



Cross Connection

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**Cross Evangelical
Lutheran Church &
School**

200 Ruppert Street

**Pigeon, MI 48755-
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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

My dear family of Cross,

The Lenten season is once again upon us. Lent is the traditional time in which each one of us takes a 40 day journey. It is a journey where we reflect upon our relationship with God, our relationship with others, and our relationship with our selves. It is a journey that starts on Ash Wednesday and finishes on that glorious Easter morning.

Lent is threefold, Ash Wednesday, the journey, and Easter. Question; which of these three is the longest? Ash Wednesday and Easter are well defined, have significant meaning, and mark the beginning and end of Lent. Shouldn't the journey also be well defined and have significant meaning? Shouldn't the journey provide moments where our relationship with God changes our lifestyles? Shouldn't the journey expose our sinfulness while at the same time provide our salvation in Jesus Christ? With all that and more, it seems that the journey is highly significant and well defined.

The journey of life is of the same nature. Birth and death, beginning and end are well defined and have significant meaning. The journey in between is not well defined but highly significant. There are many roads to take, signs that steer us one way or another, road side stops, dead ends, detours, pot holes, and just plain being lost. What then in the journey during Lent and in life is there that will always lead us in the right direction? What GPS do we use in order to always lead us in the right direction and tell us "re-calculating" when there is a road block or we veer off track?

Jesus Christ is the GPS to follow. ^{NRS}
Luke 9:23 *Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.* In this journey of Lent and journey of life, we need Jesus Christ to constantly be with us no matter where we go. ^{KJV}
Psalm 23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow*

of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. As he leads and guides us through good and bad times, at the same time we grow in our relationship with him. We gain a deeper understanding of what it is like to live a lifestyle in Jesus Christ. To live that lifestyle constantly requires us to "re-calculate" the road we are on. It also requires us to change even though it seems utterly wrong in our minds and others to do so. However, if Jesus Christ is our GPS for Lent and life, we know this; Jesus Christ will never lead us to where we will fail. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God will not support us. ^{NRS}
2 Corinthians 5:7 *for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

This Lenten season, enjoy the journey. Let Jesus Christ be your daily GPS. Fall into his arms of grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness. Let Jesus Christ change your life style that reflects the glory of God our Father.
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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Worship Schedule

March 6 – 5th Transfiguration Sunday

1R – Exodus 24:12-18
 P – Psalm 2
 2R – 2 Peter 1:16-21
 G – Matthew 17:1-9
 Hymns: LBW# 89, 518, 76
 Communion Hymns: LBW# 197, 198, 199, 203

March 9 – Ash Wednesday

1R – Joel 2:1-17

P – Psalm 51:1-17
 2R – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 G – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 13 – 1st Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 P – Psalm 32
 2R – Romans 5:12-19
 G – Matthew 4:1-11
 Hymns: LBW # 291, 343, 230
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 105, 93, 487, 126

March 20 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

1R – Genesis 12:1-4a
 P – Psalm 121
 2R – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 G – John 3:1-17

Hymns: LBW # 291, 504, 559
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 213, 214, 496, 300

March 27 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

1R – Exodus 17:1-7
 P – Psalm 95
 2R – Romans 5:1-11
 G – John 4:5-42
 Hymns: LBW # 104, 356, 480
 Communion Hymns: LBW # 94, WOV #702, 701, 706

VOTE AND DISCERNMENT ON ELCA

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT – The 2nd vote to determine the direction Cross will take involving our membership with the ELCA Synod is Sunday, March 6. The vote will take place following the 9:30 a.m. worship service with the same format as the first vote. If you didn't vote in the first vote last December, you CAN STILL vote in

these elections. If the vote passes by a 2/3 majority, a second "called" meeting will immediately follow in order to vote to join the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) synod. For more information on these meetings, please see the salmon colored letter in your mailbox. A written copy of Rev. Dr. Ron Warren's presentation of Feb. 20 is in each mailbox.

