

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

February 2015

Message from Pastor Tim

My dearly beloved family of Cross Lutheran,

The football season is almost over and I'm not even going to dwell nor mention who is the top college football team in the nation. As the football season comes to a close, that means only one thing for me, the boys of summer i.e. baseball, are right around the corner. As I reflect on how football was played when I was in high school compared to how football in general is played today, I feel the game is faster, more violent, and most certainly has a "in-your-face" attitude that wasn't there before.

I asked the kids in chapel how football players acted during the game. Words such as aggressive, hurt someone, mean, tackle, hard, step on someone's arm, spike the ball, belly bump, dance, head bump, etc. were used to describe how a football player needs to act in order to play football in today's game. When I heard these words it sadden me. The kids were laughing and having a

great time describing football players. They were even acting some of the descriptive words out with great joy and fun. Then I began to wonder, outside of the game, is this how we treat one another? Is this the model we want our children to follow as they grow in life? Is the athlete whether high school, college or pro, the model our children and we follow? I pray to God it is not.

What then is the model that we should follow and imitate not only for ourselves but also for our children? Paul writes to the Colossians;

^{NRS} Colossians 3: 12
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³
Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴
Above all, clothe yourselves with

love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony... ¹⁷ 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.

'That's great pastor, but in the world we live in today one must be aggressive, mean, selfish, hard, etc. in order to survive. You don't have a grip on reality." Oh but I do have a grip on reality. I know exactly what it takes in order to survive in this world. Even Jesus knows all about that; ^{NRS} **Matthew 10:16** "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Jesus recognizes that to be clothed in him is not going to be easy. His path of how to behave in the face of "attitude and disrespect" is very hard because the sin that is in us, i.e. Satan, wants us to lash out and let no one win over us. Satan encour- **(Cont. on Pg. 2)**

Preparing for Worship at Cross



Feb. 1 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 P – Psalm 111
 2R – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 G – Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 8 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 40:21-31
 P – Psalm 147:1-11
 2R – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
 G – Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 15 - Transfiguration

1R – Exodus 34:29-35
 P – Psalm 50:1-6
 2R – 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6

G – Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday

1R – Joel 2:12-19
 P – Psalm 51:1-13
 2R – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 G – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb. 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 22:1-18
 P – Psalm 25:1-10
 2R – James 1:12-18
 G – Mark 1:9-15

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

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 excepted. They will not take remanufactured toner cartridges. Please place all items outside the office door.

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ages us to always “get your pound of flesh” at all cost. However, Jesus modeled how to defeat Satan and death; ^{NRS} **Luke 23:34** *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."* When we forgive, Satan has nothing in his bag of tricks that overcomes forgiveness. The wind is taken out of his sails and he is defeated every time.

My dearly beloved family of Cross, clothe yourself as Paul says. We are God’s chosen through our baptism. In that we can boldly model the child of God we are not only to the world we live in but more importantly to our children and for generations to come.

^{NRS} **Romans 8: 31** *What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who*

is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

God’s speed
 Pr Tim

Celebrate



Anniversaries and Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeanne Sting
- 3 Brenda Kretzschmer
- 4 Ray Buchholz
Charles Buchholz
- 7 Connie Eden
Alex Cucinello
Mike LePage
- 9 Marilyn Baur
Greta Elston
- 10 Shelly Baur
- 11 Gene Champagne
- 13 Kirk Yackle
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink
Grace Trost
Travis Roestel
Christina Cucinello
- 16 Jacqueline Finneren
- 17 Eleanor Tate
- 18 Eunice Richmond
- 19 Tim Fritz
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Thuemmel
- 23 Pr. Raymond Orth
- 24 Elsie Trowbridge
Paul Kunish
- 26 Loren Elftman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ray & Elaine Buchholz, 64 years
- 13 Robin & Ann Buschlen, 33 years
- 29 Clarence & Eleanor Schadd, 50 years

Women's & Men's Groups

Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study will meet Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

Women of Faith did not meet in January. Next date will be announced soon. Topic will be Relational Strength, from the book, "Embracing Your Strengths."

