



Growing together

April 2014

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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,

HE IS RISEN!! HE RISEN INDEED!!

¹ *NRS Matthew 28:1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.*

² *And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

³ *His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.*

⁴ *For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.*

⁵ *But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.*

⁶ *He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.*

What more is there to say?

**Hallelujah!!
Christ is Risen!!
Thanks be to
God!!**



Preparing for Worship at Cross



April 6 – 5th Sunday in Lent

1R – Ezekiel 37:1-14
 P – Psalm 130
 2R – Romans 8:1-11
 G – John 11:1-45
 Hymns: 115, 95, 487 Comm. 734, 92, 107, 709

April 13 – Palm Sunday

1R – Isaiah 50:4-9a
 P – Psalm 31:9-16
 2R – Philippians 2:5-11
 G – Matthew 26:1 – 27:66
 Hymns: 116, 93, 108 Com. 98, 97, 706

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

1R – Exodus 12:1-14
 P – Psalm 116:12-19
 2R – 1 Corinthians 11:23-32
 G – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18 – Good Friday

1R – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
 P – Psalm 22
 2R – Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

G – John 18:1 – 19:42

April 20 – Easter Sunday

1R – Exodus 14:10 – 15:1
 P – Psalm 118:15-29
 2R – Romans 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 G – John 20:1-18
 Hymns: 128, 129, 352 Comm. 135, 145, 352

April 27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

1R – Acts 5:29-42
 P – Psalm 148
 2R – 1 Peter 1:3-9
 G – John 20:19-31
 Hymns: 133, 131, 514

Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office. Please be mindful of the bonus box tops as they expire sooner than the others.

Lenten Potlucks

6 p.m.

April 2
 April 9

Special Dates

Fifth Sunday in Lent, *April 6*
 • Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 13*
 • Holy Week, *April 13-19*
 • Maundy/Holy Thurs., *April 17*
 • Good Friday, *April 18*
 • Holy Saturday, *April 19*
 • Easter Sunday, *April 20*
 • Administrative Professionals Day, *April 23*

Coffee Fellowship Hour

April 6 – Outdoor Flower Fund
 April 13 – Ministry of Education
 April 27 – Bench Fund

Pigeon Food Pantry

Easter baking is nearing. You can help by supplying flour, sugars, spices, chocolate chips, cooking oil, etc. Always in need are toiletries and personal items. Please place the items in the tote inside the East Door Entrance. Anything you can donate is helpful. Thank you.

Choir Schedule

* April 7
 * April 14
 * April 28

Bells at 6:30 / Choir at 7:30

National Volunteer Week is officially observed in April. Every week thousands of volunteers help people in need. As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits.

New research shows that volunteering and giving also provide physical and emotional advantages. Givers report an improved sense of

well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."

In Memory



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

In memory of Vincent Smith, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink
 Roberta Danks
 Jean Sturm

In memory of Ruth Eden, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink
 Roberta Danks

In memory of Vincent Smith, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Nancy Schuette and sons

In memory of Ruth Eden, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Nancy Schuette and sons

In memory of Don Leipprandt, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Beverly Leipprandt & Pamela

In memory of Don Leipprandt, for Cross Lutheran School:

Vivian Buschlen

In memory of Ruth Eden, for Cross Lutheran Garden Bench Fund:

Denny & Leanne Smith
 HIMS Department of
 Scheurer Hospital

In memory of Vincent Smith, for Cross Lutheran Garden Bench Fund:

Mike & Connie Eden

In memory of Vincent Smith, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe
 Jack & Pam Sturm

In memory of Ruth Eden, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In honor of Olga Renn's 93rd Birthday, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Karen Anklam

In memory of Edwin Licht, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Ruth Schuette
 Jack & Pam Sturm
 Jean Sturm
 Richard & Peggy Koehler
 Linda Fietzer

In memory of Sam O'Connor, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Jack & Pam Sturm
 Jean Sturm

In memory of Roland Eichler, for Cross Lutheran Building Fund:

Olga Renn

In memory of the mother of Dr. Don Rogers, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Albert Wolschlager, for Cross Lutheran School:

