

Cross Connection

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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 2015

Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

As I look out my window and see snow flying I am very disappointed. Everyone says, 'that's Michigan for you.' Did I miss summer?

Well that's all part of life I guess, being disappointed. I remember at Easter time when I was a kid, mom got us chocolate bunnies. These weren't the ordinary kind. These chocolate bunnies were solid chocolate all the way through. However, one Easter I bit into my "solid chocolate bunny" and to my huge disappointment it was hollow. Oh the humanity of it all. What was the world coming to!? Hollowed chocolate Easter bunnies. Oh the disappointment!

It seems that life is just one disappointment after another.

We plan the "ultimate" vacation only to have the plane arrive late which caused a mis-connection which made arrival at the resort two days late and the weather was cold and rainy the whole time there (disappointment). We start new jobs with great enthusiasm only to find out this isn't w o r k i n g (disappointment). We start new relationships with people only to come to the realization they are not whom they claimed to be (disappointment). We go to the restaurant and try something new only to experience taste that is awful and wasted m o n e y (disappointment). We have great expectations for our children only to see them make life choices that lead them in a direction that just makes you want to cry (disappointment). We go to church seeking a safe haven only to be astounded how

Christians treat other Christians in the name of Jesus (disappointment).

Is there anything in this world that does not disappoint?

NRS John 8: 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Jesus Christ. No more disappointment. No more tears. No more sorrow. No more anger. No more frustration. No more stress. No more doubt. No more hate. No more pain. No more sin. That is rock solid through and through. There is nothing hollow in any of that. To live in Jesus Christ is to live a solid, concrete and unyielding life that gives glory to Him first
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Preparing for Worship at Cross



May 3 – 5th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 8:26-40
P – Psalm 150
2R – 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)
G – John 15:1-8
Hymns: 549, 685, 552; Comm. 557, 551, 559, 530

May 10 – 6th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 10:34-48
P – Psalm 98
2R – 1 John 5:1-8
G – John 15:9-17
Hymns: 245, 315, 364

May 17 – 7th Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 1:12-26
P – Psalm 1
2R – 1 John 5:9-15
G – John 17:11b-19
Hymns: 363, 158, 525; Comm. 518, 155, 171, 252

May 24 - Pentecost

1R – Ezekiel 37:1-14
P – Psalm 139:1-12
2R – Acts 2:1-21
G – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Hymns: 478, 475, 257; Comm. 684, 687, 688, 699

May 31 – The Holy Trinity

1R – Isaiah 6:1-8
P – Psalm 29
2R – Acts 2:14a, 22-36
G – John 3:1-17
Hymns: 165, 169, 535; Comm. 249, 248, 486, 488 -18

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 in the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

IGA Labels for Learning

Save the UPC barcodes. We earn \$25 for each bundle of 500.

Spartan Brand Cash for Labels

Save the Spartan Brand UPC codes. We earn \$20 for each bundle of 1,000.

Pigeon Food Pantry

Hot soups or stews are wonderful this time of year! Soup mixes, dry beans, bouillon cubes along with any pantry staple are welcome. Always in need are toiletries, cereals,

peanut butter and personal items. Place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you!

Cartridges for Kids

Is a recycling program that pays schools and non-profit organizations cash for: cell phones, laser and ink jet print cartridges, laptops, iPods and tablets/readers/notebooks. Only original laser cartridges are accepted. They will not take remanufactured toner cartridges. Please place all items outside the office door.

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and foremost in all we do. And when we live that life in Jesus Christ, it is the sweetest and most joyful life that surpasses all human comprehension. Perfect peace in Jesus Christ.

NRS John 11: 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

NO DISSAPOINTMENT IN JESUS CHRIST!!

ALLELUIAH!

