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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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Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran,

WOW! This has been some summer! The temperatures have been in the 80's and 90's almost everyday. The rainfall is way below average for this time of year. It's been too hot to have camp fires at night. It's been too dry for flowers, gardens, and crops to grow like they normally should. The farmers are stressed because the yields will not be as abundant as the past two years and that ripples down throughout the community. I have never heard so many requests and prayers for rain in all my life. It truly is a time of exercising patience and having faith in God.

Farmers tell me that there is nothing they can do but give it to God. "We've been through this before and we'll make it through just like we have done before." What words of confidence and assurance in God that all will be alright. However, I can't help but think that behind all of those strong words of faith, gray hairs, stress lines in the face, are nerves being frayed, sleepless nights, wandering thoughts of what plan

B and plan C is going to be for the harvest and the coming winter. One thing is certain; there will be a harvest which means God kept His promise as He always does. God will get us through.

There is so much what God does for all of us when things don't go exactly as we planned it to go. There are so many times in our lives that adversity just keeps coming at us and we start to think will any good come out of all this. If we look back on our lives and really see that whole picture, we can see that there did come good out of our "adversities." The question I have is this; did we give thanks to God for getting us through all of that? There are many times within our lives that we beg God to get us through. There are many times that God does get us through.



But there are just as many times we do not go back to God and say "thank you".

NRS Luke 17: 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



August 5 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Exodus 16:2-15
 P – Psalm 145:10-21
 2R – Ephesians 4:1-16
 G – John 6:22-35

Hymns: 358, 251, 370 Comm.
 701, 702, 706

August 12 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 1 Kings 19:1-8
 P – Psalm 34:1-8
 2R – Ephesians 4:17 – 5:2
 G – John 6:35-51
 Hymns: 345, 356, 511

August 19 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Proverbs 9:1-10

P – Psalm 34:12-22
 2R – Ephesians 5:6-21
 G – John 6:51-69
 Hymns: 543, 320, 443 Comm.
 226, 197, 222, 215

August 26 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 29:11-19
 P – Psalm 14
 2R – Ephesians 5:22-33
 G – Mark 7:1-13
 Hymns: 561, 534, 406

"OPERATION OVERBOARD" VBS

A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way with this year's VBS! It was a wonderful week for all involved! On our peak day, we had 97 children, babies (in the nursery), teens and adults helping! The Spirit of the Lord was abundantly present as we went deep into God's word together! Thanks again!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As you may have noticed, there are many great deals on school supplies at the current time. Could you pick up a few things for this year's

OCC collection? Notebooks, scissors, pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, etc. You can put your donations in the green tote in the coat room / entryway! Thank you!

Need A Special Occasion Gift?

Scrip cards are store gift cards. They make the perfect gift for graduation, confirmation, wedding, birthday or any occasion. Check out the order form for all the different choices. You may place your orders each week, and they will be available the following Sunday.

PLUS Many cards are in stock. Stop by the church office to see what is available immediately!

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He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

What does saying thank you to God look like? Obviously we pray and say thank you. Sometimes people commit their time and skills to the church to help as a way of saying thanks. Others tithe to the church in a way that says thank you. ^{NRS} **Exodus 23:19** *The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.*

My dear family of

Cross, we need to say thank you to God in every way. We need to give back to God what He has first given us. Not only love for Him but time, material, and money to show our gratitude for once again getting us through tough times. We have been lacking in our "thank you" to God and it's time to renew our "thank you" in earnest.

God's speed

Pr Tim

In Memory

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

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Cordelia Trost.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Janet and Jim Schumacher.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Norm and Tonja Nelson.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Colleen Woelke.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dale, Kim and Erik Torrey and Kaitlyn and Billy Wooline.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by David and Tammy Grover.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Herb and Elaine Neurath.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Judge Bill and Marilyn Crane.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Cemetery Perpetual Fund, by Ken and Betty Licht.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Neil and Connie Herford.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bill and Liz Mahoney.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Don and



Nancy Heck.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dorothy Thuemmel.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Don and Ann Herford.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nancy Schuette and sons.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Victor and Helen Woelke.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jean Sturm.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Gerald and Marilyn Buchholz.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by George Costello.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nelson and Eunice Binder.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Eugene and Betty Champagne.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jack

and Pam Sturm.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Larry and Gina Smith.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Devere and Zita Sturm.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by George and Ruth Mohr.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ted and Peggy Leipprandt.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Al and JoAnn Abbott.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Eldon Dietzel.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schadd.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Elsie Sturm.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Geraldine Edler.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lillian Koehler.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and MaeAnn Orth.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by George Baur.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Wallace and Marion Hart.

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In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Tom and Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Harold and Shirley Deering.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dale and Donna Schuette.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Barbara Buchholz.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Olga Renn.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Terry and June Sturm.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Roberta Danks.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Buchholz.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Eleanor Tate.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Philabaum Kids, Tim, Becky, David and Kirsten.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Henry Clabuesch.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by

Nadene Barbret.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Don and Kay Schuette.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Sheila Yackle.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Matt and Jen Zimmerman.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ruth Hamilton.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Joann Haist.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lydia Decker.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jim and Fran Laursen.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Keith Miller.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Anne Anderson.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Vivian Buschlen.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Rick Bray and Joe Klobucher.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Cemetery Fund, by Pastor Bernie and Barbara Philabaum.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for



Cross Building Fund, by Charles Schaefer and Kathryn Rowberg.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Norman and Magdalene Townley.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Arlene and Joe Wold.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mary Harger.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, from Rev. and Mrs. Fredrick Henkelman.