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NRS **Matthew 5:48** *Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. And if you fall short of the glory of God, don't worry, Jesus Christ will "re-calculate" for us and lead us back on the right track.*

God's speed
 Pr Tim

CHRISTIAN CONCERT

del Rey Promotions presents: "Rise Up" – John Reuben, the Matt Moore Band and Josh THO from the FUSE-FM radio station, 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 at the Bay City State

theatre, 913 Washington Ave., Bay City. Tickets are \$7 at the box office or by phone 989-892-2660 or online at www.statetheatrebaycity.com

In Memory/In Honor

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

In memory of **Meta Farver**, for Cross Lutheran Church by Mary Szedlak.

In memory of **Carolyn Stirrett** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

In memory of **Chuck Edler**, for Cross Lutheran Church by Fred and Margaret Edler.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by Dennis and Carol Diener.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Kathleen Engelhard.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by David and Peg McCrimmon.

In memory of **Ginny Mill** for Cross Lutheran Music Fund by David and Peg McCrimmon.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by Art Woekle.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by Ray and Elaine Licht.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran School by Orin and Frances Engelhardt.

In memory of **Carolyn Stirrett** for Cross Lutheran School by Nancy Schuette and family.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran School by Clarence and Inez Buchholz.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Darryl

and Carla Lambertson.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Grace Steiss and family.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Phillip and Carolyn Juengel.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Della Gettel.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Irva Bock.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Tom & Joyce Jahr.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by John and Mary Schippel.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Mr. and Mrs. Don Parsell.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Roy and Beverly Schairer.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Mildred Knight.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Ruth Chiotti.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Alice Draschel.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Jerry Nitz.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Ward and Lorna Perket.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for

Cross Lutheran Church by Barbara and Clark Eidt.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Rhonda and Earl King.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Patricia Pomerville.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Diane Holland.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Carol Schairer.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Eldon Dietzel.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Ron and Jenny Martens.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Doug and Ruth Brenner.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Vic and Bev Dressler.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Donna Klaus.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Neva Finkbeiner.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Larry Jamieson.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Raymond and Elaine Buchholz.

In memory of **Chuck Edler** for Cross Lutheran Church by Nancy Schuette and family.

Celebrate



March Birthdays

- 3/1 Robin Buschlen
- 3/3 Wayne Anderson
Al Licht
- 3 /4 Mark Fritz
Larry Smith
- 3/5 Bonnie Schulz
- 3/6 Joshua Barry
Peggy Licht
Kevin Ohlrogge
- 3/7 Leanne Schuette
Aaron Smith
- 3/8 Ben Smith
Chad Sturm
- 3/9 Eleanor Schadd
- 3/11 Loranzie Deer
Jim Pionk
Alexis Schuette
- 3/12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 3/13 Brian Edler
Josh Heck
Joshua Kunisch
- 3/14 Ray Licht
Charles Schuette
- 3/16 Lindsay Hutchin
son
- 3/17 June Sturm
- 3/18 Chad Hunders
marck
Carrie Mancini
- 3/22 Alissa Peterson
- 3/23 Danielle Irion
Tressa Schulze
- 3/24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 3/25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley
Trowbridge

- 3/26 Terry Collison
Greg Prill
- 3/27 Nicholas Trost
- 3/28 Lonnie Schulz
- 3/29 Hannah Harder
Martin Knost
Jim Licht
- 3/30 Jeff Buchholz
Roberta Danks
Olga Renn
Kobain Smith

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



March Anniversaries

- 3/9 Dorothy & Walter Rummel (20th)
- 3/10 Greg & Aileen Prill (4th)
- 3/12 Mike & Mary Otto (28th)
- 3/13 Fred & Lois Chisholm (58th)
- 3/24 Larry & Barb Degg (32nd)
- 3/30 Hazen & Arlene Fritz (37th)

Remember our Shut-ins:

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

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lillian Koehler, Roger Fritz, Anne Anderson, Mike Trost, April Rujan, Edna Diebel, Clara Story (Linda Shope's mother), Tina Smith, Elizabeth Marie & Evelyn Florence Hill (twin daughters of Jill Gardy), Sharon Dietzel, Cathy Ruthenberg, Kurt Anderson, Eunice Richmond, Lester Otto (Mike Eden's brother's father-in-law), Dorothy Hafner, Fran & Jim Laursen, Harvey Weiss, Cheryl Merlington, Andrea Harder, Blaize Webber, Betty Schulze, Dennis Diener, Harold Deering, Marge Krause, 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:

Zac Collins son of Perry & Tiffany Collins and **Matt Bolzman**, a Navy Seabee are serving their country in Afghanistan. Please pray for the safety of these young men and also all service members and their families as they are separated.



School News

School Calendar



March 1-6	Scholastic Book Fair
March 2	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
March 3	School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
March 5	Cross Carnival
March 7-11	Lutheran School Week
March 9	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
March 12	Spelling Bee 9 a.m. at Our Savior, Marlette
March 14	No School – Laker PD day
March 16	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
March 17	Kindergarten Roundup
March 23	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
March 28	Stanford Testing
March 30	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
March 31	Music Palooza

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Third Grade

Emma Irion*
James Rochon

Fourth Grade

Kaitlyn Dowd
Greta Elston*
Grant Gascho
Johnathon Higgins

Fifth Grade

Lance Gascho
Kirsten Shupe

Sixth Grade

Kendal Delpiere
Austin Roestel

Seventh Grade

Isaac Elston
Grace Higgins

Eighth Grade

Travis Roestel*

CEA Meeting

January 18

Present at meeting were Pastor Tim, Maxine Rice, Melissa Helmuth, Norma Hemauer, Melisa Raymond and Stephanie Burgess. Pastor Tim opened with Prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Old Business

Signs for advertising the school are in the works. Family meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. Hungry Howie fundraiser is being wrapped up.

New Business

Krispy Kreme fundraiser is starting Wednesday, Feb. 23. Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, March 5. Norma is looking into the free paper for advertising. Melisa R. will make poster signs. Christmas Fair for next year was brought to attention by Melissa H. May also try to incorporate a bake sale into the mix as well. Rachel has taken another job and will be leaving the secretary position, a coffee hour will be held here at the church on her last day of work January 28.

Walk-a-thon/Treasure Hunt is being scheduled tentative for May 31. Field Day has been set for May 20. Next CEA Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1:30pm.

From Aaron Shupe

Joomiraado on ko Ngaynaako

Relentless pain. Rampant disorder. Perpetual heartbreak. Utter confusion. Seething bitterness. ... Hopelessness.

One doesn't have to look far to witness a scene painted by one

of these descriptions above.

After praying for person after person in a particular village the last few days, hearing story after story, life after life; I've come to have a pretty complex masterpiece of this hanging in my mind.

From chronic all-body pains and ugly flesh wounds to broken marriages and stolen cows the Fulani know well the brokenness of this world.

We know from our own lives the brokenness all around us, bombarding us, perhaps even within us. The words, in Pular, as the subject of this email, are, "The Lord, the Shepherd." The Shepherd. One who cares for his sheep. One who looks after. One who helps. One who provides. One who guides. One who saves.

This is actually the 'theme title' of Pular calendars with scripture verses we are sharing this year to those who are in such desperate need of a loving Father and shepherd. An incredible message of saving hope to us, a needy people.

Thanks so much for praying for us these last few weeks.

Please continue to pray for us as we go throughout this month as I'm here till March 9.

Also please pray for Jamie and Jehshelle (and us with their absence) as they return to the States right now as Jamie's dad appears near to death.