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

God's peace

Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

May Birthdays

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

May

Anniversaries

- 13 Duane & Shelley Baur, 26 years
- 15 Jim & Brenda Smith, 11 years

- 23 John & Brigid Trowbridge, 28 years
- 24 Ron & Michelle Bergman, 12 years
- 27 Duane & Karen Peterson, 26 years
- 30 Mike & Jeanne Sting, 28 years

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, May 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wednesday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, May 13 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith will meet May 16 from 10:30—noon. Topic will be Domestic Strength, from the book, "Embracing Your Strengths."

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. and May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 28

1—6 P.M.

To make an appointment, please call the church office.



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

Lillian Koehler, Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Dawn Rosenthal, Lillian Koehler, Keith Hurdelbrink, Hazen Fritz, Greg Prill, Deb Lange, Margi Alfaro, (bone cancer), Rachel Rea,

Teresa Waterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht, Kevin Fappel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Betty Schulze, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dennis Diener.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz is in Camp LeJeune. Ryan Schulz is stationed at Cherry Point air base in North Carolina. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

School News

May School Calendar



- 1 Half Day of School
- 3 CEA Pancake Breakfast
- 6 Chapel with Long Term Patients 1 p.m.
- 7 CEA Board Meeting 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Lutheran Music Festival
- 13 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 15 Field Day at Lakers 9 a.m.—No school for K-2
- 18 Field Day Rain Date
- 20 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 25 No School
- 27 Chapel 8:10 a.m.

JUNE

- 5 Closing Chapel 1:45—
Last Day of School

From the Desk of ... Wendy Zick

Another year is almost done and it is almost time to say goodbye

to my 8th graders. This is especially bitter sweet for me as these students were in 5th grade my first year at Cross. I still remember their first year Christmas performance of "Joy to the World" on the bells. Where has all the time gone?

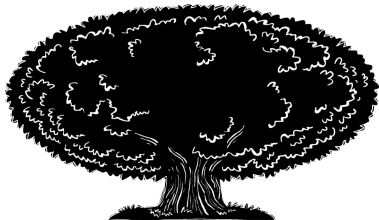
We've had a good year, I've seen the students improve by leaps and bounds. We attended Thumb Friends of the Arts Festival in January and our Junior High Group got a "11" for their performance of "Prince of Denmark". On April 24th we will be traveling to Bay City for the Lutheran Schools Music Festival. This year we will be joined by Cassie and Leah who have prepared solos.

Music Palooza was a lot of fun this year! I always enjoy the

skit that the little ones do and this time "Hats for Sale" did not disappoint. Mrs. Elston did a wonderful job with the handbells- it looks a lot easier than it is and those students rocked it! I was very pleased with my Junior High and combined bands, everyone was on their "A" game. We had a lot of fun with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", I hope you did too. Cassie and Leah performed their festival solos and both did an excellent job.

This summer I will be planning the literature for next year and will also be working on a curriculum to use with Edmodo online. The instruments need to come out of the cases this summer to keep those chops in shape. :) I hope you all have a blessed summer see you next fall!

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Virginia Thiel, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Paul Mead, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Leonard & Shirley Lafayette

In memory of Lorna Ruth Hall, for Cross Parsonage Building

Fund:

Bruce & Marilyn Baur

In memory of Jeannette Sheaper, for Cross Lutheran School:

Mike Fritz

In memory of Caroline Schutte, for Cross Parsonage Building Fund:

Jack & Pam Sturm

May Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
May 3 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Gwynne Barry	Gwynne Barry	Carole Mead	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler	Jean Sturm	Riley Shupe
May 10 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Vivian Buschlen	Peggy Koehler		Dick Mead Norm Nelson Tom Shupe		Johnny Higgins
May 17 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Connie Eden	Jeanne Sting	Kendal Delpiere	Mike Trost	Carol Diener	Riley Shupe
May 24 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette			Marilyn Baur	Travis Fritz
May 31 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Karen Schuette	Eileen Johnson			Laura Trost	Greta Elston

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!**

Confirmation—Sunday, May 17

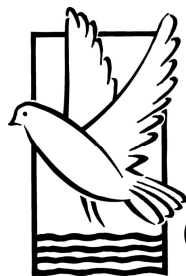
Being Confirmed this year are:

Greta Elston, daughter of Jeff and Beth Elston.

