



Cross Connection

Growing together

February 2011

Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

200 Ruppert Street

Pigeon, MI 48755-0050

Our mission:

Bring people to Christ.

Teach

Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.

.....
Inside this issue:

Preparing for Worship	2
In Memory	3
Celebrate	4
School News	5
Time & Talents	6
Council Minutes	7
Ministers—The People of Cross	9

Message from Pastor Tim

Several weeks ago I went back to Lakeside, OH where my mom lives to celebrate her 80th birthday (sorry mom, now everyone knows you're 80 years young). Every time I walk into the house and into the kitchen I see the old familiar trinkets and magnets on the refrigerator door, little figures tucked in the shelves, and little notes taped to the cupboard doors. One note reads 'now' which has no meaning to me but makes my mom's world work. Another note that my dad always had taped to the cupboard door was 'firm but fair'. I learned the hard way as a child that note is meant for parents in raising kids, not for kids in raising parents. Then there's that note which seems to have been there forever and is there to this day; 'The will of God will never take me where the grace of God will not support me.'; the will of God, the grace of God.

What is the will of God? How many of us in our lives have asked that question of God? I know

when I was discerning on entering the ministry I just plain said, 'just tell me what to do God and I'll do it.' What is the will of God for you, for me, for Cross? In today's world that pulls and tugs us in so many different directions how can we filter all of that out and find God's will? Do we solely rely on our "intellect" to evaluate all decision making factors to define God's will? Do we even consider God's will in making decisions? Do we rely solely on what society tells us to do and what is popular to do? Where then, can we find the will of God?

NRS Romans 8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The will of God is found in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who comes to us through our baptism. The first step then is to renew ourselves in Jesus Christ through our baptism

and at the foot of the cross. Once renewed, pray, study scripture, and be in constant talk with other Christians so as you discern the will of God the worldly tugs and pulls will not be your guiding light; for the will of God will not take us to a place where we will fail.

What is the will of God for Cross? As we start this year there is a desperate need for our children, not only of Cross but of Pigeon and its surrounding communities, to hear God's word in order to do God's will. God's will for Cross is to reach out to these children and their families; bring them to church, school, and whatever other means Cross ventures into. Cross will not fail for the mere reason 'The will of God will never take us where the grace of God will not support us.' God has so much grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness to help and guide Cross in doing what is the right thing for the children.

(Continued on page 2)

Preparing for Worship at Cross



Worship Schedule

February 6 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 58:1-12
 P – Psalm 112:1-10
 2R – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
 G – Matthew 5:13-20
 Hymns: LBW# 400, 535,397
 Communion Hymns: LBW# 215, 214, 213, 212

February 13 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 P – Psalm 119: 1-8
 2R – 1 Corinthians 3:109
 G – Matthew 5:21-37

Hymns: LBW # 487, WOV #690, 746

February 20 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Leviticus 19:1-18
 P – Psalm 119: 33-40
 2R – 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

G – Matthew 5:38-48

Hymns: LBW # 433, 315 WOV # 734

Communion Hymns: WOV # 701, 702, 706, 710

February 27 – 8th Sunday after Epiphany

1R – Isaiah 49:8-16a
 P – Psalm 131

2R – 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 G – Matthew 6:24-34

Hymns: WOV# 771, 776, LBW # 474

NEW SECRETARY

Aileen Prill of Elkton, is a 1977 graduate of Bad Axe High School and 1979 graduate of Baker Junior College of Business.

She worked for the Huron Daily Tribune for 30 years doing a variety of jobs, most recently as Digital Media Director.

She has a son, Ryan, 26, who lives in Saginaw and a daughter, Amanda, 24 who lives in Jacksonville, Florida.

Aileen and husband, Greg, enjoy cross country

skiing in the winter, and bicycling and gardening in the summer months.

She is looking forward to being a part of Cross Lutheran Church and School staff, and getting to know the membership better.

Please continue to send emails to: secretary@crosslutheranpigeon.org This will continue to be the email address for the secretaries of-

Thank you.