In Him our Hope,

Aaron

In case you didn't catch an earlier email or don't quite remember what's up: I'm back in West Africa for a couple months visiting the Hoflands and helping out with the 'trekking ministry' I had been part of before. The Hofland kids are whom I had taught when I was here.

March Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
March 6 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Vivian Buschlen	Leanne Smith	John Trowbridge	Brian Delpierre Phil Schadd Ron Schulz Ken Schulze Tom Shupe Bob Tate John Trowbridge	Laura Trost
March 9 7 p.m.	Paul Schuette	Peg McCrimmon		John Trowbridge		Peg McCrimmon
March 13 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Carol Diener	Ray Licht	Norm Nelson		Delores Lange
March 20 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Connie Eden	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette		Carol Diener
March 27 9:30 a.m.	Rick Landry	Sue Loehrke	Aileen Prill	Phil Schadd		Marilyn Baur

LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD

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!

Obituary

Charles "Chuck" W. Edler, Jr.

Charles "Chuck" W. Edler, Jr., 75, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 7, 2011. Chuck was born July 5, 1935 in Owendale, to the late Charles and Frieda (Engelhard) Edler.

He joined the U.S. Army on March 1, 1954 and was honorably discharged on Feb. 13, 1957. In the Army he worked as a Radio Interceptor Operator for the Army Security Agency in Germany.

He married Geraldine "Gerry" Juengel on Sept. 26, 1959 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. He retired from Pontiac Motors as a welder. Chuck was a Eucharistic Minister and member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon and the American Legion No. 293 in Sebewaing. He had many hobbies, including gardening, Ham radio, fishing, visiting casinos, traveling, garage and estate sales, and his annual military

reunions.

He is survived by his beloved wife Geraldine "Gerry" (Juengel) Edler; his loving children, Debra (Rod) Woodworth of Otisville, Ronald (Nicole) Edler of New Orleans, La., and Darrin (Kim) Edler of Cheboygan; proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Tim Woodworth, Jordan, Brennan and Ashton Edler, Megan and Vinnie Edler. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Richard (Faye) Juengel of Sebewaing, and many loving nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Jamieson.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. Burial was at Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Cross Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Council Meeting Minutes



January 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by Acting President Terry Sturm at 7:03 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Paul and Karen Schuette, Kevin Trost, Lorraine LePage, Ray Licht, Mike Fritz, Pastor Loehrke, Terry Sturm, Krisie Fritz, and Nancy Heck. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Ray Licht to approve the minutes as presented, Lorraine LePage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke reviewed his written report with everyone present and thanked everyone for the time off between Christmas and New Years. Pastor advised that he will be conducting a New Members Class starting in February and 1st Communion Classes will start in March. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Pastor had 10 Teachings, 16 Communions, 4 Hospital Visits, 20 Home Visits, 13 Meetings, and 11 Services in the month of December.
- Sunday, Feb. 6, Bishop John Schleicher, ELCA, will be here to preach and hold a Q&A forum concerning Cross' vote to leave the ELCA.
- Sunday, Feb. 20, Rev. Dr. Ron Warren, NALC, will be here to wor-

ship with us and hold a Q&A forum about the newly formed North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Synod.

- Sunday, Feb. 27, Youth Sunday.

Clark & Barb Eidt, and the Lakin family have withdrawn their membership.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Report given by Pastor Loehrke. Highlights of his report were as follows:

- Basketball tournament was held Jan. 8 & 9. All went well.
- Complete Basketball Schedule is on the School web site.
- Friday, Jan. 21, marks the end of the 1st semester.
- School Board Meeting is rescheduled for Feb. 1, at 5:30 p.m., due to a basketball game on Feb. 3.
- Feb. 14-18, winter break, no school.