Tom & Bernice Shupe

In memory of Allan McLellan, for Cross Lutheran Parsonage Building Fund:

Bill & Muriel Hurdelbrink

Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz	453-2127
Inez Buchholz	375-4165
Vivian Buschlen	453-2649
Patty Cucinello	453-3589
Roberta Danks	453-3760
Barbara Degg	856-2678
Gerry Edler	678-0080
Dolores Elftman	453-2679
Pat Elston	453-2409
Carol Forster	375-2754
Vickie Forster	883-3875
Ava Gies	453-2193
Rachel Higgins	975-0668
Dorothy Henne	453-3457
Lillian Koehler	453-2121
Peggy Koehler	453-2278
Elaine Licht	453-3744
Peggy Licht	453-3845
Carole Mead	856-7438
Carol Schadd	269-5150
Donna Schuette	375-4328
Karen Schuette	453-2744
Nancy Schuette	453-3969
Ruth Schuette	453-3885
Bonnie Schulz	453-3116
Kayla Smith	977-0979
Erica Sturm	453-3830
Alice Trost	453-2279
Laura Trost	453-3209
Brigid Trowbridge	453-3990
Sheila Yackle	453-2589

Women's Circles

April Schedule:

Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Day is Wednesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Women of Faith

will meet on

Saturday, April 5

From 10:30 a.m.—Noon

Topic will be:

*"Balancing Unity
 and Diversity"*

Everyone Welcome!

Celebrate



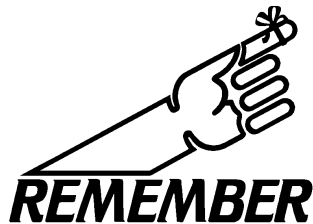
April

- 2 Brian Delpiere
- 3 Katelyn Kretzschmer
Jeff Trost
- 6 Ed Licht
Lillian Koehler
Brittany Renn
Travis Baur
- 8 Betty Champagne
- 10 Jennifer Gardy
Brigid Trowbridge
Doug Richmond
- 11 Garrett Fritz
Henry McAlpine
- 12 Pat Azarovitz
Lance Schuette
- 13 Brandon Gemmell
- 14 Zachary Trost
- 17 Shelia Yackle
- 18 Connor Flores
Arlene Fritz
- 19 Kathy Azarovitz
Karen Peterson
Linda Fietzer
- 20 Brian Rosenthal
- 21 Philip Delpiere
Michelle Fritz
- 22 Justin Gemmell
- 25 Gracey LePage
- 26 Kim Sturm
Jeffrey Otto
- 27 Ruth Hamilton
Caitie House
- 29 Jean Sturm
- 30 Vivian Buschlen

Anniversaries

- Apr. 1 Dave & Janis Elftman, 25 years
- Apr. 5 Dick & Peggy Koehler, 28 years

- Apr. 8—John & Lori Smith, 36 years
- Apr. 9—Denny & Leanne Smith, 31 years
- Apr. 17 - Gary & Doralee Schulz, 32 years
- Apr. 18—Ron & Bonnie Schulz, 50 years
- Apr. 22—Kevin & Erica Sturm, 8 years
- Apr. 28 - Bruce & Marilyn Baur, 52 years



Remember our Shut-ins:

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

Please Remember in Prayer:

Robin Sturm, Clarence Buchholz, Grace Bushey, Carol Diener, Kim Schadd (Mrs. Don-

ald Schadd), Ezra Sturm, Blain Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Harold Deering, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, 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 has been deployed to Europe, Ryan Schulz is stationed in Pensacola, FL. They are both Marines and sons of Lonnie Schulz and grandsons of Ron and Bonnie Schulz.

CEA Meeting Minutes

March 6

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

Pastor opened with prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Family Meetings

Family Engineering night was a success, thanks to everyone who was involved.

Fundraisers

World's Finest Candy Bar Sales are being set for some time in March.

Thanks Nicole Shupe for taking on this fundraiser.

Carnival – The carnival is set for April 12. 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.

Field day is set for Friday, May 16, rain date will be Monday, May 19.

Next CEA meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 4:45 p.m.

