

## Growing Together

# November 2023

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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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## *Listening for the Promise*

Thanksgiving Day (USA) – November 23,  
2023

*“And you shall eat and be full, and you  
shall bless the Lord your God  
for the good land he has given you.”  
-Deuteronomy 8:10-*



Dependence. As a mom of three, I have enjoyed watching my kids grow and develop their own independence. However, when they entered into the world, they were completely dependent upon their dad and me. Someone had to make sure they were wearing proper clothes, keeping their body temperature regulated. Someone had to cuddle them when they needed to feel secure. Someone had to make sure they were nourished with proper food so they could grow and thrive. If someone hadn't been there to provide for them, they would never have survived.

In our reading from Deuteronomy, the Israelites have been through a lot. They had fled Pharaoh and his army, crossed the Red Sea, and entered into the wilderness. They would find themselves wandering through the wilderness for forty years before arriving to the Promised Land. Throughout that time in the wilderness, however, God did not forget about his people. He did not neglect them. The Israelites were in a barren land, which meant that water and food were not readily available to them. But God creates something out of nothing, and that's just what he did for the Israelites!

God provided water from a rock. He gave them manna and quail to eat. God saw to it that his people would not perish. God placed a hunger in his people - a hunger for him, depending solely on him for their survival.

It's easy for us to forget how much we need God. When we have things (food, water, shelter, family, unnecessary material goods) readily available to us, we can begin to take all those things for granted until they're not available to us. Sometimes God allows us to experience a lack of something in order to humble us. It teaches us once again that we need to depend on God for everything we need in this life. And as we depend upon God for everything, he indeed provides for his children.

May we be reminded of all of God's good gifts he provides for us, most especially the gift of salvation we have been given through his son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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# Celebrate



- 4 Eric Gardy  
Shane Schulze  
Bella Smith
- 5 Dorothy Rummel  
Don Wheeler
- 6 Peter Shupe
- 7 Dawn Hendricks
- 9 Bob Johnson  
Joshua Rosenthal
- 11 Steve Schulze  
Duane Baur
- 13 Mark Kretzschmer  
Randy Buchholz
- 14 Jim Smith  
Alex Peyerk
- 16 Delores Lange
- 17 Austin Roestel  
Gina Smith
- 22 Cassidy Swanson
- 24 Travis Fritz

- 25 Mike Sting
- 28 Grace Higgins



- 9 Gene & Pearl Parsell, 55 years
- 19 Cody & Haley Cucinello, 4 years



**Happy Thanksgiving**

## THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER

Beth Elston, Kari Spearing, Brandon Fritz, Barb Eidt, Gene Parsell, Tim Voss, Michael Eden, Terry Sturm, Clark Elftman, Hannah Britt, Dave Licht, Cordelia Trost, John Finneren, Tom Shupe, Whitney Peyerk, 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, Kayle Thepsourinthone, Robert Krzeszewski, Dolores Elftman, Martin Knost.

## 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)



### Preparing for Worship

#### November 5 - All Saints Sunday

1R – Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17, P – Psalm 149, 2R – 1 John 3:1-3, G – Matthew 5:1-12

#### November 12 - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### November 19– Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

1R - Deuteronomy 8:1-10, P – Psalm 67, 2R – Philipians 4:6-20, G – Luke 17:11-19

#### November 26 - Christ the King

1R - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, P - Psalm 95:1-7, 2R - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, G - Matthew 25:31-46

## From the Desk of...Leslie Eberly

It has been a fun year so far and the DK & K have had a full month already! We have been busy learning our letters, numbers, beginning addition and even starting to read!

Along with our classroom learning, we have been discovering the season of Autumn through making applesauce, using nature to make crafts (apple prints & leaf people) and learning how trees help the earth and us! When God made his wonderful creation, he made us all connected!

This month, we have had several visitors into our classroom:

\*Fireman Aaron brought a firetruck and taught us about fire safety. He taught us how to "Stop, Drop and Roll" and that we should have a safe place outside our home to meet our family. We even got to sit in the fire truck!

\*Rita Herford showed us pictures of tractors and beans. She brought us Bean stalks to harvest ourselves. We then used some of those beans to grow in our own classroom.

