

Growing Together

**May
2025**

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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

Ascension of Our Lord – May 29, 2025

“For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...”

- Ephesians 1:15-16 -



Some Sundays as I stand in front of the congregation I serve in Northwest Ohio, I look at the familiar faces of those who worship with me and my heart swells with the joy of the Holy Spirit. I think to myself, “What a blessing it is to be among these people!” It’s not that we are such extraordinary people with a greater capacity than others to love or serve. It’s not that we have been given special gifts by the Spirit of God that are beyond compare to other congregations. It’s simply that we have been brought together, many years ago, to be pastor and people and we have stuck it out through thick and thin. We know each other well - some days almost too well! But when we gather in the name of the Lord for worship, our hearts are joined as one in the unity of the Spirit, and it is something we feel deep within our souls.

St. Paul related similar sentiments to the elders in Ephesus as he wrote to them, encouraging them to be bold in their witness and steadfast in their service. He was not with them at the time, but word got back to him of their abiding faith and love towards all people in the larger community. We can only hope that others who live near our churches would hear about our love and good will and be moved to seek Jesus because of it. All too often it’s our mistakes and foibles they hear about, rather than the genuine love and faith that we experience in life together in the faith community.

We are blessed to have each other. It’s amazing how God draws so many different personalities and backgrounds of sinners to be one in Christ. We learn so much (sometimes it is a tough kind of learning) about what it means to accept each other, challenge each other, pray together, and serve side by side with a whole host of folks we probably wouldn’t have hung out with if left to our own choosing. So, like St. Paul, we give thanks and remember in our prayers, all of our brothers and sisters who are devoted to Christ. And when we get those “spirit” nudges of joy and delight, we can say it out loud to each other, “What a blessing it is to be together with you as we worship Christ!”

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Preparing for Worship

May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 9:1-22, P – Psalm 30, 2R – Revelation 5: (1-7) 8-14, G – John 21:1-14 (15-19)

May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

1R - Acts 20:17-35, P – Psalm 23, 2R – Revelation 7:9-17, G – John 10:22-30

May 18– Fifth Sunday of Easter

1R - Acts 11:1-18, P - Psalm 150, 2R—Revelation 21:1-7, G - John 16:12-22

May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

1R - Acts 16:9-15, P – Psalm 67, 2R – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, G - John 16:23-33

May 29—Ascension of Our Lord

1R—Acts 1:1-11, P—Psalm 47, 2R—Ephesians 1:15-23, G—Luke 24:44-53

**SPRING CLEANING?
DONATE Your Items**

Workers will be needed June 7-14 to help setup and organize. Please consider helping a few hours or whatever time you have available. Signup sheets coming soon.

The Annual Cross Lutheran Church Family



June 12 – 14, 2025

200 Ruppert Street, Pigeon MI

Popular Items: Furniture, Dishware, Pots & Pans, Floral, Knickknacks, Blankets & Bedding, Wall Décor, Toys, Crafts, Seasonal, Tools, Sporting Goods, and GENTLY Used Baby, Kids & Adult Clothing.

Sorry, but we do NOT accept electronics, shoes, large Christmas trees, TVs, books or large appliances.

GARAGE SALE DATE

June 12 9 am – 5 pm

June 13 9 am – 5 pm 1/2 OFF

June 14 9 am – Noon FREE

Donation Drop Off Times (Use Gym Door)

June 7 9 am - Noon

June 8 9 am - Noon

June 9 9 am – 7 pm

June 10 9am – 3 pm

If able, church members are encouraged to help put their donations in the designated areas.

Celebrate

May Birthdays

- 1 Iver Krzeszewski
- 2 J.B. Barry
Michelle Richmond
- 3 Andrea Herrygers
Andrew Licht
- 4 Peg McCrimmon
- 5 Patty Schulze
- 6 Jody Blaszczyk
Adalynn Shaw
- 8 Kelson Smith
- 9 Amelia Peyerk
- 10 David Shupe
- 11 Brittany Richmond
Isaac Elston
Carol Schadd
- 13 Linda Gardy
Corey Trost
Dale Schulz
- 14 John Trowbridge
- 15 Jan Love
- 17 Kayla Smith
Carter Walsh
- 19 Trevor Carriveau
- 20 Bob Tate
Brianna Smith
- 21 Roger Fritz
Dawn Rosenthal
- 22 Jordan Trost
Paul Schuette
Jonah Yackle
- 23 Emma Smith
- 25 Matt LePage

- 27 Cole Walsh
- 28 John Smith
Johnathon Higgins
- 29 Zachary Kretzschmer
- 30 Carol Diener
Donna Wheeler
- 31 Leanne Smith

May Anniversaries

- 15 Jim & Brenda Smith, 21 years
- 23 John & Brigid Trowbridge, 38 years
- 27 Duane & Karen Peterson, 36 years
- 30 Mike & Jeanne Sting, 38 years



In the absence of a pastor,
these people can be contacted.

