

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 2, 2020

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Minutes from last meeting were approved

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

2. Gifts of Hope project discussed and group decided on Friends of Fieldworkers (same as last year) because of the ongoing need there.
3. Diaper pantry collection during month of November and on November 25th (thanksgiving eve) pie pick-up.
4. Hickory house - Gift Card collection - Mary will contact them and gather monies to get cards. May need help doing purchase. we may try to get a cake or treat to go with the cards. Dec 16th planned.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

5. Fair Trade at Mount Cross is doing well, but due to pandemic, concerns exist about our suppliers.
6. P&J – met with 2 City Council Candidates & have upcoming conversations with Camarillo Police Chief.
7. Many Meals on hold; Peter Johnson taking over St. Columba's Food Pantry delivery
8. Peace and Justice Team – Next meeting Nov 3; 7:00 - Bill to chair
9. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction finished; Oxnard tiny homes hopefully will be ready to start recruiting volunteers by April 2021.
10. Harbor House needs snacks/lunches – Melissa will put article in newsletter.
11. Newsletter Deadline: **November 19**

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

12. October 22nd LSS Truck picked up - Mount Cross had 245 school kits, 80 personal care kits & 65 quilts. Staff from the Thousand Oaks office came down and helped and took the items from the LSS Tub.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

13. February - Souper Bowl of Caring (COVID and the NFL permitting)??
14. March - CROP walk (virtually)?? Gordon will contact CROP Committee member to see what there interest is. - CWS has some ideas to help
15. Habitat for Humanity builds in the spring.
16. Gordon will investigate the SAM Budget accounts to see what we can do with some of the monies.

Next Meeting: Dec. 7, 6:00; Devotions –; Agenda – Gordon; Minutes – Bill; Zoom - Bill

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of October 5, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in **October**. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Continued the on site "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" at Mount Cross for **St Columbia's Pantry** and the 1st Sunday **Monthly Fair Trade** sale in conjunction with the drive through Communion.

Started the collection of **Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief** in late September to be assembled and shipped with the many Quilts and School Kits we have made on October 22nd.

Update to the **Hunger in the Time of COVID-19 Virtual Benefit for ELCA World Hunger** hosted by Bishop Eaton and Rick Steves surpassed it's goal and raised over \$269,000 plus the match of \$250,000 what a great blessing this will be to those most in need.

Updated the **Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County** home build in Camarillo. Project finish in mid July and the families moved in! Most of the work was completed by contractors due to Covid 19. Two new project on the horizon in Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 7, 2020

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Items included;

Continued the on site "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" for **St Columbia's Pantry** and the 1st Sunday **Monthly Fair Trade** sale in conjunction with the drive through Communion. Items can still be dropped off if that is more convenient for some folks.

Gathered School Supplies and many generous donations for **Lutheran World Relief School Kits** in August and early September. Loaded all the items to make 10 backpacks along with draw string packs sewn by many Month Cross members into boxes. We will be assembling them on the church patio (socially distanced) on September 13th **God's Work Our Hands Day of Service**

Started the collection of **Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief** to be assembled and shipped with the many Quilts and School Kits we have on October 22nd.

Lifted up the planned **Hunger in the Time of COVID-19 Virtual Benefit for ELCA World Hunger** hosted by Bishop Eaton and Rick Steves on Thursday September 24th. The fundraising goal is \$250,000 that will be matched dollar for dollar.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of August 3, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in **August**. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Modified the "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" for **St Columbia's Pantry** to be during the drive through Communion on Sunday mornings - starting in July

Restarted the on site **Monthly Fair Trade** sale in conjunction with the start of drive through Communion (first Sunday of the each month). Items can still be dropped of if that is more convenient for some folks.

Lifted up the **Abundant Table CSA** vegetable box (Community Supported Agriculture). Looking into having Mount Cross be a drop off point for church members and the local neighborhood families' boxes.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of July 6, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in **July**. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Continued the "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" on the Mount Cross patio to support **St Columbia's Pantry** on Tuesday June 9th.

Asked for **Blood Donors** to contact **Vitalant** (new name for **United Blood Services**) and make a much needed blood donation.

Continued the "Home Delivery" of the **Monthly Fair Trade** items - including coffee, chocolate and soup mixes.

Lifted up the screening of **The Story of Plastic** shown over **ZOOM** by the Conejo Valley chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby and Chalice Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Climate Action Team. The documentary shows the mess from overconsumption of all forms of plastic.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in June. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Continued the "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" on the Mount Cross patio to support **St Columbia's Pantry** on Tuesday May 12th.

Asked for **Blood Donors** to contact **Vitalant** (new name for **United Blood Services**) and make a much needed blood donation.

Continued the "Home Delivery" of the **Monthly Fair Trade** items - including coffee, chocolate and soup mixes.

Lifted up **Lutheran Office of Public Policy's** weekly zoom call on Wednesday's to keep us informed of the work they do support issues relevant to the ELCA. The half hour call suggests a quick 5 minute advocacy action - send an email or call your local representative and speak up on an item.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 4, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in May. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Started a "**DROP OFF Food Drive**" on the Mount Cross patio to support **St Columbia's Pantry** on Tuesday April 7th with lots of folks from both Mount Cross and St Columbia's bringing items that normally would have been taken to their church's on Sundays.

Offered "Home Delivery" of the **Monthly Fair Trade** items - including coffee, chocolate and soup mixes.

Lifted up **Harbor House's** mission to distribute sack lunches in the Thousand Oaks area.
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Minutes of April 6, 2020

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Due to **Covid 19** restrictions the Service and Missions Committee did not meet in April. Our ongoing programs were lifted up in the Monthly Grapevine Newsletter and the Friday E-news.

Items included;

Update on the **Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk on March 8** (just before shutdown) We had 35 Mount Cross walkers and volunteers (251 total walkers from all 7 congregations) and we all raised over \$18,000 to fight hunger. **25% of the funds** stayed here in Ventura County to help locally.

Lifted up **Harbor House's** mission to help those in need in the Thousand Oaks area.
Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of March 2, 2020

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Gordon Henry, Bill Stoll
Absent: Melissa Henry

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2. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved; Devotion by Mary

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

3. March 8 CROP Hunger Walk - St Columba's is host – Bill made slide for Church; Gordon will look or walker sign ups on patio till walk day.
4. March 18 Lenten Soup Supper – SAM will volunteer to setup & cleanup
5. March 22 World Water Day celebration and dinner sponsored by ELCA Synod/Green Team in Los Angeles - the Henry's are going and are offering to "carpool" to the event.
6. March 29 - Considering Matthew Shepherd performance at CLU. (Arete Vocal Ensemble)
7. April 20 Movie and Potluck The Human Element
8. Date open - looking to schedule Blood Drive at Church

Continuing Events and Business Items:

9. Fair Trade Sale – LSS Collection -- Many Meals - all still on-going
10. Peace and Justice Team – Next meeting March 10; 7:00
11. Las Posas Partnership - Denise Sobolik is keeping in contact for Service and Missions
12. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street homes setting date for April
13. Request distribution of outreach funds from MAKE/BAKE/CELEBRATE to local agencies.
14. April Newsletter Deadline: **MARCH 19th**
15. Items for Council - none at this time

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

16. February 24 Movie & Potluck (Emanuel) Monday night – Well attended but soundtrack too loud.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

17. Help update church info pamphlet – Gordon working with fellowship
18. Movie night suggestions – “Dirt”; discuss with Elizabeth Holder?
19. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday.
20. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters. Harbor House collections (socks etc.)

Next Meeting: April 6, 2020 @ 6:00; Devotions – Bob; Agenda – Gordon; Minutes - Bill

Adjourned with a prayer

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of February 3, 2020

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21. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved; Devotion by Gordon

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

22. February 22 – Surf Rider Beach Cleanup – Gordon will ask Joe to invite kids and families
23. February 24 Movie & Potluck (Emanuel) Monday night – Bill will create slide for Sunday 2/9
24. March 8 CROP Hunger Walk - St Columba's is host – Bill will make slide for 2/9; Gordon will staff table starting 2/9
25. March 18 Lenten Soup Supper – SAM will volunteer to setup & cleanup
26. March 22 World Water Day celebration and dinner sponsored by ELCA Synod/Green Team in Los Angeles - the Henry's are going and are offering to "carpool" to the event.
27. March 29 - Considering Matthew Shepherd performance at CLU. (Arete Vocal Ensemble)

Continuing Events and Business Items:

28. Fair Trade Sale – January - \$140; February \$180
29. LSS Collection - on-going
30. Many Meals - on-going
31. Peace and Justice Team – Next meeting Feb 10; 7:00
32. GPS Kits – Gordon will inventory & request a Thrivent Action Team grant may use SAM funds for McDonalds gift cards
33. Las Posas Partnership - Denise Sobolik is keeping in contact for Service and Missions
34. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction continues. No news of a date
35. Time & Talent lists are being updated; will be out soon
36. March Newsletter Deadline: **FEB 13th**
37. Items for Council - need to fix/ replace dishwasher; SAM will contribute funds; suggest other committees do same

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

38. November, December - Gifts of Hope - Friends of Fieldworkers total contributions \$5,604.93. Suggestion to have a presentation event with large check- Bill will investigate
39. February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring total \$684.88 Food to St Columbia's Check to ELCA World Hunger

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

40. Help update church info pamphlet – Gordon suggested using our annual report statement
41. Movie night suggestions – “Dirt”; discuss with Elizabeth Holder?
42. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday.
43. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters. Harbor House collections (socks etc.)

Next Meeting: March 2, 2020 @ 6:00; Devotions – Mary; Agenda – Gordon; Minutes - ?

Mount Cross Lutheran Church -- Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 6, 2020

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Due to other obligations the committee did not have a January 2020 meeting.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 2, 2019

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll

Absent: none

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44. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved, with change to month of CROP Hunger Walk. Devotion by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

45. November, December - Gifts of Hope - Friends of Fieldworkers. A good response so far. Cards and inserts are being used, Melissa heard that Judy wrote a book, so she will try and get some copies to sell along with cards.
46. Hickory House - Christmas Party - Dec 17. Probably \$10 gift cards again this year. Mary will keep us posted, but she usually gets her quota in two Sundays.
47. LIRS Christmas Card Request - They have asked for cards (bilingual tips provided) to be made for asylum seekers who are being kept in detention centers this Christmas, to let them know we are still thinking of them. Much conversation about this project was via email, but Bill will set up and staff, Mary and Melissa have cards to donate. For two weeks...
48. January Blood Drive? Bill has asked Carina is she would lead this. No news on a date.
49. January 25 Beach Clean Up - with Surfrider on Ventura Beach by pier. In the newsletter as a save the date. Will lift up as we get closer.
50. February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring - perhaps Carol B will want to lead again, or maybe Joe and the youth?
51. March 8 CROP Hunger Walk - St Columba's is host, meetings start in January for planning.

