

Growing Together

**September
2024**

**Cross Lutheran
Church &
School**

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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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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional



The general tone for worship in the season of Pentecost, particularly during the summer months, is that of growth and flourishing. This season of the liturgical year is a time for focusing on growing in discipleship, deepening our relationship with God, and faithful obedience in following Jesus Christ. The long season of green

Sundays is often referred to as "Ordinary Time." The word "ordinary" connotes the designation of Sundays by ordinal numbers rather than special names.

The general tone for worship in the second half of the season of Pentecost is that of continued growth coupled with transition and change. In these days when those who work the land will be bringing in the harvest, we hear the themes of growth, transition, and change echoed in our lives of faith. As children head back to school or our young people leave for college, the military, or other adventures, the Church continues her slow and steady growth — even as God begins to reap the harvest. Days grow shorter in the Northern Hemisphere, and nights grow longer, but God's abiding presence never falters.





Cross Lutheran Church

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon

Chicken Dinner
Sunday, September 15
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(or until sold out)

Menu includes: BBQ Chicken half, Roasted Potato, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls and Dessert.



\$15 all meals

Dine in or
carry out.

Proceeds will benefit Cross Lutheran Church.
This is a Thrivent Financial Sponsored Event.

SAVE THE DATE

Cross Chicken
BBQ is
scheduled for
September 15th.

Volunteers are
needed.

Sign-up sheets
are in the
overflow area!



Preparing for Worship

September 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, P – Psalm 119:129-136, 2R – Ephesians 6:10-20, G – Mark 7:14-23

September 8 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 35:4-7, P – Psalm 146, 2R – James 2:1-10, 14-18, G – Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

September 15 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Isaiah 50:4-10, P - Psalm 116:1-9, 2R - James 3:1-12, G - Mark 9:14-29

September 22 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R - Jeremiah 11:18-20, P – Psalm 54, 2R – James 3:13—4:10, G - Mark 9:30-37

September 29—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1R—Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, P—Psalm 104:27-35, 2R—James 5:(1-12), 13-20, G—Mark 9:38-50

Celebrate



3 Ken Schulze
 5 Kristi Krohn
 Janis Elftman
 Adelyn Kunisch
 Whitney Peyerck
 6 Taylor Ann Licht
 8 Kevin Trost
 14 Jack Sturm
 18 Allison Yackle
 Norm Nelson
 Leo Peyerck
 20 Elizabeth Higgins
 21 Beth Elston
 Andrew Trost
 23 Lori Smith
 24 Richard Mead
 26 Tim Schuette
 27 Kirsten Shupe
 28 Victoria Yackle
 29 Violet Messing
 30 Laken LePage
 Erica Kish

2 Mike & Connie Eden, 46 years
 2 Ken & Betty Licht, 57 years
 3 Al & Peggy Licht, 41 years
 11 Steve & Patty Schulze, 53 years
 20 Alex & Patty Cucinello, 38 years
 25 Chris & Marcie Papkey, 25 years
 27 Alex & Whitney Peyerck, 10 years



Memorials:

In memory of Bill Hurdelbrink for Cross Building fund—
 Muriel Hurdelbrink
 In memory of Inez Buchholz for Cross Church—Jean
 Sturm
 In memory of Kurt McKenzie for Cross Church—Jean
 Sturm & Carol Diener
 In memory of Anna House for Cross Church—Carol
 Diener



THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER

Neil Herford, Bernice Shupe,
 Allen Koehler, Richard
 Schicker, Vivian Buschlen,
 Meagan Schuette, Lori Smith,
 Alice Trost, Rachel Higgins, JB
 Barry, Ben Smith, Lori
 McKenzie, Connie Eden, Jim
 Siewert, Dawn Hendricks, Beth
 Elston, Kari Spearing, Brandon
 Fritz, Gene Parsell, Tim Voss,
 Michael Eden, Terry Sturm,
 Clark Elftman, Hannah Britt,
 Cordelia Trost, John Finneren,
 Tom Shupe, Whitney Peyerck,
 Joe Stodola, Matt Edler, Larry
 Adams, Al Collison, Susan
 Beller, Hope Kittel, Noah
 Adams, Kay Schuette, Roberta
 Danks, Corey Messing, Marvin
 Trost, Kevin Faupel, Ezra
 Sturm, Deann Lewis, Kayle
 Thepsourinthone, Dolores
 Elftman