Feb. 21, no school, Laker Professional Development day.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Report given by Pastor Loehrke, which is included in the Principal's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Total income was reported at \$ 32,713.91 with a total income and beginning balance of \$ 64,716.45 and total expenses of \$ 33,110.54 with a balance on hand as of 12/31/2010 of \$31,605.91. Cross Evangelical Lutheran Building Fund showed a balance of \$ 3,129.27 on 12/31/2010. Ray Licht moved to accept the Treasurer's report and

seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette reviewed his report for the period of 1/1/2010 through 12/31/2010, with everyone present. His report showed for 2010, Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$278,731.65; Budgeted amount was \$267,868.12; so the contributions at the end of the year were \$10,863.53 over budget. Other monies received throughout the year were as follows:

Building Fund	\$20,347.25
Benevolence	\$ 9,196.94
Other Donations	\$11,154.93

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Ray Licht reviewed his report with everyone present. Ray stressed to council that giving must continue into the new year and thought it might be a good idea to speak to the congregation to thank them for giving, but giving must continue in 2011. Ray also provided the 2011 Special Benevolence Offerings Schedule. Motion was moved by Ray Licht for acceptance; Nancy Heck seconded the motion to approve the Schedule, Motion carried. June Sturm will put a copy of the 2011 Special Benevolence Offerings Schedule in each member's mail box

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Karen Schuette reviewed her report with everyone present. Her main concern is getting Pastor Tim's mic fixed or replaced.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: No chairperson at this time, no report given.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH: No chairperson at this time, no report given.

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Kevin Trost reviewed his report with everyone present. He also advised the group that Leanne Smith was assisting with organizing a fish fry in February.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Mike Fritz was present and asked if he was entitled to a key. Council agreed that he should have a key, and he will speak to Troy Schuette.

Pastor informed him that there was an issue regarding the boy's bathroom urinal over the past weekend and Shetlers were called to fix. Nancy informed him she set up a meeting with the Alarm System for a free estimate, and felt Mike and Terry Sturm should be present with herself on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. Other discussion was had by all present regarding who insures the church and spoke how we only have an alarm system for the school, but not the church.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Parish Life distributed a copy of their report for review. Highlights from their Minutes were as follows:

- Barbara Buchholz and Donna Schuette have agreed to be the contact persons for the Handy Helpers list.
- Adult Bible Study will start on Jan. 23, at the home of Tom and Berniece Shupe, Feb. 20 at the parsonage, and at the home of Terry and June Sturm on March 20. Bible studies will start at 4 p.m., with a potluck and fellowship at 5 p.m.
- Will be starting up a monthly prayer fellowship, please look for an article in the January newsletter.
- Kitchen/Paper Shower scheduled for Sunday, March 20. Please watch newsletter for items in need.
- Parish Life will host the potluck on Feb. 20 for Rev. Warren from NALC.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Lorraine LePage distributed report to everyone present. Lorraine also advised council that Social Services will probably be doing the Easter eggs for Haiti again this year. Highlights from their Minutes were as follows:

- Operation Christmas Child - final tallies for the 2010 project were 330 boxes filled and delivered to Bay Shore Camp.
- Food pantry was very appreciative of the donations received.

Scrip – ministry is contacting local businesses to see if they wish to be added to our program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Nancy Heck for Carol Diener to have on-line viewing access to all loan accounts for Cross Lutheran Church at Bay Port State Bank. Motion was seconded by Kevin Trost. Motion carried.

President's position was discussed by all present. It was felt by council that former presidents should be contacted to see if they would be interested in finishing Tim Fritz's term. Terry Sturm is currently acting, but it will become a problem when farming starts. Terry also advised that he won't be present for the next meeting in February.

Secretary's position - Terry Sturm advised the group that 2 people had applied, 1 from our congregation and 1 from outside our congregation. The Executive Committee felt it should be offered within our congregation first. The Executive Committee interviewed Aileen Prill just before the council meeting this evening. She was offered \$15,500.00, with a review regarding her salary to occur in 6 months.