- 52. March 22 Synod Celebration of World Water Day - push for carpooling down to the LA River.
- 53. March 29 - Considering Matthew Shepherd performance at CLU
- 54. Women's Interfaith Network of Camarillo - Mary will attend this - when is it?

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 55. Fair Trade Sale - Back to regular.
- 56. LSS Collection - no news.
- 57. Many Meals - Collecting \$20 Target gift cards to give at December meal.
- 58. Peace and Justice Team - now meeting regularly with a core group, and more in the email list
- 59. GPS Kits - didn't plan a date for December, perhaps in January/February
- 60. Las Posas Partnership - Box is out and list was in the newsletter - and many bulletins.
Perhaps we need to make a small 1/4 page list to have at the box, that people could take.
- 61. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction continues. No news of a date
- 62. Budget - Gordon did submit.
- 63. Newsletter Deadline: couldn't find (turns out we won't have a January newsletter)
- 64. Time and Talent - hopefully will have new lists in the new year
- 65. Items for Council - nothing at this time

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 66. Make, Bake, Celebrate budget request. Gordon submitted on behalf of the committee to request outreach money for Las Posas, Friends of Fieldworkers, Harbor House, Habitat for Humanity VC, Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences, LIRS and RAIN.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 67. Next movie night? holding off as we launch Peace and Justice Team, Gifts of Hope, and busy calendar for November and December. Looking for something for January... perhaps Emanuel, a documentary about victims and survivors of the Charleston Church shooting. Pastor Nicole (of Abundant Table) also recommended "Dirt" - perhaps April for Earth Day?
- 68. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday.
- 69. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday.
- 70. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
- 71. **Next meeting will be Monday February 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm in church office.**
- 72. **Gordon** will provide devotions. Melissa will make the agenda.

"Mission of the Month"

Jan - Blood Services

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / Food Share / St. Columba's Food Pantry / ELCA World Hunger

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / World Water Day (March 22)

April - Habitat for Humanity / Earth Day (April 22)

May - ACTION Day of Service / World Fair Trade Day (2nd Sat.)

June - Homeless Kits / World Oceans Day (June 8)

July - Bread for the World - Offering of Letters - Alternative Christmas

Aug - VBS project (ELCA World Hunger) / LWR kits collection

Sept - ELCA Day of Service / Coastal Cleanup Day / LWR kits collection

Oct - LSS Walk to Fight Poverty / support for LSS / LWR kits and blessing

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Catalog Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

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73. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved. Devotion by Mary.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

74. November, December - Gifts of Hope - continuation of email discussion led to decision on Friends of Fieldworkers. Melissa will contact Judy again and get clarity on amounts. Launching on the 24th due to Stewardship Commitment Sunday on 17th. Bill will make a slide to start people thinking.
75. Make, Bake, Celebrate budget request. Gordon will submit on behalf of the committee to request outreach money for Las Posas, Friends of Fieldworkers, Harbor House, Habitat for Humanity VC, Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences, LIRS and RAIN.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

76. Fair Trade Sale - Back to regular.
77. LSS Collection - no news.
78. Many Meals - no news. - *Melissa's note: After our discussion about new volunteers, I will reach out to Karen and see if she could add something to next newsletter about getting on email list. We have lots of new people in the pews, and they might not know about this ministry.*
79. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.
80. GPS Kits - people were happy to see them again in October. Plan again for early December?
81. Las Posas Partnership - Denise met with principal last week, and took extra school supplies - which they are happy to receive. Time to bring the box back out and raise it up in the newsletter, as those supplies are helpful.
82. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction continues. Gordon has not been able to set up a day, but perhaps we can join in on another groups - Ascension has a build day on November 23.
83. Budget - Gordon did submit.
84. Newsletter Deadline: November 21, may move even earlier...
85. Time and Talent - Stewardship packets are out, so new lists soon?
86. Items for Council - Thanksgiving Eve offering, we would like it to go to Friends of Fieldworkers.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

87. Sept/Oct LWR Personal Care Kit Collection - best response ever... more than 100 kits assembled and sent.

- 88. October 22 "Beating Guns" movie and potluck 5:30 pm. 29 people attended, and 12 signed up for Peace and Justice Team.
- 89. October 24 (Thursday) LAST MINUTE DATE CHANGE...LWR Ingathering Truck at MC from 2-4 pm. Many came the week before, and we made it work. Stored the boxes with ours in the sanctuary for a week. Loaded the big truck with lots of help, and the kits and quilts are all on their way! This was a great (but tiring) day!
- 90. October 24 (Thursday) Fair Trade catalog sale at Carol B's home at 7 pm - We had a nice group who visited and browsed the catalogs. Melissa is working on placing the order.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 91. Gun Violence Study/ Peace and Justice Team - First meeting tomorrow, November 5.
- 92. Next movie night? holding off as we launch Peace and Justice Team, Gifts of Hope, and busy calendar for November and December. Looking for something for January... perhaps Emanuel, a documentary about victims and survivors of the Charleston Church shooting. Pastor Nicole (of Abundant Table) also recommended "Dirt" - perhaps April for Earth Day?
- 93. Hickory House - Christmas Party - Dec 17. Probably \$10 gift cards again this year. Mary will keep us posted, but she usually gets her quota in two Sundays.
- 94. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday.
- 95. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday.
- 96. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters. Women's Interfaith Network of Camarillo looking for representatives from MC.
- 97. CROP Hunger Walk - March 8 hosted at St. Columba's.
- 98. **Next meeting will be Monday December 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm in church office.**
- 99. **Melissa** will provide devotions.

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Guest: Bob Cole

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100. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting never got sent out, Melissa will work on. Devotion by Gordon.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

101. October 22 "Beating Guns" movie and potluck 5:30 pm. Bill will make a slide for service advertisement. Is Julie inviting others? Melissa will check. Could be the launch point for Peace and Justice Team.

102. October 24 (Thursday) LAST MINUTE DATE CHANGE...LWR Ingathering Truck at MC from 2-4 pm. Bill and Melissa will help. Many churches may not know, so we're prepared to load boxes into the sanctuary and store them for a week.

103. October 24 (Thursday) Fair Trade catalog sale at Carol B's home at 7 pm - Bill will make a slide for service advertising. All are welcome.

104. November, December - Gifts of Hope - discussion on local versus international. Leaning toward local, since this hasn't been the focus for a few years. One suggestion was Friends of Fieldworkers. Melissa will contact Judy and see what projects might work. Fires in the Amazon is another option.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

105. Fair Trade Sale - Back to regular.

106. LSS Collection - no news.

107. Many Meals - no news.

108. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.

109. GPS Kits - have supplies, would like to lift up on October 20.

110. Las Posas Partnership - Denise is trying for a meeting next week. We do have a small pile of items which were donated and don't fit parameters for LWR kits, so they will go here.

111. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction has finally begun. Foundations are poured and walls are going up. Focusing on garages first to have a "storage area" on site. Gordon will work on a date for a MC workday.

112. Budget - Due at the end of October, Gordon will submit.

113. Newsletter Deadline: October 24

114. Time and Talent - nothing at this time. Modified from last year is going in the Stewardship packet.

115. Items for Council - MBC funds? Where are they going? Who is deciding?

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

116. September Collection - LWR Personal Care Kits (towels, soap, combs..) Found some sales and donations have been generous, so may have more than 100 kits.

117. September 8 ELCA Day of Service - Letter writing, backpack and school prep. Well received by members, but had more work to do, so offered additional days of backpack stringing, which got done in plenty of time to assembly kits on October 2.

118. September 21 Coastal Cleanup - Due to conflict with memorial service.... not attended this year. Join another month with Surfrider or VLT. No Mount Cross members participated.

119. October 2 Prep day for LWR kits - lots of hands make for light work. It was a fun night. We did miss some elements (like a prayer over them).

120. October 6 - LWR Blessing. Such an impact having the quilts all over the sanctuary! Hope this continues for many years - because it was so beautiful.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

121. Gun Violence Study/ Peace and Justice Team - Launching after the movie on October 22.
122. Next movie night? holding off as we launch Peace and Justice Team, Gifts of Hope, and busy calendar for November and December. Looking for something for January... perhaps Emanuel, a documentary about victims and survivors of the Charleston Church shooting.
123. First Five (El Rio) Food Pantry distribution. Need helpers the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-2pm for bagging food, 2-4pm for distribution. No age restrictions.
124. Hickory House - back patio work.
125. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday.
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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 3, 2019

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll

Absent: none

Guest: Bob Cole

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130. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting never got sent out, Melissa will work on. Devotion by Gordon.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

131. September Collection - LWR Personal Care Kits (towels, soap, combs..) Bulletin insert and poster are done and ready to go out. Waited due to Labor Day Holiday. Goal? Gordon has a TAT to spend, so perhaps 60 is possible.

132. September 8 ELCA Day of Service - SAM is hosting hospitality, so bring a treat to share. Gordon will handle coffee cart setup. Melissa will handle LWR prep - rope cutting, stringing straps into backpacks (Joe and youth will be helping during their time after church, as well.) banding pens and pencils. May need more time on the patio later for other jobs. Much discussion over letter writing, but settled on two: Admin of EPA over Clean Water Act and Senate Majority Leader (Mitch McConnell) over bringing Bipartisan Background Checks Act to the Senate for a vote. Bill will handle this table - but Melissa has basket of supplies from last letter writing event to contribute.
133. September 21 Coastal Cleanup - This has gone in the newsletter. Gordon is contact. May have conflict with memorial service.... so not heavily pushing this year. Join another month with Surfrider or VLT.
134. October 6 - LWR Blessing. Quilters would like to decorate the pews with quilts, so may need help on Saturday before, and help to box quilts after church. Not sure if kits will be blessed in pieces or whole - but either way will work. Melissa will check with Joe and Julie on best Wednesday date to assemble. (October 2 was selected, post MBC, worked for J&J.)
135. October 17 (Thursday) LWR Ingathering Truck at MC from 2-4 pm. Will need help offering hospitality to other churches who are coming to drop off their items. Bill and Melissa will help. Melissa needs to check with Carina on forms, and submit check request (using money requested from Endowment Fund to cover kit shipping costs).

