



Growing together

December 2013

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Our mission:

**Bring people to
Christ.**

**Teach Christians
to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to
reach the world.**



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Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran Church and School,

How long till Christmas mom / dad? How long must I wait until I can come rushing down the stairs to open my presents? How long? Every year as a kid this was my thought process, my anticipation, my self-induced anxiety for Christmas Day. Then came Christmas Eve and the 'how long' was all night as I laid in bed watching the minutes go by on the clock. How long must I lay here in bed knowing those presents are down there waiting for me to open them? How long dear God! My dad was an extremely tolerant man however, when it came to me and Christmas, his tolerance seemed to be missing. His cry "how long Tim!?" The "how long" came to fruition Christmas morning. I ran down the stairs running over my sister and brother, tearing open the presents in full exhilaration and then, it was over. Just like that it was over. Just like that came the cry, "how long dear God till next Christmas!?" My dad was not happy with

me.

NRS Psalm 13:1 How long O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

We scream this all the time in our world today as adults, teenagers, and children. How long will wars go on? How long will teenagers make bad choices about drugs, alcohol, sexuality, etc.? How long will adults make bad choices about drugs, alcohol, sexuality, etc.? How long will we continue to slip away from God and church to follow popular thinking in our society whether it is right or wrong? How long God?

NRS John 10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Even back then the Jews were crying how long. How long must we wait for the promised Messiah to come and save us? When will He come?

We need Him to come because we can't save ourselves. How long God?

When we cry how long we are showing our ignorance as to what God has already done for us and has answered the question how long.

NRS John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

God has answered the question how long even before there was someone there to ask the question. God has always been, always is, and always will be with us. That's His promise. That's his answer to our how long.

However, God's Word alone wasn't good enough for sin took over and there was a price to be paid for that.

NRS John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and

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Preparing for Worship at Cross

Dec. 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 2:1-5

P – Psalm 122

2R – Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14

G – Matthew 24:36-44

Hymns: 36, 33, 31 Comm. 198, 203, 210

Dec. 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 11:1-10

P – Psalm 72:1-7

2R – Romans 15:4-13

G – Matthew 3:1-12

Hymns: 459, 26, 530

Dec. 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 35:1-10

P – Psalm 146

2R – James 5:7-11

G – Matthew 11:2-15

Hymns: 35, 25, 744 Comm. 633, 699, 701

Dec. 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

1R – Isaiah 7:10-17

P – Psalm 24

2R – Romans 1:1-7

G – Matthew 1:18-25

Hymns: 30, 536, 752

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

1R – Isaiah 9:2-7

P – Psalm 96

2R – Titus 2:11-14

G – Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Hymns: 39, 58, 65

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

1R – Isaiah 52:7-10

P – Psalm 2

2R – Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)

G – John 1:1-14 (15-18)

Hymns: 45, 41, 50 Comm. 51, 56

Dec. 29 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

1R – Isaiah 63:7-14

P – Psalm 111

2R – Galatians 4:4-7

G – Matthew 2:13-23

Hymns: 55, 701, 60

Coffee Fellowship Hour

- Dec. 1 – Stewardship
- Dec. 8 – Education
- Dec. 15 – Stewardship
- Dec. 22 – Parish Life

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 pack-

age and place it the church office.

Special Dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 1*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 8*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 15*
- First Day of Winter, *December 21*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 22*

- Christmas Eve, *December 24*
- Christmas Day, *December 25*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31*

Pigeon Food Pantry

Christmas baking is nearing. You can help by supplying flour, sugars, spices, chocolate chips, cooking oil, etc. All cooking supplies are appreciated for holiday cooking. Always in need are toiletries and personal items.

truth.

Once again the how long is answered in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This little baby, born in a barn, is the answer to the how long. God says; my kingdom is with you in my son. My kingdom is now. It is not coming, it is now. See there is my son. My word made flesh.

We no longer have to ask the question how long. We no longer have to worry if the Kingdom of God is coming for it is already here. We no longer have to doubt God's promise.