Terry Sturm advised the group that he would entertain a motion to enable the Executive Committee to hire Aileen Prill for the secretarial position to replace Rachel Higgins, who submitted her resignation letter on January 1, 2011. Aileen can start

on Monday, Jan. 17, which would give her two weeks of training, prior to Rachel's last day on Friday, Jan. 28. Aileen will have the same duties as Rachel had. Ray Licht made the motion, seconded by Lorraine LePage. Motion carried. Pastor Tim will contact Aileen to let her know the results.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor advised that Sunday, March 6, is the earliest date to hold the 2nd vote. Motion was made by Lorraine LePage and seconded by Nancy Heck to set March 6, for the next vote to leave the ELCA. Motion carried.

Bishop Schleicher will preach the Lectionary Sermon on Feb. 6. We will hold a Q&A session following coffee hour.

Rev. Dr. Warren will be here with us on Feb. 20. Pot luck to follow a Q & A session regarding the NALC.

Pastor requested that his lapel mics be fixed or replaced. Pastor is willing to look into this further on his own. Council felt there was a great need to have the mics fixed or replaced and gave Pastor Tim the authority to look into this matter.

Pastor would like Council to look and think towards the future of this Church. What are our Visionary goals? Pastor Tim feels our Youth is a high priority, as well as a Possible Day Care should be revisited. Discussion followed. Nancy Heck and Lorraine LePage agreed to Co-Chair the Committee regarding a Day Care.

Nancy Heck made a Motion to have an ad put in the Thumb Broadcasting – WLEW at the cost of \$40. Lorraine LePage seconded the Motion, motion carried.

COMMUNICIATIONS:

- Note received from Rachel Higgins thanking council for the gift she received.

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Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Vacant, President

Terry Sturm, Vice President (Acting President)

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

Nancy Heck, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

Terry Strum, School Board

Mike Fritz, Properties

Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Ray Licht, Stewardship

Vacant, Education

Vacant, Outreach

Kevin Trost, Youth

Vacant, Parish Life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

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

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

Ministry of Social Ser-

vices

Lorraine LePage, Chair

Krisie Fritz

LouAnn Jarvis

Bonnie Schulz

Kay Schuette

Lori Smith

Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht, Chair

Tom Shupe

June Sturm

Carol Diener

Ministry of Education

Connie Eden

Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith

Kim Fritz

Laura Trost

Ministry of Outreach

Maxine Rice

Stephanie Lakin

Ministry of Youth

Kevin Trost, Chair

Leanne Smith

Rachel Higgins

Alissa Peterson— LYO President

Ministry of Parish Life

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Strum

Inez Buchholz

Rick & Marlene Landry

Alice Trost

Audit Committee

Suzie Swanson

Mike LePage

Kent McKenzie

Leanne Schuette

Peter Shupe

Nominating Committee

Kent McKenzie

Mike LePage

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

Terry Sturm, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President

Gretchen Roestel, Secretary

Stephanie Burgess, Treasurer

Norma Hemauer, Non-member rep.

Pastor Tim, Advisor

C.E.A

Maxine Rice-President

Melissa Helmuth-Vice President

Melisa Raymond-Secretary

Stephanie Burgess-Treasurer

Norma Hemauer-Non-member Representative

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- Card received from Gwynne Barry thanking council for the gift she received.

- Letter of Resignation received from Rachel Higgins.

Letter from Clark and Barb Eidt.

GUESTS PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: 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 everyone. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education is actively seeking a director for our Vacation Bible School, tentatively set for July 18-21.

Ministry News

Stewardship Ministry

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – 7 p.m.

The following members were present; Ray Licht, Chairman; Nancy Heck, Church Treasurer; Paul Schuette,

Financial Secretary; Tom Shupe; June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer and Pastor Tim Loehrke.

Pastor Tim opened with prayer. Ray Licht called the meeting to order. Minutes- June Sturm, Secretary read the minutes and they were approved. Benevolence Treasurer's Report- Read and approved. Included in minutes.