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THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER

Dawn Hendricks, Bernice Shupe, Connie Eden, Beth Elston, Gene Parsell, Tim Voss, Mike Eden, Terry Sturm, Clark Elftman, Hannah Britt, John Finneren, Tom Shupe, Whitney Peyerk, Joe Stodola, Matt Edler, Larry Adams, Al Collison, Susan Beller, Hope Kittel, Noah Adams, Kay Schuette, Corey Messing, Kevin Faupel, Ezra Sturm.

CROSS CHURCH SHUT INS

Vivian Buschlen, Dolores Elftman, Cordelia Trost, Margaret Edler, Roberta Danks, Carol Diener, Marvin Trost. Please keep them in your prayers.

THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Nicholas Swanson (US Air Force), Michael Cox (US Navy)



From the Desk of...Carrie Ward

Hello from the 1-2 classroom! What a fun time of year this is. We have been enjoying all that spring has to offer. You can hear a cheer when we announce that we don't have to wear our hats and gloves out to recess. I think they would all approve of making the day we can put away our snow pants into a school holiday.

We have been enjoying the sun shining in through the windows and seeing the flowers pop up from their long winter nap. The kids are excited to tell me about their afterschool activities of baseball practices, spring soccer, dance recitals, and more. We even have a few students who participated in the children's musical at Lakers! Our lives are busy and so full of excitement, it's a wonder how we find time for school!

In our classroom we have been busy learning about shapes, fractions, nouns, verbs, animal traits, and poetry. But the most important things we are learning are the things of God. We have been praying for our prayer partners, reading with a purpose of sending bible story books to Haiti, learning about what Jesus went through on his way to the cross, and shouting Alleluia! He is Risen!! What a privilege it is to be able to share the good news of Jesus with these children and hear them speaking the word of the Lord. I love my job! And I love this school! Thank you again and again for providing these families with the opportunity to give their children the gift of a Christian education.

May Calendar

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| 5/15 | Music & Art Extravaganza |
| 5/18 | Students sing in church and 8th grade recognition |
| 5/23 | Picnic/Field Day |
| 5/26 | NO School—Memorial Day |
| 5/30 | Last day of School, dismiss at 11 am
Closing Chapel with KDG & 8th grade
Graduation |





**In memory of Tom Fritz, for
Cross Lutheran Church:**

Roger Fritz & Lori Eggert
Nancy Schuette
Mike Fritz

**In memory of Tom Fritz, for
Cross Lutheran School:**

Sandra Haley

**In memory of Kimberly Jones,
for Cross Lutheran School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

**In memory of Deann Lewis, for
Cross Lutheran School:**

Jon & Ann Bella
Ronald & Judith Diener

**In memory of Alice Trost, for
Cross Hot Lunch:**

Jack & Pam Sturm

**In memory of Peggie Leip-
prandt, for Cross Lutheran
School:**

Tom & Bernice Shupe

Cross Fish Fry 2025

Let us all join, praising and thanking God for His many blessings He has done great things! All who came were fed!

Thank you to over 95+ volunteers serving in a variety of ways to make the 15th annual Cross Fish Fry a success. With the support of the congregation and community we served 456 takeout and dine in orders. There was a net income of \$7,481.15.

Special thanks to you, all the people who pull together and make this project a joy to be a part of!!

This fundraiser would not be a success without all the donors and **many** anonymous gems, who have contributed to this event along with businesses, thanks for your dedication: Bay Port State Bank, CD Sandblasting, Cooperative Elevator Co., Huron Propane Gas LLC, Farm Bureau-Tim Fritz Agency, Goats Graphics, Kevin Sturm, Main Street Family Restaurant, Meijer' of Bad Axe, Shine Time, Shoreline Snowplowing, Thrivent Financial, Thumb Bank & Trust, Wallace Stone Quarry, Walsh Packing, Winsor Fire Department, and Zimmerman Electric.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 1Chronicles 16:34.

Joy in the Journey,

Leanne Smith



Worship and Music Ministry

April 8, 2025

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

*MOTION by John T and seconded by Mike to form a Pipe Organ Fundraising Committee for repair/improvement consisting of 5, including John Trowbridge and 4 volunteers from congregation members. Beth Elston and Mike Sting will act as advisors. Motion carried.