School News

April School Calendar



March 31—April 4	School Break
3	CEA 4:45 p.m.; School Board 5:30 p.m.
7	No Scrip Order This Week
9	Chapel 12:45 p.m.
11	Carnival Setup
12	Carnival 5—7:30 p.m.
17	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
18	No School
23	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
30	Chapel 8:10 a.m.

From the Desk of ... Beth Elston

In preschool we measure many aspects of children's development, across several domains. Obviously, student growth is measured in the cognitive domain, but this means much more than just learning numerals and alphabet letters. We assess whether a child is speaking in complete sentences, able to listen to and understand stories/books, and able to sustain attention during simple academic activities and the exploration of new materials and concepts. We measure student gains in the ability to manipulate and organize instructional materials, follow

directions, and formulate ideas about their work.

Alongside cognitive skills, student growth is also measured in regard to the social domain, which involves how students relate to each other and function as part of a group. Student emotional growth is also considered, as well as large motor (muscle) skills such as coordination, strength and balance. Growth is also measured in small motor skills, which enable students to manipulate pencils and crayons, and to color, trace and cut effectively. This may sound like a lot for students to practice and for teachers to keep track of. It is! But all this practice, and the planning and assessing that bring it to fruition, make the preschool classroom a very busy and happy place.

When was the last time you measured your growth? If you are an adult, it may have been awhile since you have thought about it, as we tend to associate the measurement of growth with children. But once our height and shoe size stabilize, and we finish our schooling and

enter adult life, do we really stop growing? Let's hope not! Even if you have been an adult for many, many years, you are still growing in many ways, across several domains. Chances are, you have learned a new piece of information (cognitive) quite recently. You have probably also been challenged or blessed in a relationship (social). You definitely have dealt with a frustration, sadness, concern or joy (emotional).

Think for a moment about how your recent experiences have brought about some growth in you. Think also about seeking a new growth opportunity for yourself. Is there someone or something that you can commit to helping or praying for? Is there a desire in you to change how or when you spend time communing with God? Is there an aspect of yourself that you want to bring to God for healing and renewal? God's mercies endure forever, so speak your heart to him.

Then thank God for helping you to grow.



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March 30, 2014

To the family of Cross Lutheran Church and School,

This letter is to officially announce a “specially called” congregational meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2014, immediately follow the 9:30 am church service.

The purpose of this “specially called” congregational meeting is to vote on the plans for the building of the new parsonage. These plans have been developed and recommended by the Parsonage Building Committee and were approved by Church Council at its March monthly meeting.

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, a presentation will be made to the congregation on the building of the new parsonage. A vote whether to accept the plans will take place. If the plans are accepted, then the Parsonage Building Committee will begin the next phase of planning construction. Absentee ballots are not permitted per Cross’ constitution (Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution, October 2011, 10.05).

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of Church Council or myself as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and ministry here at Cross Lutheran Church.

Dick Koehler, President
Cross Lutheran Church and School

April Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
April 6 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Paul Schuette	Aileen Prill	Paul Schuette	Bruce Baur Jeff Elston	Laura Trost	Johnathon Higgins
April 13 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Karen Schuette	John Trowbridge	Mike LePage Kent McKenzie	Jean Sturm	Elly Hyzer
April 17 7 p.m.	Peggy Koehler	Peg McCrimmon	Gwynne Barry	Gwynne Barry	Michelle Richmond Bob Tate	Peg McCrimmon	Jordan Trost
April 20 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Laura Trost	Sue Loehrke	Carole Mead	John Trowbridge	Carol Diener	Mitchell Schuette
April 27 9:30 a.m.	Issac Elston	Brittany Richmond	Gwynne Barry				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!**

Cross Lutheran School Board Meeting

February 6, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Members present: John Smith, Gwynne Barry, April Rujan, Rachel Higgins, Peter Shupe, Aileen Prill & Erica Sturm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Gwynne Barry and was opened with a prayer

Minutes: None

Guest presentations: None

Treasurer's Report:

CEA : has a balance of \$6,172.77

Review of Invoices:

A motion was made by Peter and supported by April to approve to pay the copier invoice. Aileen went over the hot lunch audit report

CEA President's Report:

Krispy Kreme fundraiser is going on right now and will end on

2/24/14

Family Engineering night will be on 2/25/14

CEA Carnival is set for 4/12/14

Pastor's / Principal's Report:

Ski trip to Apple Mountain was a success, talked about having extended hours for next year's trip

Progress reports go out on 3/3/14

Ash Wednesday is on 3/5/14

Imposition of Ashes will be administered at chapel that day for any student and staff that would like it.