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

A Potluck will be held Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. before the Wednesday evening Service. This will continue on the first Wednesday of each month and every Wednesday during Lent.

HURON COUNTY

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Is in need member help. We need volunteers to be officers. If we do not have a full list, we will not get any funds to donate for the many projects that are requested every year. Please consider volunteering. Norm Nelson, financial director 11-14



In Our Prayers

Remember our Shut-ins:

Caroline Schuette, Nadine Barbret, Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Keith Hurdelbrink, Hazen Fritz, Greg Prill, Abigail Gokey, Deb Lange, Margi Alfaro, (bone can-

cer), Rachel Rea, Teresa Watterkuetter, niece of Betty and Ken Licht Kevin Faupel, Clarence Buchholz, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Donald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Mindy Sutherland, 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

February School Calendar



- 4 Ski Trip
- 5 CEA Meeting 4:45 p.m.
School Board 5:30 p.m.
- 7 3-5th grade Basketball Tournament at Port Hope
TALL Forensics at New Salem
- 11 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 16 Winter Break begins
- 23 School Resumes
- 25 Chapel 8:10 a.m.

From the Desk of Wendy Zick ...

A Note From the Band Room



This has been another amazing year so far. I have two good sized bands with six students in each of the 6th and Jr. High bands. In 5th grade there is only one student who

is in a class by herself and is progressing very quickly.

Christmas Eve the band performed in church. We had a couple of alumni show up to play with us and the students did a very good job. I enjoy the Christmas Eve service greatly- what a wonderful way to honor our Savior by celebrating His birth!

On January 26th, our Jr. High band will be participating in the Thumb Friends of the Arts Solo and Ensemble Festival. The group will be performing "The Prince of Denmark", also there will be a piano solo and a saxophone solo. I am confident that they will do well.

Music Palooza is coming up

on March 26th. You will be able to hear a recap of our festival pieces and also some pieces performed by the combined bands. This is always a wonderful event to showcase what the students have been working on.

Another event to round out our year is The Lutheran Schools Music Festival on May 8th. This is similar to the Festival on January 26th, but is just for students who attend Lutheran schools. Last year the group got a perfect score, we hope to do well again this year.

I enjoy working with the students at Cross, they are the absolute best! Keep those practice slips coming in!

3rd—5th Grade BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 6 & 7 At Port Hope

TALL Forensics

At New Salem, Saturday, Feb. 7

February Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Feb. 1 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Vivian Buschlen	Gwynne Barry	John Trowbridge	Brian Delpiere Dick Koehler Dick Mead	Marilyn Baur	Kirsten & Grace
Feb. 8 9:30 a.m.	Isaac Elston	Jeanne Sting	Kent McKenzie		Norm Nelson Ron Schulz		Travis Fritz
Feb. 15 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Al Licht	Brian Delpiere	Kendal Delpiere	Tom Shupe Mike Trost		Greta Elston
Feb. 18 7 p.m.	Karen Schuette	Connie Eden		Paul Schuette			
Feb. 22 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Brittany Richmond	Eileen Johnson	Carole Mead			Riley Shupe

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!

CEA Meeting Minutes

Dec. 4

Present at the meeting were Pastor Tim, April Rujan, Melisa Raymond, Nicole Shupe and Geri Kay McLean. Pastor opened with prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Family Meeting is scheduled for March 12.

Basketball season starts January 5. Concession volunteers

are greatly appreciated.

Carnival is scheduled for April 11, mandatory fundraiser. Families please mark your calendar to help out this day.

Spring Pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 3. Again this is a mandatory fundraiser so families plan on helping out.

Cross Apparel is available. Feel

free to stop by the office to find out more.

Ski trip is planned for Feb. 4 at Apple Mountain.

Christmas Fair and Karen's cinnamon rolls were a great success, thanks to everyone who participated.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 4:45 p.m.

Scrip Cards make great gifts and earn money for: tuition, tuition assistance, building fund, or church general fund.

