



The Cross Word

Ode to Tim and Jen

From Pastor Lisa

I actually tried to write a poem with this title for this newsletter. Several different ways, in fact. It turns out I am neither funny enough to do a tribute to Tim, nor a very good poet - so prose will have to suffice. I am confident that I speak for all of us when I say we are sad to see the Newmans depart for Colorado. Jen (not to mention Greta and Evy) is a child of this congregation and a part of its very beating heart. Her energy is contagious, her smile infectious (sounds like a lot of disease imagery, but that is quite the opposite of what I mean!). We will miss her music, her enthusiasm, her sense of fun, and her joyous, faithful presence among us.

Tim's impact also looms large. From an occasional worshiper to a part time youth director to a full time pastoral assistant at LCC, his presence and vocation has grown and transformed, and Tim has grown with it. When trying to put all the things he does into a job description for the next person, it took three solid pages! He may seem quiet if you haven't worked closely with Tim, but that laid-back demeanor hides wit and hilarity, deep faith and creativity, and a willingness to take on most anything with a true servant's heart. He is a true colleague and partner in ministry in the best sense of those words. I will miss him and, as you do, wish him well wherever God calls him next.

Both Greta and Evy are well known to LCCers. They have their parents' easy presence and lots of friends, are full of fun and interesting personalities. For some reason, they love such things as Star Wars and Harry Potter! ?? We look forward to seeing them grow and change as they further develop their interests and begin new ventures, and not just from afar - since their grandparents live here, we look forward to seeing them all in person now and then!

Please come for a farewell party and potluck after worship on Sunday, May 14th, and if that doesn't work, for goodies and a party after worship.

The search for a new pastoral assistant has begun. We will keep you informed. Meanwhile, dear Newmans: God's richest blessings on you all!

In Christ - Pr. Lisa Ahlness

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"The Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius

Martin writes his true story of his strange disability. When he was thirteen years old and living with his parents and siblings, David and Kim, in South Africa, he came home from school with a sore throat. This developed into a strange illness that left him without a voice and without the use of his arms or legs. He was locked in a body that could do nothing but listen to the sounds of life passing him by. But with the use of a

computer and lots of physical therapy he was able to communicate via email. As he grew older he got a job with a company that developed a system of communication for the mute and paralyzed folks.



continued to work to help others who were also disabled. This is an interesting and lovely story of determination, love, hope and freedom.

Submitted by

Gladys Bain

He met a young lady, they fell in love and married and con-

Wednesday Worship

It has been recommended that LCC continues on with the Wednesday service during the summer. People have asked for the service to continue and so we are trying to honor that request. Attendance has steadily grown from it's inception and now may be

the perfect time to see if the Wednesday service can become a permanent, year round service. For the summer crowd who ventures off to lakes each weekend come feed your soul with your friends on Wednesday. The services will vary over the summer months as we find our

way. Jen and Tim Newman planned the worship songs for Fusion. Is anyone wanting to volunteer to play? Contact the office.

WEDNESDAY
Worship to
continue during
the summer
months.

Summer Hours

The office hours are changing over the summer months. They are as follows: Monday—Friday 9-1 pm effective June 1—August 31.



A Few Things the Church Needs

The church could use a (serviceable) adjustable walking cane, a pair of adjustable crutches, and an adjustable walker. If you happen to have any of these items and would be willing to give them to the church, please drop them off the next time you come in to the church.

Also, recent large attendances at a funeral and Easter morning service has made it apparent that we need some

"folding chairs" to help accommodate a larger capacity a few times each year. We would like to acquire 24 padded folding chairs that could be stored and easily set up when needed. We're looking at a cost of about \$25.00 per chair for a Curved Triple Braced and Double Hinged Fabric Upholstered Metal Folding Chair. If you would like to contribute to the "Chairs",

please designate your contribution by writing "Chairs" on your check, or stop and see Connie about contributing via credit card.



Women's Retreat at Camp of the Cross



Pictured are: L to R.