Old Business:

There was some more discussion about what to do for the 2014-15 school year for a schedule. Lakers may be starting to do year round school. Do we want to follow them or stick with our current schedule?

More discussion is to come in the future when we find out more about the Laker schedule.

Tuition increase for 2014-2015 school year

Hot lunch price increase for 2014-2015 school year

New Business:

Gwynne presented some information on the new Epi-pen requirements for the 2014-2015 school year. There is not a lot of information on this yet as it is just coming out. Gwynne will keep us updated when she receives more information.

Other Business:

None

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/6/14 at 5:30

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Church Council Minutes



February 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by Vice-President, John Smith at 7:02 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. President Richard Koehler, Jr. was absent from this meeting. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The Council Minutes dated January 14, 2014, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the minutes, Nancy Heck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Motion was made by Neil Herford to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette was pre-

sent, and provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2014 through 2/10/14, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$26,170.21, Budgeted Needs were \$-9,022.10.

COMMUNICATIONS: Card from Gwynne Barry thanking Cross for her Christmas gift.

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 January/February: 0 Funerals, 13 Teachings, 7 Communion, 5 Hospital Visits, 2 Home Visits, 18 Meetings, and 11 Services.

Pastoral Acts:

None

Church Calendar:

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, service at 7:00 p.m., communion and imposition of ashes.

- First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2014 (Daylight Savings time begins, Yahoo!!!).
- Communion every Sunday in Lent
- Vespers every Sunday in Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- United Christians in Prayer, Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Cross.
- Thumb Distributions, Saturday, March 8, 2014.
- Lutheran School Week, Monday – Friday, March 10-14, 2014.
- Fish Fry – Friday, March 14, 2014.

- Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 13, 2014.
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014.
- AAU Girls Volleyball is practicing in Cross's gym every Monday night in February .
- Archery is practicing in Cross' gym every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in February.

Cornerstone Concert, Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- My visit with Hope Lutheran (Hubbard Lake, MI) on Sunday, February 2, 2014, as Dean of the Michigan Mission District of the NALC, went very well.
- Facilitated Bible Study every Tuesday at Country Gardens for the month of January .
- Conducted Chapel service at Huron County Medical Care Facility on Thursday, February 6, 2014.
- Cross hosted YFC's 5th quarter event (Jr. High) on Friday, February 7, 2014.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Basketball season is over. Yahoo!!!
- School Ski Trip, Apple Mountain, Wednesday, February 5, 2014. (Shaky start due to blizzard weather conditions, however; all had a great time and no broken bones just sore muscles).
- Winter Break, Monday – Friday, February 17-21, 2014 (Lakers & Cross)
- CEA Family Engineering

Church Council (Cont.)

Night – Tuesday, February 26, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

- Krispy Kreme doughnuts fund raiser in progress. Delivery will be Tuesday, February 4, 2014. (Fat Tuesday)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Enrollment for School year 2013-2014.

- As of this date, we have 31 students in K-8, and 15 enrolled in preschool.
- Annual School fund drive letter went out to alumni and families
- Responses have come in with generous donations.
- State Audit of Hot Lunch Program was conducted on Thursday, January 9, 2014.
- Discrepancies were noted and action is being taken to correct all.
- End of 1st Semester was Friday, January 24, 2014.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present, and gave his oral report. John advised that the School is selling Chocolate, Krispy Kremes and Walsh's Sausage for current fundraisers. Basketball season is over, and 2 games were cancelled due to weather issues.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP:

Tom Shupe was present and gave his oral report. The Christmas Eve Offering totaled \$1,885.98, and was designated to Compassion Care Hospital.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Karen Schuette was present and provided her report to all present. She didn't highlight any areas of her report.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

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

Advent offering boxes were up approximately \$250.00 this year.