-A motion was made by Paul Schuette that ½ of the World Hunger on account (\$690.00) be donated to "Kids Against Hunger". Seconded by Tom Shupe. Motion carried. The "Kids Against Hunger" project will be held at Cross in March.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy reported that Cross is doing okay financially.

Financial Secretary – Paul, that offerings have been good the past three Sundays. He also stated that progress is being made on collecting delinquent tuitions for the school.

This year's tuition are current.

Other comments-

Stressed again the importance of being good stewards of God's bounty.

Adjourned with the Lord's

Prayer at 7:45 p.m.. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

Worship and Music Ministry

The Worship and Music Ministry met on Jan. 20, at 7 pm. Members present were Delores Lange, Vivian Buschlen, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim and Karen Schuette.

We discussed Sunday and mid-week Lenten services. Ash Wednesday will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. We will be using a drama series for the 5 Wednesday services. During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday service will include foot washing and Holy Communion. Pastor suggested a Tenebrae service in the evening, rather than the afternoon service. The Easter Vigil will begin after the conclusion of the Tenebrae. We discussed service time(s) for Easter Sunday. We will decide in February.

About 80 people attended the concert in December (during the snow storm). We received \$276 in donations which was designated to buy music for Easter. December 11, 2011 was set as the date for the concert this year.

We discussed the possibility of doing a variety show again and briefly discussed the 120th Anniversary. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 pm.

Youth Ministry

February 9, 2011

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Kevin Trost- Chair, Pr. Tim, Leanne Smith, John & Linda Shope and Rachel Higgins.

Offering for Souper Bowl collection was \$359.90. This offering will support the Saginaw Soup Kitchen.

Bank Account: Aileen Prill and Linda Shope have agreed to be on the bank records for the LYO account at Bay Port State Bank. Greg Prill's name will come off of the account.

Grades 1-6

On Feb. 13, a sledding outing is scheduled at the Pigeon Recreation Park if the weather permits otherwise we will have games in the Cross gym.

The Pigeon Chamber of Commerce has sent an invitation to participate in the Farmer's Festival.

Fish Fry Fundraiser: Feb. 25

Tickets can be pre-sold, advertising has been done, set-up is scheduled for Thur., Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Camp Michi-Lu-Ca

There are 5 Confirmation students and 6 senior high students registered to attend camp.

First choice: Week # 4, July 10 – 15

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Second choice: Week #2, June 26 – July 1

Forms will be submitted to camp by Feb. 15 to receive discounted rates.

Youth Sunday will be Feb. 27. Youth are being contacted to fill positions in worship service.

Easter Breakfast: Awaiting schedule from Worship & Music Ministry to begin planning.

Senior Quilts: Cutting for quilts is complete. Sewing for the quilts is still being finished.

Cornerstone Concert: In order to accommodate their full schedule Cornerstone has decided to rotate churches to an every other year program so they are not available in 2011 to be at Cross.

Next meeting is Wed., March 16 at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Opportunities for youth!

We will again have an opportunity for students Confirmation and Senior high to **volunteer at the Soup Kitchen in Saginaw on March 14th**. Please let Leanne Smith or Pastor Tim know if you can go. We can only take 5-6 students this time so call ASAP! We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 8:15 am. and returning to the church around 1:30. Permission slips will be on the youth bulletin board to pick up, fill out and place in Leanne Smith's mailbox by March 6th.

Winter Jam concert at the Dow Event Center 6:00 pm. More information on the youth bulletin board! Call Rachel Higgins or Kevin Trost if you need a ride.

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Esther Circle** will meet for their March Circle meeting on Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at church.

The **Rebecca Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Group

Men's Bible study & fellowship takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The group will meet March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Port Inn.

United Christians In Prayer

will meet Fri. March 4 at 1:30 pm at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church on Geiger Rd. Guest speaker will be a representative from Safe Place - A Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Abuse. A free-will offering will be taken. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Alternate date for inclement weather is Fri. March 11 at 1:30 pm. For further information please contact Betty Shetler @ 453-2577 or Norma King @ 453-3026.