In memory of **Viola Schuette**, for Cross Building Fund, from Rev. and Mrs. Fredrick Henkelman.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Gloria Anderson.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Lois Geppert.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Roberta Danks.

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In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Joyce and Dave Jarvis.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jim and Janet Schumacher.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund by Ruth Schuette.

In memory of **Bill Retford**, for Cross Building Fund by Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Cordelia Trost.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Terry and June Sturm.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Fred and Margaret Edler.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Elsie Trowbridge.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Cemetery Fund, by Eleanor Tate.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Tom and Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Don and Sally Rogers.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Roger and Connie Dubs.

In memory of **Fran Laursen** for Cross Lutheran Church, by Lisa DiCamillo.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Hazen and Arlene Fritz.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Lydia Decker.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church by Ray and Sharon Laursen.

In memory of **Fran Laursen** for Cross Building Fund, by Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Ray and Betty Engelhardt.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Jim and Jackie Heiden.



In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Ray and Sheila Fiebig.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Larry and Barbara Laursen.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Elsie Sturm.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nadine and Tom Barbret.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Denny and Leanne Smith.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Don and Catherine Graf.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Sally and Leonard Comet and boys.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Ted and Peggy Leipprandt.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Herb and Elaine Neurath.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran – Pew Bible, by Peggy and David McCrimmon.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Vera Beach.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Chuck and Ruth Cantwil.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Ken and Ruth Bolzman.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by John and Kay Tait.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Marjorie Finkbeiner.

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In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Nancy Schuette and Family.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bruce and Marilyn Baur.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Joe Yagiela.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Alice Draschil.



In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Larry and Gina Smith.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Barbara Buchholz.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Harold and Shirley Deering.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jim and Sheila Yackle and Kirk.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Cemetery Fund, by Nelson and Eunice Binder.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Cemetery Fund, by Raymond and Norma Baur.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Cemetery Fund, by Jake and Cheryl Diebel.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Vivian Buschlen.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Morris and Mary Lou Armbruster.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Lutheran Church, by Robert and Susan Kessler.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Richard and Lillian Koehler.

In memory of **Pat Dubey**, for Cross Building Fund, by Richard and Lillian Koehler.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Denny and Leanne Smith.

In honor of **Pastor Ray Orth's 50th Ministry Anniversary**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bill and Muriel Hurdelbrink.

In honor of **Pastor Ray Orth's 50th Ministry Anniversary**, for Cross Lutheran School, by Richard and Lillian Koehler.

In memory of **Art Woelke**, for Cross Building Fund, by Bill Leipprandt.

In memory of **Fran Laursen**, for Cross Building Fund, by Gordon and Susan Hoffman.

In memory of **Patricia Dubey-Braun**, for Cross Building Fund, by Jenny Voellmer.

In memory of **Patricia Dubey-Braun**, for Cross Building Fund, by Mike Fritz.

Stewardship Ministry

Tuesday, June 26

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, Chairman; Ray Licht, Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary; Nancy Heck, Treasurer; June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer; Rodger Fritz, Kyle Yackle, and Pastor Tim Lorhrke. Paul opened with prayer. Motion to accept minutes of previous by Ray Licht, 2nd by Rodger Fritz. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report – Weekly contributions are down from the budget goal each week.

Benevolence Report – was reviewed from May 22 – June 21. Three checks were written out in June to disburse the donations to LYO, Cross Lutheran School Tuition Assistance, and NALC. Talk was made on a goal donation made to the NALC for the year.

Building Fund – the balance in the building fund is doing good to date. A donation from the spring Garage Sale will be made in the future to make one monthly payment.

New Business – Tom Shupe talked about Financial Planning. An idea was talked about having a night at Cross to have a financial advisor from Thrivent Financial come talk to members about setting up future plans and how to deal with assets after one is gone or ill.

Adjourned: with Lord's Prayer at 7:42 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

Celebrate



August Birthdays

- 1 Aaron Mallais
Betty Schulze
Tom Shupe
- 2 George Mohr, Sr.
- 3 Ronald Bergman
- 4 Corey Messing
Terry Sturm
- 6 LouAnn Jarvis
- 7 Caden Carriveau
Todd Gunden
Sandy Haley
Kent McKenzie
- 8 Helen Decker
Richard Uhan
- 9 Preston Braun-
Bieri
Tiffany
Swartzendruber
- 12 Bruce Baur
Rick Landry
Duane Peterson
- 13 Keeley Baur
- 14 Randy Swanson
- 15 Ultan Dunn
Nicholas Swanson
- 16 Margaret Edler
- 17 Gwynne Barry
Khloe Carriveau
Ryan Schuette
- 19 Cheyanne Nichols
Gretchen Roestel
- 20 Larry Rosenthal
- 21 Dustin Forster
- 22 Kayle McKenzie
- 23 JP Deer
- 25 Tina Edler
Karen Schuette
- 26 Brian Koehler
Nancy Schuette
- 29 Jonathan Love

31 Joshua Higgins
Stephen Schuette

If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please contact the church office so it can be added to our list.