Travis Fritz, son of Tim

and Michelle Fritz.

Johnathon Higgins, son of Rachel Higgins and Ron Higgins.



*Confirmation
Sunday*

CEA Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 3 — 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and beverages.

Adults \$7; children 12 thru 6 \$4

and children age 5 and under are **Free.**

Friends & Family Game Night

Saturday, May 16 - 6 to 9 p.m.

Be sure to bring the family and enjoy!

Cross Church Family Garage Sale

June 11—13

Start to set aside items that you would like to donate for the sale. If at all possible, make plans to help during the sale or during the week before when we set up the sale! We need your help to make this year's sale, another success.

OPEN REGISTRATION

for Preschool through 8th Grade at Cross Lutheran School. If you know of any family that is interested in a solid Christian Education for their child (ren) please have them contact the office for more information.

Vacation Bible School

July 13—16

Does anyone have any idea where we could rent or borrow a portable climbing rock wall or inflatables? Maybe you know someone who would like to financially sponsor one of these items?!?! Talk to Lori Smith if you have any ideas!

THANK YOU THANK YOU!

The Motown Dinner and Variety show was a blast! We are so thankful for the intertwining of ministries to support each other in this event to make it a success. Aileen and Peggy your wisdom at the computer, tickets, and advertising are much appreciated! Parrish Life did an amazing job with the meal and kitchen duties, with the help of Kevin Sturm and Shooters. Mission Outreach's decor was record inspiring! Worship and Music, and choir participants- the music, costumes, set, time with practices made the show a Memorable event with those who attended! Special thank you for the gifts of Beth Elston and Pr Tim who do much more than you see on stage or at the piano!

Church Council Minutes



March 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, Jr. at 7:05 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Leanne Smith, Aileen Prill, John Smith, Neil Herford and Lori Smith. Pastor Loehrke provided prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated February 10, 2015, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Aileen Prill to approve the minutes as presented, Nancy Heck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the Agenda, seconded by Neil Herford. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: A Thank You card was received from Greg and Aileen Prill.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of February/March: 2 Funerals, 1 Baptism, 0 Weddings, 13 Teachings, 8 Communions, 6 Hospital Visits, 3 Home Visits, 22 Meetings, and 17 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Fred Chisholm, Monday, February 23, 2015.

Baptism – Hayden Schulze, Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Church Calendar:

Lent

Every Wed. in Lent – Potluck at 6:00 p.m. w/ service at 7:00 p.m.

Drama Series "Watchers on the Hill"

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 29, 2015 – Entrance with Palms

No Wednesday night service.

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Foot washing and communion

Good Friday – April 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Vigil commences immediately after the conclusion of the Good Friday Service and concludes on Saturday and Noon.

Easter – April 5, 2015

Sunrise Service at Cross Cemetery, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Brunch in Overflow Room, 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Easter Service 9:30 a.m. with communion.

Fish Fry, Friday, March 13, 2015

Homeless in Huron County Presentation – Kathy Harrison, Sunday March 22, 2015

Choir Variety Show – Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Mom to Mom Sale, Saturday, April 25, 2015

CEA Pancake Breakfast, May 3, 2015.

Pastor's Report:

Gym is being utilized by:

AAU volleyball for practice

Laker soccer practice

Archery

Cross Lutheran Basketball practice and games

I am the on call Chaplin for Scheurer Hospital for the month of February and March.

As Dean of the NALC for the MMD, I will be making a presentation to Christ Lutheran, Birch Run, on Sunday, March 15, 2015 for the purpose of informing them about the NALC and possibly joining the NALC.

Pastor will participate in the United Christians in Prayer, Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 4:00 pm at St. Roch's, Caseville.

Every Tuesday morning in April – Pastor will conduct a Bible Study at Country Gardens, Pigeon.