MINISTRY OF MISSION OUT-REACH:

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

- Lori requested council to look at the Youth room to determine if the partition could be removed and a wall put up. Neil Herford will look into this after this meeting.

- Mom to Mom Sale coming up on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

- Garage Sale - June 12-14, 2014.

- VBS – July 14 -17, 2014.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH:

Pastor advised that a Fifth Quarter Basketball was conducted at Cross on Friday, February 7, 2014, between 9-11 p.m., 13 youth attended, 4 were connected with Cross Lutheran.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:

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

- Gary Booms is looking into proper materials and supplies that would work well for gym usage.

Exhaust fans in Bathrooms will be looked at in the future when weather cooperates.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE:

Aileen Prill was present and provided her written report to all

present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

- Hosting a Valentine Youth Event on Sunday, February 9, 2014, from 2 -4 p.m. Jean Sturm has put together some packets for creating Valentines. Karen Peterson will bake cookies for the children to decorate, and Pastor Tim will select a short movie.

- Loons Game – Sunday, August 17, 2014, it's an afternoon game.

Looking to see if anyone is interested in having a team for Relay for Life.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hot water heater has been replaced. All furnaces are now working.

Parsonage –Looking at having Menards to do an elevated plan for parsonage. Committee would like to have this when they take it back to the congregation.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, March 14, 2014, 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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisie S. Fritz

Secretary

Ministry of Worship and Music

Feb. 27

Ministry Meetings

Members present: Barb Degg, Beth Elston, Pastor Tim, and Karen Schuette. Meeting opened with prayer. January meeting minutes were reviewed.

MUSIC

We will be using LBW setting #2 for Lent.

We now have lists of suggested hymns for Sundays. These can be found on the Sola website. Copies were made for Hymn committee, Beth, Pastor, and Karen. These should be useful.

Beth purchased a total of \$446 worth of music for vocal and bell choirs. This total is more than our proceeds for the concert, so the rest will come out of our budget.

Beth found 2 articles in the periodical *CrossAccent* concerning the future of worship. They will be copied for our ministry. We are to read them and will discuss them at our next meeting.

Beth reported that a third octave set of chimes would cost \$785. We would use them, but they are not a necessity.

Beth found a number of books that deal with Hymnody, organ playing, etc. We will purchase these for her use with money from the budget.

WORSHIP

Pastor is still looking for new ideas for the Good Friday worship.

Pastor passed out an article

from the February Lutheran CORE newsletter. It is a review of a new worship book (hymnal). We are to read it and discuss it at our next meeting.

NALC is promoting to celebrate "Water Sunday" on March 23, 2014. Karen will bring it up at council and then work with Aileen on a flyer for the bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth in Worship – Karen attended the 2/27/14 Education ministry meeting to see if we could work together on some of the items on our list. They expressed frustration at the lack of children's involvement in Sunday School and church related activities.

Youth assisting – Pastor announced that Issac Elston will become an assisting minister. He will shadow a Sunday or two before doing it on his own. Pastor will also ask Brittany Richmond.

Brown chairs – still not done.

Worship and Doors – ushers – Pastor explained the reasoning for leaving the doors to the sanctuary closed before the service then opening them after we begin worship to the congregation during the announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

We received 10 used LBW's from Gunther and Shirley Hartlieb. These come from the church they attend during the winter in

Florida. We sent a Thank You note.

Parish Life Ministry

March 4

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m. with a devotion.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Sue Loehrke, Pam Sturm and Pastor Tim.

- Women of Faith Study meets next on March 15 from 10:30 – noon. Topic for this month is "Balancing Longing and Contentment"
- Coffee Hours: We will host on March 9.
- Paper Shower will be Sunday, March 23. A list of items needed went into the newsletter and the bulletins. We'll add zip lock bags to the list.
- Lenten Potlucks will begin Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.
- Confirmation Sunday is May 11. Parish Life will host that coffee hour with cakes. There are 6 being confirmed. We will also purchase red carnations.
- Graduation Sunday is June 1. There will be 2 students graduating from Cross School and 3 graduating from high school.
- Relay for Life – there has been no response to the bulletin inquiry, so we will not look into developing a team.

