

Cross Connection

Growing together

October 2010

Message from Pastor Tim

Take a moment to think about the word WORSHIP. What comes to mind?

The definition of worship according to Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms is

“The service of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and petition directed toward God through actions and attitudes.”

In the NRSV Bible the word praise appears 299 times. I think God is trying to tell us exactly how He is to be worshiped. ^{NRS}

Psalm 147:1 Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Adoration is to “adore” God alone as the ultimate Lord. To do that is to live the authentic life in Jesus Christ.

Giving thanks to God is an expression of gratitude for all the blessings and goodness we have received but do not deserve because of our sinful nature.

Petition is seeking and requesting what we think we need. However, the prayer always ends in not my will but yours.

Worship also includes tithing. Giving back to God what He has abun-

dantly given us. This giving back, whether it is material, like money, or service to God, comes first and foremost in our lives.

With all of the above, worshiping God takes on many forms and faces. All of which are acceptable to God. However, we find ourselves frustrated, empty and lacking when me, myself, and I are at the center of our worship.

You know what I’m talking about: ‘I didn’t get anything out of the sermon, I feel empty when I leave church, I don’t like the music, I had to sit in a different pew today, Why should I go to church when all I do is just get upset about this or that?’ When did worshiping God center around us and how we feel? Where is God in that? For if we worship God in order to make us feel good we are worshiping our sinful self and expecting God to make us feel better. Who is the potter and who is the clay? Putting God first and praising Him is contrary to how our society tells us to live our lives of “what’s in it for me?” True worship is something we bring to church, offer to God and share with one another.

^{NRS} *Psalm 100:1 Make a*

joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

It is precisely when we are feeling critical, deficient, alone or willful that we need to bend our knee and humble ourselves and as we focus our minds on who God is, what God has done and what He promises to do that we will be lifted spiritually. True worship strengthens our soul, encourages us to good works, allows love to grow and gives us proper perspective of our deep need for God’s presents in every area of our lives. Worship is an internal work with outward expression not an outward experience done to please us. Intentionally worship God and you will find yourself surrounded in blessings you may have been missing.

God’s speed

Pr Tim

Our mission:

Bring people to Christ.

Teach

Christians to be disciples.

Send disciples to reach the world.



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Preparing for Worship at Cross

Worship Schedule

October 3, – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

P – Psalm 37:1-9

2R – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

G – Luke 17:5-10

Hymns: LBW# 250, 294, 363

Communion Hymns: WOV# 702, 701, 699, 709

October 10, – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

1R – 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

P – Psalm 111

2R – 2 Timothy 2:8-15

G – Luke 17:11-19

Hymns: LBW # 535, 549, 526

October 17, – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Genesis 32:22-31

P – Psalm 121

2R – 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

G – Luke 18:1-8

Hymns: LBW # 397, 390, 389

Communion Hymns: LWB # 200, 196, 203, 214

October 24, – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

1R – Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

P – Psalm 84:1-7

2R – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

G – Luke 18:9-14

Hymns: LBW# 334, 300, 495

October 31, – Reformation Day

1R – Jeremiah 31:31-34

P – Psalm 46

2R – Romans 3:19-28

G – John 8:31-36

Hymns: LBW# 229, 230, 234

Communion Hymns: WOV# 752, 748, 706, 723

News and Notes



We welcomed the following children into the fellowship of our Lord's Church and family of Cross during the month of September.

Brian Patrick Smith –
Baptized Sept. 19, 2010

Born June 17, 2010 son of
Jim & Brenda Smith

Sponsors: Greg & Rebecca
Yackle

Molly Ann Smith -
Baptized Sept. 19, 2010

Born June 17, 2010 daughter
of Jim & Brenda Smith

Sponsors: Keith McLaughlin
& Patty McNeil

Khloe Ann Carriveau -
Baptized Sept. 26, 2010

Born August 17, 2010 daughter
of Trevor & Kristy
(McKenzie) Carriveau

Sponsor: Jody McKenzie

COFFEE HOUR

Parish Life Ministry
will host coffee hour
every Sunday in
October

Autumn Alive

Presented by Thumb
Christian Outreach Minis-
tries

A Retreat for Men, Women
& Teens

October 1 & 2, 2010

Evangel Life Fellowship Hall
1369 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe

**Fri. night 7:00 p.m. &
Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00
p.m.**

Guest Speaker: Judi Steffes
Praise and Worship Shannon
Allen

Free registration – Free will
offering

In Memory/In Honor

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

In memory of **Meta Farver** for Cross Lutheran Church by Ruth Hamilton, Dennis & Carol Diener, Delores Lange, Olga Renn, Edna Schulz, Nancy Schuette and family, Richard & Tressa Farver, Carol & David Vos, Terence Moore, Dorothy Henne, Helen Decker, Henry & Barb Trost, Edna Diebel, Lois Decker, Lydia Decker, Elsie Sturm, Jim & Fran Laursen, George & Linda Gardy, Jack & Pam Sturm, Jean Sturm, Mike & Lorraine LePage, Ruth Schuette, Kent & Lori McKenzie, Leon & Leil Elftman, Alice Diaschil, Jerry Ziegler, Glen & Arda Kay Schaaf, Ruth Walsh,

William & Carole Blecke, Wayne Karchner, Mark & Judy Karchner, Clarence & Inez Buchholz, Jim Ewald; for Cross Building Fund by Arthur Woelke, Elsie Trowbridge, Harold & Shirley Deering; for Cross Lutheran School by George & Ruth Mohr, Vivian Buschlen, Tom & Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Gerald Geppert** for Cross Lutheran Church by Ron & Bonnie Schulz, Clarence & Inez Buchholz, John & Ellie Fitzpatrick, Stuart Arends, Geo Clark, Joshua & Linda Robege, Russell & Jeanne Williams, Christine Apel, David & Ruth Golm, Bill & Muriel

Hurdelbrink, Denny & Leanne Smith, Ruth Hamilton, Richard & Carole Mead, Dan & Louise Woodruff, William & Maryanne Williams, Louis & Dorothy Colletta; for Cross Building Fund by Dennis & Carol Diener, Ray & Elaine Licht, Terry & June Sturm, Bruce & Marilyn Baur; for Cross Lutheran School by Tom & Bernice Shupe.

In memory of **Duane Schulz** for Cross Lutheran School by Tom & Bernice Schupe

In memory of **Louise Schulz** for Cross Lutheran Church & School by Elaine Trost-Jerbi, Julie & Dan Parker, Hilmar Trost, Marin & Alice Trost, LouAnn Trost, Roger & Carol Trost.



We've Lost a Friend

Obituary

Gerald "Gerry" James Ernest Geppert, 74, of Port Austin, passed away Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

Born May 11, 1936 in Detroit, he was the son of the late Paul and Ethel (Ladenberger) Geppert, and was a 1954 graduate of Denby High School in Detroit. Following his 1959 graduation from Lawrence Tech, he served with the

U.S. Army from June 1959 until April 1961. He met Lois I. Hilyer while bowling, and the couple were united in marriage Nov. 27, 1965 in Detroit.

Gerry was a mechanical engineer, and was project manager as well as plant manager for Chrysler, at the Lynch Road Plant, the Warren Truck Plant, the Jeep Plant in Toledo, and the Jefferson Plant, where his daughter, Irene, worked with him until his Aug. 31, 1991 retirement.

Gerry enjoyed HO model trains, doing yard work, boating, water and snow skiing, canoeing, fishing, camping, and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed working in his garage on his cars, and wood-working. He actively took part in building their home at the lake.

He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family; he enjoyed participating in activities with the family. He always was honest and straightforward in what he said and did. He currently was a member of the Lake Township Planning Board and Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. He lived life to the fullest.