^{NRS} **Luke 2:** ⁹ *Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.* ¹⁰ *But the angel*

said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

God's Speed

Pr. Tim

In Memory



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

In memory of Dolly Sosnoski,
for Cross Lutheran Church:

Olga Renn

In memory of John and Dorothy
Diener for Cross School Annual
Fund:

Deann Lewis

In memory of Daniel Smith for
Cross School Annual Fund:

William Leipprandt

In memory of Robert K Stahl,
for Cross Building Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

In memory of Martin Rosenthal,
for Cross Lutheran Parsonage
Building Fund:

Roberta Danks

In memory of Margaret Bam-
bach, for Cross School:

Tom and Bernice Shupe

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednes-
day, Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

The **Morning Circle** will meet on
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Advent Hope, Christmas Joy



A Choral and Handbell Concert
Sunday, Dec. 15
3:00 p.m.

Cross Lutheran Church

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon, MI

Join us for a program of choral and
handbell music, carols and scripture.

A reception will follow.

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Friends & Family Fun Night

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Games and events for the whole family. Starting at 6:30 p.m.
Please bring a snack to share and your choice of beverage.
Gym will be available and a movie will be shown for the young-
er children. Have a favorite board game? Bring that also!

Celebrate



DECEMBER

- 1 Jordan Licht
- 3 Mark Trost
- 4 Cindy Buchholz
Dan Azarovitz
- 5 Fred Haley
- 6 Troy Schuette
- 8 Beverly Knost
- 9 Neil Herford
- 10 Ryan Trost
- 11 Grace Shupe
- 14 Shannon Pionk
- 15 Roger Renn
Kendal Delpiere
- 17 Richard Koehler Jr.
Maria Schumacher
Jacob Heck
- 18 Lorraine LePage
Brad Buschlen
- 19 Kaoty Smith
- 20 Cheryl Sturm
Marlene Landry
- 22 Donna Schuette
- 23 Gertrude Schuette
Bill Love
- 24 Denny Diener Sr.
- 25 Jim Siewert
- 27 Donald Schuette
- 28 Janice Uhan
- 29 Pastor Tim
- 30 Ethan Yackle
- 31 Mitchell Schuette

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Clarence & Inez
Buchholz, 53 years | 64 years |
| 14 | Paul & Karen Schuette,
39 years | 20 Kent & Lori McKenzie, 33
years |
| 17 | Loren & Dolores Elftman, | 26 Dale & Chris Schulz, 44
years |



Remember our Shut-ins:

Loren Elftman, Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Fred Edler, Thelma Warner, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gabriel and Adrian Tibbits, Lois Decker, Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn,

2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Leona Engelhardt, Doralee Schulz, Harold Deering, Todd Lay, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulz, , Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman, Frances Mazzara, Andrew Stevens, a 3 year old with leukemia.

In the Service of Our Country:

Nathan Schulz, is stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. Ryan Schulz, is stationed at Marine Boot Camp, San Diego, CA. They both are sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

ANNUAL MEETING VOTING RESULTS

The vote on the budget passed with 101 voting yes, and 1 voting no. The vote on following council's recommendation to build a parsonage passed with 93 voting yes, 10 voting no and 2 spoiled ballots. The vote on the Amendment to Add the Endowment Fund Bylaws to Ministry of Stewardship duties passed with 101 voting yes and 1 voting no. The Amendment regarding the Nominating Committee members being elected to 2 each year to 3 year terms had 98 voting yes and 2 voting no.

FINAL RESULTS for 2014 officers was: Richard Koehler, President; Krisie Fritz, Secretary; Tom Shupe, Stewardship; Aileen Prill, Parish Life; Lori Smith, Mission / Outreach; Youth, --; Auditing Committee, Kenneth Licht; Nominating Committee, Peggy Koehler, Gregory Prill, John House, Betty Champagne, Duane Peterson, and Robert Tate; Synod Representatives, Mike and Connie Eden; School Board Secretary, Erica Sturm and School Board Vice President, Peter Shupe.

School News



December School Calendar

- 4 Chapel 12:45 p.m.
- 5 Storyteller Workshop
6:30 p.m.
- 11 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 18 Chapel 8:10 a.m.
- 20 Half Day of School
Christmas Fair
- 23 Christmas Break begins

From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

Years ago I came across a short writing entitled "Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Claus." It contrasts Santa with Jesus, and can be used to help us thoughtfully consider how we handle the celebration of Christmas in our homes. Here are some excerpts:

Santa lives at the North Pole...JESUS is everywhere. Santa comes but once a year...JESUS is an ever present help. Santa fills your stockings with goodies...JESUS supplies all your needs. Santa doesn't know your name...JESUS knew our names before we were born. Santa says, "You better not cry"...JESUS says, "Cast all your cares on me, for I care for you." Santa's little helpers make toys...JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions. Santa may make you chuckle but...JESUS gives you joy that is your strength. While Santa puts gifts under your tree...JESUS became our gift and died on a tree - the cross.