THOSE IN THE HONORABLE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Nicholas Swanson (U.S. Air
 Force), Michael Cox (U. S.
 Navy)

From the Desk of...David Faupel

School is back in session as of August 27! Our school theme this year is "Be Rooted!" Our theme verse comes from Colossians 2:6-7: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ROOTED and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Just like a tree needs strong, deep roots to be supported and grow tall, so we, as Christians, need to be deeply and firmly rooted in the truths of scripture. This is the primary purpose of Cross Lutheran School; to nurture the growth of students' spiritual "roots" so that when they face the storms of life that they will be able to stand firm on their foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

There are 64 students enrolled in the school this year. We are blessed with an amazing team of 14 staff members in the school who are ROOTED in their faith in Jesus Christ and model that faith to our students every day. We are all looking forward to a great year!

We are excited to announce several staff members in new roles this year. Ms. Kelly Gebauer will be the full-time classroom teacher for 5th & 6th grade. Last year she split her time between the 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grade rooms. Mrs. Beth Maurer worked for us on Fridays last year, and we are thrilled to have her working every day this year as a DK-2nd grade support teacher. Ms. Pauline ("Peach") London is a former employee of our daycare, and she will be working as our assistant cook/custodian this year.

We are grateful for the tremendous support from Cross Lutheran Church and for your commitment to the ministry of the school. As we pray for the seeds of faith to be planted and take root in our students, we also pray that your roots would continue to grow as you read God's Word and seek His will in your life. BE ROOTED!

September Calendar

9/2	Labor Day—NO School
9/18	Picture Day
9/26	CEA Softball/Kickball night 4:45-7 pm

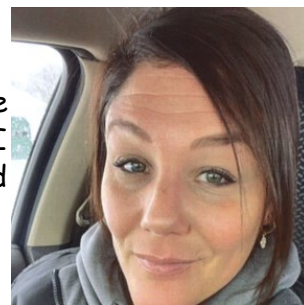


Meet Our Teachers



Mrs. Maurer holds a BA in Elementary & Special Education from Bluffton University in Ohio. Her husband Dave is the pastor at Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Mrs. Maurer has 4 children and she loves to read books.

Pauline London, also known as Peach is a 39 year old mother of 2 awesome kiddos (3 if you count my dog Cece). I have many nieces and nephews that I consider my own; family is everything to me. I enjoy thrifting, fishing, and taking my kids to the beach and pool during the summer.



CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Pres. John Smith at 7 pm

Present: J. Smith, N. Nelson, K. Sears, J. House, K. Fritz, K. Schuette, P. Schuette, A. Licht, D. Faupel, M. Thick, P. Schad,

DEVOTIONS: J Smith shared a devotion. Also, J. Smith thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

AGENDA: *K. Sears made a motion to approve the agenda, J. House seconded by. Motion carried.*

MINUTES: J. Smith *made motion to approve the June and July Minutes, 1st by K. Sears, seconded by A. Licht. Motion carried.*

President J. Smith: Addressed council in regards to Pastor Rich Little's visit and sermon to Cross on Aug. 10 & 11. His sermon was well received by many of the members. Pastor Little was impressed with the school. He and his wife are both teachers. There was a lot of parishioners in attendance. Pastor Lonnie Wilkerson will be officiating Trost Wedding and Adalynn Shaw's baptism.

Secretary: K. Fritz there is No new business.

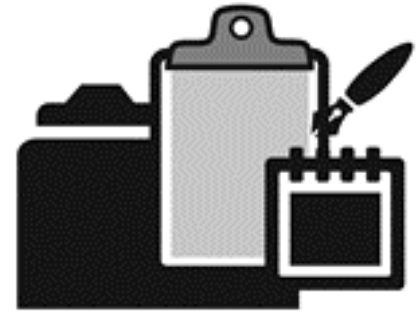
STAFF REPORTS:

Cross School: David Faupel, Principal was in attendance.

