

Cross Connection

Growing together

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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 Mike

2018 NALC CONVOCAATION REPORT

They told us we were in Denver (actually Aurora, CO), but you would be hard pressed to prove it by me. Mostly what I saw was hotels, restaurants, office and apartment buildings. Only as I was leaving on Saturday did I see in the distance some hazy outline of mountains. The reason we couldn't see much of the mountains, I was told, was because of the California wildfires. (By the way, NALC Disaster Response is taking donations to help victims of those fires.)

I attended the continuing education theology lectures during the first 24 hours, then the convocation proper. The theme was the Holy Spirit. That was the focus of both the lectures and the speakers at the convocation. We also heard frequent references to the Spirit throughout the week.

NALC convocations don't do a whole lot of

actual business. I think the benefit to me was more in the networking that is available. You meet lots of folks from all over the US and Canada. You get to speak with and ask questions one-on-one of all sorts of people. I met and sat at a table with the other Michigan pastors and their delegates. I got to know them through both the group discussions and the casual conversation. I also saw lots of folks from previous congregations I've served.

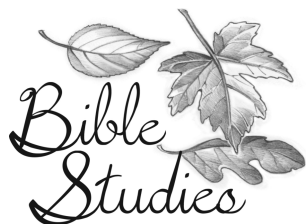
This coming year will be a year of transition for the NALC. Bishop Bradosky has announced he will be retiring at the end of his term in 2019. So next year we will be electing a new bishop at our meeting in Indianapolis. It will be very important to have a full complement of both pastors and lay delegates at this assembly. In addition, Dr. Amy Schirrin has announced that she will be step-



ping down as president of our seminary, so that she can concentrate on teaching before her contemplated retirement in 2022 or so. Our Board of Regents will be forming a search committee to find a new president who can focus on the primary duties of that office, administration and fundraising.

Speaking of funds, due to some major gifts, the seminary is in fine shape right now. The NALC as a whole, not quite as much. But in the past year benevolence increased by 7.8%, our largest year to year increase ever. An increase this year of even half that much will bring our budget of \$2.1 million into balance. Still, it was disappointing to learn that 27% of our churches are sending in zero be-
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Preparing for Worship at Cross



Oct. 7 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 2:18-24

P – Psalm 8

2R – Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

G – Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 14 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

P – Psalm 90:12-17

2R – Hebrews 4:12-16

G – Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 21 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Isaiah 53:4-12

P – Psalm 91:9-16

2R – Hebrews 5:1-10

G – Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 28 – Reformation Sunday

1R – Jeremiah 31:31-34

P – Psalm 46

2R – Romans 3:19-28

G – John 8:31-36

Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others. The Spartan UPC program has ended so we are no longer collecting them. Please con-

tinue to save the IGA UPC's and the Box Tops for Education.

Pigeon Food Pantry

Children need a nutritious start to the school day. Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup are good options. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside

the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

Communion Bread

We really need people to help with baking the communion bread. A sign up sheet is in the hall on the bulletin board along with the easy recipe.

Choir Schedule:

Choirs will practice on Oct. 1, 15, 22, & 29. Bells at 6:30 p.m. / Choir at 7:30 p.m.



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nevolence, and many are far below the requested level of 5% of offerings (including Cross).

I learned the answer to two questions people have been asking me. One was, how many other NALC churches have parochial schools (not just preschools or after-school programs)? The answer is two, one in Wisconsin, the other in Florida.

The other is about the likelihood of getting good candidates at Cross. Pastor David

Wendel, assistant to the bishop, assured me there would probably be 3 or 4 good candidates right off the bat. Also, there is a fairly healthy crop of seminarians. Pastor Mark Chavez, the general secretary, says our ratio of seminarians to the number of congregations is better than most denominations, including the ELCA and the Missouri Synod. There were eleven ordinations in the NALC last year, pretty good for a denomination of 425 congregations.

And of course there were lots of other reports and speakers. If you want to know something, ask me! Traveling is a pain and tiring, but all in all, I think it's worth the trip. Of course, in 2019 in Indianapolis and 2020 in Pittsburgh, we'll be a lot closer.