Gerry's funeral service was conducted Sept. 15, 2010 here at Cross Lutheran Church and burial took place in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 3
- Columbus Day Observance, October 11
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2010

Celebrate

October Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Messing
Greg Buschlen
Rebecca Yackle
Ginny Trost
- 2 Katherine Schuette
Kelsey Fritz
- 4 Laura Trost
Abigail Schuette
Aileen Prill
- 6 Susanne Swanson
- 7 Lois Geppert
Chad Smith
- 8 Bryce Haley
- 9 Rachel Higgins
Karleigh Irion
- 10 Fred Edler
- 11 Jennifer Sturm
- 12 Dorothy Hafner
- 14 Deborah Lange
Kate Hessling
- 15 Terri LaFontaine
- 17 Heath Forster
- 19 Caroline Schuette
Cooper LePage
- 20 Ethel Mueller
Todd Roestel
- 22 Carol Forster
- 23 Allie Siewert
Dolores Elftman
Krisie Fritz
- 24 Marvin Trost
Lois Decker
Justin Kunisch
- 26 Jill Gardy
Kacey Peterson
Barb Trost
Jonathan LePage
Joshua LePage
- 28 Ann Buschlen
Carole Mead
- 29 Amber Young
Doralee Schulz
- 30 Emily House
Ava Gardy
Kyle Gemmell
- 31 Marlena Rosenthal
Austin Schuette

October Anniversaries

- 10/1 Fred & Margret Edler (50th)
- 10/2 Brian & Kim Delpiere (17th)
- 10/4 Phil & Patti McNeil (7th)
- 10/7 Dan & Deb Papkey (32nd)
- 10/9 Roger & Pat Ewald (45th)
- 10/9 Ron & Rachel Higgins (23rd)

- 10/11 Corey & Rachel Messing (2nd)
- 10/11 Jim & Janet Schumacher (52nd)
- 10/11 Chuck & Kristi Krohn (7th)
- 10/12 Dennis & Carol Diener (48th)
- 10/13 Larry & Gina Smith (31st)
- 10/19 Don & Nadene Barbret (64th)
- 10/24 Terry & June Sturm (40th)
- 10/27 Harold & Shirley Deering (54th)

Please Remember in Prayer:

Karissa & Josh Williams and their unborn daughter, Tina Smith, Barb Buchholz, Elizabeth Marie & Evelyn Florence Hill (twin daughters of Jill Gardy), Sharon Dietzel, Henry & Ava Gies, Cathy Ruthenberg, Kurt Anderson, Eunice Richmond, Lester Otto (Mike Eden's brother's father-in-law), Marlena Rosenthal, Dorothy Hafner, Fran & Jim Laursen, Karen Anklam, Harvey Weiss, Cheryl Merlington, Andrea Harder, Blaize Webber, Michelle Chiotti, Betty Schulze, Dennis Diener, Shirley & Harold Deering, Marge Krause, Ruth Mohr, Loren Elftman.

* Please be sure to update your request so we can keep our prayer list current.

Remember our Shut-ins:

Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Harvey Weiss, Barb Ruff, Ruth Milton, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Viola Schuette, Marge Krause, Fred Edler, Bill Buchholz, Thelma Warner, Hulda Baur

In the Service of Our Country:



Zac Collins son of Perry & Tiffany Collins is in Afghanistan. Please pray for his safety and continue to pray for all service members and their families as they are separated.

WOW!

Look at these painless ways you can support our school. These items have been collected over the past school year.

Target	146.43
Cartridges for Kids	364.40
Spartan	160.00
IGA Labels	50.00
Box Tops for Ed	<u>590.20</u>
Total	\$1,311.03

Please keep saving!

School News

School Board

August 5, 2010

Present: Terry Sturm, Brian Delpiere, Pastor Loehrke, Norma Hemauer, Gretchen Roestel, Maxine Rice, Gwynne Barry, Deb Musolff

July meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion from Maxine and a second from Norma. Approved

Treasurers report, no expense with CEA, and internal school accounts were 5382.64. There are no invoices available. A motion to approved by Rice, and second by Roestel to accept. Approved

CEA Presidents report

Work continues on the Luau, tickets are available. August 15, 3-8pm and dinner from 5-6:30. The CEA board is minimal at this time so we are looking for new leaders.

Pastors report

School calendar handed out, will be mailed week of August 9.