What wonderful gifts Jesus bestows on us! Instead of trying to "put" Jesus into Christmas, let us anticipate and welcome him as the main event!

Storyteller Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 5

Evening family program at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this entertaining, audience participation event. Free admission. A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

CEA Minutes

Nov. 7

Present at the meeting were Pastor, April Rujan, Rachel Higgins, Gwynne Barry and Geri Kay McLean.

Pastor opened with prayer at 5 p.m.

FAMILY MEETINGS

We are planning a Family Christmas Fun Night for Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Please come and help with projects in preparation for our annual Christmas Fair.

Storytelling Concert is planned for Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. There will be musical folktales, workshops, and community concert. There will be a school assembly during the day for students.

Family Engineering Night is set for Feb. 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. with Scott Whipple and Jenny Trusock.

FUNDRAISERS

Basketball season – Starts in January. Concession volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Krispy Kreme – Set for February.

Carnival – The carnival is set for April and the date will be decided late. This is also a mandatory fundraiser. Families, please set the calendar to help out this day.

Spring Pancake Breakfast – Set for May 4 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Again, this is a mandatory fundraiser so set the calendar for this day to come help out.

Cross Apparel – Cross apparel is available. Feel free to stop in the office to find out more.

We are planning another ski trip this year to Apple Mountain, date is set for Feb. 5.

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 4:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday December 20

We are currently accepting donations (homemade, new and monetary -(quart jars & lids, ribbon, gift bags) for the Christmas Fair. We as the CEA would like to keep this tradition going (it is such wonderful fun for the children), yet at times it is very difficult for us as the CEA board to undertake this on our own. It takes a great amount of time and dedication and this year we have asked for parents to step up and be involved much more with this. We have had 4 parents that are willing to take on much of this roll. If you have any questions you can contact Nicole Shupe at 550-7270, Melissa Helmuth at 980-5497, Susie Irion at 553-2166 or April Rujan at 553-0663. Please drop any items to Aileen in the school office.



Friday December 20th is fast approaching, any and ALL help is GREATLY appreciated in making this a fun filled day for our most wonderful blessings, our children!!

December Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Dec. 1 9:30 a.m.	Peggy Koehler	Norm Nelson	Gwynne Barry	Norm Nelson	George Gardy Neil Herford	Jean Sturm	Jordan Trost
Dec. 8 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	June Sturm	Peggy Koehler	Gwynne Barry	Alan Licht John Shope	Carol Diener	Kirsten Shupe
Dec. 15 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Lori Smith	Aileen Prill	Carole Mead	Denny Smith Larry Smith		John Higgins
Dec. 22 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Laura Trost	Sue Loehrke	Karen Schuette	John Trowbridge		Elly Hyzer
Dec. 24 10 p.m.	Peggy Koehler	Paul Schuette		John Trowbridge			Travis Fritz
Dec. 25 10 a.m.	Gwynne Barry						Mitchell Schuette
Dec. 29	Karen Schuette	Phil Schadd	Karen Schuette				Brittany Richmond

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!

Parish Life Ministry Meeting

November 5

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

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, and Pam Sturm, Alice Trost and Paul Schuette.

- Women of Faith Study meets next on Nov. 9 from 10:30 – noon. Topic for this month is "Balancing Faith and Sight"
- Nov. 10 Coffee Hour will be hosted by Parish Life in honor of Pastor Tim for Pastor Appreciation Month. We will also host Coffee Hour on Dec. 22.
- Nov. 24 Cross is hosting the Community

Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m. Parish Life will hold a reception afterwards. We plan on serving pies and will have a sign up sheet available. 10 – 12 pies will be needed.

- We decided to print an updated Address Book of our members and have it the same size as the Cemetery Guide. Paul and Aileen will work on this.

We will host a Friends and Family Fun Night on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Aileen Prill

Advent / Christmas Services & Events

p.m.

CEA Christmas Fair

Friday, Dec. 20

Christmas Eve

Children's Program

Tues., Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Tues., Dec. 24

10 p.m.