– Pastor Mike Tamorria



Celebrate



Birthdays

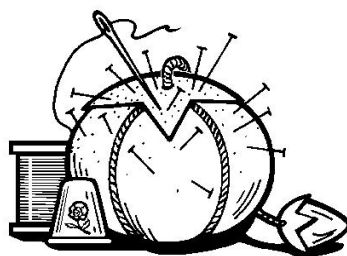
- 1 Rachel Messing
- 2 Rebecca Yackle
- 4 Laura Trost
- 6 Susanne Swanson
- 7 Lois Geppert
Don Heck
Chad Smith
- 9 Rachel Higgins
- 10 Fred Edler
- 11 Jennifer Sturm
- 19 Cooper LePage
- 20 Todd Roestel
- 22 Carol Forster
- 23 Dolores Elftman
Krisie Fritz
- 24 Marvin Trost
Lois Decker
Justin Kunisch
- 26 Jill Hill
Kacey Peterson
Jonathan LePage
Joshua LePage
- 28 Ann Buschlen
Carole Mead
- 29 Doralee Schulz
- 30 Emily House
Ava Gardy

- 31 Marlena Rosenthal
Austin Schuette

Anniversaries

- 1 Fred & Margret Edler, 57 years
- 2 Brian & Kim Delpiere, 24 years
- 7 Dan & Deb Papkey, 39 years

- 11 Corey & Rachel Messing, 9 yrs
- 13 Larry & Gina Smith, 37 years
- 24 Terry & June Sturm, 46 years



Jean Quilts for High School Seniors will meet **Thursday, October 4th and 18th**. If you are interested in cutting, sewing, tying, creating, pinning or ironing, join us in the overflow at church. Bring machine, cutting tools, and a heart for service. We will meet from 1:00—5:00 p.m.— come and go whenever you like between those times. Questions - call Sheila Yackle or Leanne Smith.

- October 7th: Pastor Mike
- October 14th: Pastor Mike
- October 21st:
- October 28th: Pastor Mike



Remember our Shut-ins:

Gloria Anderson, Ray Buchholz, Fred Edler, Gloria Lewis, Ruth Schuette & Elaine Licht

Please Remember in Prayer:

Bill Gray (father of Lisa Gray), Peggy Koehler, Tiffany Swartzen-

druber, Allen Koehler, Mary Champion, sister of Betty Licht, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm, Eunice Richmond, Kim Edler (daughter-in-law of Gerry Edler), & Brandea Fritz.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz Stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC and Ryan Schulz stationed at Cherry Point, NC. Both are Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

School News

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Chapel 12:45 pm
- 4 CEA 4:45 pm
- 4 School Board
5:30 p.m.
- 10 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 13 Family Fun Night
- 17 Chapel 8 a.m.
TALL Steam Day (Art Day)
- 19 1/2 day of school
- 24 Chapel 8 a.m.
- 31 Chapel 8 a.m.



From the Desk of ... Susan Hass

I am the voice of Cross School this month. I mentally surveyed many topics from noting observations about the season's change, to describing the changes in the staff and additions to the curriculum at Cross, but instead leaned in an entirely different direction. I hope this speaks to you. Susan Hass, Title I Support Teacher

After a heart-wrenching divorce and accompanying financial loss, my brother's faith never faltered, in fact, the whole brutal experience may have strengthened him spiritually.

He was finally able to buy a

small house. His business of resale articles and antiques gave him knowledge of the worth of many household goods and by visiting estate and garage sales; he was able to furnish his new home with style on a dime!

As he shopped at one sale, he noticed a serviceable washer and dryer at a sensible price, but he had a gas dryer in mind and this one was electric, so he wavered on its purchase. At the same sale, he looked longingly at two sturdy and practical cedar armoires that could find a place in his new house, but they were a bit pricey.

Mike consciously gave over the possible purchase of these items to God, by deciding that if they were still available and he still wanted them after he stopped at another sale, he would buy them. Coming back to the first sale, he watched with pleasure as a young couple laid down their cash with smiles on their faces and made plans with the owner to pick up the washer and dryer. Mike smiled, too, pleased that the newlyweds had reliable appliances to

start their new life, and that God had worked out the details for both them and him. He took the stairs up to the main floor to see if the cedar pieces were still there. They were, indeed, and he made an offer for the pair. The owner accepted—a deal that served both buyer and seller. Mike remarked to me that he was so aware that God is in all the workings of our lives, even to arranging our house-keeping if we only step aside and let Him. What a tender and loving heavenly Father to whom we can appeal every large and small decision and movement in our lives.