*MOTION by Mike and seconded by John T to recommend to Council to pray the traditional "Closing Prayer" on First Sunday of the month, excluding church festival days. Motion carried.

*Holy Week and Easter – last minute information. Mike cited when the bell choir will play and chancel choir will sing. Palms for Palm Sunday will arrive by the weekend and plants for Easter will arrive the day before Easter.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 6 AT 5:30PM

School Board Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2025

(To be approved at the May Meeting)



Members present: David Faupel, Vice President Eileen Johnson, Secretary Rebecca Yackle, Non-Member Rep. Rita Herford, and CEA Rep. Katie Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Eileen Johnson at 5:34pm. David Faupel led us an opening prayer.

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 and seconded by Katie Wilson, to approve the March 6th, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Guest Presentations: None

Treasurers' Reports:

School Balance: \$59,247.19

CEA/PTO: \$51,788.52

Hot Lunch: \$6,196.77

(School & Hot Lunch balance does not reflect the credit card bill that will be paid for the month.)

A motion was made by Rita Herford and seconded by Katie Wilson to accept the treasurers' Reports. The motion carried.

CEA President's Report: We discussed and decided that we need to have a separate meeting to discuss finances and create a budget. Donuts with Dad went well and Muffins with Mom is coming up on April 25th. Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up soon and we have planned a special week for them. Field Day is May 23rd, and Mr. Wright will be getting events put together. We would like to continue having a Christian counselor available for the upcoming school year and CEA would like to pay for those services. Will follow up on it next month.

Principal's Report:

***Current 2024-2025 Enrollment:** 66 (1 part-time 5th grader)

DK:8 KDG:7 1st:9 2nd:7 3rd:8

4th:7 5th:7 6th:5 7th:5 8th:3

***Calendar:** April 18th- Good Friday; No School

April 21st-Easter Monday; No School

April 25th-Muffins with Mom

Old Business: *Discussed Logo/Apparel designs and changes. Will follow up on it next month.

*Discussed the dwindling scholarship funds and discussed bringing it to the church congregations' attention. David Faupel will present the idea to the council.

*Discussed Tuition Fees for part time student for the upcoming year. Katie Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Rita Herford to approve the fees for the 2025-2026 school year.

New Business: * Discussed a Tuition Assistance Request that was presented to the board.

*Discussed what could be done with the Used Chromebooks/iPad. David Faupel will send out an email with further information. Rita Herford made a motion and was seconded by Rebecca Yackle to offer to the teachers first, and second to the school families. Motion passed unanimously.

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*David Faupel finished staff evaluations and updated us on the staff for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. We will have to post for a part-time aide position that will need to be filled for next school year.

*Discussed the School Calendar for 2025-2026. Rita Herford made a motion to approve the calendar and was seconded by Rebecca Yackle. Motion carried.

Other Business: Our 5-year Goals/ Plans were tabled till next month.

Rita Herford made a motion and Katie Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, 2025 at 5:30pm



We are in the season of ALLELUIA! He is risen! He is risen indeed! We are risen! We are risen indeed! The daffodils are blooming! Alleluia! The temps are rising! Alleluia! Seeds are being sown! Alleluia! School is almost out! Alleluia! There are many reasons to rejoice! Alleluia!

On May 18, we will celebrate the Confirmation of four students of Cross Lutheran Church, the graduation of High Schooler, Gwyn Zimmerman, and Cross Lutheran School Eighth Graders, Judy Eberly, Dan Smith, and Ethan Yackle. What a celebration Sunday! Alleluia!

Our confirmands, Khloe Carriveau, Connor Flores, Hogan Halvorsen, and Ethan Yackle have chosen their Bible verses and will speak about them. These students will make public profession of their faith as well as answer the following questions:

*Will you regularly gather among God's people in worship to receive God's Word and share in His Holy Supper?

*Will you be a witness to the faith that has been given to you and strive to remain steadfast in God's Word?

*Will you be a servant to others and seek to love your neighbors, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus?

*Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and his lordship in your life through your daily words and deeds?

Their response should be "I will, and I ask God to help and guide me." I want you to consider your response to these questions. Is your response reflected in your actions?

There are many activities scheduled in our near future where your help is needed to proclaim the good news...among them are the garage sale, VBS, Sunday School and Youth events, Bible Study. If we have even a portion of volunteers and enthusiasm we demonstrated at the Fish Fry, those events would be off the charts, too. Those organizing those events are busy with preparations already. What a celebration it would be to have 60 people to help with the garage sale! What a celebration it would be to have volunteers for VBS come forward! What a celebration it would be to have Sunday School full and all our youth involved in worship and activities! What a celebration it would be to have multiple Bible study groups! What a celebration it would be to have a full bell and choral choir! SO many opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Which will you choose in which to share your gifts and talents?