Christmas Day

Communion

Service

Wed., Dec. 25

10 a.m.

“LO” and “BEHOLD”

Cross Kids

Christmas Eve Program 2013

**Tuesday, Dec. 24
at 7 p.m.**

Prelude at 6:45

p.m.

Mini practices at Sunday School!

Dress Rehearsals:

Sat., Dec. 14 from 9:30 —11 a.m.

Sat., Dec. 21 from 9:30—11 a.m.

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To Parents & Kids of Cross!!

We are asking for all children of Cross Church 3 years old through High School to be a part of our program. We need readers and ushers and kids with musical talent to help our very small Sunday School group! **PLEASE** talk to June Sturm, 453-2575 or Gwynne Barry, 453-2413.

We will be asking all children who are coming to the Christmas Eve Program to come forward to sing “Jesus Loves Me.” So if you have children, grandchildren or friends that will be joining you at the program teach them this song so they can join in praise to God!!

Church Council Minutes



October 8

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by president, Richard Koehler, Jr., at 7:08 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Krisie Fritz, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Lori Smith, Neil Herford, Aileen Prill, Gretchen Roestel and John Smith. Special guest was Carol Diener. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated, October 8, 2013, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the minutes, Lori Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Krisie Fritz to approve the agenda as amended by Richard Koehler to add By Law Changes and Endowment Fund under New Business, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by Nancy Heck. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept Nancy's report, seconded by Aileen Prill. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette was present, and provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2013 through 10/6/2013, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$201,762.11, Budgeted Needs are \$221,545.38.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of September :

0 Funerals, 2 Weddings, 11 Teachings, 10 Communion, 4 Hospital Visits, 5 Home Visits, 22 Meetings, and 7 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

Baptism – Cole Walsh, son of Ben & Michelle Walsh – Saturday, September 14, 2013.

Wedding – Brandis Mallais and Matt Poisson – Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Baptism – Breanna Smith – Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Wedding – Jenna Buschlen and Spencer Lindenberg – Saturday, October 5, 2013.

Church Calendar:

- Wedding – Kelsey Fritz to Cody Collings, Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Baptisms:

Logan Siewert, Sunday, October 13, 2013

Parker Braun, Saturday, October 19, 2013

Allison Yackle, Sunday, October 20, 2013

- Receive new members, Sunday, October 27, 2013 (Reformation Sunday – wear Lutheran Red)

- Annual Meeting – Sunday, November 3, 2013 (Daylight Savings Time ends – fall back one hour)

- Deer Season Opens, Friday, November 15, 2013 (wearing hunter orange all day)

- Gideon Presentation – Sunday, November 17, 2013.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 24, 2013, 3:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran, Reception to follow, hosted by Parish Life.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

The annual NALC Dean's meeting with the Bishop was held on Monday and Tuesday, September 30th and October 1st, 2013, in Columbus, OH. I was not able to attend due to Sue's hospitalization.

Invited to be a member of the Huron County Child Abuse Neglect (CAN) board as representing clergy. Meetings are held quarterly.

NALC Dean's hat – Thursday, October 17, 2013, meetings with Living Hope Lutheran Church in Farwell, MI at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Soccer game at Elkton, Fri-

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day, October 18, 2013.

- Family Enrichment Program, HISD, to be held at Cross School Oct.22 and 29, November 5, 12, 2013, 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m,

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Enrollment for School year 2013-2014.

As of this date, we have 30 students in K-8, and 17 enrolled in preschool.

Lakers Fall Break – Monday, Oct. 28 – Nov. 1, 2013 – Cross will have school.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that the school has received Mans Accreditation. Gwynne Barry did most if not all of the work on this. School was sponsoring the Family Enrichment Program, as Pastor spoke about in his report.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe gave his oral report to all present. Their last meeting was held strictly on the budget for 2014.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette reviewed her written report with everyone present. Highlights of her report were as follows: They need to scotch guard the brown chairs. Council advised Karen to go ahead and purchase the scotch guard and turn the bill into Carol Diener for payment. Their ministry will once again do the Advent Devotional – deadline will be November 1, 2013.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Gretchen Roestel was present and provided her written report. Two requests for Leaf funds submitted by Beth Elston were approved.