\*Alex & Whitney Peyerck from Bad Axe Pest Control came and spoke to us about Insects! Alex dressed in his Bee Suit and brought a huge wasps nest to show us.

October has been a super amazing month!

### November Calendar

11/03	End of 1st grading period
11/07	Picture Make-up/Retake day
11/08	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/09	Full day of School—NO Laker buses
11/11	Grandparents Day, 1/2 day of school
11/15	Full day of School—NO Laker buses
11/17	Robotics Tournament
11/22	1/2 day of school
11/23 & 24	NO School—Thanksgiving break





**In memory of Mae Ann Orth for Cross Organ/Music fund:**

Shirley Deering  
David & Peg McCrimmon

**In memory of Mae Ann Orth for Cross Roof fund:**

Jack & Pam Sturm

**In memory of Kyle Walker for Cross Roof fund:**

David & Peg McCrimmon

**In memory of Mae Ann Orth, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Margaret Edler

**In memory of Olga Renn, for Cross Lutheran School:**

Margaret Edler  
Cordelia Trost  
Karen Baur  
Randy & Gwen Ovcen

**In memory of Olga Renn, for Cross Building fund:**

Sheila Yackle  
Denny & Leanne Smith  
Linda Fietzer  
Karen Anklam  
Ernest & Sandra Schuette  
Shiloh Comm. Church  
Larry & Gina Smith  
Doug & Karen Thompson  
Mike & Lorraine LePage  
George & Florence Behm  
Steve & Wendy Einhardt  
Steve & Patti Schulze  
Bruce Baur  
Jean Sturm  
Carol Diener  
Doug & Dorothy Thuemmel  
Mike Fritz  
Paul & Karen Schuette  
Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz  
Neil & Connie Herford  
Marcella Keel

Doug & Michelle Richmond  
Dale & Donna Schuette  
Kent & Lori McKenzie  
Sandra Haley  
Ken & Barb Polega  
Joyce Rosenthal  
Ed & Deb Bergman  
Kathy Walsh Konieczny  
Ron & Patti Damm  
Tim & Shirley Schuette  
Terry & June Sturm  
JB & Gwynne Barry  
Nancy Schuette, Jim & John  
Mike & Jeanne Sting  
Toby Bridges  
Carol Bridges  
Robert Schuette  
Peggy Hellwig  
Elizabeth Hellmer  
Ron & Helen Greene  
Brenda Faist  
George & Linda Gardy

**In memory of Olga Renn, for Cross Lutheran Church:**

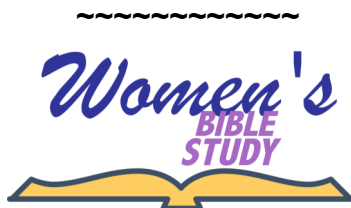
Jane Schuette  
Rachel Higgins  
The Herford families  
Randy & Cheryl Sturm

**In memory of Olga Renn, for Cross Roof Repair fund:**

Bob & Eileen Johnson  
Norm & Tonja Nelson  
David & Peg McCrimmon  
Shirley Deering

**In memory of Olga Renn, for Cross Cemetery fund:**

Ron & Cheryl Diebel  
Shirley Dutcher  
Kevin Dutcher



Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> in the church. Contact Leanne Smith to see when we will be meeting. We continue our study on GOD – Discovering the Divine

Operation Christmas Child project at Cross has begun. Donations of filler items



or filled shoeboxes may be placed in the tubs in the church entrances or overflow area. We are hoping to fill 200 + shoeboxes! All items must be brought to the church by November 12th. On November 16 we will have a packing party for all ages in the church. Anyone who would like to come and help pack is welcome at 6 p.m.!