Paul writes; NRS Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this

world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

My dear family of Cross, the will of God is found in our hearts guided by the Holy

Spirit discerning and doing what is good and acceptable and perfect for the glory of Jesus Christ on the cross. Let us do the will of God for our children's sake. In so doing we will not fail.

God's speed
Pr Tim

In Memory/In Honor

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

In memory of **Walt Rosenthal** for Cross Lutheran Church by Don & Kay Schuette.

In memory of **Rev. Ernest & Evelyn Henkelmann** for Cross Lutheran School by Willis & Helen Martinson.

In memory of **Dorothy Love** for Cross Lutheran Church by Christine Apel & Jim Liston.

In memory of **Werner Cla-buesch** for Cross Lutheran Church by Fred & Janice Cla-buesch.

In memory of **Carl Mohr** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by George & Ruth Mohr.

In memory of **Dorothy Weiss** & in honor of **Harvey Weiss** for Cross Lutheran Building Fund by Mike & Connie Eden.

In memory of **Carolyn Stirrett** for Cross School Library Fund by Pat & Roger Ewald.

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.

Congratulations

Kyle & Vicki Yackle were blessed with a new son, Ethan James Yackle was born on December 30, 2010 weighing 6lbs & 13oz at 20 ½ inches. All are doing well. Ethan was received into Holy Baptism Sunday, January 23. His sponsors are Russell Talski and Jennifer Emming. Welcome Ethan!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

New Things Are Happening

This year we will be trying some new and different features to the Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship. As you know each week a basket is set out to accept donations.

This year we thought it might be nice to occasionally make these donations go to a special cause.

Here are a few examples, Sunday Feb. 6th is "Souper Bowl Sunday" where the LYO take up a collection and donate it to the soup kitchen in Saginaw. This year they will also host the coffee time and any money that is donated will also go to that cause. Again, on Sunday Feb 27th, we will designate all money collected at the coffee to go towards Operation

Shoebox. Our plan is to give the congregation a couple weeks notice when these special offerings will happen and put a sign up list for anyone who would like to bake for that Sunday or "Handy Helpers" may be called.

If you have suggestions for any special cause please contact either Sue Loehrke or Betty Champagne. Parish Life will do the set up, prepare the coffee and even host if you wish.

And just an FYI...we plan to do at least four more coffees with Operation Shoebox receiving the donations.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at Laker High School on Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

sponsored by the Student Council. The blood drive is open to the public. You must have a photo ID or a donor card to donate.

Donating blood is safe, simple and makes a difference to patients and their families. To become a blood donor, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. With your help, we can meet our lifesaving goals.

Special Dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 13
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Presidents' Day, February 21

Celebrate

February Birthdays

- 3 Brenda Kretzschmer
- 4 Ray Buchholz
Charles Buchholz
- 7 Connie Eden
Alex Cucinello
Mike LePage
- 8 Michael Siewert
- 9 Marilyn Baur
Greta Elston
- 10 Shelly Baur
- 11 Gene Champagne
- 13 Kirk Yackle
- 14 Muriel Hurdelbrink
Grace Trost
Travis Roestel
Christina Cucinello
- 16 Jennifer Irion -
Sears
Jacqueline Finne-
ren
- 17 Russell Nichols
Eleanor Tate
- 18 Eunice Richmond
- 19 Tim Fritz
Chase Gardy
- 20 Dorothy Young
- 23 Joe Wold
Pr. Raymond Orth
- 24 Elsie Trowbridge
Paul Kunish
- 26 Loren Elftman

- 2/13 Robin & Ann Buschlen (29th)
- 2/29 Clarence & Eleanor Schadd (46th)

tact the church office so it can be added to our list.

** If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please con-*

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:

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.



February Anniversaries

- 2/2 Ray & Elaine Buchholz (60th)
Jim & Sheila Yackle (31th)

LYO

On February 6th the LYO will be hosting the Coffee Fellowship with all the money being donated to the "Souper Bowl Sunday" collection.

If you would like to bake something to be served that morning please sign up on the "SignUp" board located to the left of the over flow room in the main hall.

