

Deann Lewis, Hope Kittel (niece of Carol Diener), Marilyn Blunt (mother of Laura Trost), Margaret McBride, Robert Krzeszewski

### In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz stationed at Piqua, OH and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz. Nicholas Swanson stationed at the Air Force base, Colorado Springs, CO. He is the son of Randy & Suzie Swanson & grandson of Nancy Schuette.

## CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS

**Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Cross Lutheran Church and School are following the guidelines set by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. On Tuesday, March 24th, she issued a “stay-at-home” order. All Michigan residents and most businesses are required to stay in their homes under this executive order.**

**This will remain in effect until further notice.**

**The Church, school and office are closed during this time, but members can call and leave messages at the church office 989-453-3330, ext. 201 or Pastor Glenn’s cell 715-415-2994.**

**We will periodically check for messages.**

**Also, join us online at [www.crosslutheranpigeon.org](http://www.crosslutheranpigeon.org) for devotions and sermons or keep in touch on Facebook.**

**The goal is for everyone to stay healthy and return as soon as it is safe to do so.**



May

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Jim & Brenda Smith, 16 years
- 23 John & Brigid Trowbridge, 33 years
- 27 Duane & Karen Peterson, 31 years
- 30 Mike & Jeanne Sting, 33 years

## School News

### From the Desk of...Carrie Ward



Greetings from the home classroom of Mrs. Ward. I trust that God has been good to you and your families during this time of quarantine, and I also trust that he will continue to be good to you all because of his great love for you. I don't really know what to say in regards to my classroom and how much has changed in so little time... except that God is good!

Throughout all of this, the pandemic, the changes to our daily lives, the quarantine, the social distancing, one thing remains certain in my mind, God is good. He always has been and he always will be. I am thankful that some 23 years ago my heart was softened and I accepted His great love and sacrifice for my sins. I made the life changing decision to believe in Jesus as the Son of God and my savior.

In the years since I made that decision, He has been my rock. He is my firm foundation that I can stand on and trust and put my faith in. I can count on Him to take care of me, because he is faithful. I am thankful for this knowledge and truth because in times like these, when everything in our lives seems topsy-turvy, He is not. I can count on Him to bring me through it all, and know that when it all is over, He will still be there. Faithful and true.

It is my prayer for all of you who read this, that this is true for you too. That you are also finding a peace in all of this, knowing that God is in control of it all and has been from the very beginning. I pray that you know this and that you cling to it and remind yourselves and your loved ones of it often. You are deeply loved by a Father who is faithful and true and very good!

May God bless you and the ones you love. May you be a blessing to those around you in these changing times, and may you find peace in His goodness.

With Much Love and Prayers,  
Carrie Ward

### May School Calendar

- 22 End of online teaching  
Virtual closing Chapel
- 29 Deadline to turn in all  
paperwork to teachers

### 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

#### 3rd Grade

Ethan Yackle\*

#### 4th Grade

Evan Braegger

Aubrey Curtis

Joshua Kuhl

Conner McLean

Julia Shupe

#### 5th Grade

Preston Braun

Nicholas Rujan\*

Zachary Trost

#### 6th Grade

Anna Rochon\*

Mariam Shupe\*

#### 8th Grade

Grace McLean\*

Ellie Rujan

Grace Shupe

\* indicates all A's

### 2020/21 School year Enrollment Forms

for DK-8 grades are available  
online at

[www.crosslutherschool.org](http://www.crosslutherschool.org)

## May Time & Talents—Tentative

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Youth Message	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
May 3 9:30 am							
May 10 9:30 am							
May 17 9:30 am							
May 24 9:30 am							
May 31 9:30 am							

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me Karen Schuette (989) 453-2744. Thank you for serving!**

**USHERS PLEASE NOTE: Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!**

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: April 16, 2020

The meeting was called to Order by Church Council President, Michael LePage, at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Nancy Heck, Gretchen Roestel, Krisie Fritz, Pastor Glenn S. Sokolowski, Nancy Schuette, Norman Nelson, Kent McKenzie, Steve Schulze, and Corey Messing. Guests Present were David Faupel and Sarah Brooks. The meeting was conducted through Zoom and by Phone. Pastor Glenn Sokolowski opened the meeting with a devotion from John 16:29-33, and was followed with prayer.