August Anniversaries

- 2 Bill & Sandy Renn, 43 years
Pat & Kathy Azarovitz, 37 years
- 3 Mike & Laura Trost, 16 years
- 4 Kyle & Victoria Yackle, 5 years
- 5 Gregory & Rebecca Yackle, 6 years
- 6 JB & Gwynne Barry, 29 years
- 7 Sarah & Russell Nichols, 14 years
- 8 Ben & Kayla Smith, 4 years
- 11 Brian & Dawn Rosenthal, 31 years
- 15 Todd & Gretchen Roestel, 20 years
- 16 Neil & Connie Herford, 43 years
James & Susan Licht, 32 years
- 21 Tom & Bernice Shupe, 41 years
- 22 Henry & Debbie Lange, 25 years
- 23 Ray & Elaine Licht, 54 years
Stephen & Kris Schuette, 15 years
- 28 Jon & Sarah Love, 8 years
Norm & Tonja Nelson, 41 years

Parish Life Ministry

June 5

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with devotions and prayer.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Alice Trost, Paul Schuette, and Pr. Tim.

- Dr. Sherry Baker offered to have office hours for Christian Counseling at Cross beginning with one day a month. If council has no objection, the youth room will be used for that purpose. Betty will call her to set a date and Aileen will present the idea to council at the June meeting.

- June 17 - Coffee Hour will be hosted by Parish Life.

- A signup sheet has been made for the Loons game on Aug. 7. We need a definite count by July 24th. The sheet indicates if people are willing to be drivers and how many they can accommodate. We need to start a stronger push for people to sign up for this.

- Parish Life has been assigned to provide punch for TTLM on Aug. 12. It was agreed that we will do this.

Sunday, August 26 we will celebrate the 121st anniversary of Cross Lutheran Church with an expanded coffee hour. The potluck which was discussed was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

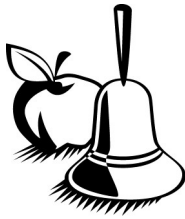
Next meeting Tuesday, July 31 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

School News



August School Calendar

- 1 CEA Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 9 School Board 5 p.m.
- 27 Opening Chapel 6:30 p.m.
- 28 1st Day of School—
Full Day
Pre-School Open
House 5—7 p.m.
- 31 No School

FROM THE DESK OF... GWYNNE BARRY

*"May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be pleasing in your*

*sight, O Lord, my Strength,
and my Redeemer."* **Psalm
19:14**

There are many references to the mouth, tongue, or lips in the Bible. The use of the mouth for spreading information was the main means of communication for centuries until printing was invented. Surprisingly, word of mouth is still the best practice to spread our message. I know as well as anyone that word of mouth can be a curse or a blessing. Let's challenge ourselves to have our words be a blessing. Let's be advocates of our church's mission to Bring, Teach, and

Send which goes with our school's mission of guiding children to learn, to love, and to live under the grace of God's forgiveness. Word of mouth saves big time and is the most productive. Get talking, people. Your words are powerful. Share the good news. Invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to worship. Invite them to enroll in preschool, school, or Sunday School. Just think, if each one would invite one! A few good words can do a lot. May God bless you with the words to further His kingdom.

Gwynne Barry

Remember our Shut-ins:

George & Ruth Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Trevor Carriveau, son-in-law of Kent and Lori McKenzie, Inez, Buchholz, Julia Voelker, Elsie Sturm, Deb Lange, Ivernia Swartz, (Michelle Richmond's mother), Eric Herzog, Edna Schulz, Harold Deering, Sally Rogers, Kay Schuette, Todd Lay, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Helen Connors, mother of Wendy Gettel, Nadene Barbret, Eric Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Stephanie Maust, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger

Fritz, Mike Trost, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George and Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman. * Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

In the Service of Our Country:

- ♦ Tim Neal, the brother of Kayla Smith, who is in the army and was deployed to Afghanistan.
- ♦ Jordan Gunsell, nephew of Todd and Gretchen Roestel, is currently stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a military policeman.



August Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Communion	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild
August 5 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Karen Schuette	John Trowbridge	Brian, Kim, Philip, and Kendal Delpiere	Dolores Lange
August 12 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	June Sturm	Brian Delpiere		Richard Mead Tom Shupe	
August 19 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	Leanne Smith	Norm Nelson		Laura Trost
August 26 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Sue Loehrke	Sue Loehrke			

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

The first CEA meeting of the year will be: Wednesday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m.

In July we received our AED after I applied for this through the MCVI Foundation which raises the monies through the Shocks & Saves® which is an annual fundraiser of the MCVI Foundation, in partnership with Mobile Medical Response and the Saginaw Spirit. Through this charity hockey game, former Red Wing greats and NHL celebrities take the ice with area physicians and EMTs in a fun-filled game. The purpose of this event is to:

- Educate the public about heart disease, especially sudden cardiac arrest
- Strengthen our local response to cardiac emergencies by offering free CPR classes once a month, or go out into local organizations or schools for CPR blitzes
- Raise money to grant local nonprofit organizations automated external defibrillators (AEDs). In the past five years, Shocks & Saves has raised over \$130,000 and has placed more than 80 AEDs in the communi-

ty.