School News



School Calendar

- 2/1 Field Trip to Temple Theatre
School Board Meeting 5 p.m.
- 2/2 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 2/3 CEA Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Basketball Cross vs. Rural 4:30 p.m.
- 2/5 Basketball Tournament at Port Hope 3-5 grade
- 2/7 CEA Family Meeting 7 p.m.
- 2/13 – 2/20 Winter Break
- 2/21 No School (Laker PD day)
- 2/23 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
CEA Krispy Kreme kick-off
- 2/27 Athletic Awards 2 p.m.
- 2/28 Progress Report Cards go home
Archery 4-6 p.m.

School Reflections

January 21 marks the end of the first semester of school. For my class this is a turning point. Usually students are understanding key concepts for their grade level and the remainder of the year flows smoothly. Kindergarteners are beginning to read, and first and second graders improve upon the skills of reading.

In science class boys and girls are learning about animal life cycles and habitat. In the fall we collected small animals from the school yard and created a classroom habitat for these creatures. We continue to observe them to find out what animals do all day.

In religion class this month our stories were the visit of the Wise Men, Jesus in the temple, the baptism of Jesus, and John preparing the way for Jesus.

In early February we will celebrate the 100th day of school. This a fun way to learn about the number 100. Most of our work will involve the number 100 in some way, even gym time!

Joyfully submitted,
Deb Musolff
K, 1, 2 teacher

Parenting Awareness Month

On Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Huron County Courthouse, there will be a Parenting Awareness Month Kick-Off event. Come, bring a guest, bring your students, listen to a panel of guest speakers, and enjoy refreshments as we highlight what an important job parenting is.

On March 31 there will be a workshop titled "No! Why Kids Need It and How We Can Say It." Best-selling author, psychologist, and nationally known parenting expert Dr. David Walsh will be offering an educational and entertaining presentation. He tackles a touch subject in his book on how parents and adults can say "no" to the kids in their lives and why they should. No is not just a one-word answer but a strategy for healthy development of children and adolescents. This workshop is geared toward educators, social workers, parent educator, other human service providers and community members. 0.5 SB-CEUs are available for educators. An application has been submitted to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for contact hours for social workers. This workshop will begin at noon and end at 4:15. There is a \$50 registration fee.

February Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
Feb 6 9:30 a.m.	Rick Landry	Ray Licht	Brian Delpiere	Norm Nelson	Bruce Baur Clarence Buchholz Dennis Diener Scott Dubs Dick Koehler Richard Mead Norm Nelson	Ruth Hamilton
Feb. 13 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Phil Schadd	Mary Dubs			
Feb. 20 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Paul Schuette	Sue Loehrke	Peggy Koehler		Carol Diener
Feb. 27 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Karen Schuette			

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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Fish Fry

Friday, Feb. 25

5—7:30 p.m.

All You Can Eat

\$8 adults

\$5 kids 5-12

Under 5 are Free

LYO and Confirmation Youth Fundraiser, a Thrivent sponsored Event. Each family is responsible to bring a minimum of 2 - 9x13 or larg-

er desserts. Menu will be Fish, fries, baked potato, rolls, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, and drinks. Members of the congregation that would like to help in any way please contact Leanne Smith at 856-4241. Thank you for all you do to make these meals successful!

Youth Sunday will be on February 27th. Youth meet in the youth room at 8:45 am. We will be preparing for this during Sunday School Class.

Quilts for High School Seniors will meet in the youth room to cut jeans on Thursday February 3rd and 17th 7-8:30.

Youth 1-6 will be going sledding on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1 – 6 p.m. If weather does not permit sledding, we will play games in the gym.