Tuition program will be managed by Paul Schuette and hot lunch will be managed by Rachel Higgins.

We are anticipating 26 students at the beginning of the school year.

Old Business

Pastor has a lead on a laptop that may be a possibility for the school, we need to check with Brian Delpiere regarding his research thus far.

New Business

Hot Lunch discussion regarding families helping the in the kitchen. Karen has agreed that help in the kitchen could be reduced to 3 days a week- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and that is acceptable. Motion by Roestel and second by Rice to reduce kitchen help 3 days a week rather than 5. Approved.

Review and deletions of the school handbook:

Rachel has gone through and updated the obvious, school hours were reviewed and updated.

Page 10: **Title change** Permanent expulsion policy needs to be changed to the dangerous weapons policy in order to be compliant with the accreditation.

Page 12: **Wording change** Appropriate dress will be addressed this year. Offensive sayings on t-shirts-specifically.

Page 16: **Chapel time changed to 8:10 am.** Percentage disbursements for offering needs to be reworded as this is no longer the case.

Page 18: Preschool-Kindergarten computer capabilities should be addressed.

Ask Gwynne and Deb

Page 24: **One call can be added** to paragraph regarding delays and closings.

Page 29: CEA fundraisers need to be updated.

Page 30: School supply list

should be listed as a **Spark Bible** rather than the Good News Bible.

A medications policy needs to be added, Mrs. Musolff has typed up in order to be in compliance with accreditation.

Mission Statement and Philosophy needs to be added to be in compliance with the accreditation. Mission Statement: "Cross Lutheran School, guiding children to learn, to love, and to live under the grace of God's forgiveness". Philosophy is in the handbook.

School lunch fees paragraph needs to be addressed.

Delinquent tuition and hot lunch fees are still being pursued and it was noted that Delores Lange is owed \$108 for serving lunch for a family and a motion was made to pay Delores from the Library and Teaching fund by Roestel and second by Hemauer. Approved. It is noted that the full amount owed by this family is being pursued legally.

Advertising was discussed, Norma Hemauer volunteered to investigate advertising costs.

A review of applications then took place. There were 26 applications, after a filter process about 9 have been selected for the School Board to investigate. 3 candidates have a secondary education degree, a permit from the state can be obtained for these

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October Time & Talents

DATE & TIME	LEADER	READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	COMMUNION	USHERS for MONTH	Altar Guild
Oct. 3 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	Norm Nelson	Ray Licht	Carol Meade	Norm Nelson Bob Tate Denny Smith John Barry Mike Eden Mike Fritz	Carol Diener
Oct. 10 9:30 a.m.	Bob Battel	June Sturm	Aileen Prill			
Oct. 17 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Laura Trost	Peggy Koehler	Ray Licht		Laura Trost
Oct. 24 9:30 a.m.	Gwynne Barry	Peggy Koehler	Sue Battel			
Oct. 31 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Sue Loehrke	John Trowbridge		Ruth Hamilton

LEADERS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND ALTAR GUILD
Opening and Closing Church for October Services (Unlocking and locking doors, turning on and off lights, sound system): Ushers
 *If you are unable to participate as scheduled, please contact a substitute. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2278. Thanks and may God's peace be with you always.
Peggy Koehler


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people to teach for one year and test through the state to be able to teach all subjects in Jr. High. An elementary degree allows them to teach up to 8th grade in a self contained classroom.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:35 am.

Gretchen Roestel
 School Board Secretary

School Calendar



Day Progress Reports

10/3	CEA Pancake Break fast 9:00 – 1:00	10/5	CEA Meeting 12:30 p.m.
10/4	No School - Professional Development	10/7	School Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
		10/10	TALL Soccer Game @ Berne 2:00 p.m. Scrip Orders Due MEAP test begin this week

CEA News

September 2010

CEA Meeting

President Maxine Rice

Vice-President Melissa Helmuth

Secretary Melisa Raymond

Treasurer Stephanie Burgess

Present at meeting were Maxine Rice, Melissa Helmuth, Norma Hemauer, Melisa Raymond and Stephanie Burgess.