Church Council Minutes



December 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by Vice-President, John Smith, at 7:08 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Nancy Heck, Krisie Fritz, Tom Shupe, Leanne Smith, Paul Schuette, Aileen Prill, and Lori Smith. Leanne Smith provided a devotion and prayer to all present.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes, dated November 14, 2014, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Aileen Prill to approve the minutes as presented with two corrections made, Tom Shupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the Agenda with an addition to add Carol Diener - Blue Cross under Guest Presentations, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:

Carol Diener gave a presentation as to possible changes for staff for Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance.

Nancy Heck made a Motion to go with the Blue Cross proposal as Carol Diener pre-

sented, seconded by Leanne Smith. Motion carried.

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 Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:

Paul Schuette provided his written report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2014 through 12/7/14, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$270,104.97 Budgeted Needs were \$-20,125.80.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a thank you card from Carol Diener, she thanked council for her Christmas gift.

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 November: 0 Funerals, 0 Baptisms, 0 Weddings, 11 Teachings, 9 Communions, 6 Hospital Visits, 4 Home Visits, 10 Meetings, and 11 Services.

Church Calendar:

Sunday, November 23, 2014 - Community Thanksgiving Service, 50 attended

Thursday, November 27, 2014 - Thanksgiving Service, 36 attended

Saturday, December 13, 2014, assisting in the wedding of Kim Sturm and Larry Adams at Christ Lutheran Church, Birch Run, Michigan.

Sunday, December 14, 2014,

Advent Hope/Christmas Joy Concert/Bell Concert, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20, 2014, Christmas Caroling after Christmas Program Practice, around noon.

Monday/Tuesday, December 22 & 23, 2014 - office hours 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Office Closed.

Children's Program - prelude at 6:45 p.m., program 7:00 p.m.

Candle light service with communion, 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Service with Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 26, 2014 - office closed.

Sunday, December 28, 2014 - regular service - no communion

Monday/Tuesday, December 29 & 30, 2014 - office hours 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 Office Closed

Family game night - 6:30 p.m. - ????

Thursday/Friday, January 1 & 2, 2014 - office closed.

Pastor's Report:

- Wednesday, November 19, 2014 as Dean of the MMD, Pastor attended/participated in the ordination and installation of Pastor Matthew Magera at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Trufant, MI.

Church Council (Cont.)

Sunday, November 23, 2014 - Receive new members:

Don & Kim Schadd (Whitnee & Sara)

Josh & Anna Rosenthal (Abby & Jackson)

Mike & Jeanne Sting

- Thursday, December 4, 2014 – Chapel will be held at HCMCF.

To date annual fund raising letter has received \$11,550 from 46 donors.

School Calendar:

- School Fall Break – November 24 – 28, 2014, Thanksgiving Week
- Cross Basketball Practice starting Monday, December 1, 2014.
- NWEA Testing conducted on December 9 & 11, 2014.
- CEA Christmas Fair, Friday, December 12, 2014

Last day of School before Christmas Break, Friday, December 19, 2014.

Principal's Report:

Student Enrollment for 2014-2015 School year.

- K-8, 38 students
- Preschool, 17 children.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that there were 198 half-dozen of Cinnamon Rolls sold, and all profit went to the Kitchen/ Hot Lunch Fund. Alumni fund has had amazing financial support, thanks to Gwynne Barry for sending out letters once again this year. Basketball Tournament will be held here at Cross Lutheran School on January 10 & 11, 2014.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Tom Shupe was present and provided his oral report to all present.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Leanne Smith was present and provided her written report. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Advent Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 14, 2014. There will be a reception following the concert.

- Spring Variety Show, Saturday, April 18, 2015.

- Piano was tuned.

Beth Elston and Mike Sting are repairing a list for repairs needed on the organ.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Ministry is working on the Christmas Program at this time.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH: Lori Smith was present and provided her report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Operation Christmas Child
- 656 shoe boxes were sent.
- Six boxes are being tracked.
- \$1,500.00 was sent for shipping costs.

- Connie & Bonnie will work together to send out Christmas Cards and an Ornament to our shut-ins in December.

- Food pantry items were packed and delivered.

- Selling Scrip cards in December after church on Sundays.