May the joy of the Lord flow through you as you serve Him! The tomb is empty. He is risen! Alleluia!
In His service,
Gwynne Barry

Mission Outreach Ministry

April 9, 2025

The meeting of Mission Outreach Ministry was called to order by President Krisie Fritz. Those in attendance were Krisie Fritz, Tonja Nelson, Kim Delpiere, Maureen Reibling, Lori Smith, Sandie Haley, Lorraine LePage and Kay Schuette. A prayer was given by Krisie.

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

The treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Lori to approve the report. The motion was carried. Our last coffee hour donation was given to Kevin Ohlrogge to go to the groups Haitian Mission work.

The Mission Outreach group is trying to put together a welcome packet to give to people that are visiting our church. Lorraine will be bringing one that she received from a church she visited while in Chicago and this may give us ideas on what we want to put in our packets.

Easter cards were addressed and sent out to our shut-ins.

Our group will be in charge of coffee hour on April 27 with Lorraine, Krisie and Lori bringing food.

A motion was made by Krisie to order more pens to put in the church pews. Lorraine seconded the motion. Lori will order the pens.

The NALC Spring Collection for Disaster relief was discussed. Krisie found out if things we collect are sent to Owosso, it will be used locally and not distributed nationwide unless there is a bigger need some place else. If the items collected are sent to Ohio, the items can be used anywhere in the USA where there is need, including Michigan, depending on who has the greatest need. A September disaster relief project is in the planning stage which will include church and school to donate and put together supplies for this. A date has not been set but will take place after school starts this next school year.

The garage sale was discussed. Lori will apply for Thrivent funding for this. Lorraine will be making flyers and save the date notices. An ad will be put in the View newspaper to let the surrounding communities know about the sale. Dates are set for June 6 – 14, with sale days on June 12, 13 and 14.

October 12th will be the kick-off date for Operation Christmas Child and ending on November 9th. The congregation and school children will be helping with the packing of the shoe boxes. Mission Outreach will do coffee hour on October 12 and November 9 to correlate with this project.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 1:00 pm. With no further business to discuss, the group closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tonja Nelson



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Music Director - Beth Elston

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Nancy Heck

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Erica King

Phil Schadd

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Michelle Walsh

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Rebecca Yackle, Secretary

Rita Herford, nonmember rep

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

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# May 2025

| Sun                                                                               | Mon                                    | Tue                                                                               | Wed                                                                        | Thu                                                              | Fri                                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                                                         |
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| Comm. Serv.<br>9:30 am<br>SS 8:45 am <b>4</b>                                     | <b>5</b>                               | <b>6</b><br>Worship & Music<br>5:30 pm                                            | <b>7</b><br>Chapel 8:05 am<br>Mission Outreach<br>1 pm<br>Bible Study 6 pm | <b>8</b><br>Quilters 1 pm<br>CEA 4 pm<br>School Board<br>5:30 pm | <b>9</b>                                                                                               | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                   |
| Worship Serv<br>9:30 am<br>SS 8:45 am<br>Mother's Day <b>11</b>                   | <b>12</b>                              | <b>13</b><br>CLECC 4 pm<br>Stewardship 6:30<br>Council 7 pm                       | <b>14</b><br>Chapel 8:05 am<br>Bible Study 6 pm                            | <b>15</b><br>Music<br>Extravaganza<br>1 & 7 pm                   | <b>16</b>                                                                                              | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                   |
| Comm. Serv.<br>9:30 am<br>SS 8:45 am<br>Confirmation<br>Students sing <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline    | <b>20</b>                                                                         | <b>21</b><br>Chapel 8:05 am<br>Bible Study 6 pm                            | <b>22</b><br>Quilters 1 pm                                       | <b>23</b><br>Picnic/Field<br>Day<br>11:30 to 2 pm                                                      | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                   |
| Worship Serv<br>9:30 am<br>SS 8:45 am <b>25</b>                                   | Memorial<br>Day <b>26</b><br>NO School | <b>27</b>                                                                         | NO<br>Chapel <b>28</b>                                                     | <b>29</b>                                                        | <b>30</b><br>Last Day of<br>School<br>Closing Chapel<br>10 am<br>1/2 day of school<br>Dismiss at 11 am |  <b>31</b><br>See you in<br>the Fall!! |