Melissa Helmuth opened with Prayer at 2:00 P.M.

Treasurers report was given. Melissa H. motioned and Maxine second. Motion passed.

Old Business

Discussed the CEA mission.

Discussed fund-raising changes.

Candy Bar Fundraiser is still ongoing.

New Business

Pancake Breakfast is slotted for October 3rd. Discussed distribution of jobs.

Beach Cleanup- Melissa H. motioned CEA to pay up to \$80 for TAT bus to take kids for beach cleanup. Stephanie 2nd the motion, motion passed.

CEA Family Meeting will be decided at a later date.

Wood Chips for Preschool- Stephanie is looking into the cost for rubber instead of wood chips. This motion tabled for a later date.

Triathlon October 23rd plans are in the works.

Next meeting for Tuesday Oct 5th at 12:30

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 2:55 P.M.

Thoughts from Deb Musolff, teacher of K-2

With God's help and His blessing a new school year has begun. The opening days of school are always tiring for everyone, especially young children. We have to settle into a routine after the relaxing days of summer. By 10:00 AM my students ask, "When is

lunch?" and "Do we go home now?" I laugh to myself because I am thinking the same thoughts. We now seem to be over that "beginning of school" hump.

This year any students who had school supplies to school by the first Thursday were entered into a drawing. The teachers were thrilled and thankful that every child had supplies in time to enter the drawing and everyone received something.

Officer Tom Morneau brought the Huron County Safetyville program to our gym the week of September 13. This traffic safety program is attended by kindergarten and first grade students throughout Huron County. The week that it is set up in our gym students from Lakers, Cross and St. John visit. Cross junior high students serve as helpers for Officer Tom.

I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to teach at Cross Lutheran School and thank all of you for your dedication to Christian education.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

These kits are often the only supplies some children receive to continue their education because of their very difficult conditions. Your help is needed:

Pads or notebooks of ruled paper

Blunt scissors

Ruler (with inches & centimeters)

Pencil sharpener

Six pencils with erasers

Eraser (aprox. 2 ½ inches long)

Construction paper in assorted colors

Box of crayons (8, 16 or 24 counts)

Please put all donations on the coat rack. Our CLCW group will collect and package them for shipment. Thank you!

Ministries

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

Our ministry met on Sept. 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Pam Sturm opened with devotions and prayer Rick Landry will have devotions in October.

Members present were: Inez Buchholz, Betty Champagne, Rick Landry, Marlene Landry, Sue Loehrke, Paul Schuette, Pam Sturm and Pastor Tim.

- We discussed the details for Rally Day, which was held on Sunday Sept. 12th. The weather was great and it was a perfect day of outdoor worship. Parish Life arranged games for the children, organized the potluck and supplied meat and the tent.

- Upcoming events, including our involvement in Mission Festival, were briefly discussed and will be finalized at the meeting on October 5th at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Betty Champagne
Chairperson

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

Do you have extra items in your garden? In the back of Church we will be having a Shared Blessings table for congregational members to bring in their garden extras to share with anyone who would like them. Bring in your items each week during the harvest time.

The kickoff to Operation Christmas Child has taken place. The shoebox work nights will be November 16th & 18th starting at 7:00 pm in the gym. Anyone wishing to donate empty shoe boxes, and any of the following new items- children's clothing, small toys, crayons, coloring books, markers, pencils, caps, girl's hair accessories, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash clothes, hard candy, mints, gum, etc. can place the items in the west end of the Youth Room. And, anyone wishing to put Christmas wrap on the empty shoeboxes can also pick up the boxes from the Youth Room.

When doing fall house cleaning and organizing, keep in mind Cross Garage

Sale that will take place in the Spring of 2011. We would appreciate you storing your gently used items until spring.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Sundays, October 10th & 24th from 5-6:30.

There will be a **LYO officers meeting on Sunday October 10th at 1:00** before the chocolate making. This will include Alissa, Javen, Holly, Wes, and Elizabeth.