Continuing Events and Business Items:

136. Fair Trade Sale - Slow month, but it is summer.
137. LSS Collection - no news.
138. Many Meals - 9/12 will be our 10th anniversary of serving
139. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.
140. GPS Kits - have supplies, would like to lift up on October 20.
141. Las Posas Partnership - Denise is trying for a meeting next week. We do have a small pile of items which were donated and don't fit parameters for LWR kits, so they will go here.
142. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction is pending...
143. Budget - What is total for 2019?
144. Newsletter Deadline: September 19.
145. Time and Talent - nothing at this time.
146. Items for Council - MBC funds? Where are they going?

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

147. August: Mission of the Month: LWR School Kit Collection. Surpassed our goal of 100, looking like slightly more than 130. Melissa still has a bit of money from her TAT to spend, to round up all items to the correct numbers.
148. August 28 Movie and Potluck - "Wasted" cohosted by The Abundant Table. Had more non-MCers than members, which was great. Something we can do again, depending on the topic.
149. August 24 - Abundant Table Feast in the Field - A fabulous night. Food and drink were delicious, weather was lovely. Well worth it!
150. September 2 Abundant Table Labor Day Interfaith Harvest - Had about 15 MC members, in a crowd of about 150. Day went smoothly, and was fun as usual.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

151. Gun Violence Study/ Peace and Justice Team - Bob Cole was visiting to discuss this possibility. After much discussion, committee agreed to putting out newsletter article to see if

there is other interest in beginning a Peace and Justice Team (under SAM umbrella). Also talked about Interfaith Walk for Justice and Peace which will take place on Sept 22 1-3pm in Oxnard. (Julie will be speaking at this.)

152. Gifts of Hope - Bill brought up the possibility of the Amazon fires being a good choice this year. He will do some research before next meeting
153. Next movie night? when? topic? Something on gun violence? The Wall documentary?
154. First Five (El Rio) Food Pantry distribution. Need helpers the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-2pm for bagging food, 2-4pm for distribution. No age restrictions.
155. Hickory House - back patio work.
156. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday.
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158. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
159. **Next meeting will be Monday October 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm in church office.**
160. **Melissa?** will provide devotions.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of August 5, 2019

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll

Absent: none

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161. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting approved. Devotion by Bob.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

162. August: Mission of the Month: LWR School Kit Collection. Goal of 100 school bags seems easily possible. Bulletin inserts are done and will go out, so people have the list to go shop.
163. August 7 Movie and Potluck - cancelled...
164. August 28 Movie and Potluck - "Wasted"? Perhaps invite Abundant Table to join with us?
165. August 24 - Abundant Table Feast in the Field - Quite a few members have tickets. Event sold out, then they made the table longer, and reopened ticket sales. Should be lovely!
166. September 2 Abundant Table Labor Day Interfaith Harvest - Advertised in newsletter. Usually have a good representation from MC. Use of our tables and chairs for lunch.
167. September Collection - LWR Personal Care Kits (towels, soap, combs..) Goal?
168. September 8 ELCA Day of Service - backpack help, school kit prep, letters writing.
169. September 21 Coastal Cleanup - This has gone in the newsletter. Gordon is contact.
170. September Collection - LWR Personal Care Kits (towels, soap, combs..) Melissa will prepare for this, with new poster and bulletin insert. Newsletter article is ready.
171. October 6 - Melissa will check if this date will work for LWR Blessing. It is the date the quilters would prefer. They would like to decorate the pews with quilts, so may need help on Saturday before. And help to box quilts after church.
172. October 17 (Thursday) LWR Ingathering Truck at MC from 2-4 pm. Will need help offering hospitality to other churches who are coming to drop off their items.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

173. Fair Trade Sale - Slow month, but it is summer.
174. LSS Collection - no news.
175. Many Meals - LSS representative should be attending.
176. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.
177. Las Posas Partnership - No new contact, but Denise sent a question over about how to continue collection during LWR collection. Committee discussed, but did not come to a consensus. We like the local aspect, but were hoping for more than a collection of stuff for a local project. There are always items that don't fit the LWR rules, and those can certainly be passed on.
178. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction has begun, but dirt work (foundation) is being subbed out. Lift up in July - see above.
179. Budget - What is total for 2019?
180. Newsletter Deadline: Aug ____
181. Time and Talent - nothing at this time.
182. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

183. July: Mission of the Month: Habitat Workday cancelled due to permit issue.

184. July 17 Movie and Potluck "Ground Operations" (battlefields to farmfields for soldiers) had about 14 attend.
185. July 29-Aug 2 VBS (ELCA World Hunger curriculum) and LWR school kit collection. None of the donation portions were well lifted up, so donations of all types were WAY DOWN. Being as it was Meredith's last, that was the focus. Plus the curriculum didn't have a way to lift up the giving, as much as last year's Global Barnyard.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

186. First Five (El Rio) Food Pantry distribution. Need helpers the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-2pm for bagging food, 2-4pm for distribution. No age restrictions.
187. Hickory House - back patio work.
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190. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
191. **Next meeting will be Monday September 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in church office.**
192. **Gordon** will provide devotions.

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Minutes of July 1, 2019

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Absent: none

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198. August 7 Movie and Potluck - 13th?
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Change in PLAN: Meredith is not able to travel to Mexico, so they are going to Luther Glen instead, and dates are slightly modified: June 29-July 3. Last day to register is Sunday, June 9. Costs is \$150.

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Minutes of April 1, 2019

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Absent: Mary Goodenough

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257. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved. Devotion by Bob. Gordon led us in prayer.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

258. April Mission of the Month - Habitat for Humanity - Groundbreaking for Barry Street homes is April 6 at 9:30am.

259. April 22 Earth Day - nothing planned as a group due to timing of Easter.

260. June 27-July 2 Summer Service Trip - Nothing new to report. Melissa will check in with Meredith before next meeting.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

261. Fair Trade Sale - Continuing well. Need to place orders.

262. LSS Collection - slow but steady. Melissa attended a meeting to meet the new staff person in charge. Her background is in mental illness, so this could take LSS in a new direction.

263. Many Meals - Gordon will attend next meal to check up on things, make sure a person from LSS is attending, as was reported to us.

264. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.

265. Las Posas Partnership - Items are coming in to the box. Denise will be dropping some off soon, and will let us know if she has any other volunteer opportunities.

266. Habitat for Humanity - see above.

267. GPS Kits - Gordon needs to finish/close out his Thrivent Action grant.

268. Budget - What is total for 2019?

269. Newsletter Deadline: April ??? (can't find this...)

270. Time and Talent - email addresses are wrong, Melissa will check with Sheri.

271. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

272. First order of business was directing the outreach money (\$1406) from Make Bake Celebrate. Committee decided on an even split between LIRS, RAIN project, Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, Friends of Fieldworkers, Harbor House, and LRCC. Check requests are in but not processed.

273. March 10 - CROP Hunger Walk - 18 volunteers and \$2100 raised from MC, 350 participants and \$23k raised in the city. Looking to have a follow-up meeting and pick a host church for next year soon.
274. March 17 National Quilting Day - LWR quilting on patio. It was a fun time during hospitality. Many church members learned about the ministry, we tied two quilts, plus the group got two new volunteers to sew quilt tops, and some ideas for how to grow the ministry.
275. March 17 Refugee and Migrant Sunday (synod wide) Pastor Jim mentioned during service, and Bill made a bulletin insert.
276. March 22 World Water Day - synod event at the LA River in Glendale - Gordon and Melissa attended. It was lovely, with a nice service, a blessing at the river edge, and then lunch together. Definitely plan to attend again next year if they host.
277. March 24 for World Water Day - Collecting coins in a "noisy offering" for ELCA World Hunger water filtration systems. Each 5 gallon gravity fed filtration system will provide clean drinking water for a family, and cost just \$30. CDC wants to participate as well. Gathering day will be March 24 at church service. Noisy it was - and the children helped. Will do this again sometime, as it was fun and raised more than \$600 SO FAR.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

278. Homeward LA - a fundraiser for Harbor House - dramatic readings from homeless, hosted by the Temple in Thousand Oaks. Melissa will put fliers on kiosk and in Friday email. Perhaps it will be a chance to hear about Harbor House and their new work. Sunday, April 28 6:45-9pm
279. Abundant Table - Contemplative Weeding (for lent) 4/5 11-12 4/6 10:30-11:30, Open Farm 4/6 10am, also Feast in the Fields (field to fork fundraising dinner where you actually eat in the field) Aug 24 4:30-7:30
280. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project.
281. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday - April 20.
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283. Other Ideas: Justice Movie Series. Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
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Minutes of March 4, 2019

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: none

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Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

288. Mission of the Month - March 10 - CROP Hunger Walk - 4 walkers signed up so far. Meredith is having it be the youth activity for the day, so we expect more to show. Mary will be at registration table. Bill will be a crossing guard. Will continue to push for more walkers and sponsors until March 10.
289. March 17 National Quilting Day - LWR quilting on patio. Ladies are ready for a fun morning of teaching how we quilt and about the process. They are also hosting hospitality. This is a way we can lift up our missions - any other groups want to get in on it?
290. March 17 Refugee and Migrant Sunday (synod wide) Pastor Jim will uplift during service. Melissa will work on a info table on the patio for LIRS. Bill will work on a bulletin insert (one side LIRS, he will do; other side, our quilting group, Melissa will finalize)
291. March 22 World Water Day - synod event at the LA River in Glendale has been advertised on the kiosk and in the newsletter.
292. March 24 for World Water Day - Collecting coins in a "noisy offering" for ELCA World Hunger water filtration systems. Each 5 gallon gravity fed filtration system will provide clean drinking water for a family, and cost just \$30. CDC wants to participate as well. Gathering day will be March 24 at church service. Children will be helping to collect the noisy offering at the church service.
293. April Mission of the Month - Habitat for Humanity - Groundbreaking for Barry Street homes is April 6.
294. April 22 Earth Day - perhaps participate in Surfrider beach cleanup on April 27?
295. June 27-July 2 Summer Service Trip - 4-7 planning to go.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 296. Fair Trade Sale - Continuing well. Need to place orders.
- 297. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.
- 298. Many Meals - continuing well.
- 299. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing. Meredith will have a donation from a Thrivent Action Team she has to use. Youth will go shopping after CROP Hunger Walk for items to support a hunger program.
- 300. Las Posas Partnership - Denise met with principal and set up a donation box in the sanctuary. It is already filling with items from the wish list. She will continue to reach out to see if we can do more than just collect school supplies.
- 301. Habitat for Humanity - see above.
- 302. GPS Kits - built with youth in February, when we shared about CROP Hunger Walk.
- 303. Budget - What is total for 2019?
- 304. Newsletter Deadline: March 21.
- 305. Time and Talent -
- 306. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 307. Jan collection for LSS - CDC collected 102 pairs of socks.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 308. Lenten Soup Supper night - Gordon was asked if we are willing to host a night. Gordon will find out what that entails and email group.
- 309. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project.
- 310. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday - February 16 Estuary Restoration. March 16. April 20.
- 311. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday - Feb 23 Ormond Beach. March 23. April 27.
- 312. Other Ideas: Justice Movie Series. Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
- 313. **Next meeting will be Monday April 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 314. **Bob** will provide devotions.