**AGENDA:** Agenda was approved as presented.

**MINUTES:** March minutes were approved as presented.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Mike LePage, President** – Updated council as to the financial aspect of the church at this time.

Cross has applied for the Payroll Protection Program.

Pastor and Mike LePage have been noting the volume of envelopes that are being dropped off so they can be deposited timely.

Cross received a bill from Braun Builders in the amount of \$6,700.00 for changes that were made after the work was started on the Sound Booth. It was recommended by Mike LePage that the bill be paid and the money taken from the CD bequest. Discussion followed.

**Motion was made by Kent McKenzie that the bill be paid to Braun Builders in the amount of \$6,700.00 and taken out of the CD bequest, seconded by Gretchen Roestel. Motion carried.**

**Krisie Fritz, Secretary** - No communications

**Nancy Heck, Treasurer** - Nancy gave her report as presented.





**Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Kent McKenzie. Motion carried.**

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:**

**David Faupel** gave his School Report as follows:

- School has been closed by the Governor for the remaining school year.
- Teachers are working hard to provide instruction to the children.
- Teachers are providing daily openings by live stream.

**Sarah Brooks** gave her Early Childhood Center Report as follows:

- Day Care currently has 11 children (6 families). At this time the day care can only provide care for essential workers.
- Sarah would still like to hold a Preschool picnic, but will wait until it is safe for all.
- Sarah would like to meet with the Advisory Group as soon as it permits.
- Sarah will be working on State Renewal which is due in the middle of May.
- One family is staying with the Day Care when everything goes back to normal.
- Local Health Department is keeping checks on the Day Care during this time.

### **ADVISOR'S REPORTS:**

**Pastor's Report:** (1) hospital visit, (2) family funeral meetings, attended Pastor Orth's funeral service, (2) funerals (Fred Edler and Elsie Trowbridge), attended Cross Fish Fry, (1) Wed. Lenten Service, teaching Confirmation classes, over 200 phone calls to parishioners and continued conversations, (6) Online services, and multiple home visits to deliver audio CDs of recorded worship services.

**School Board Report:** Gretchen Roestel - No meeting held.

### **MINISTRIES REPORTS – TRUSTEES:**

**Property:** Corey Messing – updated council regarding items he has been working on:

- Building and Road Signage Plates have arrived as well as the light for the corner of the property.
- Kent McKenzie will contact Booms regarding estimate so that the work can be started in the classrooms.
- Corey reached out to Doug Gentner. Huron County Work Crew is unavailable to assist with any projects at this time, but can assist when the quarantine is over.
- Corey will work with Sarah Brooks regarding a time that will work to fix her light that is out in the Day Care Room.

**Worship & Music:** Kent McKenzie – no meeting held.

**Stewardship:** Norman Nelson – no meeting held.

**Mission Outreach:** Nancy Schuette - no meeting held. Krisie Fritz did address council on two matters. First, was a request to postpone the Garage Sale for June, but leave it open as to when it would be rescheduled. Council was in favor, Mission Outreach will put a flyer out on Facebook that can be shared and put in the Church Newsletter. Second, was requesting that Cross Lutheran pay a portion of the Easter Card costs that went out to all members. Discussion followed.

**Kent McKenzie made a Motion to pay the entire bill for the Easter cards and postage out of the fish fry proceeds in the amount of \$382.05, seconded by Gretchen Roestel. Motion carried.**

**Parish Life:** Nancy Schuette – no meeting held.

**Youth & Education:** Steve Schulze - no meeting held.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Video Equipment – on hold at this time.
- Fish Fry Fundraiser – Take out dinners were well received by the Public. \$5,400.00 was profited.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Music Ministry – Update was given, work is in progress.
- Lawn Contract was signed with Mike Fritz for 2020 in the amount of \$3,000.00. With \$2,000.00 being paid in July, and \$1,000.00 in September.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Received Pastor Orth memorials to the Teacher’s Education Fund.
- Pastor has prepared a PDF file - Member Information document. When completed, this document will be used to update the Cross Lutheran Church member registry.