- \* Pack a shoebox in memory or in honor of someone.
  - \* Pack a shoebox with your kids or grandchildren for a wonderful teaching opportunity!
  - \* Pack shoeboxes with your co-workers or friends!
  - \* Donate bulk items like 10 pairs of socks or 12 washcloths.
  - \* Make a cash donation to be used for the \$10 per box shipping fee or for someone else to go shopping for you!
  - \* Send and fill a shoebox online.
  - \* Donate cardboard or plastic shoeboxes.
  - \* Ask your dentist, insurance agent, or bank for donations of toothbrushes, pens, paper tablets, promotional items, etc.
  - \* Look for sale items all year that are on clearance!
- Include a personalized card, letter, or picture and pray for the child who will receive your shoebox gift. You will be so blessed by your involvement in this project and you are doing your small part to make the world a better place! God Bless!

# CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

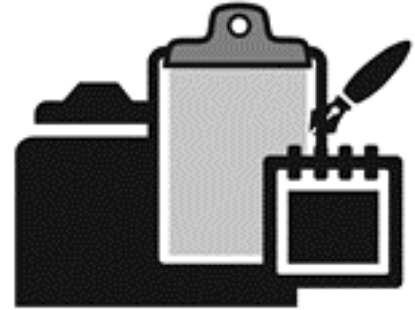
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Matt Zimmerman, at 6:59 p.m.

Present: Matt Zimmerman, Norm Nelson, Kristy Carriveau, John House, Jason Shaw, Dick Koehler Nancy Schuette and Al Licht.

Absent: Kim Sears

Guests: Gwynne Barry, Phil Schadd, David Faupel, Jessica Schwartz, Karen Schuette



Church Council

Minutes

**DEVOTIONS:** David Faupel shared a devotion and prayer.

**AGENDA:** *John House made a motion to approve amended agenda, next meeting will be moved to 11/7/23, seconded by Jason Shaw, Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:** *Dick Koehler made motion to approve the September Minutes, seconded by Nancy Schuette. Motion carried.*

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Cross School:** David Faupel, Principal

- 10/19 & 10/20, 6-8 grades to visit The Ark Encounter in Kentucky
- 10/27 STEAM Day, 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- 11/3 end of first quarter
- 11/10 Grandparents Day
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**Daycare:** Jessica Schwartz, Director.

- Enrollment: Preschool- 20, Toddler-8 , Infant- 9, Latchkey-21
- Properties to approve adding a piece of vinyl under a window in daycare room, drywall is getting damaged from toys
- Jessica will start maternity leave in December, Miki Thick will fill in
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## **GUEST REPORTS:**

**Gwynne Barry:**

- Start confirmation classes on 10/22/23
- Possibly adding a short prayer to the end of services on Sunday to intentionally pray for a new Pastor
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## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

Matt Zimmerman, President - Nothing to report.

Kristy Carriveau, Secretary – Nothing to report.

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Kim Sears was absent, Phil Shadd presented, Treasurer:

- Reported that income is under budget by \$34,513.95. *Motion was made by Dick Koehler to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jason Shaw, motion carried.*
- Budget for next year will be presented next month

### **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

Dick Koehler, School Board President

Nothing to report

### **MINISTRY REPORTS – TRUSTEES**

**Property:** Al Licht

- Nothing to report

**Music & Worship:** John House, Karen Schuette presented

- Several music licenses that are not being used have been cancelled, saving \$1,200 per year
- In order for the service to be recorded, we need five rotating volunteers to run the media booth

**Stewardship:** Norm Nelson

- Nothing to report

**Mission Outreach:** Nancy Schuette

- Can the Thanksgiving food donation be displayed behind the altar? *Motion was made by Norm Nelson to accept the display, seconded by Jason Shaw, motion carried.*
- Mission outreach has volunteered to be point of contact for anyone who wanted a visit or prayer

**Parish Life:** Nancy Schuette

- Looking for help with coffee hour

**Youth:** Jason Shaw

- Corn maze and fellowship on 10/14

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Roof has been repaired

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Going forward, due to security issues, all outside events will need to be run by the church council for approval
- Call committee is being formed, all volunteers can submit their names to the President's mailbox
- After the call committee has been formed, the congregational meeting will happen
- All Saints Sunday will be held on 11/5/23, Worship and Music will work with Gwynne Barry on the service

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

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:42p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristy Carriveau

# Cross Lutheran School Board Minutes

October 5, 2023

(To be approved at the November meeting)



**Members present:** David Faupel, Kevin Stachowiak, Eileen Johnson, Katie Wilson, Dick Koehler **Abs.** Kevin Trost and Rebecca Yackle

The meeting was called to order by Dick Koehler at 5:30 pm. Prayer was led by David Faupel

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Kevin S. and seconded by Katie to accept the agenda. It was carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Kevin S., seconded by Katie to approve the minutes of September 7, 2023, meeting. The motion passed.