"Mission of the Month"

Jan - Blood Services

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / Food Share / St. Columba's Food Pantry / ELCA World Hunger

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of February 6, 2019

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

315. Opened with God candle lighting and three deep breaths. Minutes from last meeting were approved, Gordon will send in. Devotion by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

316. Mission of the Month - March - CROP Hunger Walk - at Padre Serra. Signups and bulletin insert on Feb 17. Will there be food trucks? Gordon will send Bill stuff to make a slideshow for beginning of all church services. Any possible video we can use?

317. Blood Drives have been postponed indefinitely due to Bill's health.

318. March 22 World Water Day - Collecting coins in a "noisy offering" for ELCA World Hunger water filtration systems. Each 5 gallon gravity fed filtration system will provide clean drinking water for a family, and cost just \$30. Melissa will check if CDC wants to participate as well. Gathering day will be March 24 at church service. Melissa will check in with Pastor Jim about collection during offering.

319. Las Posas Partnership - Denise has a meeting with the principal on Feb 13.

320. April Mission of the Month - Habitat for Humanity?

321. June 27-July 2 Summer Service Trip - deadline to register is Feb 10. Three families so far.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

322. Fair Trade Sale - Continuing well.

323. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.

324. Many Meals - continuing well.

325. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.

326. Habitat for Humanity - see above.

327. GPS Kits - built about 50. Will be sharing these with youth on Feb 24.

328. Budget - What is total for 2019?

329. Make Bake Celebrate Tithe - have \$1406 to direct. Make this 1st on agenda for March. Perhaps 7 organizations get \$200?

330. Council Representative - As a new year begins, we have a new representative to council. Bill Stoll will now serve in that roll. We thank Denise Sobolik for her service to us in the last

year, and welcome her back to continue to serve with us anytime! She will continue to be our contact with Las Posas School, but is choosing not to attend most meetings at this time.

331. Newsletter Deadline: February 21.

332. Time and Talent -

333. Items for Council -

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

334. Dec Gifts of Hope - total of \$2615.07 raised and sent to LDR.

335. Jan collection for LSS - slow from church, but CDC decided to collect socks until Feb 14 (love your neighbor...)

336. Jan 27 Annual Meeting and GPS kits. About 40 kits were made. People were grateful for the opportunity.

337. Feb 3 Souper Bowl of Caring. 78 food items to St Columba's, \$546.35 to ELCA World Hunger. Check request is in, and thank you has gone to Sheri for newsletter.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

338. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project.

339. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday - February 16 Estuary Restoration. March 16. April 20.

340. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday - Feb 23 Ormond Beach. March 23. April 27.

341. National Quilting Day - March 16. Melissa has approached quilters to see if they want to celebrate on March 17 on patio.

342. Refugee and Migrant Sunday - March 17 - Synod wide event, works with the lessons for the day. Melissa will approach Pastor Jim.

343. Justice Movie Series. Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.

344. **Next meeting will be Monday March 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm in church office.**

345. **Bob Mary or Gordon** will provide devotions.

346. Evaluated meeting.

347. Closed with prayer by Gordon.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 7, 2019

Present: Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik

Absent: Cy Johnson

(Note: Melissa and Bill left after 30 minutes to attend a Call Committee meeting.)

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

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348. The Christ Candle was lit. Minutes from the meeting on 12-3-18 were approved. Devotion was done by Denise.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

349. January collection for LSS: Melissa has written an article asking for specific items (HE laundry detergent, deodorant, mens undershirts and gas/grocery gift cards). Separate from our collection the CDC is collecting socks. Melisa provided information on a change of leadership at our local LSS and a new charity that is starting, Haven Home. SAM will continue to watch these developments.

350. Blood Drive: Bill will follow up on dates. February 24th is a first choice date for MTC.

351. Souper Bowl of Caring: February 3rd: Melissa has registered MTC for this event.

352. Crop Walk: March 10th: Gordon continues to attend meetings for this event. So far 6 congregations have signed up to walk. They are looking for more to sign up.

353. World Water Day: March 22nd: We would like to have a noisy offering (coins). Melissa will follow up with Karen Cherry about leading this event.

354. Summer Service Trip: June 27th – July 2nd: SAM will help Meredith promote this trip as much as possible.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

355. Fair Trade Sale – Average Sunday this past week. All the money has been collected from orders taken from the Serve Catalog.

356. LSS Barrel – continues to be doing good.

357. Many Meals – Continues. Need for a new “check in person”. LaJean working with Trish and the Presbyterian Church to identify potential volunteers.

358. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.

359. GPS Kits – Gordon has applied for an Action Team to purchase new items for the kits.

360. Time and Talent - Gordon will get the new info from Sheri and share it with the group.

- 361. Parking Lot Sale “Tithe”—Denise asked if the committee would be willing to allow her to offer the \$400 from the PL sale to Las Posas Elementary School as a donation when she meets with them regarding forging a relationship between the school and MTC. The committee was in agreement with using the money for this purpose.
- 362. MBC Tithe—Gordon talked about possibly using the \$1406 from MBC to aid fire victims or possibly the Borderline Bar shooting victims. Since some members had to leave the meeting early, this decision was delayed until all could be present.
- 363. Annual Report: Gordon has submitted a report from SAM for the Annual Report.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 364. Gifts of Hope: Gordon will follow up to see if the check has been sent to LDR.
- 365. Hickory House Christmas Party: Mary reported that the party went well. 7 people volunteered and the residents had a good time. Mary is looking into doing something with ~\$20.00 she has left over. Possibly buying Cookie Jars and having the youth make and help deliver cookies to Hickory House.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 366. Hickory House – No news yet.
- 367. Justice Movie Series—No updates
- 368. Abundant Table—Still being worked on.
- 369. League Of Women Voters—Keep this for future elections.
- 370. Council Liaison: This is the last meeting Denise will attend as the Council Liaison. She will continue to keep the committee informed regarding the partnership with Las Posas Elementary School.

- 371. **Next meeting will be Monday February 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 372. **Bob** will provide devotions.
- 373. Gordon will lead the meeting. Melissa will do the agenda and minutes.
- 374. Evaluated meeting.
- 375. Closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Denise Sobolik

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Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 3, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik, Melissa Henry

Absent: none

Guest: Meredith Smith

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with lighting God candle. Minutes from November 5, 2018 were approved. Devotion and prayer by Mary, on lighting of Advent candle.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

2. Special Presentation by Meredith: Summer Service Trip
Meredith is organizing a mission trip to Miracle Ranch in Tecate, Mexico for any member high school or older, to support an orphanage. June 27-July 2 (6 days, 5 nights - one in San Diego at Saint Andrews church). Partnering with LRCC who has done this trip before. Trinity in Ventura will also be going at the same time. \$500/person covers all costs, including food, transportation, and liability insurance. Meredith hopes to fundraise enough to bring cost per person down to \$150. Our service - to build relationships, to partner with a child one-on-one, to help with a small project on property. Cap of 20 members, goal of at least 10. Planning at meeting in January for interested members, with deposit of \$50 due in February, then a monthly meeting after that for learning Spanish, learning expectations, and learning about each other.
3. MET Report Review - Group discussed some of the goals of the MET report - and how our committee might become involved in some of the projects. Some possibilities are: local school tutoring, Las Posas school partnership, health care district classes for our neighborhood at MC, using the facilities for more outreach. Committee expressed hope that as we as a church explore these opportunities, additional volunteers from the MC community will step forward.
4. Mission of the Month - Dec 2 Gifts of Hope launch. Lutheran Disaster Response is our focus. Would like to show slideshow each week during prelude and communion to remind members of the option. Bill will rework the slideshow and get it to the office. Members were very positive Sunday - some wanting national projects, some international, so we feel we picked a good organization. Totals thus far: \$500.
5. December 18 Hickory House party - carols and gifts at 5:30. Mary will coordinate. Might need helpers, but already has about 20 sponsors after one morning on the patio.