Recording Services for Shut-ins needs to be updated – will work

on this project in 2015.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: There was nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was absent. Pastor advised that Neil and he will be working on getting some bids for some improvements (gym floor and bells). At some time there will need to be some repairs done, and this will give council an idea of costs associated with the improvements needed.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Christmas Caroling will be held on December 20, 2014, at Noon. Lunch will be served prior to caroling.

- Friends and Family Game Night on New Year's Eve on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and asks that everyone bring snacks to share.

Will have a potluck dinner before the Wednesday Service on January 7, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS: New Parsonage Update was given

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 13, 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 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

Ministries

A Look at the Audit Committee

1. One of the two senior members of the Audit Committee shall act as chairman of that committee during the ensuing year.
2. Treasurers of this congregation and all its organizations, and ministries shall submit all financial records to the Audit Committee on or before date set by Audit Committee.
3. The Audit Committee shall analyze all financial records for accuracy and accountability and shall verify stated bank balances with the respective bank or financial institution. In any disagreement as to the accuracy of the records exists between a Treasurer and the committee, an attempt to resolve the differences before the annual meeting shall be made. If the difference cannot be reconciled, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the Church Council. If the services of an Auditor or financial consultant are deemed necessary, the Church Council may engage such person or firm, but not exceeding the limit of authority to expend funds.
4. The chairperson of the Audit Committee shall orally report to this congregation at its annual meeting and submit a written statement of its findings to this congregation's Secretary with the signatures of all members of the Audit Committee affixed.

Ministry of Worship and

Music

Jan. 6

Members present: Leanne Smith, Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, Karen Schutte. Guest Mike Sting. Chairperson, Leanne opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Reviewed and corrected the minutes of November, 2014.

MUSIC – BETH

Advent/Christmas concert went well! 131 people plus performers were present. We need to pay attention to better publicity next year. This time nothing was placed on the community or Bay Port State Bank electronic boards. Need to publicize to the area churches better.

Barbara Bleck will play organ on Sunday, Feb. 15th and Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Psalms for Lenten and Easter seasons – will be chanted with cantor and congregational refrain.

Beth found an online music planner from Augsburg. \$89 / year. Looks like a useful tool. Beth will try it for 30 days (free trial).

Organ shades – Problem with shades – more noticeable (volume changes). Beth will get estimate.

Set the Advent/Christmas concert date for Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015

WORSHIP – PASTOR

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 18

Wednesday night services – Leanne and Pastor will set up homily part of worship.

Discussed pp 14-15 of *Liturgy with Style* – “Scripture and Reflection.”

OLD BUSINESS

Our Daily Bread devotional – we do not have the 1st quarter devotionals at this time, Leanne will check with Aileen.

Hymnal Repair – We will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.

Time and Talents – Leanne has asked some congregation members to participate in Children's time, acolytes, etc. They consented. New people!!!

NEW BUSINESS

Flooring in the sanctuary – Mike Sting brought before us the possibility of changing the flooring in the chancel area and the rest of the sanctuary to improve acoustics. Leanne will take this to council and ask to form a study committee to look into the possibilities.

Variety Show – Leanne will talk to Aileen (Parish Life) about dinner part. Need other ministries to do decorating and publicity. The show itself will have more variety in music. Beth is putting together a Motown tribute.

Lenten Devotion – We will use the journal writings of the upper grade students for a special

Ministries (Cont.)

Lenten devotional. Beth will coordinate with teacher, David Faupel.

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Parish Life Ministry

Jan. 6

Women of Faith will meet Jan. 17

Coffee Hours: We need committees to sign up to host coffee fellowship. Parish Life with the help of Handy Helpers will do Jan. 18.

We will discuss in the fall if we want to do another New Year's Eve game night at the church. Attendance was low, but good time was had by all.

Half Day Ladies Retreat on March 28 will be discussed next month.

We will work with other committees on the dinner for the choir's Spring Variety show on April 18. There is no theme this year and the meal will be served buffet style again.

Possible game/family fun night in May. We will discuss later.

Lenten potlucks will begin Feb. 25

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

The 2015 sign up poster for Coffee Hours is ready. Please schedule your group for hosting!

We really need people to help with baking the communion



COFFEE HOUR

bread. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.