On **Sunday October 10th** from 2-5 pm. LYO, will be making chocolates to sell at the Holly Berry Fair on **Saturday, No-**

vember 6th. Pat Letwin from Caseville area will be showing us some chocolate making techniques. She has worked with groups that have made and sold chocolate in the past and is looking forward to sharing her expertise.

November 6th-Holly Berry

Fair: We will be selling items from 9-4 on Saturday only. Please put this on your calendar and let Leanne know when you can help.

December 27-30 "The Gathering" in Novi MI. Let Leanne know by October 31st if you plan on attending, there is paperwork to fill out. Call 856-4241 or text 989-553-4241. If you want more information the web site is elcalivingwater.com.

On November 14th we will have a Pasta Fundraiser Meal for Confirmation and LYO.

Please put this on your calendar to help with this event. There will be more information soon.

The next Youth Ministry meeting will be changed to Wednesday, October 20th at 7:45 pm.

Quilts for Seniors High will meet on October 7th and 21st from 7-8:30 pm in the youth room.

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

Tim Fritz, President

Terry Sturm, Vice President

Kim Delpiere, Secretary

Tom Shupe, Treasurer

Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary

Terry Strum, School Board

Ronald Higgins, Properties

Peggy Koehler, Worship & Music

Ray Licht, Stewardship

Connie Eden, Education

Sue Stuever-Battel, Outreach

Leanne Smith, Youth

Betty Champagne, Parish Life

Lorraine LePage, Social Services

Advisors

Tim Loehrke, Pastor

Paul Schuette, Constitution Rep.

Ministry of Properties

Ronald Higgins

Mike Eden

Paul Schuette

Ministry of Worship & Music

Peggy Koehler

Peg McCrimmon

Vivian Buschlen

Delores Lange

Beth Elston

Danielle Irion

Mary Dubs

Ministry of Social Services

Lorraine LePage

Krisie Fritz, Lori Smith

Lou Ann Jarvis, Kay

Schuette, Bonnie Schulz

Ministry of Stewardship

Ray Licht

Tom Shupe

June Sturm

Carol Diener

Bob Battel

Ministry of Education

Connie Eden, Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith, Kim Fritz

Ministry of Outreach

Sue Stuever-Battel

Maxine Rice

Stephanie Lakin

Ministry of Youth

Leanne Smith

Sue Loehrke

Elizabeth Higgins

Rachel Higgins

John Shope

Linda Shope

Ministry of Parish Life

Betty Champagne

Sue Loehrke

Paul Schuette

Pam Strum

Inez Buchholz

Rick Landry

Marlene Landry

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Suzie Swanson

Leanne Schuette

Pam Sturm, Patty Schulze

Bob Battel

Peter Shupe

Nominating Committee

Mary Dubs

Dave Elftman

Lou Ann Jarvis

Bonnie Schulz

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

School Board

Terry Sturm, President

Brian Delpiere, Vice President

Gretchen Roestel, Secretary

Vacant, Treasurer

Norma Hemauer, Non-member rep.

Pastor Tim, Advisor

C.E.A

Maxine Rice, President.

We're looking ahead to our upcoming shoebox

project, and like every year, we are hoping to increase the number of filled shoeboxes we send to Samaritan's Purse.

Any empty shoeboxes can be put in the big box in the youth room.

School supplies are cheap right now! Pick up some extras when you're shopping and put them in the green tub in the front coat room. Summer clothes are being closed out, also!

Some things we could use;

Markers, crayons, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, coloring books, pads of paper, (no glue) notebooks, scissors, pencils, hats, shoes, socks, sandals, underwear, t-shirts, shorts,

dresses, toys, stuffed animals, books, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, washcloths, small towels, cups, use your imagination!

If anyone is willing to help us out by starting to gift wrap the boxes, please, please call Lori Smith at 453-3953.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Tues. Oct. 5, Rebecca Circle, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess, Edna Diebel

Mon. Oct. 11, Esther Circle, 2:00 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 13, Sarah Circle, 9:30 a.m.