**Guests:** No guests

Treasurers' Reports:

School Balance: \$ 68,194.01

CEA/PTO Balance: \$22,415.38

Hot Lunch: \$7,908.42

A motion was made by Kevin S. and seconded by Katie to accept the Treasurers' Reports. The motion was carried.

## CEA President's Report:

Katie reported the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be conducting candy sales at school and concessions at the robotic tournament to raise money for their Washington D.C. trip. Their spaghetti dinner fundraiser was quite successful.

CEA/PTO Family Night went well. They will be having a pie sale, the Christmas Fair and a Walsh's meat sale, in the near future.

CEA members met to do a well needed cleaning of the storage room off the gym.

## Principal's Report:

- Students Registered for 2023-2024 are now 65.**DK:1 KDG: 10 1<sup>st</sup>:10 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9 3<sup>rd</sup>: 8 4<sup>th</sup>: 5 5<sup>th</sup>: 8 6<sup>th</sup>: 6 7<sup>th</sup>: 3 8<sup>th</sup>:5**
- The Robotics Club has 19 members with the first meet on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Cross.
- On October 8 students sing at church.
- STEAM Day for Gr. 3 -8<sup>th</sup> is October 27

## Old Business:

- Statement of Faith was discussed and edited. David will present it to the staff for further changes as needed. It will be discussed again by the board next month.
- Tuition assistance was tabled until next month.
- The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will go to Kentucky overnight to visit the Creation Museum. There are possibly 27 students and parents going. The use of the YFC bus to transport those going is likely.
- Dick updated us on the pastoral call.

## New Business:

- Classroom/grade level configurations were discussed and suggestions will be given to the board in November.
- Kevin S. made a motion that was seconded by Katie, to ask Council for a salary increase of 8% for Mr. Faupel and Mrs. Ward. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**The date of the next meeting will be November 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

Flashlight Corn Maze anyone? Well, 27 youth and parents began the adventure at our gym with treats and devotions before going to the maze at Kohl Farms on October 14. There were screams, running, laughing, and some parents who never made it to the exit of the maze...only found the entrance again. It was muddy, chilly, and fun AND we left before the hard raindrops fell. Building relationships is important as we work together!

Our next event will be held on **Sunday, November 12** in our church and gym from 4:30-6 PM. We will have a **GIVING THANKS** party. There will be a time to worship, snacks, games, and projects that will go home and some that will be distributed to others. This event will be for **all youth** from **Preschool-High School**. We are requesting that Jr. High and HS youth assist with the activities. We welcome donations of easy to handle snacks such as cookies, bars, cheese, veggies, and fruit. Contact Gwynne Barry if you are able to help in any way.

It is a blessing and joy to have children in Sunday School! Teachers are still needed, so please consider serving in this ministry and sign up. The lessons are in folders in the crate near the pastor's office. Gwynne Barry has volunteered to work with the 7th-8th graders in confirmation instruction which began on Sunday, October 22. Those youth meet at 8 AM in the conference room. Sunday School youth (PS-6th grade) meet at 8:45 AM in the gym. If you have any questions, please ask Gwynne Barry, Jean Sturm, or Kim Delpiere.

Preparing for Christmas has already begun! Children of God of **all** ages will be involved in our December 24 Sunday morning service beginning at 9:30 AM. PS-6th graders have begun learning the songs during SS.

Your prayers are needed as we seek God's will in our ministry at Cross. May you feel God's embrace and may your eyes be opened to His blessings that He has showered down upon you. Give thanks with a grateful heart!

