

# Cross of Christ News

May  
2016

## A Note from the Pastor

Greetings to you all in the name of the risen Christ!!! Giving thanks for my vacation in April to go and see Anne LaMott speak at Lenoir-Rhyne University, my alma mater and an ELCA university, I thought that I would share a bit of what she taught.

"Stop watching the news and write." LaMott shared the news of storytelling, sharing our story as a child of God... through your own honest lens. She shared with all of the TV and social media, that we are losing the art of storytelling which tried and true builds relationships... through sensuality, experience, intellect, and empathy. Through the storytelling of each person or group we get to meet God's creativity in a way like no other!

LaMott shared that when we wait to tell our story, it is often lost. The memories fade or the memories are lost. Generations continue to do the same things over and over again without reason, but out of a motor memory and change becomes even more difficult in our lives. Get up and move...just write thoughts or begin to meet with a friend or two and share... share... we have been created in relationship to one another and to God.

As we grow older our relationships change and we learn to prune the good and the bad. Through prayer, or hands on experience, or just because, we use our experiences to grow and mature. And that is hard alone. Losing friendships and people in our lives is really hard, but we are not alone. God is with us and God has set before us the kingdom... and the church is part of the kingdom! Embrace one another. Surround one another. Reach out to one another.

In Genesis we learn that God created all of the kingdom, but the human was still lonely. Then God created a HELPMATE!!!! A helpmate! How awesome is that! Someone who comes along to help, lift up, pray for you, offer kindness and love and justice... pretty awesome is our God!

So as Anne LaMott encouraged us, go and reconnect to the human creation, to God's creation. Sure use the social media too, that is a connection, but the meeting face-to-face to share your story, to hear the story of a friend, a brother and sister in Christ, is even better!!!

*In Christ, Pastor Sherry*

## **BONFIRE!**

SATURDAY, MAY 14th, weather permitting, there will be a bonfire at Pastor Sherry's house beginning at 7:30PM. Ride your bike (or however you plan to arrive) and come gather around the fire on this Pentecost Eve. Snacks and drinks will be provided. You may need to bring your own chair! Come and SEE!!!

## Month at a Glance

**Noisy Offering:** (see article on pg4)  
May 1st and 15th

**Paper Pantry:**

5-7 PM May 12th (prep@3:30 5/12)  
9-11 AM May 26th (prep@3:30 5/25)

**Soup Kitchen:**

May 12th and 26th (EEC's month)

**Due to office:**

Hard Copy Newsletter submissions:

May 10th

E-submissions for Newsletter:

May 15th

Unavailable to serve in July & Aug:

May 15th

NOTE: NEXT ISSUE IS  
COMBINED JUNE/JULY

**Committee Meetings:**

Management: 7 PM May 2nd

Worship & Music: 9:30 AM May 2nd

Council: 7 PM May 16th

**Useful Info:**

Office will be closed 5/27 and 5/30.

## Readings for the Month

**May 1st**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10, 22 —22:5  
John 14: 23-29

**May 8th**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

**May 15th—Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17, 25-27

**May 22nd**

**Holy Trinity**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

**May 29th**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43  
Galatians 1:1-12  
Luke 7:1-10

## Finances at a Glance

**FUND STATUS FOR THE PERIOD: Jan. 2016 THRU Mar. 2016**

BALANCE:	GENERAL FUND	PROP.	BENEV.	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
OPENING	-4,789.81	-2,223.66	6,029.11	46,473.83	45,489.47
+ INCOME	27,738.14	2,397.83	4,139.02	910.00	35,184.99
-EXPENSE	29,140.40	3,172.18	4,416.41	294.84	37,023.83
ENDING	-6,192.07	-2,998.01	5,751.72	47,088.99	43,650.63

## Ministry Information

**Bible Studies Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448**

### Monday Night Study

Monday Night Bible Study will resume on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Pastor Sherry's home at 314 West Lake St in Petoskey. Please RSVP to her if you can come... we will be looking at story telling in the Bible. Bring your Bible and journal for notes!

### Ladies' Bible Study

**Time:** 1 PM

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18th

Please let Pastor Sherry know if you can attend or sign up in the EVENT binder. Looking forward to taking time out for a session on women and mothers in the Bible.

### Elderberries

**President: Norm Cutshall 487-1707 Secretary: Cyndi Yingling 525-8950**

**Date:** May 13th **Time:** 10:30 AM Meet at the church at 10:30 AM to carpool to Wolverine. Dolores Wehrenberg will be ordering box lunches for us so it is important for you to call her **by May 9th** to let her know you need a lunch. All church members are welcome to join us. If you would like to join us call Norm Cutshall, 231-487-1707; we'd loved to have you join us.