6. Feb 3 Souper Bowl of Caring - Registered and set for cash to ELCA WH and food to St Columba's Food Pantry.
7. March 10 CROP Hunger Walk at Padre Serra - set and gearing up.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

8. Fair Trade Sale - December sales were back to normal.
9. LSS Barrel - Perhaps a lifting up of this in January - Diapers and deodorant? Melissa hasn't heard back from LSS - and she will try and get an answer soon. Perhaps Carol Broderick can help with an answer?
10. Many Meals - ongoing.
11. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing. Distribute food every two weeks.
12. Habitat for Humanity - no discussion
13. GPS Kits - Gordon will have this ready to go for the Annual Meeting on Jan 27.
14. Budget - \$500 - \$91 = \$409 - \$310? (LWR kit shipping) Budget request for 2019 was submitted for \$500.
15. Tithes - \$400 from parking lot sale (in our account) for local service project. \$1406 from MBC to be decided by committee.
16. Time and Talent - new report is done, but we haven't reviewed it yet.
17. Annual Report - due Dec 20 - Gordon will write up and submit.
18. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

19. Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve service - Council agreed with our recommendation of Lutheran Disaster Response to receive our offering from that evening. - Melissa will check with Joan to find out how much was raised, and put it a thank you in the next newsletter.
20. LWR Quilt and Kit Blessing - For Jan newsletter - a "where did they go" and thank you.
21. November 11 Feast of Faiths by Ventura County Interfaith. We had many members attend.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

22. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project. Gordon will go visit and survey work.
 23. GPS Kits - Gordon will check supplies and get a Thrivent Action Team, ready for Annual Meeting in January. Melissa finally got connected for McDonald's bucks, and ordered \$350 (the amount committee discussed using Fair Trade funds, but might be paid for out of our budget). Bucks are in.
 24. UBS Blood Drive - Bill will hold on this for a bit...
 25. March 22 - World Water Day - perhaps a lift during March of a noisy offering (coins) to try and raise enough money for a well from ELCA World Hunger.
26. **Next meeting will be Monday January 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
27. **Denise** will provide devotions.
 28. Evaluated meeting.
 29. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

Jan - Blood Services - LSS

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring

(Food Share, St. Columba's Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger)

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk

April - Habitat for Humanity

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Oct - LSS Walk to Fight Poverty / LWR kits and blessing
Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale / Feast of Faiths
Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 5, 2018

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik, Melissa Henry

Absent: Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer

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30. Opened with lighting God candle. Minutes from October 1, 2018 were approved. Devotion and prayer by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

31. Mission of the Month - November is usually Gifts of Hope launch, but with Stewardship running late, we're opting to launch in December.
32. Mission of the Month - December: Gifts of Hope: Lutheran Disaster Response. Bill will work on a slideshow and presentation for Dec 2 service. Melissa will pull cards and work with Sheri to design the small cards we tuck into main card, describing LDR and work it does, plus the item being "purchased". Melissa will also check into SERRV catalog sale (there are changes from SERRV this year.)
33. Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve service - Council agreed with our recommendation of Lutheran Disaster Response to receive our offering from that evening.
34. December 18 Hickory House party - carols and gifts at 5:30. Mary will coordinate.
35. UBS Blood Drive - Bill will check on Feb 24.
36. Feb 3 Souper Bowl of Caring - Melissa will make sure we are registered.
37. March 10 CROP Hunger Walk at Padre Serra - Gordon is at a meeting for this tonight.
38. ... out of order... November 11 Feast of Faiths by Ventura County Interfaith. We have many members planning to attend.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

39. Fair Trade Sale - November sales were back to normal.
40. LSS Barrel - Perhaps a lifting up of this in January - Diapers and deodorant?
41. Many Meals - ongoing.
42. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.
43. Habitat for Humanity - see reviewing goals.
44. GPS Kits - see reviewing goals.
45. Budget - \$500 - \$91 = \$409 - \$310? (LWR kit shipping) Budget request for 2019 was submitted for \$500.
46. Tithes - \$400 from garage sale (in our account) for local service project. \$1406 from MBC to be decided by committee.

- 47. Time and Talent - no discussion.
- 48. Items for Council -

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 49. October 6 Lutheran Social Services Walk to Fight Poverty. Meredith lead the church team. Melissa will check in with her on turnout.
- 50. October 14 LWR Quilt and Kit Blessing - went well.
- 51. October 18 LWR Truck at Mount Cross. Bill Stoll was there to help - had fun even with lots of work and boxes moved!
- 52. October 27 Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication - Great morning celebrating the completion of 6 homes.
- 53. October 14+21 League of Women Voters at MC - something to do again in the future? Group says yes, materials were helpful and non-partisan. Unknown whether any voters registered.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 54. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project.
- 55. GPS Kits - Gordon will check supplies and get a Thrivent Action Team. Melissa finally got connected for McDonald's bucks, and ordered \$350 (the amount committee discussed using Fair Trade funds, but might be paid for out of our budget). Was to be November 4, but didn't happen. Future?
- 56. Dec 16 - Christmas Concert - time or way to lift up Gifts of Hope?

- 57. **Next meeting will be Monday December 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 58. **Mary** will provide devotions.
- 59. Evaluated meeting.
- 60. Closed with prayer by Bill.

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(Food Share, St. Columba's Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger)

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Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of October 1, 2018

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: none

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Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

376. Opened with prayer by Gordon. Minutes from September 10, 2018 were approved although no one had a copy at the meeting. Devotion by Melissa. Agenda was also left at home, so meeting was built from older agenda and minutes, and our memories - and we went off the calendar as best we could.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

377. Mission of the Month - October 6 Lutheran Social Services Walk to Fight Poverty. Meredith is leading the church team. Mary would like to walk, but only if she can get in a carpool. She will contact Meredith. Melissa gave fair trade items to Sheri to make a gift basket for the raffle.
378. October 13 Habitat for Humanity's fundraising dinner - Hearts and Hammers. Flier is on the kiosk to encourage folks to come.
379. October 18 LWR Truck at Mount Cross. Bill Stoll will be there to help. Carol Broderick may be there also as well.
380. Blood Drive previously scheduled for October 21 is postponed to the new year.
381. October 27 Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication - All church members are invited to come celebrate the completion of the homes. The blessing is about an hour, then the homes will be open for touring, there is usually food and fun things for kids.
382. November 4 GPS Kits - Gordon will check supplies and get a Thrivent Action Team. Melissa finally got connected for McDonald's bucks, and ordered \$350 (the amount committee discussed using Fair Trade funds, but might be paid for out of our budget).
383. November 11 Feast of Faiths - Ventura County Interfaith invites all to join. Denise and Melissa will be on the patio at the end of the month to encourage attendance.
384. November 11 Gifts of Hope Launch - Committee decided on Lutheran Disaster Response, focusing on Indonesia, but also lifting up all the work they do around the world, including work in the US. Craft sale will be by catalog only this year, due to changes with SERRV.
385. Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve service - Would like to see Lutheran Disaster Response receive our offering from that evening.

386. December Hickory House party - Mary will be contacting them this month to choose date.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

387. Fair Trade Sale - October sale date will be pushed back a week, and hosted by Carol.
388. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.
389. Many Meals - 8th anniversary celebration was small, but offered thanks for the years of service.
390. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing.
391. Habitat for Humanity - see above.
392. GPS Kits - Nov 4
393. Budget - \$500 - \$91 = \$409. Also, when is budget request for 2019 due?
394. Time and Talent - reviewed in October
395. Items for Council - committee suggests the donation from Thanksgiving Eve service should go to Lutheran Disaster Response for Indonesia Earthquake. Also, check on outreach money from MBC - will it cover the \$310 needed to send LWR kits.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

396. Sept 19 - LWR kits Assembly - with confirmation youth, then with Fun with Faith the next week. We made 126 school kits, and 42 personal care kits - so far. Items are still coming in for those, and Marilyn and Carol will finish putting these together before the truck arrives. Maybe next year we can do half on the church patio on a Sunday morning, then let youth do the rest. Need \$310 to ship these kits - perhaps MBC outreach money?
397. Sept 15 Coastal Cleanup Day - had a turnout of 2. Gordon and Melissa had a wonderful morning cleaning the riverbed.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

398. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project.
399. Dec 16 - Christmas Concert - time or way to lift up Gifts of Hope?
400. **Next meeting will be Monday November 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office. Budget request for 2019 due?**
401. **Melissa** will provide devotions.
402. Evaluated meeting.
403. Closed with prayer by Gordon.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 10, 2018

Present: Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik, Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer

Absent: Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson

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404. Opened with prayer by Gordon. Minutes from August meeting were approved. Devotion by Gordon.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

405. Mission of the Month. September - Collection for LWR Personal Care Kits - going well, if slowly. Goal of 50.

406. Sept 15 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Henry's are going to work in the riverbed. Meet at the corner of Creekside Road and Paseo Del Campo at 9 am to join. So far, no responses from church members, but know that the Brownie troop that meets at MC (and has MC members) is working this day.

407. September 19 LWR Backpack Kits assembly night. All church is invited to assemble the school bags. We'll start after 6pm dinner, and go till we're done - we have enough donations for 125 backpacks - a new record for us! Melissa has emailed Craig Blois regarding the shipping money for these - which typically comes from Make Bake Celebrate. Need about \$330 for kits, plus quilters need maybe \$225. Denise will follow up with council.

408. September 28 - newsletter deadline for October

409. September 29 - Make Bake Celebrate. Council has approved a tithe of 10% going for outreach.

410. October 6 - LSS Walk to Fight Poverty - Meredith will serve as Mount Cross team captain. SAM approved donating ~\$25 of Fair Trade product to make a gift basket for the raffle.

411. October 18 2-4pm LWR truck at Mount Cross. Melissa is not available to be "host" will ask Carol Broderick and John Colby if they would be interested. Also, Bill Stoll will attend to welcome other churches and help load boxes.

412. October 21 - Bill will check on this date for a Blood Drive.

- 413. November - Gifts of Hope - all members need to come up with ideas for this year's project. Must be decided at the next meeting. We will launch on November 11. Melissa will compile a list of the last few years to help stir our thoughts and send out in an email.
- 414. November - Thanksgiving Eve offering - Typically, SAM makes a recommendation to council to direct the offering from this night to a special project. Think about it before next month.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 415. Fair Trade Sale - A return to normal sales, back to over \$200.
- 416. LSS Barrel - saw a definite rise due to the newsletter write-up. 2 loads in last month
- 417. Many Meals - continuing. Celebrating 8 years of meals this week!
- 418. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
- 419. Habitat for Humanity - Oxnard is now closed to groups because it is at the finishing stages. Camarillo is scheduled to open soon. Also, dedication of 6 homes in Oxnard is Saturday, October 27. More details at next meeting, but will advertise in the newsletter.
- 420. GPS Kits - reschedule for November 4 - Gordon will get Thrivent Action Team?
- 421. Budget - \$500. Approved. Spent \$91 on 100 backpacks for LWR.
Also, SAM has been granted title of \$400 from garage sale proceeds to distribute locally.
- 422. Time and Talent - reviewed, it looks generic enough to use.
- 423. Budget Request for 2019 - coming soon.
- 424. Items for Council - Money for shipping LWR items - typically comes from Make Bake Celebrate - now where? Thanksgiving Eve offering request - we need to consider this. Also, when does pledge drive start?