The next Family Fun Night will be on **October 13th.**

A **"Fall Harvest Party"** will be at the home of Kevin & Lori Trost.

Come join in the fun!!

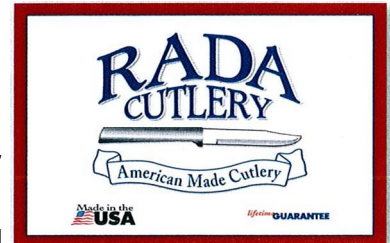
October Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Oct. 7 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Karen Schuette	Leanne Smith	Paul Schuette	Jeff Elston, Mike LePage, Norm Nelson, Kent McKenzie, Bob Tate	Jean Sturm	Grace Trost
Oct. 14 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Wes Trowbridge	Vicki Yackle	John Trobridge		Carol Die-ner	Grace Shupe
Oct. 21 9:30 a.m.	Mike Sting	Connie Eden	Karen Schuette				Kyle Briggs
Oct. 28 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Lori Smith	Leanne Smith	Norm Nelson		Jean Sturm	Chandler Rosenthal

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!

RADA for Sale! 100% USA Made & Backed by a Lifetime Guarantee

Kitchen knives, Cooking utensils and other kitchen products make amazing gifts for weddings, anniversaries, Christmas, house warmings and birthdays!



We will be selling Rada Cutlery from **October 1st thru November 15th** to raise money for Cross School Hot Lunch Program. This will be our ONLY sale this year. Catalogs and order forms can be found in the overflow area of the church. Completed order forms with checks can be brought in to the church office or given to Marcine Moore. After November 15, an order will be placed and as soon as it arrives (1-2 weeks), you will be notified, and orders can be picked up at the church office. **40%** of the money for this fundraiser comes back to the Cross.

Women's & Men's Group Schedules

Women's Circle will meet Wed., Oct. 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will be Tuesday, Oct. 2 & 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m.



Church Council Minutes



September 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kent McKenzie, at 7:05 PM on the above date. Members present were President Kent McKenzie, Gretchen Roestel, Norm Nelson, Mike LePage, Krisie Fritz, Kim Delpiere, Nancy Schuette and Rachel Higgins. Interim Pastor Mike Tamorria offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to all present. A motion was made by Mike LePage to accept the agenda with adjustments. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Kim Delpiere to approve the minutes as presented. Gretchen Roestel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/ REQUESTS: Paul Schuette was present by request to answer questions concerning the church constitution and discuss the prior trustee position. Gretchen Roestel made a motion to have Paul Schuette outline what the position would entail so that it can be presented clearly to the congregation and decisions can be made as to whether or not it should be reinstated. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Faupel was present as principal of the school and addressed all present to open lines of communication and make himself available for any questions concerning the school.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed by Mike LePage to all present. Kim Delpiere made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A thank you note from Our Daily Bread Ministry was read by Rachel Higgins thanking Cross for a donation of \$300.

Pastor's Report

Interim Pastor Mike Tamorria shared his experiences at the NALC convocation in Denver, CO that he recently attended.

Pastor Mike informed the board that all shut-ins have been visited again.

He gave a reminder that annual reports will be due soon for auditing.

Principal's Report

Enrollment

K-8: 24 students

Preschool: 20 students

New school staff members are jumping right in and doing an excellent job.

Robotics Club has begun for students in grades 4-8. The club meets after school two days per week. Competitions will begin in November.

Calendar

- 9/16 CEA Bake Sale during Chicken BBQ fundraiser
- 9/19 School Picture Day
- 9/20 CEA Family Softball Game and Pizza Party, 4:30 p.m.
- 9/24 Missionary Visit
- 10/3 Afternoon Chapel, 12:45 pm
- 10/4 School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 10/18 & 10/19 MANS conference in Grand Rapids, 2 staff attending. School in session.
- 11/30 Robotics Tournament at Cross

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

- The refrigerator in the kitchen has been serviced af-

Council Minutes (Cont.)

ter breaking down and has a temporary fix. It will need to be replaced and research is being done to find a replacement.