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Krisie Fritz, Secretary

**Our 8th Grade Graduates!**



19 Grace 20  
McLean

Grace McLean, daughter of Kevin & Geri Kay McLean



19 Ellie 20  
Rujan

Ellie Rujan, daughter of Tim & April Rujan



19 Gloriel 20  
Salas

Gloriel Salas, daughter of Brent & Tiffany Salas



19 Grace 20  
Shupe

Grace Shupe, daughter of Peter & Missy Shupe

## Memorials

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

**In memory of Elsie Trowbridge, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Linda Schluchter  
Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer  
Dolores Elftman  
Fred & Raylene Henkelmann  
Ledith Ambs  
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink  
Sheila Yackle  
Children of Alfred & Irene Schmidt  
Kevin & Debra Ohlrogge  
Deann Lewis  
Jacqueline Finneren

**In memory of Elsie Trowbridge, for Cross Lutheran School:**

John & Ethelen Herbstreit  
Mary Bauer  
Tom & Bernice Shupe  
Delores Lange

**In memory of Elsie Trowbridge, for Cross Building fund:**

Jack & Pam Sturm  
Lois Geppert  
Karen Anklam  
Terry & June Sturm  
Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Jack & Pam Sturm  
Paul & Karen Schuette  
Kyle & Vicki Yackle  
Dave & Peg McCrimmon  
Terry & June Sturm  
Don & Nancy Heck  
Jacqueline Finneren

**In memory of Pr. Raymond Orth, for Cross Building fund:**  
Lois Geppert

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Randall & Cheryl Sturm  
Don & Dulcia Wichert  
Nancy Schuette & family  
Elaine Gillingham  
Dave & Debbie Armbruster  
John & Gina Retford  
Mark & Melissa Halabis & family  
Paul & Karen Schuette  
David & Margaret McCormick  
Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel  
Alan & Peggy Licht  
Jim & Jackie Heiden  
Jason & Jennifer Nicol  
Ervin Haley  
Janice Roestel  
Mark & Brenda Kretzschmer  
Kay Schuette  
Kent & Lori McKenzie  
Norma King  
Gary & Kathlyn Engelhardt  
David & Irene Gehring  
Nancy Layher  
Lisa Hagen

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Music fund:**

Marshall & Lorrie Kurschner  
Janet McCrimmon  
Bea Elenbaum  
Kendall & Debra Stoeckle  
Kami House  
Jacqueline Finneren

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Building fund:**

Terry, Cathy, Steven Krohn  
Margaret Edler  
Jack & Pam Sturm  
Terry & June Sturm  
Don & Nancy Heck

**In memory of Fred Edler for, Cross Women of the Church:**

Margaret Edler  
Class of '57 Lunch Bunch  
Dave & Janet Sharpsteen

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Scott & Mary Dubs  
**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Hot Lunch:**  
Delores Lange

**In memory of Fred Edler, for Cross Cemetery fund:**

Jake & Cheri Diebel & family

**In memory of Gloria Lewis, for Cross Building fund:**

Terry & June Strum

**In memory of Ervin Schuette, for Cross Building fund:**

Terry & June Sturm

**In memory of Ervin Schuette, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Chris Schulz, for Cross Building fund:**

Terry & June Sturm

**In memory of Herbert Neurath, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Gert Crump, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Kent Renn  
Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Gert Crump, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

Olga Renn  
Eunice Richmond

**In memory of Gert Crump, for Cross Building fund:**

Karen Anklam

**In Memory of Kristine Kalis, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Jack Rochfort, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe



# Cross Lutheran Family Garage Sale

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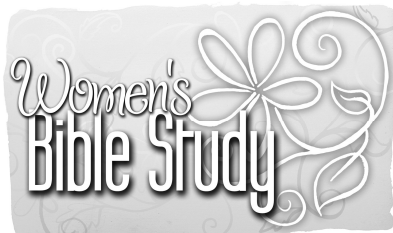


**GARAGE  
SALE**



**POSTPONED**

Due to Covid 19, our annual garage sale has been postponed. We are hopeful to have it later this summer.