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 425. VBS raised more than \$1000 for ELCA World Hunger, plus Melissa received word from ELCA WH that the alternative Christmas in July money got the 100% match!
- 426. August - Month of Collection for LWR Backpack Kits (school supplies) Received the most donations ever! See above for plans to assemble.
- 427. *forgot this in the meeting and agenda....Sept 3 - Abundant Table Interfaith Harvest - was a great success! Lots of MC members there, plus ~200 others. Great article in the paper, and fun day all around. Abundant Table is looking for a representative from MC to attend oversight committee meetings, to enhance our link. Ideas on who would be a good fit?*
- 428. Sept 9 - God's Work/Our Hands - Modified from our plan slightly due to it being Rally Day and moving up of backpack assembly night. Taught all members who joined how to "sew" ropes into backpacks, cut rope to appropriate length, bundle pens and pencils into 5s. (Some even took home "homework".) It was a lovely morning. Something to keep in mind for next year - lots of conversations about the backpacks and donations and making connections about this project that stretches over the whole year, but culminates in the fall. Also, offering of Letters from ELCA letter writing campaign at hospitality time (but had no letters written).

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 429. Hickory House - Mary and Cy were both absent, no progress to report. *Old: Mary and Cy checked it out, perhaps laying paving stones. Small back patio is about 12x12. New furniture, if we can find the money. Anything we could do to enlist more people? Discussed hosting a bake sale to raise funds when we have a solid estimate for the total costs.*
- 430. February 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring
- 431. March 10 - CROP Hunger Walk - at Padre Serra

432. Film Series - environmental and justice films - Gordon.
433. League of Women Voters - perhaps coming to the patio in October. Denise will report council's decision.
434. **Next meeting will be Monday October 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
435. **Melissa** will provide devotions.
436. Evaluated meeting - fast as two members needed to leave at 7. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of August 6, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik

Absent: Melissa Henry

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437. Opened with prayer by Gordon. Minutes from July 2nd were approved. Devotion by Mary.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

438. Mission of the Month. - August - Collection for LWR Backpack Kits (school supplies)
Melissa has backpack sewing kits available, and some already have been sewn. Also ordered 100 backpacks with Ascension ~\$75 Meredith collected items at VBS and we are on track.
439. September - Month of Collection for LWR Health Kits (towels, soap, etc...) Melissa has started the boards for the items for the health kits.
440. Sept 9 - God's Work/Our Hands - Offering of Letters from ELCA letter writing campaign at hospitality time, lunch together, then perhaps going out to work at Hickory House Mary is checking on some materials and funding from Home Depot.
441. Sept 15 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Cy asked if there's a possibility for Ormond Beach for the day.... Melissa will check as we get closer to the event.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

442. Fair Trade Sale - Another slow Sunday.
443. LSS Barrel - saw a definite rise due to the newsletter write-up.
444. Many Meals - continuing.
445. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
446. Habitat for Humanity - Gordon will check on another build Saturday or Sunday at Oxnard property before it is completed OR the new Camarillo site in the fall.
447. GPS Kits - reschedule for Sept 9. God's Work/ Our Hands Day.
448. Budget - \$500. Approved.
449. Time and Talent - Gordon will follow up with form Denise sent earlier in the year.
450. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

451. July 8th Christmas Fair was very successful and raised over \$1500. Christmas trees were set up to showcase the various ornaments "chickens, pigs, goats and water" to be purchased and given as alternative gifts!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

452. Hickory House - Mary and Cy checked it out, perhaps laying paving stones. Small back patio is about 12x12. New furniture, if we can find the money. More ideas were discussed - possibly pouring a cement slab because it would be less likely to be a tripping hazard. Still working on it.
453. Looking for a Blood Drive date will check if September 30th will work.

454. **Next meeting will be Monday September 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office.**

Update Time and Talent.

455. **Gordon** will provide devotions.
456. Gordon will lead the meeting and provide minutes.
457. Evaluated meeting.
458. Closed with prayer.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of July 2, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson

Absent: Bill Stoll, Denise Sobolik

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Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

459. Opened with prayer by Gordon. Minutes from June 4 were approved. Devotion by Cy.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

460. Mission of the Month. -. July 8 - Christmas in July - Launch of adult education "Christmas in July" will happen, with a Christmas focus for the morning. Host an Alternative Christmas Market for ELCA World Hunger, as a launch for VBS... with focus on 5 farm animals. Melissa has all supplies needed for ELCA WH. Denise and Melissa are hosting hospitality.
461. July 30- Aug 3 - VBS - Based on ELCA WH curriculum.
462. August - Month of Collection for LWR Backpack Kits (school supplies) Melissa has backpack sewing kits available, and some already have been sewn. Also ordered 100 backpacks with Ascension ~\$75. Due to Henry vacation, the project is now ready to launch - just need to spin the children's altar in the back of the sanctuary around and add the poster and large bins (for spiral notebooks) from the nearby storage closet - and we're set. Meredith should take care of this the week of VBS, but please offer to help her. Melissa will submit all advertising for bulletins, newsletter, etc.. before she leaves.
463. September - Month of Collection for LWR Health Kits (towels, soap, etc...) Melissa will be ready to transition to this when she returns from her vacation.
464. Sept 9 - God's Work/Our Hands - Offering of Letters from ELCA letter writing campaign at hospitality time, lunch together, then perhaps going out to work at Hickory House, or Habitat property.

465. Sept 15 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Cy asked if there's a possibility for Ormond Beach for the day.... Melissa will check as we get closer to the event.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

466. Fair Trade Sale - Another slow Sunday, less than \$200 in sales.
467. LSS Barrel - saw a definite rise due to the newsletter write-up.
468. Many Meals - continuing.
469. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
470. Habitat for Humanity - Gordon will check on another build Saturday or Sunday at Oxnard property for the fall
471. GPS Kits - reschedule for Sept 9. God's Work/ Our Hands Day
472. Budget - \$500. Approved.
473. Time and Talent -
474. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

475. July 1 - Bread for the World Offering of Letters - Melissa has bulletin inserts, stationary, and a table and chair in the shade to write a letter to politicians urging them to continue with funding for hunger programs. - Less than 5 letters, but it was the first effort. Will continue to lift up this new letter writing ministry. Perhaps a follow-up in the Friday email encouraging people to write from home or visit the website and send an email.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

476. Hickory House - Mary and Cy checked it out, perhaps laying paving stones. Small back patio is about 12x12. New furniture, if we can find the money. Anything we could do to enlist more people? Discussed hosting a bake sale to raise funds when we have a solid estimate for the total costs.
477. Cy will host a letter writing campaign on Sunday, July 8 to lift up the separation of families at the border.
478. **Next meeting will be Monday August 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office. Update Time and Talent.**
479. **Mary** will provide devotions.
480. Cy will lead the meeting and provide minutes.
481. Evaluated meeting.
482. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 7, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson, Mary Goodenough

Welcome: Denise Sobolik, council liaison

Absent: Bill Stoll

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

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483. Opened with prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March 5 were approved. Devotion by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

484. Mission of the Month. - Don't really have one for June.

485. June 3 - GPS Kits. Cy will staff table. Melissa will check again about McDonald's bucks, but if we don't get any, we'll just make the kits without.

486. June 3 - Sunday after Synod Assembly with theme of "Love and Serve: God, Neighbors, Creation" Denise will bring info to share from the assembly at a table on the patio.

487. July 1 - Bread for the World Offering of Letters - Melissa will provide bulletin inserts, stationary, and a table and chair in the shade to write a letter to politicians urging them to continue with funding for hunger programs.

488. July 8 - Christmas in July - Launch of adult education "Christmas in July" will happen, with a Christmas focus for the morning. Host an Alternative Christmas Market for ELCA WH, as a launch for VBS... with focus on farm animals. Melissa will check into supplies needed.

489. July 30- Aug 3 - VBS - Based on ELCA WH curriculum.

490. August - Month of Collection for LWR Backpack Kits (school supplies)

491. September - Month of Collection for LWR Health Kits (towels, soap, etc...)

492. Sept 9 - God's Work/Our Hands - Offering of Letters from ELCA letter writing campaign at hospitality time, lunch together, then perhaps going out to work at Hickory House, or Habitat property.

493. Sept 15 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Cy asked if there's a possibility for Ormond Beach for the day.... Melissa will check as we get closer to the event.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 494. Fair Trade Sale - Slowest Sunday in a long while - we were under new roof, and more people just wanted to look at that!
- 495. LSS Barrel - continuing.
- 496. Many Meals - continuing. Denise will check on numbers of served each month.
- 497. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. Melissa will check with Sheri to find the author for the newsletter.
- 498. Habitat for Humanity - New property in Camarillo looks good for now, so no work needed there. Gordon will check on another build Saturday or Sunday at Oxnard property.
- 499. GPS Kits - June 3, see above.
- 500. Budget - \$500. Approved.
- 501. Time and Talent -
- 502. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 503. CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 4 - final totals more than \$12000 for the whole of Camarillo, and Mount Cross raised \$1505 and had 11 walkers.
- 504. April 28 - Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. Had 8 workers volunteer, and worked with 2 other churches. Also got served a delicious lunch from one of the families.
- 505. May 12 - ACTION Day - No action from SAM Committee, so we won't work this.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 506. Hickory House - Mary will check with Hickory House to see if we can help there. Mary and Cy (and others are welcome) to meet Thursday at 5 to see what we can help with.
- 507. **Next meeting will be Monday June 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 508. Cy will provide devotions.
- 509. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 510. Evaluated meeting.
- 511. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of March 5, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Bill Stoll (and unassigned representative to council???)

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512. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from last meeting were approved with attendance change. Devotion by Gordon.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

513. March 22 - World Water Day - Synod Green Faith Team is hosting an event at the Los Angeles River. Melissa will put any info she finds on kiosk.

514. April 22? Next Blood Drive - Peace Lutheran is having a blood drive on April 22. Bill will check with them to see if we can join with them and lift it up. - Bill hasn't heard from Peace if we can join....

515. Mission of the Month for April 28 - Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. Moved, so hopefully we will get a good response. Gordon will get in newsletter.

516. May 12 - ACTION Day. Mary will check with Hickory House to see if we can help there. Gordon will check with H4H to see if we can help maintain the new property in Camarillo (Barry Street, weed abatement).

Continuing Events and Business Items:

517. Fair Trade Sale - Easter Sunday should be next sale, but it has been moved on the church calendar. Melissa will check.

518. LSS Barrel - has been slow, but continuing..

519. Many Meals - continuing.

520. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. Melissa will check with Heather if any money has been earmarked (donated in offering plate) and not sent.