The carpet in the K-2 and 3-5 grade classrooms is showing heavy wear after 17 years and needs replacing. Research is being done to get prices and find options.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Norm Nelson reported that the ministry will meet on September 24, 2018.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: No report

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Nothing to report

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUTREACH: Report submitted by Krisie Fritz

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Nothing to report

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: No report

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Nancy Schuette submitted report

OLD BUSINESS: Updating membership list

NEW BUSINESS:

- NALC Michigan District meeting in Hubbard Lake for on 10/13 could use a lay delegate or two to go as representatives.

- Karen Kunisch would like to be relieved of scrip card responsibility. We are seeking options of having someone or possibility of a ministry to oversee the program.

- Missionary Kathlee Lutz will be speaking on Sunday, September 23, 2018 and then to the school children on Monday, September 24, 2018.

- Details of the upcoming Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on September, 16 were worked out.

- There was discussion about the Thanksgiving Day service. Interim Pastor Mike will not be in town.

- There was discussion concerning purchases made by the church office and school kitchen. Employees are making purchases with personal funds and then submitting receipts for reimbursement. A motion was made by Gretchen Roestel to get debit cards for the hot lunch program, church office and pastor for business purposes. Krisie Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The Call Committee reported that one candidate has been received and a phone

interview will be set up soon.

Mike LePage made a motion to allocate \$2,500 for David Faupel as payment for taking on the principal position for the school. Kim Delpiere seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2018.

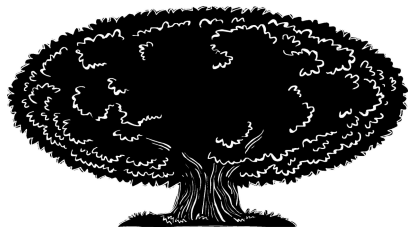
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned and good things from around the room were shared. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Higgins, Secretary



Daylight Savings time ends on November 4th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Memorials & Notes



Memorial Gifts

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

In memory of Raymond Error for Cross Lutheran Church, Building Fund:

Cordelia Trost

In memory of Raymond Error for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Delores Lange

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr. for Cross Lutheran Church

Dave & Betty Auernhamer

Dr. Wayne & Doreen Miller

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Ron & Patti Damm

Bill & Carol Weitzel

Mike & Jeanne Sting

Brian & Sandy Braun

Paul & Karen Schuette

Orlin & Marty Murdoch

Mary Otto

Dave & Peg, Jim & Cozy McCormick

Kent & Lori McKenzie

Jerry & Kathy Adams

Ron & Michelle Bergman

John & Ann Bella

William & Debra Bechler

Alvin & Joann Abbott

John & Diane Kohr

Lisa DiCamillo

Tom & Margaret Spence Miller

Clark & Barb Eidt

Gerald & Marilyn Buchholz

Larry & Gina Smith

Dick & Terri Strieter

Lydia Decker

Phil, Patti & Matthew McNeil

Jack & Pam Sturm

John & Lori Smith

Nancy Schuette & family

Jean Sturm

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr. for Cross Lutheran School:

Joyce Schlamp

Herbert Neurath

Dave & Peg McCrimmon

Ted & Peg Leipprandt

Deann Lewis

Rev. Ronald & Judy Diener

Roberta Danks

In memory of Dennis Diener Sr. for Cross Lutheran Church, Building Fund:

Steve Schulze

Ron & Janet Heckman

Judy Ojala

Glen & Ardra Schaaf

M&M Joseph Ayres

Jeff & Tara Lawrence

Jerry & Bonnie Nowaczyk

Mike & Holly Thick

Allan & Liz Liska

Harry & Louise Swartzen-druber

Delores Lange

James & Suzanne Gavin

Marv & Kathryn Burtney

Gary & Estelle Bernot

Don & Nancy Heck

Mike & Lorraine LePage

Norm & Tinja Nelson

Ruth Schuette

Terry & June Sturm

John Trowbridge

Sheila Yackle

Don & Barb Faupel, David & Kevin

Norma King

Marlin Rathje

Janis Barden

Diana Kausch

Nietzke & Faupel PC

James & Dolly Ricker

Thumb Bank & Trust



We are nearing the end of the fiscal year, which means reports need to be compiled for the Annual Report. All accounting books will need to be into the office by noon on **Tuesday, Oct. 9th** for the auditing committee to review. All written reports will need to be into the office on **Monday, Oct. 15th** for inclusion in the annual report to the congregation. Those reports will be in everyone's mailbox for review on **Sunday, Oct. 21st**. The annual meeting will be held **Sunday, Nov. 4th** after the service.