School Calendar:

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fund Raiser – 600 dozen were sold.

Spelling Bee, Harbor Beach – Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Church Council (Cont.)

Principal's Report:

Student Enrollment for 2014-2015 School year.

K-8, 38 students

Preschool, 19 children.

Music Palooza, Thursday, March 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

End of Marking Period – Friday, March 27, 2015.

Spring Break – Monday – Monday, March 30 – April 6, 2015 (This is Holy Week) – School resumes on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

CEA Carnival/Open House, Saturday, April 11, 2015 – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that there is a need to purchase a new Zamboni Machine to clean floors, cost \$4,500.00 – money would come from Alumni fund and CEA.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and provided his written report.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Beth is looking at an alternative copyright permissions company one that would serve us well and be less expensive than the CCLI.
- Organ Update – Mike sting did more work on the organ.
- Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015. Leanne will speak to other ministries to do decorating and publicity.
- Mike Sting moved the speakers from the choir room to the family room. Anyone needing to use

this room during worship will be able to hear the service.

- Lenten Reflections– We will use journal writings of the upper grade students for a special Lenten Devotional.

Variety Show – April 18, 2015 – Leanne applied to Thrivent for matching funds. Parish Life is planning food to serve 100 people and Mission Outreach will decorate.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

There was nothing to report.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present, no report was provided as the February meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Lori touched on a few of the areas that this ministry is currently working on.

- Mom 2 Mom Sale – April 25, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Vacation Bible School – July 13-16, 2015 – Theme will be “Jesus is the Rock”. Will need volunteers to make stepping stones on the 1st day!

- Variety Show is scheduled for April 18, 2015 – our ministry will help with table decorations.

Church Signs – Dick Koehler will look into this with our local Huron County Road Commission.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Fish fry – Leanne applied for Thrivent funds in the amount of \$600.00.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present and provided his oral report to all present. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Gym Floor – Another bid was received for \$7,800 to fix

gaps in floor.

- Church Door (South Entrance) – Neil is working on getting this fixed. Getting 5 new additional keys made in Bay City at Hugo Lock and Key on Euclid/Midland Street.

Pulpit LED Lights – put on hold at this time due to the cost.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was present and no report was provided as the February meeting was cancelled due to weather. Aileen stated a few of the highlights her ministry is currently working on.

- Spring Variety Show – will work with other committees on the dinner for the choir's Spring Variety Show on April 18, 2015. Meal will be served buffet style again.
- Friends and Family Game Night to be held on May 16, 2015 from 6 – 9:00 p.m.

Loons Game - Sunday, August 9, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. game time.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Parsonage Update was given.

Cross Lutheran Church & School 125th Anniversary.

August 28, 2016 (Sunday) - Need to appoint a committee – Pastor feels it may be best to have co-chairs to lead the group. Executive Committee came up with some names for Pastor Tim to contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike Fritz – Renew Lawn contract. **Tom Shupe made a Motion to maintain the contract we have with him for \$3,000.00, seconded by John Smith. Mo-**

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tion carried.

Adopt a Highway Program – To be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in the morning.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Stewardship Ministry Minutes

March 24

7 p.m.

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, chairman; June Sturm, Carol Diener, Ray Licht, Jeanne Sting, Paul Schuette, Pastor Tim Loehrke.

Opening Prayer given by Tom Shupe.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Moved by Ray, seconded by Paul.

Benevolence Report given by June:

Homeless Coalition – door donation totaled \$885.00

East Side Soup Kitchen, Saginaw – raised \$306.75

Coffee Hour – what to do 2 with the \$45.00 will be discussed

at a future date.