The AED is located between the church and the school gym in the connector hallway. I, April Rujan am the coordinator of the AED & will be arranging for the teachers/staff to have there CPR/AED training free of charge.

CEA PARENT MEETING will be in September, date to be determined.

The amount of \$786.50 was given by the CEA to fix the kitchen oven.

The CEA welcomes any donations of time or items for upcoming school year events. (such as the Carnival, Christmas fair, & pancake breakfasts)

We are looking forward to another fun filled & productive year as last year we truly were blessed!

April Rujan, CEA President

Council Meeting Minutes



May 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:03 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Mike Fritz, Tom Shupe, Aileen Prill, John Smith, Lori Smith, Leanne Smith appearing on behalf of Kevin Trost, and Krisie Fritz. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated April 10, 2012, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Lori Smith to approve the minutes as presented, John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the agenda, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$47,198.37 for the month of April, and expenses of \$31,167.34. The General

Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund \$732.49, Capital Improvement Fund 18,645.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Negative Fund Balance of \$1,276.33, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$8,975.00. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Karen Schuette. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 4/24/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$89,428.33, which is \$13,230.86 under budget. Paul was excused from the meeting after giving his report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of April: 1 funeral, 0 baptisms, 17 teachings, 13 communions, 3 hospital visits, 9 home visits, 23 meetings and 13 services.

Funeral – Marge Krause, Wednesday – April 25, 2012.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

- Michigan Blood Drive,

Thursday, May 10, 2012 – Noon to 6:00 p.m.

- Thumb Distribution – Saturday, May 12, 2012
- Mother's Day – Sunday – May 13, 2012
- The Ascension of Our Lord – Thursday, May 17, 2012
- Confirmation Day, Sunday, May 20, 2012
- Dr. Sherry Baker – Sunday, May 20, 2012 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Last day of School – Friday, May 25, 2012
- Pentecost and Graduation, Sunday – May 27, 2012
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2012, Office Closed.
- Trinity Sunday – June 3, 2012
- Garage Sale – Thurs. – Sat., June 7-9, 2012
- Summer Office Hours (9 a.m. – noon) beginning on Monday, June 11, 2012. Regular hours resume (8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 13, 2012.
- Father's Day – Sunday, June 17, 2012
- Volleyball camp, Monday – June 25, 2012 through Thursday, June 28, 2012, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- July 4, 2012, Wednesday
- Michi-Lu-Ca Youth Camp, Sunday, July 8 through Friday,

July 13, 2012.

- VBS – Monday, July 16, 2012 through Thursday, July 19, 2012.

NALC Convocation, Golden Valley, MN – Monday, August 13, 2012 through Friday, August 17, 2012. Pastor & Sue attending, and Mike and Connie Eden will be attending later in the week for the NALC portion.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

- Adopt a Highway, Saturday, April 21, 2012, 16 participated in cleaning up the 2 mile stretch for road. The next time will be in September, 2012.
- Meeting with Bishop Spring Emeritus, April 26, at St. Augustine’s House, Oxford, MI

o All pastors of Mission District Michigan (MDM) NALC, meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012 at St. Paul, Evart, MI to review and develop a charter for MDM.

- Confirmation Sunday, those being confirmed are Isaac Elston, Grace Higgins, Emily House and Ryan Trost.

Dedication Service in Trufant, MI for St. Thomas Lutheran Church, NALC – Sunday, June 10, 2012. Pastor will be attending.

PRINCIPALS’S REPORT:

- School year 2011 – 2012, Grades K-8, 34 students and Pre-School 17 students.
- Last day for Archery is Thursday, May 10, 2012.
- Shadow Day for 8th graders going to Lakers next year, Monday, May 14, 2012.
- Pre-School Picnic, Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Pre-School Graduation, Thursday, May 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

- Closing Chapel, Friday, May 25, 2012 at 1:45 p.m. (Last day of school).

- Kindergarten Graduation at Closing Chapel.

- 8th Grade Graduation, Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. service.

- Seniors who are members of Cross Lutheran and graduating will also be recognized at this service.

- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Develop and plan the calendar for the upcoming school year 2012-2013.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and reported that the School Board will be raising tuition for next school year \$50.00 for 1st child, and hot lunch will be increasing from \$2.50 per day to \$2.60. Prior to August 1st old tuition rates apply, after August 1st new rate will be applied. Also, they are working on receiving a defibulator that was donated by the Shocks and Scheves Hockey Game. Training will be held when teachers return in August.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Mike Fritz was present and advised that Peggy McCrimmon wants approval to replace some shrubs, she will be donating them, and Mike will tear out and plant at no cost to the church. Nancy Heck made a motion as stated above, John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council members advised Mike that the faucet in the ladies restroom in the church needs to be looked at. Pastor once again

commented how well the grounds look.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette was present and advised that her ministry did not get a huge response from the evaluations, but were able to get a few more people to help out in various ministries. Their next meeting has been rescheduled to May 21, 2012.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and gave his oral report. Stewardship Ministry is still concerned about the decline of financial contributions, as the budgeted needs were raised by \$24,000.00 for this year compared to last year.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

Leanne Smith appeared on behalf of Kevin Trost. Leanne advised that 4 confirmed students and 8 high school students will be attending Michi-Lu-Ca camp, and will be trying to hold another car wash for Saturday, June 2, 2012.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her minutes to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Mom to mom sale went well for the 1st year.
- Inactive members list given to her ministry gave us conflicting feelings. We will continue to work on this in the future.
- Garage sale is coming up. We need portable, sturdy clothes racks.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-19, 2012 (Mon-

Thurs.) the week of Farmer's Festival.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was not present and no minutes were provided.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present.