Ministry Minutes, & More

Mission/Outreach Ministry Minutes

September 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lorraine LePage, who led us in prayer. In attendance were Lorraine, Tonja Nelson, Krisie Fritz, Lori Smith, Nancy Heck, Bonnie Schulz, Connie Eden, Kay Schuette and Pastor Mike Tamorra. The minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,897.34. Lori reported that over \$600 of the VBS offerings and donations was deposited in the church general fund. These funds are used to pay VBS bills and to purchase items for our shoebox ministry. Krisie Fritz will take this information to church council for advice and if possible to get the money back. The Treasurer's report was approved.

BUSINESS: Church Events – Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on September 9; the annual Chicken BBQ will be on September 16; Mission Sunday is September 23; there will be a Praise and Worship Service on September 30.

Operation Christmas Child kickoff Sunday will be October 7. The National Collection is November 12-19, 2018. Here at Cross we will be Sorting on November 6 at 6:00 p.m. and Packing on November 8 at 6:00 p.m. Lori has ordered

OCC pamphlets, posters and supplies. Bonnie will get the sterilite plastic boxes ordered from Walmart.

Scrip Cards - Cash sales will take place on September 9. Mission Outreach members who are at church on the other Sundays of September will check the box for cards to be distributed.

Coffee Hour – Mission Outreach Group 1 (Lorraine, Tonja, Nancy and Krisie) will serve coffee on September 9. Group 2 will serve on October 7, with offerings to go toward OCC.

Garage Sale – The dates for next year's annual garage sale were tentatively set for June 13, 14 and 15, 2019. Mission Outreach voted to adopt the following garage sale policy: "No early sales prior to items being marked."

Other – Connie will order new welcome bags. Nancy will mail out CD's of the church services to those who request them. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Eden

Each Sunday our church service is being recorded. The CDs are available to pick up the following week at the Welcome

Desk for Shut Ins or anybody who would like to listen to our church service. A big thanks to Randy Ovcen for preparing and making the CD's.



Anyone can sign up to host a coffee hour! You can earn funds for a student's tuition or donate

the proceeds any church or school fund. The coffee hour can be simply juice, coffee and cookies, or you can offer up a feast of goodies—it's your choice! Just sign up on the Coffee Hour Chart in the Overflow area.

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**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

**NO RED DRINKS** in the church or Overflow Area!!! It not only stains the carpet, but the new tables too. From now on, ANY red drink found in the refrigerator will be removed and put in the school kitchen refrigerator to be used for other church or school functions



# Ministry Minutes & More (cont.)

## **Ministry of Education**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. at Cross with Pastor Mike Tamorria for the first time. Those present were Pastor Mike Tamorria, Kim Delpiere, June Sturm and Jean Sturm.

We discussed what our ministry was doing. A list was put together for Pastor Mike of possible children that would make up a confirmation class including phone numbers for contact.

We discussed that Kristy Cariveau would head up the Christmas Eve program for 2018. We have offering boxes and monies collected will be divided between a missionary and Operation Shoeboxes.

Karen, our church secretary, ordered Bibles for infants and third graders for the year. It was mentioned that the Women of the Church had donated towards the Bible purchases.

Back-to-school was approaching and Pastor Mike agreed we should try to include all school children! He suggested a blessing of their backpacks.

We mentioned we have a

LEAF Fund available for the needs of the school.