Kylie Blanchard, Sally Grenz, Sharon Narum, Shiela Mugaas, Cheryl Moore, Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Cheryl Neu, Lisa Ahlness, Barb Thomas, Karen Will, Deb Carpenter, Kim Humann, Ruth Jensen, Mavis Pommmerer

Clean Up Day scheduled for May 13th

Many hands make light work.

The council has set aside Saturday, May 13 as clean up day here at the church. Rakes, (outdoor clean up equipment), muscles, strong backs would be helpful. Clean up starts at 10:00. Lunch will be provided.



2017 'Camp Out' Vacation Bible School Registration

Getting S'more of Jesus

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

VBS dates: June 5-8, 6:00—8:00

Student Name _____

Age _____

Completed Grade _____

Allergies or Medical info we should know about:

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Who will be picking up your child?

If there is an emergency what is the best phone number/name of person to contact you.

Times: Supper 6:00 (free will)

VBS 6:30 - 8:00pm

All VBS sessions here at LCC

At Camp Out VBS, Monday through Thursday kids trek through an outdoor adventure—minus the bug spray. They'll kindle friendships and discover that Jesus is the light of the world.

A typical day at Camp Out VBS:

Supper

Opening
Music & More

(Three groups to rotate through)

Bible Exploration

Closing

Campfire

Wilderness Games

Projects with a Purpose

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School

June 5-8, 2017 6:00 Dinner and 6:30-8:00 Adventure

Please plan to bring your children to
Lutheran Church of the Cross for our “Camp Out”
Adventure! No Pre-Registration Required. Children of all
ages will experience plenty of learning and fun to include:

Cool Bible Songs

Bible Exploration

Wilderness Games

Craft & Play

Tasty Treats, and

A Closing Campfire!

**On Thursday at 6:30, families are welcome to join us in the
sanctuary for Music & More.**

Volunteer Opportunities: If you or your older children are interested in
volunteering at VBS, please contact Tim or Connie at LCC.

**Vacation
Bible
School is
fun!**

2017 Summer Camp Programs



FEATURED CAMPS

Voyagers (entering grades 2-3)

- 3 days/2 nights at camp exploring with Bible study, games, campfires and much more!

Homesteaders (entering grades 4-5)

- Specialty Camps— fishing, sailing, sports, guitar, art, running, in-tents and whittling
- Christmas in July
- Mini Week (3 days, 2 nights)

Prairie Dwellers (entering grades 6-7)

- Specialty Camps
- Trekkers Canoeing Week

Pathfinders (entering grades 8-9)

- Specialty Camps
- Night Pathfinders Week
- Trekkers Canoe Week
- Buttes, Buffalos and Badlands Backpacking
- Christmas in July

Senior High (entering grades 10-12)

- Sr. High Weekend
- Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

- ⇒ Camp of the Cross Ministries offers camps for children and youth that are entering grades 2 through 12!
- ⇒ CCM offers on-site and off-site adventure camps!
- ⇒ CCM offers 2 nights or 5 nights options!
- ⇒ Do you love CCM so much that you want to go twice? Receive half off registration for your second week!

Early Bird Registration Deadline

April 1, 2017

Check out amounts for each week on our website!



Camp of the Cross Ministries
PO Box 1257 Garrison, ND 58540
701-337-2246
info@campofthecross.com

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.campofthecross.com

LCC Now Has New (Electronic!) Ways to Give to God!

Check out these new, easy ways to give electronically, right from your smartphone! Pr. Lisa will offer a brief “explain and practice” session at 11:20, during coffee hour after worship, on Sunday, May 21. Or, call the office and ask Connie or Pr. Lisa anytime. But not to worry, it’s easy! As long as you use the same email address for all, these gifts also sync completely with our current online giving option from our website, so your giving history is complete and can be accessed from either.

Now you can make a contribution by text!

Get Started: Enter LCC’s Give+ text number – 701-969-7030 -- and text the amount you wish to donate to that number. For example, text 25 to the number above for a \$25 donation.