Council Meeting Minutes



DECEMBER 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Tim Fritz at 7:00 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Paul and Karen Schuette, Kevin Trost, Lorraine LePage, Ray Licht, Pastor Loehrke, Tim Fritz, Krisie Fritz, and Nancy Heck. Guests present were Betty Champagne. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with devotion.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Ray Licht to delete the paragraph: Ministry of Out Reach and to make a correction under New Business (7th Point), correction is that "The second vote will be **no earlier than** March 6, 2011. Nancy Heck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke reviewed his written report with everyone present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Report given by Pastor Loehrke.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Report given by Pastor Loehrke.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's re-

port were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Total income was reported at \$ 35,141.35 with a total income and beginning balance of \$ 61,017.17 and total expenses of \$ 29,014.63 with a balance on hand as of 11/30/2010 of \$32,002.54. Cross Evangelical Lutheran Building Fund showed a balance of \$603.62 on 11/30/2010. Karen Schuette moved to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Ray Licht. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette reviewed his report with everyone present.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Ray Licht reviewed his report with everyone present.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Karen Schuette reviewed her report with everyone present.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH: Nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Kevin Trost reviewed his report with everyone present. He also advised the group that Brittany Renn and Elizabeth Higgins will be attending The Gathering during Christmas break.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Pastor Loehrke advised the group that the light switch has been changed, and the urinal was snaked and the valve was

replaced on urinal. School issues Jr. High & Music Room cold, Shetler's was called to reset. Snow blower was refurbished.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Betty Champagne is no longer the acting chairman, but was there as a guest to let members know that there is now a Coffee Schedule, and asked Council members to sign up for 2 Sundays.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Lorraine LePage distributed report to everyone present. She also advised that Shaggy J's and Pigeon Food Pride will be added to the Scrip listing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol Diener needs to have access to account information at Bay Port State Bank

Nancy Heck gave her report regarding information she received regarding the fire alarm system and the fire extinguishers. Nancy will call Maurer's and B's Electric to get estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council needs to set up the next vote date on leaving the ELCA, we must have a minimum of 90 days between the votes. The earliest vote date that we could set is March 6, 2011.

Pastor Loehrke reported that the Bishop wants to come to

(Cont. on next page)

Groups and Discernment

(Cont. from Pg. 7)

the next vote, and the Bishop requested that we delay the vote until the week following March 6, 2011.

Pastor's recommendations were that we should keep March 6, 2011 for the next vote date and have the Bishop present on February 13, 2011, and Pastor Warren to come the last week in February. Discussed having a possible potluck and Q & A session. Pastor also advised council that we would need to pay Pastor Warren a fee for coming.

Sunday, March 6, 2011, was tentatively set for the next vote on leaving the ELCA, as long as the speakers can be arranged prior.

President Tim Fritz advised the members that he was retiring from council, effective December 31, 2010.

Terry Sturm, Vice-President, will act as President until such time as an appointment is made by council to appoint a new President.

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, Secretary

VOTE AND DISCERNMENT ON ELCA

VISIT BY BISHOP

As Cross has entered the 90 day discernment period between votes, Bp John Schleicher; bishop of the North West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA, will be here on Sunday, February 6, to preach and hold a question and answer forum after the service concerning Cross leaving the ELCA. Please plan to attend.

NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH (NALC)

On Sunday, February 20, Rev. Dr. Ron Warren (Ret.), NALC's Regional Dean of Ohio, will be here to worship with Cross and hold a question and answer forum after the service providing information about the newly established NALC Synod. Please plan to attend.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The next vote to determine the direction Cross will take involving our membership with the ELCA Synod is Sunday, March 6, 2011. The vote will take place following the 9:30 a.m. worship service with the same format as the first vote. Please plan to attend as your voice is important.

WINTER UPLIFT

Thumb Christian Outreach presents this free event for men, women and teens on Friday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Evangel Life Fellowship Hall will host the event at 1369 S. Van Dyke in Bad Axe. The guest speaker is Mary Selzer and Rob & Claudia Major will lead praise and worship. A free will offering will be taken and a catered buffet lunch is available for \$10.00. Please register on line at www.thumbmin.org or send payment to TCOM, P.O. Box 286, Pigeon, MI 48755 by February 1, 2011.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

- Esther Circle Monday, Feb. at 2 p.m. at church
 - Rebecca Circle, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the overflow
 - Sarah Circle, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m.
- Love Day (Quilters) Feb. 9 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 February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Port Inn.

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

Music

Karen Schuette, Chair

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

Ministry of Social Services

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

The Parish Life Ministry met on Tuesday, January 4th.