In His service, Gwynne Barry  
Ministry of Education and Youth



## Worship and Music Ministry

October 3, 2023

Members present: Mike Sting, Peg McCrimmon, John House – Council representative, Guest – Paul Schuette, Karen Schuette – Chair

\*Several licenses relating to music in our worship have been reviewed and canceled by Beth with the approval of Worship and Music Ministry. We are not using these services at this time and this will save us approximately \$1,200 per year. As the need arises, they can be reinstated. We also discussed the purging of any copyrighted music and lyrics from these canceled licensing services.

\*A Congregation member asked that the worship services be recorded and available for viewing on our website. At this time we do not have the manpower to do this. We would need at least 4 people to schedule in the media booth to make this work. Hopefully we can address this again in the future.

Next meeting – **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 3 pm.**



## Mission Outreach Meeting

October 4, 2023

The meeting of Mission Outreach was called to order by President Krisie Fritz. Those in attendance were Krisie Fritz, Tonja Nelson, Lorraine LePage, Lori Smith, Connie Eden, Sandie Haley, Kay Schuette and Trustee, Nancy Schuette. A prayer was given by Krisie Fritz.

The secretary's report was given. One correction was made to the date for when the shoeboxes for the OCC project needs to be to Bay Shore. The date is November 20, not October 20. A motion was made by Kay and seconded by Lorraine to accept the change.

The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Coffee hours for our group will be October 15<sup>th</sup> – Lori, Kay and Connie will be bringing food, and November 19 – Sandie, Lorraine, Krisie and Kim will be bringing food.

The NALC Disaster Project brought in many donations. A few items still need to be purchased in order to fill the 37 bags with all the items we requested. The school children will be filling the bags for us.

The Operation Christmas Child will be starting October 8. Plastic tubs will be set out to collect items brought in by church members. A video about OCC will be presented October 15 during the church service. The collection date ends November 13 with boxes needing to be taken to Bay Shore by November 20. The packing of the shoeboxes was discussed. It was suggested to go back to inviting the community to help pack the boxes as many people have expressed an interest in helping. No final decision was made.

The Fall harvest decorations were put up in the church.

November will be the Food Pantry month. We will collect items for the pantry that is in Pigeon at the United Methodist Church.

Our church will not be doing a giving tree this year. Laker Schools will be doing one and they ask anyone who would like to donate towards this to donate cash to their committee and they will purchase gifts for the students on their list.

It was suggested that Mission Outreach be the contact people to arrange for visits of our shut ins or people who may just like a visit from someone and could use some company. This will be taken to Church Council for approval. We also will be working on a name list and addresses of past church members to invite them back to our church. Lori will be sending out cards and ordering Advent Calendars for our shut ins.

Chairs for the overflow area were discussed. We have one style in mind, but would like to see it in person. Lorraine will order one to see if it will fit our needs.

All the signs for the fund raisers have been moved to the outside storage building to make room in the indoor storage rooms.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, 2023. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.


Respectfully submitted, Tonja Nelson



# Give Thanks

## November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Chapel 8:05 am <b>1</b> Women's Bible 1:30 pm Mission Outreach 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> Jean Quilts 1 pm School Bd. 5 pm Properties 7 pm	<b>3</b> 1st Marking Period ends	<b>4</b>
All Saints' Day Service 9:30 am <b>5</b> Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>6</b>	Picture Retake day <b>7</b> Worship & Music 3 pm Council 7 pm	<b>8</b> Quilters 1 pm P/T Conferences 3-8 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Grandparents Day Chapel 10 am 1/2 day of School dismiss at 11	<b>11</b>
Worship Service 9:30 am <b>12</b> "Give Thanks" youth party	<b>13</b> Stewardship 5:30 pm	<b>14</b> CLECC 4 pm	Chapel 8:05 am <b>15</b> Quilters 1 p.m.	<b>16</b> Jean Quilts 1 pm	<b>17</b> Robotics Tournament	<b>18</b>
Worship. Service 9:30 am <b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b>	Chapel 8:05 am <b>22</b> 1/2 day of school dismiss at 11	Thanksgiving Day <b>23</b> NO SCHOOL Office closed	<b>24</b> NO SCHOOL Office closed	<b>25</b>
Christ the King Worship Service 9:30 am <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Chapel 8:05 am <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	