Treasurer – Carol reported the following:

Parsonage / Building loan combined is \$348,320.10

Parsonage fund has \$13,433.82
Capital Improvement Fund has \$4,740.72

Capital Improvement Fund:

Gym floor – getting 2nd bid to re-stripe floor

Bells – on hold for now, no new information

New approaches to parking lot discussed, no decisions made

Next meeting will be March 24 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Schuette

Mission / Outreach Ministry

March 24

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with an opening and prayer led by Lori Smith. She challenged us to think about who Jesus reached out to, and who else we as a ministry should be reaching out to. Members present were Krisie Fritz, Kay Schuette, Bonnie Schulz, Gwen Ovcen, Lori Smith, Connie Eden and Pastor Tim. The minutes of the January 27 meeting were reviewed and approved. There was no correspondence. The

treasurer reported \$6,668.09 in the checking account, of which \$3,000 has been earmarked for flooring. A motion was made by Krisie and seconded by Bonnie to move this \$3,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund of the church. The motion carried. There was a deposit of \$100.65 from the recent Smith/Eden coffee hours. It was decided to purchase a \$100 gas card for Greg and Aileen Prill with this money.

The upcoming Mom 2 Mom sale on April 24 was discussed. Lori has sent out registration forms for about 35-40 tables. It was decided to raise the admission price to \$2 for adults. Set up will be on Friday night from 6 – 8 p.m. Gwen and Connie will be there during that time. We will have a concession stand with coffee, water, cookies and muffins. Krisie will get us a case of water. Connie will make name tags for the workers. We need someone to collect money at the door, and will need change for the registration table and for the concession stand.

Bonnie will be sending Easter cards to our shut-ins. The Easter flowers will be arranged in the church on Saturday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. The speakers have been moved from the choir room to the family room by Mike Sting. Roadside signs advertising our church and school have been under discussion again. The coffee hour offering for the Home-

Ministries (Cont.)

less Solutions Coalition was \$80. Lori will make table decorations for the Variety Show on April 18.

Our ministry was approached to help purchase a freezer for the overflow area. After much discussion Krisie made a motion, seconded by Kay to decline due to the fact that our monies have been earned and earmarked for Mission/Outreach projects. Motion carried.

There was a suggestion that Lunch with Santa be held at Cross this December. After discussion, it was felt that this should be a decision made by the church council.

It was decided to have cash sales of Scrip cards on March 29, one week before Easter rather than on Easter Sunday. The Scrip schedule is as follows: 3/29 Krisie & Bonnie; 4/5 Krisie; 4/12 Gwen; 4/19 Kay; 4/26 Lori.

Our next meeting will be on April 28. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Eden

Ministry of Worship and Music

April 9

Members present – Chairperson – Leanne Smith, Barb Degg, Peg McCrimmon, guest – Mike Sting, Karen Schuette.

For the devotion Leanne played a song for us to listen to and

opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of March meeting were reviewed and accepted.

NO MUSIC REPORT

WORSHIP – PASTOR

Pastor asked for input on the changes made to this year's Good Friday worship. The members gave favorable input. *Liturgy With Style* discussion (pp. 18-21) will be tabled to our next meeting.

Briefly discussed an article in the NALC newsletter on the ELW (hymnal).

OLD BUSINESS

Peg will continue to repair LBW's.

Leanne reported that we finally have the entire order of the new devotional – Our Daily Bread.

Leanne asked for feedback on the Lenten Dramas. Pastor thanked her for getting the volunteers and costumes. Good feedback from many.

Attendance was up for Prayer Vigil (From Good Friday worship to Sat. noon).

There has been low attendance for the Sunday night Advent and Lenten Vespers. Pastor began these to help us to develop more spiritually. He decided not to hold Vespers in Advent.

Variety Show Saturday, April 18. Parish Life is taking care of food; Mission Outreach is decorating the hall. Aileen and

Leanne are handling the publicity. Beth is in charge of music and program. Beth, Peg and Leanne will set up the stage area. Choir members were given 5 tickets each to sell. Thrivent has approved \$543 grant for Variety Show.

Sanctuary Floor – nothing new to report.