**Location:** church to carpool for an outing to Greenwood Sanctuary in Wolverine.

**RSVP:** by May 9th for a box lunch to Dolores Wehrenberg (231-535-2942) General RSVP to Norm Cutshall at (231-487-1707)

### Youth Groups Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448

#### Elementary

**Date:** Sunday, May 22nd

**Time:** Noon to 3 PM

**Where:** Holiday Inn Express Pool (Petoskey location)

Please sign up if you want to go in the EVENT binder (under Elementary Youth)... or respond on the Facebook page Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Ministry Petoskey, MI or call the church at 231-347-5448. We will have pizza and drinks... you can bring a snack to share if you would like and bring an item for the paper pantry... toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo or soap! We will give these to Ms. Bev for the Paper Pantry at our church.

#### Middle/Senior High

**Date:** Sunday, May 1st

**Time:** approx. 11:45 AM

**Where:** Church to carpool

We'll meet around 11:45 at the church to head to the fish hatchery to walk or jog or ride a bike... it is up to you! We will return by 2pm. Lunch will be in the parking lot! There will be sandwiches and chips and veggies and a dessert. You will need to sign up in the EVENT binder (under Senior High Youth) or go to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Ministry Petoskey, MI on Facebook. You can also call the church at 347-5448 and let us know how many will be coming!

## Fund-raising efforts in May

**NOISY OFFERING** this month will go towards Seminary Scholarship... we have one candidate this year entering seminary in the fall. Elliott Drake will be attending Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago (LSTC) and has received a full presidential scholarship. BUT he still has living expenses including rent, transportation, food, and phone. Let's help support Elliott by bulking up our seminary scholarship fund!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR ELLIOTT DRAKE** will be on Wednesday, May 18 at the church. Dinner is a donation. Please bring and invite as many folks as you can. Tickets can be taken through the office. This way we will have a count for preparations... tickets are free... donations at the door. Dinner will be 5pm-8pm. We need volunteers. Please contact Pastor Sherry at [crossofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossofc@sbcglobal.net) or at [pastorsherry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorsherry@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 231-881-1212. Thank you to those who have volunteered already!

**BAKE SALE:** The Elderberries will be having a bake sale at Elliott's dinner. If you're not an Elderberry but would like to donate a baked item to our sale we would appreciate it. So come, eat dinner, and then buy dessert to go! Contact: Cyndi Yingling 231-525-8950.

## Worship and Music (cont'd on p6)

Sunday, **May 15** is Pentecost!!! Two services!!!! Wear red and orange and yellow. Let's celebrate the awakening of the Holy Spirit in each of us during the season of Pentecost... Go in peace and SERVE the Lord... SHARE the Gospel story in all that we do...

Sunday, **May 22** is the celebration of the Holy Trinity and the First Sunday after Pentecost. What a great day! Come and worship the Creator, Sanctifier and Redeemer! White is the color of the day in the church!

**Reminder:** The LAST Sunday in each summer month (May—August) will be a SINGLE Service at 10 AM.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP**

We are looking for some musical volunteers to lead worship at the water front once a week beginning in June. All of the music will be given to you in advance for the entire summer and we will work out the time and place when we have

musicians... the time that works the best for the group! Tentatively looking at Wednesday evenings. Practice would be ½ hour before the service. Please contact Pastor Sherry McGuffin at 231-881-1212 or email her at [crossofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossofc@sbcglobal.net) or [pastorsherry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorsherry@sbcglobal.net).

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE  
June 2016

	June 5th 8:30 AM	June 5th 10 AM	June 12th 8:30 AM	June 12th 10 AM	June 19th 8:30 AM	June 19th 10 AM	June 26th SINGLE 10 AM
Greeter	Russ & Sharon Scott	Toni Cone	Trudy Day	Carolyn Matzinger/ Ron Marshall	Dolores Wehrenberg	Sommer Poquette	Fred & Sandy Bernier
Usher	Jenny Gauthier	Bill Drake	Bill Hoffmann	Bryan Young	Trudy Day	Bryan Young	Russ & Sharon Scott
Lector	Trudy Day	Bryan Young	Boyd Manges	Janece Clark	Priscilla Meyer	Carolyn Matzinger	Joann Wilder
Acolyte	Head Usher	Wes Meckstroth	Head Usher	Bryan Young	Head Usher	Josie Poquette	Teague Meckstroth
Cantor		Jean Smith	Boyd Manges	Carolyn Matzinger		Bryan Young	Jean Smith
Head Usher	Wayne Meyer	Bryan Young	Jeff Hamal	Jean Lalonde	Gary Engel	Carolyn Matzinger	Trudy Day
Asst. Minister	Boyd Manges	Carolyn Matzinger		Tricia Rodgers	Lois Ulrich	Jean Smith	Bryan Young
Coffee Hour (2 per service)	Gordy & Lynn Engdahl JoAnn Wilder & Boyd Manges	John & Nancy Norton Hank & Susan Hoffman	Pemberton family Finley/Honaker family	Stan & MaryGrace Friesen Janece Clark	Ginny Rogers Morford, C&D	Sears, Cliff & Trish Deb Manker	Somerville family Cone family
10 AM Nursery							
Counters		Mike Smith Toni Cone		Ron Marshall Bryan Young		Carolyn Matzinger Jen Lalonde	Bryan Young Gary Engel
Altar Guild	Sandy Bernier						
Baker	Cone family						
Recycling	Bryan Young						
Tech. Asst.							