Wed. Oct. 6, Love Day, 1:30 p.m. Tie quilts

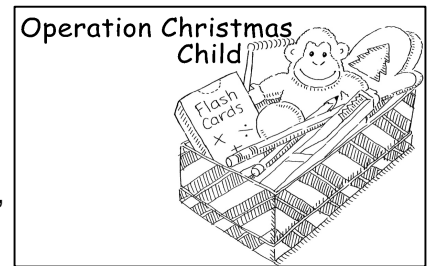
Mon. Oct. 18, Pack Quilts & School Kits

8:00 a.m.

The CLCW has donated money for the

purchase of Bibles for Sunday School

and school third graders, a much appreciated tradition.



In the News

Guiding a path for others

Published: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

By TRACI L. WEISENBACH
Tribune Staff Writer

PIGEON — Monday proved to be an extraordinary day for Cross Lutheran School, as parochial school educators from around the state spent the day there observing an ordinary school day.

The Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS) hand picked Cross Lutheran as a model school for multi-grade level classrooms. Cross Lutheran, a K-8 school with 27 students, has three classrooms with three grades each. Throughout the course of the school day, close to 30 teachers, principals and superintendents from 14 parochial schools visited from areas such as Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Gaylord and Rogers City. In addition, Dr. Hakim Shahid of the teacher education program at Madonna University visited to glean ideas on how to better prepare teachers for multi-grade level classroom environments.

“(Educators) are here to learn how to operate a multi-grade level classroom and the meth-



CLS teacher Gwynne Barry directs a lesson.

ods to accomplish that,” said Brian Broderick, MANS executive director.

Many of the schools visiting Cross Lutheran had two grades in one classroom, but not three, and they wanted to see how a three grade-level classroom worked. Some schools were experiencing declining enrollment and wanted to incorporate more multi-grade level classrooms into their schools.

“This also is a way to open more schools in rural areas,” said Michael Knoff, Bay Area Catholic Schools administrator.

David Faber, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, agreed.

“You don’t have to have 150 kids to open a new school (when a school has multi-grade level classrooms),” he said.

Educators said they were impressed with what they saw at Cross Lutheran. Several said they thought the teachers transitioned from one subject to another very smoothly. They also were impressed that Pas-

tor Tim Loehrke greeted each student by name in the morning and that he taught religion in the 6-8th-grade classroom for an hour.

“In the sixth through eighth-grade classroom, the teacher was teaching algebra to one group of students, and the other students were in a self-directed reading group,” said Cathy Gillmet of St. Ignatius School in Rogers City. “It was amazing. There is a lot of peer support — students helping each other. This leads to leadership skills for students.” Other teachers echoed Gillmet’s comments, noting students exhibited strong independent learning skills.

Charles Taylor of the Diocese of Gaylord said he liked the peer interaction between the older and younger students. “It creates a family atmosphere,” Taylor said.

“The students seem comfortable and happy,” Faber noted. Shahid said he liked how the teachers connected the lessons with everyday life, bringing the curriculum alive for the students. **(Cont. on Pg. 11)**

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"They're making sure they apply what they're teaching to real situations," he said.

While the three Cross Lutheran teachers — Deb Musolff, Gwynne Barry and David Faupel — were flattered by the attention from their peers, they don't consider what they do in their classrooms as anything out of the ordinary. It's just what they do.

According to Barry, who teaches 3-5th-grade, the day of special attention originated when Barbara Stork, MANS assistant director, visited the school more than a year ago to help the school with the accreditation process through the Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association. Then in August, Barry called Stork with a question.

"She said, 'I was just thinking of your school,'" Barry said.

Barry said Stork told her she wanted parochial schools from across the state to visit Cross Lutheran for a day to see how the school operates its multi-grade level classes. She said some of the MANS member schools were calling the MANS Lansing office with questions about how to do multi-grade level classrooms because they were experiencing declining enrollment and revenue. Stork remembered what she had seen at Cross Lutheran during her recent visit and was impressed by the well-organized curriculum and the experienced teachers.

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Bible study & fellowship takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The group will resume from summer break on October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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200 Ruppert Street—Pigeon, MI

October 3, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Adults \$6.00

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