- Open house school to see School and Daycare rooms on Aug. 21st.
- Ribbon cutting for New Playground will be also preformed
- David stated, he and church council are greatly appreciative, of the church and school members help with the construction.
- First day of 2024-2025 school year is Aug. 27th.
- New Classroom is near completion. Room will be open for member use, during nights and weekends for meetings. He asked that children be attended at all times due to supplies and other items. Thank you.
- Pauline London, will be hired for 25 hrs. in Kitchen, helping Marcine. Then 15 hrs for custodial cleaning. She will be starting the 1st day of school. Motion was made by K. Sears, 1st by A. Licht. 2nd by J. Smith. Approval was agreed to pass by council.
- COVID grant, has been used to purchase a New Buffer/Floor scrubber for school and church. 1st by J. Smith, 2nd by J. House. Motion for purchase was approved by all.

Cross Daycare: Miki Thick, addressing council.

- Beth Elston will not be returning to teach this year due health issues. Charissa Y. Has been hired for Preschool teacher.
- A new Daily Devotional has been ordered for the Preschool and Daycare.
- A new shed for outside storage will be placed soon.
- Daycare and Preschool have a couple of openings for new students. Daycare needs to hire 2 more staff members. With College students returning to school.



Church Council
Minutes

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TREASURER REPORT: K. Sears gave Budget report that July budget was under by \$10,172.47. Motion by N. Nelson, 2nd by J. House. Motion to approve by J. Smith. Accepted by council.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Dick Koehler, School Board President not present. D. Faupel gave report of current business.

MINISTRY REPORTS – TRUSTEES

- **Property:** Al Licht,
Still waiting on Exterior door to be painted. School Playground has been completed.
- **Music & Worship:** John House
K. Schuette spoke that a 60th birthday party is being planned for Organ. Date not given.
- **Stewardship:** N. Nelson, no meeting was had this month
- **Mission Outreach:** N. Schuette not at meeting
- **Parish Life:** N. Schuette not at meeting
- **Youth & Education:** J. Barry not in attendance

New Business: J. Smith, is volunteering help with being at meetings for Preschool and Day Care. To help bring the Cross daycare into the fold of the church and school. Motion to approve J. House, K. Sears 2nd. Motion approved.

J. Smith stated, that an Anonymous donation of \$1,000.00 was given to council. Donor wanted \$500.00 to go to Marcine for all her extra and hard work, that she does for the school. Then other \$500. Was to be decided by council. It was voted on and approved to put in General fund.

Salem Methodist pastor, Joshua Johnson, he has offered his help if we need with services, prayers for our sick or even visits to shut in's. J. Smith will contact him, about accepting his offer to help. Motion made by K. Sears, 2nd by K. Fritz. Motion approved by counsel.

Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of supplies for their Food Pantry.

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, Sept.10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Fritz



Cross Lutheran School Board Minutes from:

August 8, 2024

(To be approved at the September meeting)



Members present: David Faupel, President Dick Koehler, Secretary Kevin Stachowiak, Katie Wilson, Nicole Licht, Rita Herford

Absent: Vice President Eileen Johnson,

The meeting was called to order by Dick Koehler at 5:30pm. Prayer was led by David Faupel

Agenda: A motion was made by Rita Herford and seconded by Katie Wilson to accept the agenda.

Minutes: A motion was made by Rita Herford, seconded by Katie Wilson to approve the amended minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting. The motion passed.

Guests: None

Treasurers' Reports:

- School Balance: \$64,064.58
- CEA/PTO Balance: \$7789.26 with some playground expenses still needing to be paid. Usable balance is \$478.51.
- Hot Lunch: \$2,843.83

A motion was made by Rita Herford and seconded by Nicole Licht to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

CEA President's Report: Playground project is nearly complete. Will allocate \$300 per classroom to be used at full-time Teacher's discretion (intended mostly for field trips). Open House scheduled for August 21, 2024. Discussed new "Volunteer Driver Form".

Principal's Report:

- Students Registered so far for 2024-2025: 64
DK:8 KDG:7 1st: 9 2nd:7 3rd:8 4th:7 5th:7 6th:4 7th:4 8th:3

Old Business:

- Dick updated us on the Pastoral Search/Call. Our video is now online. Nothing new to announce at this time.
- Safety/Mental Health Grant: Discussed updating and expanded security/emergency system and bringing in a mental health professional.