We discussed getting the Adult Bible Study started up again. The first study will be Jan. 23rd at Tom and Bernice Shupe's. The next one is on Feb. 20th at the Parsonage and March 20th at Terry and June Sturm's.

We will start sending out the weekly bulletin to our shut-in's beginning Jan. 21st.

Another Paper/Kitchen shower is scheduled for Sunday March 20th. We will have an article in the March newsletter with suggestions for much needed items.

Parish Life will host the potluck on Feb. 20th for Rev. Warren for NALC.

A discussion of a joint group function fundraiser was explored. Sue will talk to other Ministries about some ideas to get feedback. Money earned would go towards the Building Fund.

Our next meeting is Feb. 1st at 5pm.

Meeting ended at 5:55pm with the Lords Prayer.

Ministry News

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

Operation Christmas Child

In 2011 we are going to work on our shoebox project all through the year. Each month we are going to designate a few items that we regularly use when we pack the shoeboxes and encourage donations of that item or any other item. There is a plastic tote in the entryway for your donations. For the month of January we will focus on small toys. Watch for clearance sales and after Christmas sales! Pick up a few when you are out shopping! Remember to pray for the children every month! Thank you!

P.S. We received word that most of our 2010 shoeboxes were sent to Kenya.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MINUTES

December 28 – 7:00 P.M.

The following members were present; Ray Licht, Chairman; Nancy Heck, Church Treasurer; Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary; Tom Shupe; and June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer.

Paul Schuette opened with prayer. Ray Licht called the meeting to order.

Minutes- Read and approved, June Sturm appointed secretary.

Benevolence Treasurer's Report- Read and approved. Included in minutes.

-Motion by Nancy Heck and seconded by Tom Shupe - to send ½ of offering from Christmas Day, designated as do-

nor's choice to Blue Water Youth For Christ and ½ will go to Bay Shore Camp as stated . Approved.

-Motion made by June Sturm to give the money from Stewardship Coffee Hours to Lutheran Youth Ministry of Cross Church.; seconded by Nancy Heck. Approved.

-Christmas Benevolence Offerings: Advent Benevolence Envelopes - \$458 – ¼ Thumb Bread Basket, 1/8 Meals on Wheels, 1/8 Pigeon Food Pantry, 1/4 Forgotten Men Ministries, ¼ MICHI-LU-CA Camp. Christmas Eve Benevolence Envelopes - \$1,167 to Compassion Evangelical Hospital, Guinea, West Africa, Christmas Day Benevolence Envelopes – \$759 to ½ Bay Shore Camp & ½ Youth For Christ

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Heck reported that expenses are under budget at this time. She stressed that giving must continue into the new year. The ministry also addressed the importance of congregational support and tithing . Ray Licht will again express thanks to the congregation for giving.

Brick Project – One new brick was donated in December. Paul Schuette will look into the cost of engraving a corner block (8"x 8") with the Lutheran Seal for the memorial garden.

Business – Discussed the support for World Hunger. June Sturm contacted Rob Chandonny at the Pigeon Co-op and obtained the following information: "I talked to Rob

Chandonny at the Co-op elevator company this am. It is very exciting! The Co-Op has several programs that they are involved in. This past year Rob went to Honduras where they visited an orphanage where they actually took a check from Cross School Children to the children. \$200.00 The co-op took a container of beans and other products to Honduras also. The Co-op participates in Domestic relief also - Convey of Hope and one other. The World Customers - Participated in "Operation Blessing" where they actually loaded beans onto a Royal Caribbean Cruise ship which delivered it to Haiti and Port Au Prince. The Co-op works with "World Hunger Plus" and provides money and food to Africa & Honduras or other countries where the need may suddenly come up or already exists. "Paul Schuette provided a list of other World Hunger programs in existence. We will continue to look into this support.

-A "Special Offering Schedule" for envelope benevolence giving was again discussed and the Stewardship Ministry will submit a list of recommendations to the Church Council. After Church Council approval, June Sturm, will put a copy in each mail box for the 2011 year.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 P.M. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.