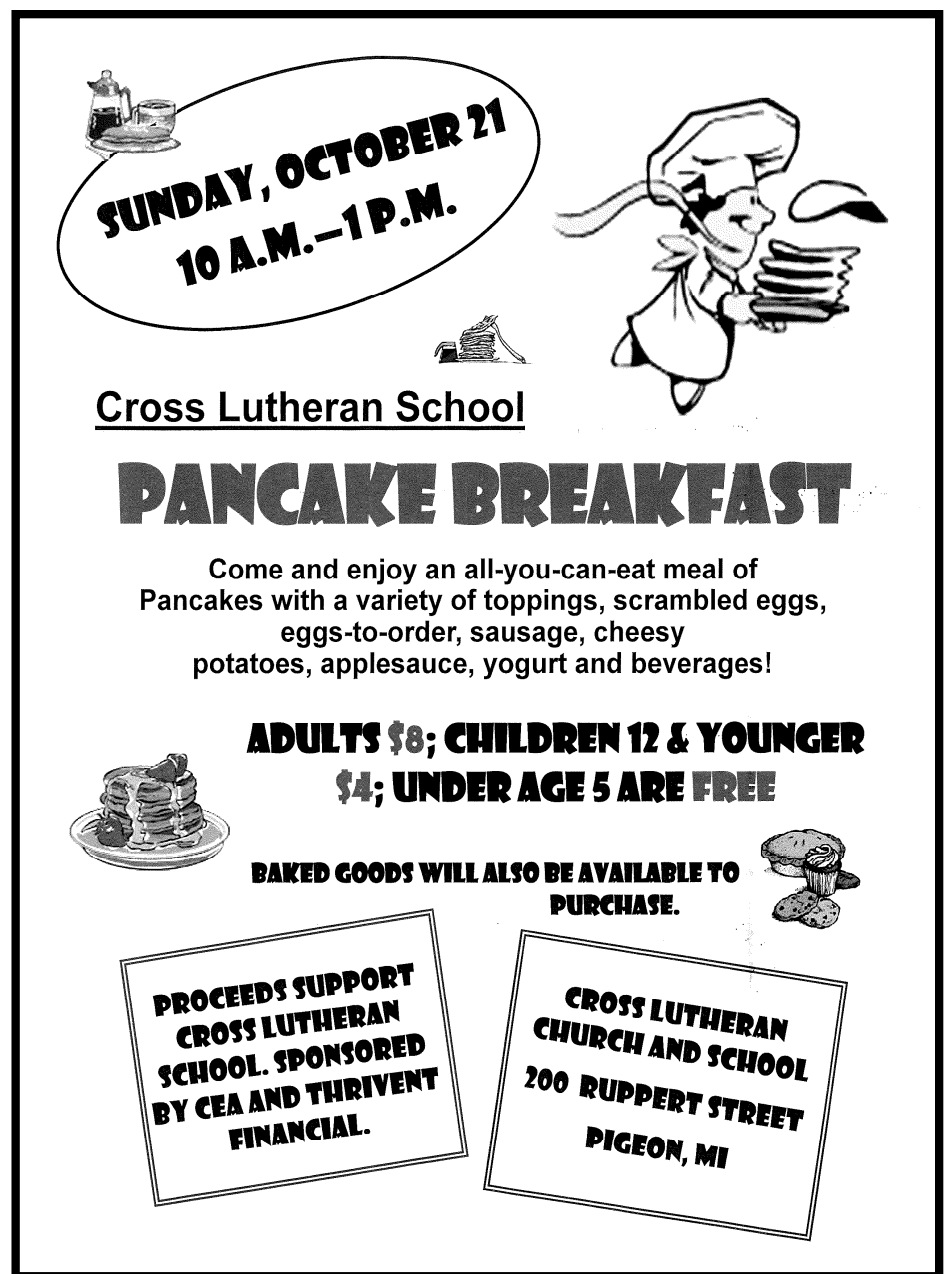
Money was discussed that had been sent to a missionary from the first of the month Sunday School collections. Kathleen Lutz was suggested.


It was discussed that July 16, 2018 was the first day of VBS. We said Lori Smith & Re-


becca Yackle would be running the program.

Before closing with a prayer, we welcomed Pastor Mike and thanked him for calling a meeting.

Respectfully,  
Jean Sturm



 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**10 A.M. - 1 P.M.**




**Cross Lutheran School**


# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal of Pancakes with a variety of toppings, scrambled eggs, eggs-to-order, sausage, cheesy potatoes, applesauce, yogurt and beverages!

**ADULTS \$8; CHILDREN 12 & YOUNGER \$4; UNDER AGE 5 ARE FREE**



**BAKED GOODS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.**



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**PIGEON, MI**

## REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 28TH

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

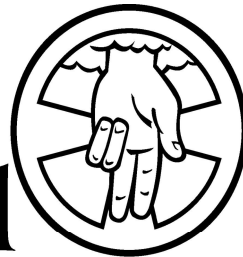
First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color.

It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.