**"Given
for
you."**



COOKBOOKS

Are still available for \$10 each in the office. They make great gifts for weddings, showers, friends, neighbors, or just to say "thank you." Proceeds help support our youth ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Is February 18

Lenten Potlucks will begin Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. before the 7 p.m. service

First

Communion

Classes

Will take place Sundays, Feb. 1, 8, and 15 at 10:45 a.m. in the Library. First Communion will be received during the Sunday, Feb. 22 service.

LEAPShop

Details

- Tuesday, March 17 at Good Shepherd, Saginaw from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21 at St. Michael's, Richville from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

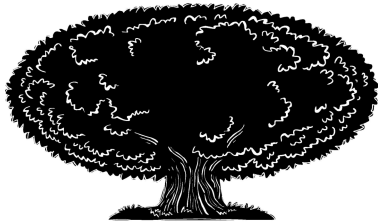
Who should come:

Congregations that are lacking any of the following: Childcare (all day, before/after school, snow day, holiday break, summer) Individuals vested in young families / new members, big picture thinkers, trustees, building committee members, board of education members, entre-leaders, ones already involved in Early Childhood and willing to share, etc.

Cost: \$20 per LEAP congregation (unlimited people) \$30 per non-LEAP congregation (unlimited people)

Breakfast snacks / Refreshments provided

Memorials



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Marilyn Renn, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Olga Renn

In memory of Ruth & Tom Mohr, for Cross Lutheran School Annual Fund:

George Mohr

In memory of Alfred Liedke, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe
Ted & Margaret Leipprandt
Norm & Tonja Nelson

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann
Terry & June Sturm
Dick & Peggy Koehler
Roberta Danks
Vivian Buschlen
Betty Champagne
Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink
Nancy Schuette & boys
Vicky Pobanz
Karle Family
Jack & Pam Sturm
Lois Geppert
Sheila Yackle
Bruce Baur

Barbara Buchholz
Pat & Ed Degg

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Harold & Shirley Deering

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Garden Bench Fund:

Mike & Connie Eden

In memory of Larry Degg, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Roger & Pamela Hartsig
Jeff & Beth Elston
Donna Krenz
McCrum Family
Kay Tait
Dave McCormick
Craig Family
Gerald Bieniek
Ron & Dolores Bibri
Employees & Council,
City of Caseville
Mike & Connie Power
Nadene Barbret
Bill & Laura Degg
Terry & Patricia Bowerman
Larry & Gina Smith
David Heitz
Ron & Bonnie Schulz
Patricia Konefke
Denny & Leanne Smith
Deborah & Jim Robertson
Chris & Linda Clark
Abadata Computer
Elaine Belich

In memory of Bonnie Hurdelbrink, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

In memory of Ruby Damm, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Ron & Bonnie Schulz

In memory of Ruby Damm, for Cross Lutheran School:

Norm & Tonja Nelson

Lutherans for Life National High School Essay Contest 2015

What: Essay Contest on the Sanctity of Life

Who: Students in Grades 9-12

(Any high school student in a Lutheran school or church)

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, National Lutherans For Life

Contest Guidelines:

Students will write a pro-life essay based on the 2015 Conference theme: **Created, Redeemed, Called** and Isaiah 43:1 ESV: *"But now says the LORD – He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by My name, you are Mine.'"*

Example essay topics are: abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research or euthanasia.

Prize for the National winner: \$250 and free registration to the October 30-31, 2015 Conference at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY.

All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: www.lutheransforlife.org (National Lutherans For Life) and www.lflmi.org (Lutherans For Life of Michigan) or call 586-949-9261.

COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:

DECEMBER 2014

BALANCE ON HAND 12/1/2014			36,441.98
INCOME:			
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES	30,326.45		
SCHOOL REGISTRATION	3,961.79		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	714.00		
CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM	-		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds	-		
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PASS THRU ACCOUNT	-		
FUND RAISERS	-		
LEAF	-		
BEQUEST TO CHURCH	-		
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	-		
TOTAL INCOME:	35,002.24	35,002.24	
EXPENSES:			
LEAF - CONTINUING EDUCATIONS			
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES	(38,666.88)	(38,666.88)	

NET INCOME		(3,664.64)	
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2014			32,777.34

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:

LEAF FUND	401.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	4,740.72
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,800.00
GENERAL FUND	6,465.03
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	13,370.00

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

TOTAL:	32,777.34
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Total balance in all funds \$32,777.34 - Total balance in General Fund \$6,465.03 (positive balance)

BUILDING FUND:

BALANCE ON HAND 12/1/2014			9,399.64
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*	13,941.49		
FUND RAISERS	-		
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND	-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS	-		
TOTAL INCOME:	13,941.49	13,941.49	

EXPENSES:

RET CHECK & BANK FEE			
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT			
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES			
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID			
TOTAL EXPENSE			
NET INCOME/EXPENSE		13,941.49	13,941.49
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/14			23,341.13

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND--WE STILL HAVE ONGOING NEEDS FOR INTEREST ON PRIVATE LOANS

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES	(396,494.00)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES	386,002.75
UNDER	(10,491.25)

DEBT OWING 12/31/2014

SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	-	TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE-YTD	(396,494.00)	includes
PRIVATE LOANS	225,000.00	TOTAL EXPENSES-YTD	408,735.43	8,895.95
TOTAL LOANS	225,000.00	OVER BUDGET	12,241.43	in repairs

Also accepting donations for the Cross New Parsonage Building Fund - trying to pay expenses without the need to borrow a large amount

OCC UPDATE: We recently received an e-mail that notified us that our shoeboxes went to Ecuador this year where 29% of the population is 14 and younger. This South American country received 292,925 shoeboxes in 2014. Pray for God to work through these shoeboxes to transform young lives for eternity! Remember that we are already starting to collect items for Christmas 2015! If you see any clearance

items or good deals on shoebox fillers, please buy them and bring them to the OCC room. Reduced candy canes, Christmas toys, wrapping paper, etc. We already have quite a stack of shoeboxes that could be gift wrapped for 2015. That would be a good project for a cold wintery evening! Thank you for your continued help with this project! Cross Mission / Outreach Ministry

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH PARSONAGE BUILDING FUND				BPSB & TNBT COMBINED			
BALANCE ON HAND	12-01-2014						3,375.22
INCOME:							
	CONSTRUCTION LOAN ADVANCE			12,500.00			
	DONATIONS &			4,627.00			
	MEMORIALS & HONORARIA			15.00			
				<u>17,142.00</u>			
TOTAL INCOME & BEGINNING BALANCE							20,517.22
EXPENSES:							
	ARCHITECT PRINTS AND COPIES			-			
	TRANSFER TO TNBT NEW ACCOUNT			-			
	BUILDING SUPPLIES			12,782.92			
	LABOR			2,170.00			
	UTILITIES			-			
	MISCELLANEOUS			90.00			
	INTEREST ON ADVANCE	3.25%		<u>254.61</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:				15,297.53			
							<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	12/31/2014						5,219.69

TNBT Construction Loan:							
Draws to date for bulding supplies							
	Footings & Masonry			38,780.00			
	supplies			64,902.20			
	loan processing fees/appraisal, etc			4,579.25			
	Total Draws as of 12/31/14						108,261.45



February 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. 1st Comm. Instruction 10:45 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Choirs: B 6:30 C 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Scheurer Memorial Service - Pr. Tim 2 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m. Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>School Ski Trip</p> <p>Potluck 6 p.m.</p> <p>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CEA 4:45 p.m.</p> <p>School Board 5: 30 p.m.</p> <p>Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3-5 grade Basketball Tournament in Port Hope</p> <p>TALL Forensics at New Salem</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. 1st Comm. Instruction 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Choirs: B 6:30 C 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chapel 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Quilting 1 p.m.</p> <p>Comm Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. 1st Comm. Instruction 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Winter Break Begins</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>No Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Comm. Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Gym in use 6 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Choirs: B 6:30 C 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m.; Stewardship 7 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Chapel 8:10 a.m.</p> <p>Potluck 6 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Gym in use 3:15 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

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