Register: You will receive a registration link (the first time only). Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Note: this will not be a charge that goes on your phone bill, like you might be familiar with if you remember giving to the earthquake in Haiti, say, a few years ago. For this text giving, you enter a credit or debit card number, and that is what the donation is charged to.

Give: After registration is complete, you’ll receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

Repeat: If you want to make the gift a recurring one, text the word repeat and it will process automatically annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, as you choose.

Or, give through the Give + Mobile App

iPhone and Android users can now make a contribution through a mobile app!

You can download the app for free from the App Store. Simply search for “give plus church” to quickly find and start using the app. It’s easy to make a one-time or recurring donations to multiple funds with your credit or debit card.

You can also choose whether to donate as a guest or set up an account (again, registration is a one-time event) that allows you to securely and conveniently manage, schedule and review donations using Touch ID, PIN or password.

To use, enter the church’s name: Lutheran Church of the Cross. Click **Donate Now**. Choose the fund to which you’d like to give and a preset amount, or enter another amount. (Click *Make Another Donation* to make additional gifts in the same transaction). Click *Next* to scan or enter your credit card information. Review your donation summary and select *Complete Donation*. And that’s it!

**Tithing
and
Texting
are easy!**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Ken Will. Council members present, Ken Will, Jeff Thomas, Kylie Blanchard, Jon Hanson, Tom Harris, Brian Johnson and Kim Humman. Staff personnel in attendance were Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Connie Werner Murray Sagsveen and Art Wheeler. There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor Lisa led us in devotions.

Motion to approve the March council minutes was made by Brian Johnson and second by Jon Hanson; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Art Wheeler, Motion to accept the report was made by Jon Hanson, seconded by Kylie Blanchard; motion carried.

Merry Go Round has paid the rent to the end of the school year. Brian Johnson made motion and Kylie Blanchard seconded to pay the yearly payment for the insurance on the church. Jon Hanson made the motion second by Kim Humman to remain with Bain Insurance for the church insurance.

Murray Sagsveen talked about the Constitution and the different options the church has to update it. The one thing we need to have is a new Agent of Record. Tom Harris made the motion and Brian Johnson seconded that Ken Will be the new Agent of Record. There were other things discussed such as adopting by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Jon Hanson will assist Murray with this.

Pastor Lisa gave a report about Living Generously, a 5 week program with video's that would be incorporated into the sermon. The cost is \$700 for three years, which is a greatly reduced price. Jon Hanson made the motion and Tom Harris seconded the motion to purchase the program; motion carried. Pastor Lisa is visiting the elderly more now that she is feeling better. Discussion was held on electronic giving. Churches that have gone to this program are seeing an upturn in offerings. The church will purchase 2 card readers for the people that want to use this method of giving. Brian Johnson made the motion and Kylie Blanchard seconded to use electronic giving; motion carried.

Church Council

Tim Newman gave his report and there are many things going on the rest of the year. Vacation Bible School will be hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross this year June 6-8, 2017. Also a Wednesday evening barbecue on June 7 could be in conjunction with VBS. Friday, April 28, 2017, is also being looked at as an activity time for the children. A dinner and a movie-type activity was mentioned. It was mentioned that perhaps a bird house project be held again. A library/book holding project outside in front of the church was briefly discussed. On Wednesday, May 3rd, the youth will picking up trash around the area.

Committee reports:

Building and Grounds—window washing. Jon Hanson contacted Scott Berge and has received his bid. Due to the cost, we will need one more bid on the window washing project. Saturday, May 13, is scheduled for spring yard clean up beginning at 9 am. Jon Hanson put together a list of things that needs to be done on the church grounds during the clean up and also to the building itself.

Mission Endowment—No report

Worship and Music—Holy week schedule is as follows: Maundy Thursday service is at 6 pm, Good Friday service is at 12:15 pm and 6 pm; Easter service will be at 8 am and 10 am with a light breakfast between services. There was discussion concerning the continuation of Wednesday night service through the summer.