**Women's**  
**Circle**  
**Bible**  
**Study**

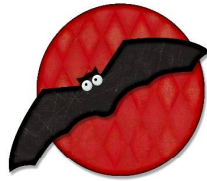
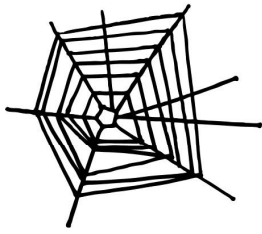
**Wednesday, October 3rd from 9:30—11:30** in the church overflow. We are reading through the book of Esther and will be reviewing chapters 1 & 2 and reading through chapters 3 & 4. Come and learn about how God used Esther as an example of His divine guidance and care over our lives.



# All Saints' Day

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is **November 4th**. On this day we will join in word and Sacrament to commemorate the martyrs of the Church, all the people of God living, and those who are resting in God's everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light.



# October 2018

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|                                                                                                                               | Choirs:<br>Bells 6:30 pm<br>Choir 7:30 pm                                                                                   | Parish Life<br>5:00 pm<br>Men's Bible<br>6:30 pm<br>Mission/Outreach<br>6:30 pm       | Chapel<br>12:45 pm<br><br>Women's Circle<br>9 am<br><br><b>No evening service</b>               | Jean Quilts<br>1 - 5 pm<br><br>CEA 4:45 pm<br>School Board<br>5:30 pm                 | <b>Pastor Mike back in Pigeon</b>                |                                                                |
| <b>Comm. Service 7</b><br>9:30 am<br>SS 9 am<br>Adult Bb Study/<br>Coffee Hr 10:45<br><br><b>Confirmation</b><br>11 am - 2 pm | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>9</b>                                                                              | <b>10</b>                                                                                       | <b>11</b>                                                                             | <b>12</b>                                        | <b>13</b>                                                      |
|                                                                                                                               | NO Choirs                                                                                                                   | <b>Acct Books due for Audit Committee</b><br><br>Executive<br>6 pm<br>Council<br>7 pm | Chapel<br>8 am<br><br>Quilters 1 pm<br><br><b>Service</b><br>7 pm                               | Worship &<br>Music 7 pm                                                               |                                                  | Family Fun Night<br><br>Michigan Dist. meeting at Hubbard Lake |
| <b>Comm. Service 14</b><br>9:30 am<br>SS 9 am<br>Adult Bb Study/Coffee Hr 10:45                                               | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>16</b>                                                                             | <b>17</b>                                                                                       | <b>18</b>                                                                             | <b>19</b>                                        | <b>20</b>                                                      |
|                                                                                                                               | <b>Deadline for Annual Report !!</b><br><b>Pastor Mike Leaves for Ohio</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>Bells 6:30 pm<br>Choir 7:30 pm | Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 p.m.                                                        | Chapel<br>8 a.m.<br><br>TALL Steam Day (Art Day)<br>Grades 3-8<br><br><b>No evening service</b> | Jean Quilts<br>1-5 pm                                                                 | <b>1/2 day of School</b><br>(dismissal at 11 am) | Women of Faith<br>10:30 - noon                                 |
| <b>Worship Service 21</b><br>9:30 am<br>SS 9 am<br>PancakeBreakfast<br>10 am - 1 pm<br><br><b>Annual Reports in Mailboxes</b> | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>23</b>                                                                             | <b>24</b>                                                                                       | <b>25</b>                                                                             | <b>26</b>                                        | <b>27</b>                                                      |
|                                                                                                                               | <b>Newsletter deadline</b><br><br>Choirs:<br>Bells 6:30 pm<br>Choir 7:30 pm                                                 |                                                                                       | Chapel<br>8 am<br><br><b>No evening service</b>                                                 |                                                                                       | <b>Pastor Mike back in Pigeon</b>                |                                                                |
| <b>Reformation Sunday 28</b><br>Comm. Service 9:30 am.<br>SS 9 am<br>Adult Bb Study/<br>Coffee Hr. 10:45                      | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                                             | <b>31</b>                                                                                       | <b>BOO!</b>                                                                           |                                                  |                                                                |
|                                                                                                                               | Choirs:<br>Bells 6:30 pm<br>Choir 7:30 pm                                                                                   |                                                                                       | Chapel<br>8 am<br><br><b>Service</b><br>7 pm                                                    |  |                                                  |                                                                |

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