New Business:

- NWEA Report and Request: good data for internal use only
- Proposed addition to School Handbook regarding Singing in Church.
Motion made by Rita Herford, seconded by Katie Wilson. Motion passed.
- Church/School Finances:
 - Motion was made by Katie Wilson and seconded by Nicole Licht to pay from the Hot Lunch Fund \$1,000 per month for 10 months towards the assistant cook's wages.
 - Motion was made by Rita Herford and second by Kevin Stachowiak to launch a task force to develop a budget. Task force will be led by Nichole Licht. Motion passed.
- Recess Supervision: Mr. Wright is willing to supervise the students during recess three days per week.
 - A motion was made by Rita Herford and seconded by Katie Wilson to provide Mr. Wright with the same stipend as last year using money from the Annual Fund.

- 5-Year Goals/Plans: previous plans were discussed with a task force likely to develop mid school year to develop the next 5-Year Plan.
- Approve School Staff for 2024-2025 School Year
 - Principal/7th-8th Grade Teacher: David Faupel
 - 5th-6th Grade Teacher: Kelly Gebauer
 - 3rd-4th Grade Teacher: Nicole Shupe
 - 1st-2nd Grade Teacher: Carrie Ward
 - DK/KDG Teacher: Leslie Eberly
 - Piano and 1st-2nd Grade Support (Part-time): Jenna Maust
 - DK-2nd Grade Support Teacher: Beth Mauer
 - Title I Teacher: Susan Hass
 - Band Teacher: Don Starks
 - PE Teacher: Brian Wright
 - Art Teacher: Jenny Turner
 - Music Teacher: Vacant
 - Kitchen Manager and Head Custodian: Marcine Moore
 - Assistant Cook/Custodian: Pauline London

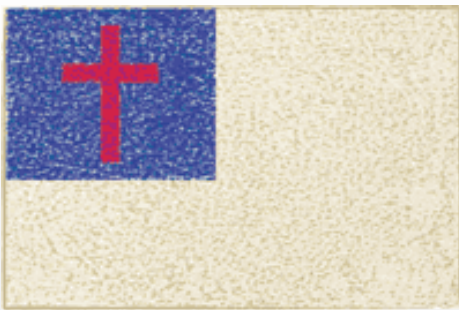
Motion was made by Rita Herford and seconded by Nicole Licht to approve the proposed teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The date of the next meeting will be September 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.



CHRISTIAN FLAG



Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus' blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ's faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, nonviolence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.

Mission Outreach Ministry

August 6, 2024

The meeting of Mission Outreach was called to order by President Krisie Fritz. Those in attendance were Krisie Fritz, Lori Smith, Tinja Nelson, Maureen Reibling and Trustee, Nancy Schuette. A prayer was given by Krisie.

The secretary's report was handed out and read. A motion was made by Lori to accept the minutes, seconded by Maureen. The motion carried.

No treasurer's report was given.

Lori is still busy with the card ministry. If anyone knows of someone she can send a card to, let her know.

The membership project was discussed. Without a quorum of members at the meeting no decision could be made on how much of this we were willing to take on.

We discussed what the garage sale money we made this year could be used for. Some ideas were given but no decision was made.

NALC Mission Sunday was discussed. Ideas were talked over on what could be done and when we want it to take place. Lori made a motion to table this until next month. Lutheran World Relief was also talked about and do we want to do something for it.

Our next coffee hour will be September 22nd. Lori and Tonja will bring snacks but will need 1 or 2 others to help. Our other dates are October 6th (shoebox kick-off) and November 10th (OCC). Member sign-up to bring food will be at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be September 4th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tonja Nelson

Worship and Music Ministry

August 6, 2024

Members present: Peg McCrimmon, Mike Sting, Beth Elston (by phone), John House – Trustee, Karen Schuette – Chair.

*Our church pipe organ – We will celebrate our pipe organ's 60th birthday in October with at least one coffee hour. Informational "table tents" will be placed on the tables. Beth will prepare these. MOTION by John and seconded by Peg to prepare a presentation for the pipe organ's birthday celebration. Motion carried.

*Briefly discussed possibilities for working with other ministries to raise funds to pay down the debt on the roof.

NEXT MEETING – **WEDNESDAY**, September 4, 2024 at 3pm.

It's Time!



Time for Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, First Communion Class, Youth Group Events, Bible Study ...Whew! Let's make it a great year learning together and serving our Mighty God.