Beth Elston will attend the Early Childhood Conference and Professional Education Brain Research Conference “Executing Functional Skills in Children and Teens”.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

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

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is in full swing.

Giving Tree - members can pick tags so they can purchase the items and return them to the giving tree prior to sorting and packing the boxes.

Council directed Lori Smith to report all monies through Benevolence, we must have a paper trail. Lori to work with June Sturm regarding this.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Vacant and is not in existence at this time. Pastor is saddened by no one coming forward to take on this ministry.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

Neil Herford was present, and provided an oral report to all present.

- Strobe lights – Action Electric hasn't gotten back with Neil.
- Repaired the existing lights – no labor was charged, only for parts.
- Neil has set up an account with Standard Electric in Bad Axe.

Neil is looking to replace the 8 spot lights with 4 LED lights, by doing this it will save the church approximately \$900.00 a year.

Nancy Heck made a motion to have Neil Herford purchase and

install the 4 LED bulbs to replace the 8 spot lights in the front of the church. Seconded by John Smith, Motion carried.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was present and provided her written report for all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Fall color tour was cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Looking for volunteers to make pies for Reception following the Community Thanksgiving Service.
- Family and Friends Night will be held again on New Year's Eve.

OLD BUSINESS:

Outreach Letters – Council needs to continue our efforts now and in the future. We need to make sure we are reaching out to all of our visitors each week.

Hot water tank - John Smith advised that there will need to be a separate gas line for the hot water tank as there is not another gas line available. The future drop down line that he thought was available is already being used. It will not be an easy fix and it could be costly as the meter would also need to be changed. John will need to exhaust all options.

Budget for 2014 – Stewardship Ministry

Tom Shupe presented a proposed budget of \$396,494.00 for 2014

Parsonage – Recommendation is to build a new parsonage, and not to renovate the old parsonage. Nancy Heck made a Motion to accept the recommenda-

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tion of the Stewardship Committee to build a new parsonage. Said recommendation to be presented at the Annual Meeting on November 3, 2013. Karen Schuette seconded the Motion, Motion carried.

John Smith made a Motion to accept the proposed Budget for 2014, which includes the 5% increases. Neil Herford seconded the Motion, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

By Law Changes

Nominating Committee to be put on a Rotation, starting in 2015. (2 for 3 years; 2 for 2 years; and 2 for 1 year).

Endowment Fund to change by law language to take effect in 2014.

School Board Secretary Position – should be on the ballot (Nominations were in Newsletter.) Need to add any other positions that may have been forgotten.

Neil Herford made a Motion to put the two By Law Changes on one Ballot. John Smith seconded the Motion, Motion carried.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

Tom Shupe made a Motion to insulate the attic in parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, money to be taken from the 2013 budget. Aileen Prill seconded the Motion, Motion carried.

Ron Schulz will replace Dennis Diener as Cemetery Sexton.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

Ministry of Worship and Music

Oct. 24

Members present: Barbara Degg, Peg McCrimmon, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of September meeting were reviewed.

MUSIC

Advent/Christmas Concert – Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. Proceeds go to the music department. For the reception it was decided to serve sandwiches, some warm foods and fewer sweets. After setup on Saturday, Dec. 14 we will be making the sandwiches.

WORSHIP

Vespers will be on each Sunday in Advent at 7 p.m. beginning Dec. 1.

Baptisms – Violet Messing Nov. 17; Joel Buchholz Dec. 8.

Presentations during sermon

time – Gideons Nov. 17; OCC (Shoebboxes) Dec. 8.

Community Thanksgiving Worship – Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. Three ushers have volunteered their services.

OLD BUSINESS

Brown chairs still need to be scotch guarded. Peg will check into cost and possibly purchase. We were instructed to turn a bill into Carol Diener for the supplies.

Christmas Reflections, etc. – We have received a few. Jacqueline Finneran will help us collate!