Highlights of her report were as follows:

- May 13, 2012 coffee hour is Mother's Day, and no one has signed up. Discussion was to see if Handy Helper's could bring items and Paul Schuette will see if the men from the Men's Bible Study would like to serve.
- Loons game – August 7, 2012. Signup sheet is in the back of church and we need to have a count by July 24, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Worship and Music Ministry Evaluations – It's in the by-laws that we need to do an evaluation of our music director. Discussion was held and Nancy Heck made the motion to do away with Evaluation Language in the bylaws at the next annual meeting, Tom Shupe supported her motion. Motion carried.
- Air conditioners in the sanctuary – 2 need to be replaced. After a discussion was held, John Smith will get a bid from Shetlers, and will work on a draft for the other bids so we are comparing apples to apples.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Acknowledged Robin Buschlen for snow plowing last win-

ter. Tom Shupe made a Motion to give Robin Buschlen a \$100.00 scrip card to thank him, seconded by Mike Fritz. Motion carried.

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 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:04 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, John Smith, Lori Smith, Connie Eden appearing on behalf of Gretchen Roestel, and Krisie Fritz. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated May 10, 2012, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by John Smith to approve the minutes as presented, Nancy Heck seconded

the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$27,662.66 for the month of May, and expenses of \$29,167.26. The General Fund balance segmented, includes Leaf Fund \$860.49, Capital Improvement Fund 18,645.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Negative Fund Balance of \$3,908.93, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$9,975.00. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 6/9/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$116,527.14, which is \$14,648.49 under budget. Paul was excused from the meeting after giving his report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: Mike Eden appeared to give a different proposal regarding the Memorial Garden Benches. After presentation and discussion, council have him permission to promote the new style.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of May: 1 funeral, 1 baptism, 7 teachings, 5 com-

munions, 2 hospital visits, 4 home visits, 20 meetings and 14 services.

- Baptism – Henry Allen McAlpine
- Funeral – Arthur Woelke, Sunday – June 3, 2012.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

- Summer Office Hours (9 a.m. – noon) beginning on Monday, June 11, 2012. Regular hours resume (8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 13, 2012.
- Father's Day – Sunday, June 17, 2012
- Volleyball camp, Monday – June 25, 2012 through Thursday, June 28, 2012, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- July 4, 2012, Wednesday
- Michi-Lu-Ca Youth Camp, Sunday, July 8 through Friday, July 13, 2012.
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- NALC Convocation, Golden Valley, MN – Monday, August 13, 2012 through Friday, August 17, 2012. Pastor & Sue attending, and Mike and Connie Eden will be attending later in the week for the NALC portion.
- 121st Anniversary of Cross Lutheran Church and School, Sunday, August 26, 2012.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- All pastors of Mission District Michigan (MDM) NALC, meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012 at St. Paul, Evart, MI to review and develop a charter for MDM.
- Confirmation Sunday, those

being confirmed are Isaac Elston, Grace Higgins, Emily House and Ryan Trost.

- Dedication Service in Trufant, MI for St. Thomas Lutheran Church, NALC – Sunday, June 10, 2012. All went well.

PRINCIPALS'S REPORT:

- School year 2011 – 2012, Grades K-8, 34 students and Pre-School 17 students.
- Pre-School Graduation, Thursday, May 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
- Closing Chapel, Friday, May 25, 2012 at 1:45 p.m. (Last day of school).
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- Seniors who are members of Cross Lutheran and graduating will also be recognized at this service.
- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Develop and plan the calendar for the upcoming school year 2012-2013.
- School staff returns, Monday, August 20, 2012.
- Cross Lutheran School opening chapel, Monday, August 27, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and reported that the School Board is on vacation during the summer and will have a meeting, if needed prior to their next meeting in August, 2012.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Mike Fritz was not present; therefore, nothing was reported.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND

MUSIC: Karen Schuette was present and advised that the organ and piano was tuned for this year. Beth Elston is still working on new liturgy, she should have it completed by fall. Also, Karen shared information regarding "Hearing Loop", which is a system that when installed works with individuals hearing aids to aid communication in the sanctuary. Karen will look into it further regarding the costs.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and gave his oral report. Stewardship Ministry is still concerned about the decline of financial contributions, were down for the last three weeks. Benevolence has been good so far this year. Ministry will put each envelope contribution analysis in the next bulletin. Next meeting will be June 26, 2012.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

No one was present for this meeting, and no report was given.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH:

Lori Smith was present and provided her minutes to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Garage sale was a huge success, raising \$3,872.61, and \$240.00 was spent on signs that were used this year and we will be able to use them for many years to come.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-19, 2012 (Mon-Thurs.) the week of Farmer's Festival. Lori will put out a sheet requesting donations.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Connie Eden appeared on behalf of Gretchen Roestel and

minutes were provided to all present. The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill was not present, but a written report was available to all present. Pastor went over a few of the Highlights from her report as follows:

- Loons game – August 7, 2012. Signup sheet is in the back of church and we need to have a count by July 24, 2012. Need to have people sign up as soon as possible if they are interested.
- Sunday, August 26, 2012, will celebrate the 121st anniversary of Cross Lutheran with an expanded coffee hour.
- Dr. Sherry Baker has offered to have office hours for Christian Counseling at Cross beginning with one day a month. The Youth room will be used for that purpose. Pastor feels this is important and that we should give it a try.
- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Received bids on Furnaces/Air conditioners from Shetler's. Nothing has been budgeted for this, so we will need congregational approval. Hopefully the work could start in September, so will need to get approval from the congregation shortly. Council decided that a special meeting could be held on July 8, 2012 after the service. Will only need a quorum of 40 people and a 2 week no-

tice given.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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 8:12 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

Note:

A Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, July 8 to vote on the options presented to fix the furnace/AC. The result of the voting are as follows: Option 3: Yes 103; No 0.

From the Women of the NALC

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The WNALC will have its annual meeting on August 15, 2012, at Calvary Lutheran Church, in Golden Valley, MN (Minneapolis area). We will meet on Wednesday afternoon during the Theological Conference and the day before the NALC Convocation. We hope that you or a representative of your women's group will join us. If no one from your group is able to attend, please ask one of your church's delegates to the convocation to join us. You may register on the NALC website - theNALC.org – by clicking on the convocation link, then starting the registration process. After entering your email address, you will be directed to an "Agenda" page, where the WNALC meeting is one of the options. The registra-

tion fee is \$28. This will include the cost of the evening meal. The NALC is encouraging everyone to eat on-site due to very limited parking. If you are registered for the Theological Conference, your meal is paid for as part of that registration. An alternate registration fee of \$5 is requested to cover the costs of our annual meeting. You may also use this if you are arriving late and will only attend that session after the meal (elections and adoption of constitution).

Our meeting is for you! We will start our meeting at 2pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Cathi Braasch who will talk to us as we "Pray Without Ceasing". We will offer additional prayer projects. We will hear about bible studies available to us. A representative from the NALC Mission Director's office will speak to us about mission support. We will discuss regional gatherings in our mission districts. We will uplift stories of individual women's groups and their activities. And of course, there is business to attend to. There will be a report of this past year, goals for next year, adoption of a budget, technology report, discussion of the constitution. After the meal break, we will vote on the adoption of our constitution and have the election of members to The Women's Council. We will be developing committees to enable the WNALC to move forward in our ministry and to offer resources to you, the congregational women's groups.

We are developing/updating a database of the women's ministries throughout the NALC.

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Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Dick Koehler, President

John Smith, V P

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial

Secretary

John Smith, School Board

Mike Fritz, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Tom Shupe, Stewardship

Gretchen Roestel, Education

Kevin Trost, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Mike Fritz, Chair

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden, Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Karen Schuette, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Ministry of Mission Outreach

Lori Smith, Chair

Krisie Fritz, Connie Eden

LouAnn Jarvis

Bonnie Schulz

Kay Schuette

Lorraine LePage

Ministry of Stewardship

Tom Shupe, Chair

Carol Diener, Nancy Heck

Paul Schuette, Ray Licht

June Sturm, Cyndi Buchholz

Kim Delpiere, Kyle Yackle

Roger Fritz

Ministry of Education

Gretchen Roestel, Chair

Connie Eden, Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith, Kim Fritz

Laura Trost

Ministry of Youth

Kevin Trost, Chair

Rachel Higgins

John Shope, Linda Shope

Elizabeth Higgins, Youth Rep.

Alissa Peterson— LYO President

Ministry of Parish Life

Aileen Prill, Chair

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Sturm, Alice Trost

Audit Committee

Suzie Swanson, Mike LePage

Kent McKenzie

Leanne Schuette

Peter Shupe

Nominating Committee

Dave Elftman, Ray Licht

Bruce Baur

John Shope

John House, Roger Fritz

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

John Smith, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President

Gretchen Roestel, Secretary

Rachel Higgins, Treasurer

April Rujan, CEA President

Pastor Tim, Advisor

C.E.A

April Rujan-President

Melissa Helmuth-Vice President

Melisa Raymond-Secretary

Rachel Higgins-Treasurer

Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz 453-2127

Inez Buchholz 375-4165

Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forster 375-2754

Vickie Forster 883-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Lou Ann Jarvis 453-2790

Lillian Koehler 453-2121

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Olga Renn 453-2150

Carol Schadd 269-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Arlene Wold 856-4988

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

Ministries

We are asking for your assistance in this endeavor.

1. Membership Information – This information is to establish a membership roster to be used for voting and ratification of the constitution. This information generally changes every year or every other year. We ask that you complete this with your current information and return to me. Done.

2. Nomination Form – Please consider service to our ministry as a member of The Women's Council. Our provisional constitution allows one person from a NALC congregation to serve on the council. This form should be returned to Kathy Hefner (see form for address/email information). This form is also available on our website – WNALC.org

3. Volunteer Form – Please consider sharing your talents by volunteering for a committee or assisting during our annual meeting. There are so many ways you can help. We have listed several committees that we will be forming at our meeting. Please consider where you can help your sisters in Christ as we go about our ministries. This form is also on our website – WNALC.org

You can find more information at WNALC.org.