Christian Education—No report

Congregational Nurturing—No report

Nominating committee—No report

Stewardship—No report

Budget committee—No report.

Unfinished business—the flow chart needs to be published and get it posted as soon as possible. Staff and summer hours was discussed. Summer hours will need to be published in order for people to know when someone will be at the church.

Church Council

New business:

Connie is applying for a \$250 grant from Thrivent for outside beautification. Brian Johnson made motion and Kim Humman second to give Tim Newman and his family two \$250 visa cards for a parting gift. There will also be a Farewell Potluck following worship service on Sunday, May 14, for the Newman family as well.

Personnel committee met to discuss Tim's replacement. It was decided to go forward and advertise for his position replacement. The job will be advertised at Job service, area colleges and through the Synod.

Nothing more before the council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lords Prayer. Next meeting will be May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm with C2 meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary

Beautifying the Church Grounds

With the warm /cool rainy weather the perennials have broken ground sending the leaves and stems heavenward. They are just calling out to be taken care of. The Stella D'Oros in the front need dividing and some plants need moving. Daffodils can't bloom behind the evergreens. Who can help? Who is willing to water and weed this summer? Who can donate some extra plants from their yards?

The church grounds need a sprucing up. We need to be good neighbors in this neighborhood as this church is a beacon of light. The secretary is writing a grant from Thrivent for "seed money" and will be in need of people to plan, and plant the flower beds. Call Connie if you are able to help in June. Date isn't scheduled as the grant hasn't been submitted as of this publication.

Let's be a good neighbor by taking care of the grounds and flower beds LCC has.

MSLCC to host Second Annual Golf Tournament

BISMARCK, ND – The Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center will host its second annual golf tournament to benefit the organization's foundation. The tournament will be held on June 1 at the Apple Creek Country Club in Bismarck. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. and the tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The Foundation at MSLCC raises money to pay for facility enhancements, equipment for residents and many other projects.

Registration for the tournament is now open. The tournament is open to the public and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information please contact Jessica Gilbertson at 701-221-9349 or jgilbertson@mslcc.com or register online at <https://www.mslcc.com/golf2017/>

MSLCC has been operating in Bismarck for 50 years, serving 255 residents and more than 64 tenants at its assisted living facility. MSLCC was established by local Lutheran church congregations in the Bismarck area, and remains locally owned and operated.

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Foundation

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Apple Creek Country Club, Bismarck

June 1st, 2017

REGISTRATION 12PM

SHOTGUN START 1PM

Scramble format

Cost \$125 per player, or \$450 for team of four

(After May 15th, \$150 per player)

Registration includes 18 holes of golf at the beautiful Apple Creek Golf Course, golf cart rental, steak dinner and prizes!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Please contact Jessica Gilbertson, Foundation Director at 701-221-9349 or jgilbertson@mslcc.com for more information about sponsorships and registration

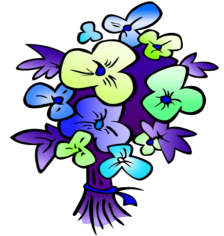


Flower chart up. Poster on wall underneath the monitor.

Sponsor flowers for worship beginning in May!!

We are again offering the opportunity to sponsor flowers to beautify our altar area. The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board by the church office, or you can call in to have us put your names down as well. We have two arrangements, on each side of the altar. Each pot costs \$45, which includes delivery from Dutch Mill Florists, who will do the flower arrangements. Please sign up for the date(s) you'd like to sponsor, tell us if you'd like to sponsor one pot or both, and if the flowers are to celebrate an occasion, or in honor or memory of someone. Payment will be to Dutch Mill directly; they will bill you.

Happy Birthday



The LLC Rummage Sale is On! June 16, 17, and until after church on Sunday. Start to gather your items and box them up. No pricing needed. Remember someone's trash is another's treasure!