We'll kick off our journey on **Sunday September 8, 2024** after the church service with a quick Bible Scavenger Hunt with multi-age teams. We will meet in the gym to begin. The "hunt" will be throughout the church/school property. Upon completion, all will enjoy treats and fellowship. It will be a great **TIME!**

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22 as the Chicken BBQ is scheduled for September 15. As of now, 7th & 8th graders will meet at 8 AM in the Conference Room with Mrs. Barry for catechism instruction and children ages 3-6th grade will meet in the gym for Sunday School opening at 8:45 AM and then go to their rooms for their lesson and activities. (Would love to see parents gather for fellowship, prayer, and/or Bible study during this **TIME**. Materials can be made available!)

Parents of children in 4th grade and above who desire their children participate fully in the Lord's Supper should speak directly to Mrs. Barry. There will be 3-4 times we would meet learning about this precious gift. We would then celebrate their first communion at a Sunday service.

We want JH-HS Youth to be involved in the planning of activities. The **TIME** that seems to work best is late Sunday afternoons. Plan to gather at Shirley Deering's (7464 Bliss St., Pigeon) for a pool party and pizza on Sunday, August 25 at 4 PM. We'll work on a plan for the year. Be ready for a **TIME** of fun and adventure in growing in the Lord!

Please communicate your preferences concerning times, dates, and/or events directly to Gwynne Barry who can be reached by text/call at 989-551-2452, email at gwynnebarry@gmail.com or talk to her at church. Please also prayerfully consider how you can be involved in the ministry of our youth.
It's Time!

Galatians 6:9-10: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.


In His love,

Ministry of Youth and Education-Jean Sturm, Kim Delpiere, Gwynne Barry

fall is in the air



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Comm. Service 1 9:30 a.m.	Labor Day 2 NO School	3 Piano Tuner noon to 2:30	Chapel 4 8:05 am Worship & Music 3 pm Mission Outreach 6:30 pm	5 Jean Quilts 1 pm School Board 5:30 p.m.	6	7
Worship Service 8 9:30 a.m.	9	10 Council 7 pm	Chapel 11 8:05 am	12	13	14
Worship Service 15 9:30 a.m. Chicken BBQ 11am - 2 pm	16	17	Chapel 18 8:05 am Picture Day	19 Jean Quilts 1 pm	20	21
Worship Service 22 9:30 a.m.	23 Newsletter deadline	24	Chapel 25 8:05 am	CEA 26 Softball/Kickball night 4:45 to 7p	27	28 Gym Rented W.Peyerk B-day party 1 - 4 pm
Worship Service 29 9:30 a.m.	30					

Officers, Ministries & Committees

Pastor – Vacant

Music Director - Beth Elston

Church Council

John Smith, President

Dick Koehler, VP

Kim Fritz, Secretary

Kim Sears, Treasurer

John House, Trustee (W&M)

Norm Nelson, Trustee

(Stewardship)

Nancy Schuette, Trustee

(Parish Life &

Mission/Outreach)

Alan Licht, Trustee

(Property)

Joshua Barry, Trustee

(Youth/Education)

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Matt Zimmerman

Paul Schuette

Pat Azaroviyz

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John House

Peg McCrimmon

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Barb Degg

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Nancy Heck

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Kevin Trost

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Peg McCrimmon

Suzie Swanson

John Schuette

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Barb Degg

Eric Gardy

Rachel Higgins

Kirsten Shupe

Brigid Trowbridge

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Eileen Johnson, Vice-President

Kevin Stachowiak, Secretary

Rita Herford, nonmember rep

Rebecca Yackle, CEA Treasurer

Katie Wilson, CEA Rep.

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Katie Wilson-Vice Pres.

Ashley Shetler -Secretary

Nicole Licht –Treasurer

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Mike LaPage

Shannon McCain

Michelle Walsh

Erica King

Nancy Heck

Amber Wise

Handy Helper Ministry

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Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Barbara Degg 856-2678

Delores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Vickie Forster 553-3875

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Peggy Licht 975-1963

Lori McKenzie 553-3582

Marcine Moore 550-9405

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Donna Schuette 375-4328

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**Please let the office know of any changes to these Ministries and Committees.**

*Updated 8/6/24*

*(Officers, Ministries & Committees)*