Please join in conversation with other women on Facebook. We have a dedicated page for our activities and conversation. It is a closed group. Search for Women of the NALC (under group pages) and ask to join. You may also check out the page for JeanneWallace.WNALC@gmail.c

om.

We also ask that you share what you have been doing...your ministries, your activities, your projects. Send me a photo of what you have been doing, even a photo of your bible study groups and let us know what you are using for bible study.

The WNALC was organized to be a resource of information to help you in your individual ministries. Help us to help you.

Blessings in your ministry,

Jeanne Wallace

National Chair for Women of the NALC

JeanneWallace.WNALC@gmail.com

830.998.2300

Reaching Out With Dr. Sherry Baker

Dr. Sherry Baker, a Christian Counselor from Bay City, was a guest speaker here at Cross on Sunday afternoon, May 20. The topic of her presentation was "Self-Care: Remedy for Stress." This was her second time with us.

The Parish Life Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped make the afternoon a success by bringing all the delicious finger foods.

We are very blessed to have a Christian Counselor who is willing to come to our church to share her faith and use her knowledge and education to help others. Her goal as a counselor is to be a servant of God in ministry to hurting people. She has over 20 years of counseling experience.

We are so thankful that God is using Dr. Baker to help us here at Cross to reach out to women in our community. It's amazing that over half of the women attending were not members of Cross. Many women commented on how valuable the information was that Dr. Baker shared and asked that we have her come again.

You will have another opportunity to hear Dr. Sherry Baker and her intern Terri Martinez for a workshop they will present here at Cross on Saturday, Sept. 15 from noon to 2 p.m. Watch for more details and a registration form.

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### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet on Wednesday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m.

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet Tuesday, August 7 at 1:30 p.m.

**Quilting Day** will be Wednesday, June 13 and Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m.

### Food Pantry

Remember to buy a few extra items for the food pantry when you do your shopping! They need our donations all year long! Personal items, pasta, laundry soap, cereal are items they can always use!

### Communion Bread

We need people to help with baking the communion bread we have on Sundays. A signup sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.



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| <u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u> |           | MAY              | 2012               |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                          | 5/1/2012  |                  |                    | 34,376.30 |
| INCOME:                                  |           |                  |                    |           |
| CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES         |           | 26,372.66        |                    |           |
| BRICK FUND                               |           | -                |                    |           |
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND             |           | 1,000.00         |                    |           |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS                  |           | 162.00           |                    |           |
| ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds         |           | -                |                    |           |
| LEAF                                     |           | 128.00           |                    |           |
| FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT                     |           | -                |                    |           |
| BEQUSD                                   |           | -                |                    |           |
| TOTAL INCOME:                            |           | <u>27,662.66</u> | 27,662.66          |           |
| EXPENSES:                                |           |                  |                    |           |
| PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN           |           | -                |                    |           |
| CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES               |           | <u>29,167.26</u> |                    |           |
|                                          |           |                  | <u>(29,167.26)</u> |           |
| NET INCOME                               |           |                  | <u>(1,504.60)</u>  |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                          | 5/31/2012 |                  |                    | 32,871.70 |

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| <u>GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:</u> |                 |
| LEAF FUND                      | 860.49          |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND       | 18,645.14       |
| ORGAN REPAIR FUND              | 7,300.00        |
| GENERAL FUND                   | (3,908.93)      |
| CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND   | <u>9,975.00</u> |
| TOTAL:                         | 32,871.70       |

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| Thank you for supporting the Lord's work<br>Please continue to help as you are able |
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Total balance in all funds \$32,871.70 - Total balance in General Fund -\$3,908.93 (negative balance)

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| <u>BUILDING FUND:</u>             |          |                 |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                   | 5/1/2012 |                 | 11,037.54 |
| DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*   |          | 6,075.14        |           |
| FUND RAISERS                      |          | -               |           |
| ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND         |          | -               |           |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS           |          | -               |           |
| TOTAL INCOME:                     |          | <u>6,075.14</u> | 6,075.14  |
| EXPENSES:                         |          |                 |           |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                   |          | -               |           |
| MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT         |          | (3,000.00)      |           |
| INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES         |          | (43.83)         |           |
| PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAYED |          | -               |           |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                     |          | <u>3,031.31</u> | 3,031.31  |
| BALANCE ON HAND                   | 5/31/12  |                 | 14,068.85 |

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| ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR JUNE IS \$3,250.00. |
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| <u>GENERAL FUND</u>                    |                   |
| BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES | (153,173.35)      |
| RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES  | <u>138,066.70</u> |
|                                        | UNDER             |
|                                        | (15,106.65)       |
| DEBT OWING 5/31/2012                   |                   |
| SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB             | 36,684.88         |
| PRIVATE LOANS                          | <u>250,000.00</u> |
|                                        | 286,684.88        |
| OPERATIONAL LOAN                       | <u>17,885.00</u>  |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | 304,569.88        |
| NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN                   | -                 |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | 304,569.88        |