Christian Parenting Day

will be Saturday, April 16 at Laker High School in Pigeon. After the continental breakfast, Dr. Tedd Tripp will start his workshops based on the parenting classic *Shepherding A Child's Heart*. This free event begins at 8:30 am and continues through the five workshops ending about 3 pm. Free childcare is supervised by a Christian certified teacher for youngsters up to 12. All details about children's lunch, the catered lunch for adults, the titles of the sessions and more are at www.christianparentingday.com, or please call Bernice at (989)269-8443.

Food of the Month is: PASTA!!



ATTENTION!! – The Pigeon Food Pantry is in need of pasta items. Check the cupboards - if you have extra spaghetti, rigatoni, lasagna, mostaccioli, linguini, mac & cheese, or the like please feel free to place them in the Food Pantry donation box near the east entrance doors. Paper products like tissues and toilet paper also needed, but NOT paper towels at this time.

Sunday School

We are looking for additional Sunday School teachers for the fall of 2011. We can also use substitute teachers. We have a new "shared" format this year. Please give this much prayer and thought. Call Connie Eden, superintendent, at 453-3480 for information.

Coffee Fellowship

March 6 – Parish Life

March 13 – Decorating Committee

March 20 – Parish Life

Special Dates:

- World Day of Prayer, March 4
- Transfiguration, March 6
- Ash Wednesday, March 9
- First Sunday in Lent, March 13
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 13
- Second Sunday in Lent, March 20
- First Day of Spring, March 20
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 27

Odds & Ends

Kitchen Shower

Parish Life is once again sponsoring a "Kitchen Shower" to stock our pantry with supplies for the Coffee Fellowship and other church events. Please join us on Sunday, March 20 for some special treats to say "Thank you". Items can be brought in that day or dropped off anytime in the over-flow room. Below you will find a list of much needed items.

- Plastic forks
- plastic spoons
- Kleenex
- dish soap
- Small paper plates
- napkins
- liquid hand soap
- paper towels

Altar or Special Occasion Flowers

There will be a new sign up sheet on the board if you'd like to request special flowers in Honor or in Memorial. The cost is \$15 for one vase or \$30 for two. We request that you give us at least one week notice so they may be ordered. After the service you may take them home if you wish. For further information please see Louann Jarvis or Bonnie Schultz.

Easter Flowers

In a few weeks we will once again have the list of various spring flowers to purchase to

decorate the Chancel area on Easter morning. Watch your Sunday bulletin for the order form.

Lenten Potlucks

We will once again be having our Wednesday night potlucks during Lent, prior to the 7 p.m. service. Please join us at 6 p.m. to enjoy a light meal and good fellowship.

There is no set menu just strictly "potluck" which makes for a fun meal. Come and en-

**Save Your Items For
Cross Church Garage
Sale
June 16th – 18th**



joy! The first potluck will be Wed., March 16.

Operation Shoebox

In support of National Dental Month, we'll be collecting toothbrushes and tooth paste during the next month!

YOUTH – 1-6

The Youth will be going bowling Sunday, March 13 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Green Meadow Lanes in Sebewaing. Cost per game is \$1; shoe rental is \$1. Meet at the church at 12:30

p.m. if you want to car pool. If you have question, please call Kim Delpiere at 453-2346.

Thumb Breadbasket

The next bi-monthly distribution date is Saturday, March 12 at Laker Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Setup is 7 a.m. Help is always appreciated!

Kid's Carnival

Saturday, March 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Cross Lutheran School. Plan on joining us for a family fun night which includes events such as a cake walk, carnival kid games, balloons, and raffles for both kids and adults, inflatable jump house, refreshments and a



scholastic book sale. Proceeds from this event goes to support Cross Lutheran School.

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. It's amazing how such a small effort can add funds to support our kids Christian education!