NEW BUSINESS

Coffee Hour – Nov. 17 discussed what to bring.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 22, 2013.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karen Schuette

Mission / Outreach Ministry

Oct. 29

Members of the Mission/Outreach Ministry met at 5:30 p.m. to decorate the church for the Fall Harvest Celebration and Food Drive. We then shared a pizza dinner and held our business meeting. The meeting was called or order at 7:10 p.m. by Lori Smith. Connie Eden read a short devotion. Members present were Lori Smith, Krisie Fritz, Kay Schuette, Bonnie Schulz,

Ministry News

RoseAnn Budnick, Lorraine LePage and Connie Eden. The minutes of the Sept. 24 meeting were reviewed. There was one correction: RoseAnn Budnick was present at the meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer reported \$2,617.76 in the checking account. There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Pantry / Fall Harvest Decorating and Food Collection – We will be collecting items for the food pantry from now until Thanksgiving. RoseAnn and Connie will supply the two wheelbarrows to be placed by the entrances to the sanctuary. The food items in the wheelbarrows will be brought into the sanctuary during the offering each Sunday and will be banked around the cross each week. On Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will pack the food for delivery to the food pantry. On Friday, Nov. 29 we will remove the fall decorations.

Scrip Cards – We will ask Aileen to place an order form in the bulletin each Sunday through the holidays and if possible, have scrip cards available for sale each Sunday until Christmas.

Card Ministry – Lorraine LePage and Jean Sturm will take care of sending Thanksgiving cards and Advent calendars to our shut-ins. The list of shut-ins and their addresses will be updated.

Coffee Hour – Our next coffee hour will be Nov. 24 for Opera-

tion Christmas child.

Welcome Center, pew Cards, Funeral Dinners, VBS, Garage Sale, Orphan Sponsorship, Guest Book, shared Blessings – nothing to report.

Operation Christmas Child – Sunday, Nov. 17 is the collection date. Sorting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. and packing will take place on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. We are all to invite a few people to come and experience the joy of packing boxes. Lori will talk to Gwynne Barry about the possibility of having the school children pack some boxes during school.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations for Operation Christmas Child – At the last council meeting it was requested that OCC donations be routed through benevolence for bookkeeping purposes.

Roadside Signs – As a means of outreach to the community, we discussed the possibility of looking into getting some roadside signs to advertise our church and school.

Youth Room – It is felt that the Youth Room could use some sprucing up as it is used frequently as a dressing room for weddings and a quiet lounge for funerals.

Operation Christmas Child Speaker Reimbursement – Annette Sproule will be a guest speaker in December, sharing her experiences handing out shoeboxes in Uganda last year.

It was decided to give her \$75 reimbursement for travel. We will be booking her as a speaker, hopefully for kickoff Sunday next year.

Scrip Schedule – Nov. 3 is Bonnie; Nov. 10 is Kay and RoseAnn; Nov. 17 is Krisie and Lorraine; Nov. 24 is Rachel and Connie.

Next Meeting – There will be no business meeting in November.

Closing – The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Eden

Women of Faith

Saturday, Dec. 7

10:30 a.m.—Noon

Chapter 5—Balancing

Love and Obedience

Please feel free to join us during any this series

Vespers

**will be held Sundays,
Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7
p.m.**


**Christmas Children's
Program Rehearsal Sat-
urdays, Dec. 14 and 21
from**

9:30—11 a.m.

**Advent Concert
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3**



December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m. Vespers 7 pm	2 Choirs: Bells 6:30 Choral 7:30 p.m.	3 Parish Life 5 p.m. Parsonage Building Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	5 Huron Co. Medical Care - Pr. Tim Storyteller Workshop 6:30 p.m.	6 Ethics Meeting 7:30 a.m. - Pr. Tim	7 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon
8 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m. Vespers 7 pm	9 Choirs: Bells 6:30 Choral 7:30 p.m.	10 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	11 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Morning Circle 9:30 a.m. Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	12	13	14 Children's Program Rehearsal 9:30 - 11 a.m.
15 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Advent Concert 3 p.m. Vespers 7 pm	16	17 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	18 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Comm. Service 7 p.m.	19	20 Half Day of School CEA Christmas Fair	21 Children's Program Rehearsal 9:30 - 11 a.m. Christmas Caroling
22 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. SS/Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 pm	23 Christmas Break Begins Office Open 9 a.m. - Noon	24 Children's Program 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Service 10 a.m. 	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.	30	31 Friends & Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m.	HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Dec. 23 9 a.m. - Noon Tues. - Thurs. Dec. 24 - 26 - Office Closed Fri. Dec. 27 9 a.m. - Noon Mon. Dec. 30 9 a.m. - Noon Tues. - Thurs. Dec. 31 - Jan. 2 - Office Closed Fri. Jan. 3 - 9 a.m. - Noon			

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