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| <u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u> |           | JUNE             | 2012               |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                          | 6/1/2012  |                  |                    | 32,871.70 |
| INCOME:                                  |           |                  |                    |           |
| CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES         |           | 23,766.03        |                    |           |
| BRICK FUND                               |           | -                |                    |           |
| CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND             |           | 250.00           |                    |           |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS                  |           | 9.00             |                    |           |
| ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds         |           | -                |                    |           |
| LEAF                                     |           | -                |                    |           |
| FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT                     |           | -                |                    |           |
| BEQUEST                                  |           | -                |                    |           |
| TOTAL INCOME:                            |           | <u>24,025.03</u> | 24,025.03          |           |
| EXPENSES:                                |           |                  |                    |           |
| PAYMENT ON LINE OF CREDIT LOAN           |           | -                |                    |           |
| CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES               |           | <u>31,389.99</u> |                    |           |
|                                          |           |                  | <u>(31,389.99)</u> |           |
| NET INCOME                               |           |                  | <u>(7,364.96)</u>  |           |
| BALANCE ON HAND                          | 6/30/2012 |                  |                    | 25,506.74 |

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:      |                  |
| LEAF FUND                    | 757.59           |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND     | 18,645.14        |
| ORGAN REPAIR FUND            | 7,300.00         |
| GENERAL FUND                 | (11,420.99)      |
| CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND | <u>10,225.00</u> |
| TOTAL:                       | 25,506.74        |

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

Total balance in all funds \$25,506.74 - Total balance in General Fund -\$11,420.99 (negative balance)

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|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>BUILDING FUND:</u>            |          |                 |                 |
| BALANCE ON HAND                  | 6/1/2012 |                 | 14,068.85       |
| DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*  |          | 6,290.66        |                 |
| FUND RAISERS                     |          | 70.40           |                 |
| ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND        |          | -               |                 |
| THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS          |          | -               |                 |
| TOTAL INCOME:                    |          | <u>6,361.06</u> | 6,361.06        |
| EXPENSES:                        |          |                 |                 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                  |          |                 | -               |
| MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT        |          |                 | (3,000.00)      |
| INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES        |          |                 | (250.00)        |
| PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID |          |                 | -               |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                    |          |                 | <u>3,111.06</u> |
| BALANCE ON HAND                  | 6/30/12  |                 | 17,179.91       |

\*\*\*THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR JULY IS \$3,250.00.

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| GENERAL FUND                           |                   |                   |
| BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES |                   | (183,868.02)      |
| RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES  |                   | <u>177,041.73</u> |
|                                        | UNDER             | (6,826.29)        |
| DEBT OWING 6/30/2012                   |                   |                   |
| SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB             | 33,943.90         |                   |
| PRIVATE LOANS                          | <u>250,000.00</u> |                   |
|                                        | 283,943.90        |                   |
| OPERATIONAL LOAN                       | <u>17,885.00</u>  |                   |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | 301,828.90        |                   |
| NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN                   | -                 |                   |
| TOTAL LOANS                            | <u>301,828.90</u> |                   |

# August 2012

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|                                                                                                                     |                                                             |                                                                                                                              | 1<br>CEA 5:30 p.m.<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m.                                                   | 2<br>Ministry of Education<br>5:30 p.m. | 3                                               | 4                                            |
| 5<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.                                                 | 6                                                           | 7<br><b>Afternoon Circle</b><br>1:30 p.m.<br><br>Loons Game<br>7 p.m.                                                        | 8<br><b>Morning Circle</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Quilting Day<br>1:30 p.m.<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m. | 9<br>School Board<br>5:30 p.m.          | 10                                              | 11                                           |
| 12<br><b>Worship Service</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.<br><br>Pastor leaves for<br>NALC Convocation | 13<br>Office returns to full<br>time hours<br><br>-----CORE | 14<br>Executive 6 p.m.<br>Council 7 p.m.<br><br><b>NALC Conference and NALC Convocation in Minneapolis</b> -----             | 15                                                                                                     | 16                                      | 17                                              | 18<br>Pastor Tim returns<br>from Minneapolis |
| 19<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.                                                | 20                                                          | 21<br><b>Men's Bible Study</b><br>7 p.m.<br><b>Bay Cafe</b>                                                                  | 22<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m.                                                                   | 23<br>Worship & Music<br>7 p.m.         | 24                                              | 25                                           |
| 26<br><b>Worship Service</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:45 a.m.<br>121st Anniversary<br>of Cross Lutheran    | 27<br><b>Opening Chapel</b><br>6:30 p.m.                    | 28<br>First Day of School<br>Pre-School Open<br>House 5 - 7 p.m.<br>Mission / Outreach<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Stewardship<br>7 p.m. | 29<br><b>Comm. Service</b><br>7 p.m.                                                                   | 30                                      | 31<br>No School<br>Office open<br>9 a.m. - Noon |                                              |



## Bits & Pieces

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the difference  
can make.

### Want to help support Cross Lutheran School?

Here's an easy opportunity for you! Look for the pink Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products throughout grocery, discount and club stores. All you need to do is clip it from the package and place it in the box outside the secretary's office. We'll take care of the rest.

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### Thumb Breadbasket

The next distribution date is Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8:30—10:30 a.m.

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### The Huron County Baby Pantry

is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Baby Pantry is located at 111 N. Hanselman St., in Bad Axe. They offer clothes, diapers, formula, food and other baby supplies free of charge. There is no income requirements.

The baby pantry is always accepting donations of diapers, wipes, formula and baby supplies. Please call Peggy at 551-2561 for more information.

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. till Noon. Regular hours return August 13.