We use our time and talent sheets to assign our worship volunteers and we are always willing to add new folks!  
Let the office know if you would like to be added as a volunteer or if you have had to change your volunteer duties with someone.  
You can call the office at 347-5448 or email at [crossofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossofc@sbcglobal.net)

## Comings and Goings



### MEET OUR CHURCH CLEANER:

Tye Triantafelo started as our church cleaner during Holy Week. If he looks a bit on the familiar side, you have probably seen him volunteering around town, including at our most recent Community Thanksgiving Meal. Tye is a proud father of 4 and enjoys creating things in his spare time (woodworking, art, etc.). Welcome!

### NURSERY

Thank you and thank you and thank you for the blessing that we have had in Sarah Spraetz as our nursery attendant. Sarah has accepted a job downstate and will be leaving us in the middle of May. We have been so blessed by her care and love of our children and her faithfulness. She is a blessing and for her we give much thanks...

That leaves the position open again for a nursery attendant. If you can recommend someone to Pastor Sherry she will contact them and get the background check done as soon as possible. There are a lot of great folks out there! This might be the invitation that is needed to get someone to visit! Please let pastor know as soon possible at 231-881-1212.

## Worship and Music (cont'd from p4)

### MUSICAL NOTES ~

On Sunday **May 22nd at 4 pm** here at the church, there will be a special concert honoring our area Veterans. "**Let Freedom Ring**" will be presented by our Cross of Christ Choir plus the combined choirs of the Harbor Springs, Alanson, and Epsilon United Methodist Churches for a very memorable event. Our Chimes will play several selections and there will be a sing-along with the audience.

Following the concert, Cross of Christ will host a potluck dinner for a wonderful meal. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends, especially those important Veterans in our community.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the potluck, please contact our Music Director, Julie Pierpont at 231-622-1893.

**NOISY OFFERING: Seminary Scholarship Fund**

**May 2016**

May 2016							June 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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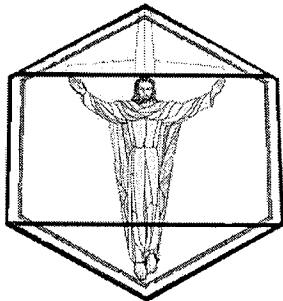
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 1</b> Noisy Offering 8:30am & 10 AM Holy Comm 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Nursery 11:45am Sr High Youth (Fish)	<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship and Music Mtg 6:00pm N. Michigan Chorale 7:00pm Management Team (UL)	<b>3</b> 9:00am Pastor in TC 5:30pm Brownie Mtg (HE/SP)	<b>4</b> 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW) 6:00pm Chimes 7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b> 3:30pm Pantry Prep 5:00pm Paper Pantry	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Craft Night (UL)	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Bonfire (PSS)
5/15 - 20 8:30am Holy Communion 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Nursery	<b>9</b> Synod Assembly (Gr. Rapids)	<b>10</b> 8:00am NL Subs Due 6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders (UL)	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Chimes 7:00pm Choir	<b>12</b> 3:30pm Pantry Prep 5:00pm Paper Pantry	<b>13</b> 12:30pm Elderberries	<b>14</b> 7:30pm Bonfire (PSS)
5/22 - 27 PENITENTIAL Noisy Offering 8:30am & 10 AM Holy Comm 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Nursery	<b>16</b> Synod Assembly (Gr. Rapids)	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Brownie Mtg (HE/SP)	<b>18</b> 1:00pm Ladies' Bible Study 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW) 5:00pm Spaghetti Fundraiser & Bake Sale 7:00pm combined Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00am Paper Pantry	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Craft Night (UL)	<b>21</b> 9:30am Recorder Society (UL)
5/29 - 6/3 Holy Trinity 8:30am & 10 AM Holy Comm 9:45am Sun. Sch./10 AM Nur 12:00pm El. Youth (Holiday I 4:00pm Concert & Potluck	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra - downstairs	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> Jun 1 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW)	<b>26</b> 9:00am Paper Pantry	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> Office Closed
<b>29</b> 10:00am Nursery 10:00am SINGLE Holy Communion	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> Office Closed	Jun 1 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW)	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Craft Night (UL)	<b>4</b> Office Closed

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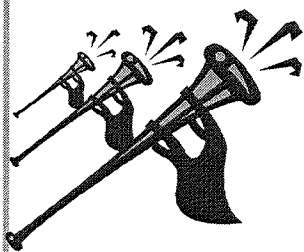
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