Palms for Passion Sunday – We received less this year because the bundles sent to florist were smaller and this was not discovered until we received palms. Cost will be adjusted.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed the speaker volume in the overflow. Volume is very low, possibly because it is part of the old system. Mike Sting has moved speakers from the choir room to the family room. He will take a look at the overflow speakers.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Parish Life Ministry

April 7

The meeting opened at 5 p.m. with Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm, Alice Trost, Linda Shope, Aileen Prill and Pastor Tim present.

The Women of Faith half day retreat which had been cancelled for Saturday, March 28 will possibly be rescheduled sometime in the fall. The study group will

Ministries

meet on Saturday, May 16.

The next coffee hour we will host will be Confirmation Sunday, May 17 with a cake for the 3 confirmands.

The Spring Variety show on Saturday, April 18 was discussed at length. Final plans were made for the dinner and helpers. Pam will speak with Keven regarding ordering food supplies.

Friends and Family game night is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 6 – 9 p.m. Aileen will make sure information is put in the newsletter and bulletins in upcoming weeks.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5 at 5 p.m.

Graduation—Sunday, June 7

Graduating from 8th grade at Cross Lutheran School are:

Greta Elston, daughter of Jeff and Beth Elston.



Grant Gascho, son of Lyle and Jeannie Gascho.

Johnathon Higgins, son of Rachel Higgins and Ron Higgins.

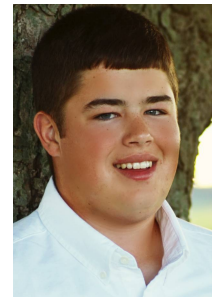


High School Graduate is:

Travis Roestel will be attending Saginaw Valley State University in the Fall. He is planning to study Agribusiness focusing on Animal Science. Travis' achievements are:

Laker FFA

- First State Team-Agronomy
- County Winner-Soil Judging
- National Crops team competitor
- Silver award-Dairy Placement
- Gold recipient-Ag Placement
- Grand Champion Prospect Feeder Steer-2013 Huron Community Fair
- Grand Champion Market Steer-2014 Huron Community Fair
- Sentinel-2014-2015 Laker FFA



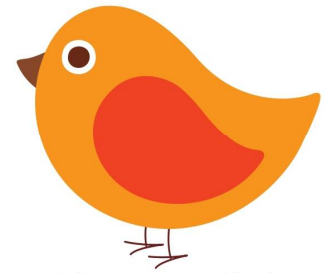
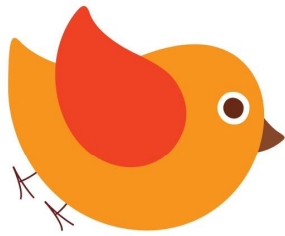
College Graduate is:

Haley Morgan Schulz has been named Outstanding Senior at Michigan State's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

She will be the Student Speaker at graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 9 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Haley is the daughter of Don Schulz and Jackie Heiden and granddaughter of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

Look for the names of our Kindergarten Graduates in the June Newsletter.



May 2015

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					Half Day of School	1	2
Comm. Service 3 9:30 a.m. CEA Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Gym in use 4 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 p.m.	Gym in use 5 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	Chapel with Long Term 6 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	HCMF Chapel 7 2 p.m. CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7 p.m.		8	9
Worship Service 10 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/SS 10:45 a.m.	11 Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study 12 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	Chapel 13 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	14 Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.	15 Field Day at Lakers 9 a.m.		Thumb Distribution 16 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - noon Friends & Family Game Night 6-9 p.m.
Comm. Service 17 9:30 a.m. CONFIRMATION Last Day of Sunday School	18 Choirs: B 6:30 / C 7:30 p.m.	Pigeon Pastors 19 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Chapel 20 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	21	22		23
Comm. Service 24 9:30 a.m. PENTECOST	No School Office Closed 25 MEMORIAL DAY	Mission / Outreach 26 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	Chapel 27 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	MI Blood Drive 1 - 6 p.m. 28 Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.	29		30
Worship Service 31 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45 a.m.							

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