Adopt a Highway will be April 12 – hopefully the snow will be gone by then.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 1 at 5 p.m.

Ministry News (Cont.)

Meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

Adopt a Highway

We will clean our stretch of M-25 near McGraw Park on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 10 a.m. Please park at Walt's Meat Market and we'll divide into two teams, receive our vests and bags there.

A brief mandatory safety meeting will be held for all participants on Sunday, April 6 after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Youth Room. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call the church office at 453-3330 ext. 201.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Gently used baby and children clothing, toys, large and small baby equipment, vendors, and more!
Strollers welcome!

Concessions Available.

Admission \$1.

If interested in renting a table, contact Lori Smith at 453-3953 or jsmith@avci.net

Tables are \$20 each. Payments and signed rental contract must be received by 4/20/14.

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### CEA Carnival/ Open House

Saturday, April 12

5—7:30 p.m.

Any and all donations for adult & children's raffle would be greatly appreciated.

We will also be in need of cakes, cakes and more cakes for our cake walk. Cakes/baked goods can be delivered to the school Friday, April 11 all day or Saturday, April 12 from 3-5 pm - Any questions contact April @ 553-0663.

### Holy Week Schedule

- ◆ April 13—Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ April 17—Chapel 8:10 a.m. with foot washing
- ◆ April 17—Maundy Thursday Evening service with

communion and foot washing 7 p.m.

- ◆ April 18—Good Friday Evening service—7 p.m.
- ◆ April 18—Prayer Vigil begins after the evening service and concludes at noon on Saturday, April 19.
- ◆ April 20—Sunrise Service 7 a.m. at Cross Lutheran Cemetery
- ◆ April 20—Communion Service at 9:30 a.m.

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Early

Registration

For Preschool

And K-8

**Is now available
in the church/
school office.**

SIGNS OF A STROKE

SUDDEN WEAKNESS



• Numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body)

VISION LOSS/ HEADACHE/ OR DIZZINESS



• Sudden loss of vision, particularly in only one eye
• Unexplained dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

LOSS OF SPEECH



• Loss of speech, trouble talking or understanding language

Can You Recognize the Signs of a Stroke?

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the **Life Line Screening that will be at Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.** Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. To register call **1-800-324-9458.**



EASTER



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Afternoon Circle 1:30 pm 1 Parish Life 5 pm	Men's Breakfast 7 am 2 Potluck 6 pm Lenten Service 7 pm	3 CEA 4:45 pm School Board 5:30 pm	4 Ethics - Pr. Tim 7:30 am	Women of Faith 10:30 am - noon 5
C Service 9:30 SS - 10:45 6 Adopt A Highway 10:45 Parsonage Bldg 10:45 Confirmation 5-6:30 Vespers 7 pm	7 Choirs: Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	8 Executive 6 pm Council 7 pm	Chapel 12:45 pm 9 Morning Circle 9:30 am Quilting Day 1:30 pm Potluck 6 pm Service 7 pm	10 Archery Banquet 4 - 8 pm	11	Adopt A Highway 10 am 12 Carnival/ Open House 5 - 7:30 pm
13 C Service 9:30 am SS - 10:45 am Coffee Hour - 10:45 am	14 Choirs: Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	15 Pigeon Pastors 1 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	16	Chapel 8:10 am 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	18 No School Good Friday Service 7 pm Vigil begins	19 Prayer Vigil concludes at noon
Sunrise Service 7 am 20 Easter Service 9:30 am	21	22 Mission/ Outreach 6:30 pm Stewardship 7 pm	23 Chapel 8:10 am Comm. Service 7 pm	24 Min. of Ed 5:30 pm Worship & Music 7 pm	25	26 Mom 2 Mom Sale 9 am - noon
W Service 9:30 am 27 SS - 10:45 am Congregational Meeting 10:45 am Confirmation 5-6:30 pm	28 Choirs: Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	29	30 Chapel 8:10 am Comm. Service 7 pm			

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