Woman's Bible Study is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th beginning at 1:30. With the changes in our daily lives, we will evaluate meeting date the last week in March.

Ironically the Bible study is titled "Walking Together" A Bible Study on the Importance of Fellowship in our Lives as Disciples of Christ. Even though at this time in our world we are restricted to walk close or side by side one another, we must remember that the Spirit of God continues to connect us in spiritual ways that the world cannot see.


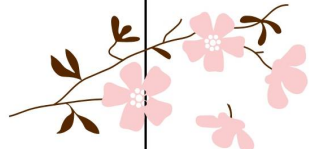

Choir has an anthem that proclaims, *"Who knows where the wind blows, where it comes from, where it goes? Hear the wind blow, for such is the kingdom of God."* Watch, listen and learn from our God who walks with us as we fellowship together in His Spirit and truth! The title of Session 2 is "Forebear One Another". The readings are from Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-26. Let's continue to walking together! I chuckled as I read the lesson! The word virus is in it and God's timing for this session is amazing!

Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Questions contact Leanne Smith 989-553-4241.



# May 2020

Sun	Mon 	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Ministers - The People of Cross

## **Officers, Ministries & Committees**

**Pastor** – Glenn Sokolowski  
**Music** Director - Beth Elston

## **Church Council**

Mike LePage, President  
Gretchen Roestel, V P  
Krisie Fritz, Secretary  
Nancy Heck, Treasurer  
Gretchen Roestel, School Bd.  
Kent McKenzie, Trustee  
Norm Nelson, Trustee  
Nancy Schuette, Trustee  
Cory Messing, Trustee  
Steve Schulze, Trustee

## **Advisors**

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

## **Ministry of Properties**

Corey Messing, Chair  
Mike Eden  
Paul Schuette

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Peg McCrimmon  
Beth Elston  
Karen Schuette  
Mike Sting

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### **Outreach**

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Nancy Heck  
LuAnne Sokolowski  
Lorraine LePage

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Raylene Henkelmann  
Paul Schuette  
June Sturm  
Cindy Buchholz

## **Ministry of Education**

Jean Sturm, Chair  
Gretchen Roestel  
June Sturm  
Kim Delpiere

## **Ministry of Youth**

Tim & Michelle Fritz, Chair

## **Ministry of Parish Life**

Nancy Schuette, Chair  
Betty Grimaldi  
Pam Sturm  
Alice Trost  
Paul Schuette  
LuAnne Sokolowski

## **Audit Committee**

Donna Schuette  
Denny Smith  
Raylene Henkelmann  
Dorothy Thuemmel  
Mike LePage  
Connie Herford

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Rachel Higgins  
Lori McKenzie  
Trevor Carriveau  
Eileen Johnson  
Betty Grimaldi  
Barbara Degg

## **Synod Assembly Rep –**

Norm & Tonja Nelson

## **School Board**

Gretchen Roestel, President  
Vicki Yackle, Vice-President  
Robbi Shaffer, Secretary  
Nicole Shupe, Treasurer  
April Rujan, CEA President

## **C.E.A**

April Rujan-President  
Lori Trost-Vice President  
Marcine Moore -Secretary  
Nicole Shupe -Treasurer

## **Handy Helper Ministry**

Karen Anklam	551-8265
Marilyn Baur	550-8875
Patty Cucinello	453-3589
Barbara Degg	856-2678
Delores Eftman	453-2679
Pat Elston	453-2409
Carol Forster	375-2754
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 2/10/2020

(Officers, Ministries & Committees)