Items needed for the sales:

- Infant and toddler clothing only.
- Dishes, toys, pictures, lamps,
- Seasonal items.
- Records, DVDs, tapes
- Furniture
- Sports items
- ETC

All items must be in useable condition.



The rummage sale will be held inside so no large ticket items like appliances, tires, old TVs will be accepted.

Hours of the sale: Friday 10—6
Saturday 9-4

In order for this sale to be a success we need worker bees. Lots of worker bees. Consider donating your time to set up the Wednesday and Thursday before or helping us run the sale Friday and Saturday. The Mary Magdalene Bible Study is sponsoring this event. Proceeds will go to Camp of the Cross. Any left over items will be donated to Dakota Boys Ranch.

Events and Happenings at LCC

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:15 Church School River Practice 10:00 River Service 11:00 Coffee Hour	1	2	3 Fusion 6pm Church School Confirmation	4 Quilting 1:00pm	5 Funeral Wedding	6 Spring Fling for Seniors 2-4pm
7 Church School Recognition. Reception Last church school	8	9	10 Church School Recognition. Last day of school LCC serving LAF	11 Quilting 1:00pm AA	12 Friday Night at the Mov- ies 6:30 pm	13
14 Children's Service Tim & Jen's Recognition	15	16 LWT Bible Study can- celled	17 Children's Service 6:00pm	18 Quilting 1:00pm	19	20
21 High School Recognition	22 Knitting for Others 1pm	23	24 6:30 am MM Bible Study High School Recog- nition Wednesday Service	25 Quilting 1:00pm AA	26	27 Wedding
28 Gathering Service	29 Memorial Day Office closed	30 Soup Kitchen volunteers needed	31 Wednesday Wor- ship continues through summer 6:00pm			

Goodbye Tim, Jen, Greta and Evy,

We will miss all of you! We hope your move to Ft. Collins, Colorado will be adventure of a life time!



Tim, we've learned much from your children's sermons and adult sermons too. You've planted many ideas in our hearts to try and follow. Your wit and humor has made many of us laugh (and also scratch our heads a time or two.)



Jen, your calm, sweet, enthusiastic spirit is appreciated by all and serves as a quiet example of how to live out one's life.

Tim and Jen, sharing of your musical talents and helping to start Fusion will live on at LCC. Thank you!



Greta and Evy, may you make lots of friends in school and wherever you go. Continue to be the creative, loving people you are.

Come back and visit us often.

Love,
Your church family

MAKE NEW FRIENDS



Friday Night at the Movies

Join us for our last fun evening of "Friday Night @ The Movies" for the school year. Friday, May 12th the evening begins with a supper at 6:30pm, and the movie kicks off around 7pm.

It is always a nice time with friends. The food is delicious and always so varied.



Church picnics are scheduled for June 14, July 12, August 9.

Coffees, Teas, Chocolates

We have several coffees for you to try. The red bags which cost \$8 for 12 oz. of ground coffee are Organic Decaffeinated, Café Salvador and Organic Love Buzz. The whole bean coffee (16 oz.) in the black bag is

Congo coffee for \$9 dollars.

The kitchen will be serving both decaffeinated and leaded coffee from the Equal Exchange soon.

Chocolate bars are three dollars.

Coffee, teas,
chocolate from Equal
Exchange
Lutheran World Relief

C2 and Church Council Meetings



The Church Council Meeting is at 6:30pm Tuesday, May 9. The C2 meetings will begin at 5:30 with supper being served first.

Council meetings are open to everyone. If you have an item to come before the Council, please contact Ken Will prior to the meeting.

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2017 Church Council

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Kim Humann	255.6547
Brian Johnson	221.9688
Kylie Blanchard	391.0373
Tom Harris	751.6371

The Church Council and the C2 Committees meet once a month; the second Tuesday, at 5:30pm. The Council meetings (at 6:30pm) are open to the congregation and all are encouraged to attend a meeting or to visit with a Council member if you have questions or concerns regarding the church.



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E-News

Making Jesus Known by Sharing our Gifts