521. Habitat for Humanity - Interfaith Build on April 28.

522. GPS Kits - March 18 or April 8. Get \$300 of gift cards using Fair Trade profits.

523. Budget - \$500. Approved.

524. Time and Talent -

525. Items for Council - please give us a good Representative!

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

526. Mission of the Month: CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 4 at CLU, joined with Conejo Valley for the year. Provided lunch making materials on patio after meeting for walkers. Had 11 walkers (lower than goal), and raised \$1200+ so far. 25% of money raised will go to

Camarillo projects. Was very simple due to the work of the Conejo CROP Hunger walk committee. Next year, Padre Serra is to host. Date will be chosen soon.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 527. VBS - will be using curriculum from ELCA World Hunger.
- 528. September 9 - God's Work/Our Hands Sunday - ideas?
- 529. September 15 Coastal Cleanup Day

530. **Next meeting will be Monday April 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm in church office.**

- 531. Melissa will provide devotions.
- 532. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 533. Evaluated meeting.
- 534. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of February 5, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Cy Johnson (and unassigned representative to council???)

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535. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from last meeting were approved with date change. Devotion by Bill.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

536. Mission of the Month: CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 4 at CLU, joining with Conejo Valley for the year. Will still keep 25% of money raised in our local area. Start sign-ups Sunday with a goal of 20 walkers from MC. Gordon will register the team online. Encourage people to carpool from MC.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

537. Fair Trade Sale - continuing.
538. LSS Barrel - has been slow, but continuing..
539. Many Meals - continuing.
540. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. Melissa will check with Heather if any money has been earmarked (donated in offering plate) and not sent.
541. Habitat for Humanity - Interfaith Build on Easter Saturday, March 31. Will lift up but might not get a good response on that day.
542. GPS Kits - Were set up at Annual Meeting, but atmosphere was poor for it, so none were made. Melissa will check if we can do them March 18, and get gift cards from Fair Trade Sale Account.
543. Budget - \$500. Approved.
544. Time and Talent - Gordon will use for email to Habitat volunteers.
545. Items for Council - please give us a good Representative!

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

546. Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity workday - Jan 20. 8-2:30
We only had 4 volunteers, but we had a very productive day.
547. LSS Coat Collection - MC collected 108 coats. Thank you has gone in the newsletter.
548. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 4 - Raised 55 food items for St. Columba's food pantry and \$580 so far for ELCA World Hunger. Melissa will check with Heather to see if more funds came in separately.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

549. Take time next month for a more complete calendar review.
550. Next Blood Drive - Peace Lutheran is having a blood drive on April 22. Bill will check with them to see if we can join with them and lift it up.
551. "This is Hunger" event at Ascension Feb 10-14 - interactive exhibit on hunger in America. Tickets are free but must make reservation. Melissa will share in Friday email. Last minute, but can't hurt.
552. God's Work/Our Hands Sunday is September 9

553. **Next meeting will be Monday March 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
554. Gordon will provide devotions.
555. Gordon will lead the meeting.
556. Evaluated meeting.
557. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 8, 2018

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson

Absent: none

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558. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from last meeting were approved with date change. Devotion by Bob.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

559. Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity workday - Jan 20. 8-2:30
Gordon will send email to T&T and prior volunteers tomorrow - and get it in bulletin and Friday email.
560. LSS Coat Collection - Came up last Friday in an email from LSS. Ends Wednesday, but we have had great response. Meredith will drive up the coats on Thursday.
561. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 4 - Melissa will advertise and decorate the table. And ask Meredith if any youth want to get involved.
562. CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 11? No church has volunteered to host (and we did last year) so at this time there is no walk scheduled. Will know more by Thursday 12th, but perhaps we could walk with Conejo Valley at CLU on Mar 5? And still keep 25% of money raised in our local area?

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 563. Fair Trade Sale - Melissa's records indicate we have about \$1000 profit - but Keith's records indicate we are in a hole. Starting from \$0 every Jan is frustrating - and does not apply to this ministry. Suggestions needed. Also, we had an extra deposit in late December from some Christmas shoppers. So 12/3 sale \$241.50, 12/24 extra \$344, 1/7 sale \$202. Spent 12/18 \$502.10, 12/1 \$344.90, 12/23 \$521.15 and are well stocked for the coming months.
- 564. LSS Barrel - Bob took over a few bags worth of items - but we have lots of coats. See above.
- 565. Many Meals - continues well. Some question about the email system.
- 566. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. Melissa will check with Heather if any money has been earmarked (donated in offering plate) and not sent.
- 567. Habitat for Humanity - Work is moving rapidly at First and Hayes. See above.
- 568. GPS Kits - Melissa will check with council/fellowship to see if there might be room for a table at the annual meeting potluck to create GPS kits. Also, use profits from Fair Trade Monthly Sale to purchase gift cards?
- 569. Budget - \$500. Melissa ordered \$152.80 of Gifts of Hope Cards at the end of the year to maximize 2017 budget.
- 570. Annual Report Write-up - Gordon did. Melissa and Mary will proof.
- 571. Time and Talent - Gordon will use for email to Habitat volunteers.
- 572. Items for Council - nothing at this time

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 573. . Mission of the Month: Gifts of Hope - Lutheran Disaster Response, Hurricane Maria Relief
Response. Melissa will check with Heather on totals of checks sent from MC, but believe it is more than \$3000, in addition to checks mailed directly to LDR from members. A great response! Melissa ordered more cards as we were down to less than 20 - and Shutterfly had an end of year sale making them a terrific price - 205 cards for \$152.80. We're stocked for next year.
- 574. Fair Trade Craft Sale - Records indicate that we spent \$839.33 and took in \$1203.64. That records a profit of \$364.31. Melissa will request a check to LDR for that amount, to add to the Gifts of Hope total donation amount.
- 575. Hickory House - Dec 13 5:30pm. Mary had a few last minute volunteer drop outs due to health - but had enough come to throw a lovely celebration. She reports that the residents seemed to have fun, and were very appreciative.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 576. Take time next month for a more complete calendar review.
- 577. Next Blood Drive - as an interfaith event? Gordon and Melissa talked with Blood Drive folks about this - and they thought it was a good idea, but we need to contact the churches directly. Melissa will make contact with St Mary's through a friend on their SAM committee. Bill will contact Peace Lutheran.
- 578. **Next meeting will be Monday February 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 579. Bill will provide devotions.
- 580. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 581. Evaluated meeting.
- 582. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 4, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

583. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from last meeting approved. Devotion by Mary.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

584. MotM: Gifts of Hope - Lutheran Disaster Response, Hurricane Maria Relief Response has been positive so far, more than \$2000, most sent already. Melissa will order more cards, while they are on sale, for use next year.

585. Fair Trade Craft Sale - Catalog order is on it's way. For two Sundays we will have a small table with sale items. But catalog ordering was fairly easy... and got a good response.

586. Hickory House - Dec 13 5:30pm. Need 32 gifts, got 20 yesterday at church. Mary will contact Sheri about any helpers on the Time and Talent, in addition to the volunteers she has planned already.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 587. Fair Trade Sale - continues well.
- 588. LSS Barrel - slow but steady. Mary will be contacting them about a sock or jacket collection in January. Mary will get details for newsletter deadline of 12/14.
- 589. Many Meals - continues well. Ham dinner planned for December meal.
- 590. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
- 591. Habitat for Humanity - Work is moving rapidly at First and Hayes. Gordon will check on a workday for January 21.
- 592. Budget - \$500. Use whatever is left to buy more Gifts of Hope cards.
- 593. Annual Report Write-up - Gordon will do.
- 594. Time and Talent - Mary will check for Hickory House volunteers
- 595. Items for Council - Group expresses gratitude for Mike McClary, who will be off council in January, so this was our last meeting with him.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 596. Advent calendars - from ELCA World Hunger. Stack in narthex until end of season.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 597. Take time next month for a more complete calendar review.
- 598. Next Blood Drive - as an interfaith event? Melissa will speak with Julie about making some connections, to advertise out to our fellow congregations.
- 599. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 4
- 600. CROP Hunger Walk - second Sunday of March - no host church so far.....
- 601. Winter Shelter - any help we can offer? Melissa will check with Sheri.
- 602. **Next meeting will be Monday January 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
- 603. Bob will provide devotions.
- 604. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 605. Evaluated meeting.
- 606. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 6, 2017

Present: Mike McClary, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll

Absent: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry

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1. Opened a prayer by Cy. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

2. Gifts of Hope - launch of Nov 12. Bill will work table on Nov 12. Carol Broderick, Anna Chen, Mary Goodenough will staff craft & Fairtrade table
3. Hickory House (Mary) – Wednesday, December 13; 5:30
4. Council (Mike) – Thanksgiving Offering will go to Disaster Relief; No action on Rally Day question

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

5. October 8 Blood Drive Results – Had 18 signups but only 16 pints; will discuss further involvement in coming months

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

6. Take time next month for a more complete calendar review
7. **Next meeting will be Monday December 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
8. Mary will provide devotions.
9. Gordon will lead the meeting.

"Mission of the Month"

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Jan - Blood Services?

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / Food Share / St. Columba's Food Pantry / ELCA World Hunger

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk

April - Habitat for Humanity

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June - ACTION Day of Service?

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 11, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll

Absent: Norma Harvey

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

10. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from June meeting approved. Devotion by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

11. Mission of the Month: September - Coastal Clean Up Day - 4 signed up so far, with a few more expected. Gordon will register group, perhaps have Sheri send an email to past participants.
12. LWR Personal Care Kit Collection - ongoing until October 11. Also Melissa has applied for an Thrivent Action Team for these. (Follow-up question: Are LWR pc kits being used in US disaster locations?)
 - blissing of kits supplies/quilts - Sunday October 8
 - assembly of kits - Wednesday October 11
 - ingathering truck at MC - Thursday October 19 2-4 pm
13. Rally Day - September 17 9am-noon - table request is in... on table: signups for Blood Drive, signups for LSS Walk, Habitat for Humanity Hearts and Hammers dinner tickets, examples of GPS kits, examples of LWR personal care kit. Will offer 4 chocolate bars as "snack"/sample.
14. October 8 Blood Drive - Bill will start signups on Rally Day Sunday
15. MotM: October 8 LSS Walk to Fight Poverty - signups will start on Rally Day Sunday
 - Online team has been created, and advertised on church FB page. Committee also approved donation of Fair Trade items to create a basket for the raffle, as was requested by LSS committee. Melissa will follow up.
16. GPS Kits - September 24 - Gordon will handle this in the corner of the PLC during hospitaliy.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

17. Fair Trade Sale - continues well. Donating some items to LSS raffle, and Rally Day Sunday.
18. LSS Barrel - slow but steady. Mary has sent an email, but not received any follow-up.
19. Many Meals - continues well. (Follow-up question: Is there a fundraising dinner happening for MM?)

20. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
21. Habitat for Humanity - Hearts and Hammers fundraising dinner is approaching - October 7. Tickets are on sale now. Dirt work is being completed at 1st and Hayes in Oxnard, families are selected, and foundations will be poured soon.
22. Budget - passed as we requested. \$500. Paid for lunch for RAIN work on April 9. Also approved other spending - LWR kits extra shipping and backpacks
23. Time and Talent - report is in.
24. Items for Council - nothing at this time?

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

25. August - VBS Project - LWR School kits. *old news: Melissa has ordered backpacks because we don't have enough sewn ones, and Ascension offered to allow us to jump on their bulk order to save money.* New news: Supplies for more than 100 backpacks have been gathered. Committee approved spending budget to cover the backpacks (\$90/100) Melissa purchased, and the extra shipping (Melissa requested \$200 from Make Bake Celebrate - but that will not be enough due to the generosity of the congregation.) Suggested donations: Backpacks are \$1.40 shipping, personal care kits are \$2.65 - so Melissa will put in a check request when we get close to the deadline as items are still coming in.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

26. Gifts of Hope - discussion over project for this year... LDR? a church in Texas or Florida? Melissa will check with PJ on this. Continue discussion next month, and decide. We have lots of generic cards from last year to use with whatever agency we decide, if we choose to use them.- or free World Hunger cards.. Melissa will bring sample next meeting.
27. Melissa ordered free advent calendars from ELCA World Hunger - like we gave last year.
28. Take time next month for a more complete calendar review
29. **Next meeting will be Monday October 2, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
30. Mike will provide devotions.
31. Gordon will lead the meeting.
32. Melissa will type up the minutes from meeting.
33. Evaluated meeting.
34. Closed with prayer.

"Mission of the Month"

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Oct - LSS Walk to Fight Poverty / support for LSS / LWR kits and blessing

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 5, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll

Absent: Norma Harvey

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35. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from April meeting were approved. Devotion by Bill.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

36. Mission of the Month - June ACTION Day of Service - 25th at the park 11:30-4 with lunch provided- at the park. Invite members to proceed down the hill to Nancy Bush Park where we will eat lunch, then serve as a "love mob" to do general cleanup - pickup trash, weed, rake sandbox, clean benches and tables. List from city is pending - may involve painting the fence around the playground area as well. Ask Meredith to join us- but also to flood neighborhood with postcards inviting neighbors to join us in our work. Have a "snack station" at the pavilion to make neighborhood feel welcome. Invite people to bring games and toys to play in the park when we are finished cleaning it up.

Bill will provide hot dogs and buns, and chocolate chip cookies

Mary will provide chips

Melissa will provide drinks - and snacks for later

Cy - bringing grill?

Gordon and Cy will make announcement in church on Sunday June 11 and be on patio to start motivating people to "stick their neck out" and join us.

37. June 10 Habitat for Humanity Block Party and House Blessing (10am to noon) - All congregation is invited to join us as we celebrate the completion of all 8 homes on Trinity Lane in Santa Paula.

38. July 16 - GPS kits on patio - tentative date - Cy will lead, Melissa will check supplies.

39. August - VBS Project - LWR School kits. Melissa has ordered backpacks because we don't have enough sewn ones, and Ascension offered to allow us to jump on their bulk order to save money.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

40. Fair Trade Sale - continues well.

41. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.

42. Many Meals - continues well.

43. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
44. Habitat for Humanity - finishing up at Trinity Lane, fencing and landscaping...
45. Budget - passed as we requested. \$500. Paid for lunch for RAIN work on April 9.
46. Web Info/Publicity - Bill working on???
47. Time and Talent - no news.... Melissa will check with Sheri.
48. MBC Request - Gordon submitted request for \$200 for LWR kits, and \$500 each (or equal amounts of outreach giving) to following organizations: Habitat for Humanity, RAIN, LSS, New City Parish, School on Wheels, LIRS
49. Legacy Giving request - Gordon submitted a request for \$1000 to go to Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.
50. Items for Council - Mike will check on MBC request and Legacy Giving request.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

51. - May 7 Hunger Banquet for Youth at Ascension.- made an impact on our children, and are hoping they want to lead a night at Mt Cross sometime soon.
52. June 2-3 Walk for Water by Hunger Team at Synod Assembly - Friday was terrific, with lots of walkers. Thanks to Gayle Johnson for helping that day.
53. Djibouti Medical Supplies donations - 1 box has been returned, but Melissa is in contact with the chaplain and will resend. He also said they could use flipflops and soccer balls. Melissa is going to approach Cathy with a request to CDC Summer School parents to fill this request....

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

54. October 8 Blood Drive
55. October 8 LSS Walk to Fight Poverty
56. **Next meeting will be Monday July 3, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
57. Melissa will provide devotions.
58. Gordon will lead the meeting.
59. Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.
60. Evaluated meeting.
61. Closed with prayer.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 1, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll

Absent: Norma Harvey

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62. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from April meeting were approved. Devotion by Cy. Shared bright spots and caring conversation.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

63. Mission of the Month - May 7 Hunger Banquet for Youth at Ascension.

64. June 2-3 Walk for Water by Hunger Team at Synod Assembly

65. June ACTION Day of Service - 25th at the park (Cy will confirm date with the city). Invite members to join us for lunch after 2nd service, then proceed down the hill to Nancy Bush Park where we will serve as a "love mob" to do general cleanup - pickup trash, weed, rake sandbox, clean benches and tables. Ask Meredith to join us- but also to flood neighborhood with postcards inviting neighbors to join us in our work. Have a "snack station" at the pavilion to make neighborhood feel welcome. Invite people to bring games and toys to play in the park when we are finished cleaning it up.

66. June 10 Habitat for Humanity Block Party and House Blessing (10am to noon) - All congregation is invited to join us as we celebrate the completion of all 8 homes on Trinity Lane in Santa Paula.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

67. Fair Trade Sale - continues well.

68. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.

69. Many Meals - continues well.

70. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.

71. Habitat for Humanity - finishing up at Trinity Lane, fencing and landscaping...

72. Budget - passed as we requested. \$500. Paid for lunch for RAIN work on April 9.

73. Web Info/Publicity - Bill working on???

74. Time and Talent - no news... will this happen in the spring?

75. MBC Request - Gordon submitted request for \$200 for LWR kits, and \$500 each (or equal amounts of outreach giving) to following organizations: Habitat for Humanity, RAIN, LSS, New City Parish, School on Wheels, LIRS

76. Legacy Giving request - Gordon submitted a request for \$1000 to go to Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 77. April 15 Habitat for Humanity workday - had 2 workers. - Bad timing.....
- 78. April 9 Garden Work at RAIN - Had a small turnout (10?), but finished the work successfully. Garden looked great when we finished. Cy will be turning in receipts for lunch.
- 79. Djibouti Medical Supplies donations - 3 full boxes were mailed - waiting for pictures from JB to share. Many thanks to all who donated!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 80. MotM: July - homeless kits - _____ is picking a date - Cy?
- 81. MotM: August - VBS Project - Melissa will check with Meredith.
- 82. October 8 Blood Drive
- 83. LSS Walk to Fight Poverty **** new info post meeting - date change from what we discussed. This will now be October 8 - a Sunday afternoon.
- 84. **Next meeting will be Monday June 5, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 85. Bill will provide devotions.
- 86. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 87. Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.
- 88. Evaluated meeting.
- 89. Closed with prayer.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of April 3, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer, Norma Harvey, Bill Stoll

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90. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March meeting were approved with one typo change. Devotion by Gordon. Shared bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

91. April 15 Habitat for Humanity Workday - Gordon will be on the patio this Sunday to start signups.

92. April 9 Garden Work at RAIN - Melissa visited site today, looks like basic weeding, trimming back of plants. Good news, most items we planted seem to have made it. Cy will organize lunch after church. Expecting a small group - it's Spring Break for families... but should have enough to get the work done.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

93. Fair Trade Sale - continues well.

94. LSS Barrel - slow but steady.

95. Many Meals - continues well.

96. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.

97. Habitat for Humanity - Block Party and Blessing of 4 houses - June 10

98. Budget - passed as we requested. \$500.

99. Web Info/Publicity - Bill working on???

100. Time and Talent - no news... will this happen in the spring?

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

101. March 12 LIRS Refugee and Migrant Sunday - mentioned in sermon, video, info table on patio...

102. March 12 CROP Hunger Walk - new totals: church - \$2100 and 25 walkers; citywide - \$19,000 and 333 walkers. A success!

103. March 18 Habitat for Humanity workday - had 9 workers.

104. Djibouti Medical Supplies donations - 3 full boxes were mailed - waiting for pictures from JB to share. Many thanks to all who donated!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

105. June ACTION day of service - June 10? Perhaps a day of work at church? Melissa will check with property committee.
106. All member participation item - Committee discussed having a park cleanup day. Nancy Bush Park, the closest to the church, is in need of some care, and we have been searching for an outreach in which all can participate. Cy will speak with Meredith and the Parks and Rec department to see about arranging a workday - trash pickup, rake the playground sand, clean the tables, etc...then potluck picnic and playtime in the park.
107. **Next meeting will be Monday May 1, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
108. Cy will provide devotions.
109. Gordon will lead the meeting.
110. Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.
111. Evaluated meeting.
112. Closed with prayer.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of March 6, 2017

Present: Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll

Absent: Melissa Henry, Mike McClary, Norma Harvey

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113. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from January meeting were approved. Devotion by Mary. Shared bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

114. February 18 Habitat for Humanity Workday - Gordon will be on the patio this Sunday to start signups. Also have scheduled workdays for March 18 and April 15.
115. Mar 5 UBS Blood Drive - Bill will start signups
116. Mar 12 CROP Hunger Walk - we are the host church! Launch effort with a rolling wall of info on Feb 12, and signups and sign making on the 19th. Goal of 30 walkers. Also, have an info fair at the walk - table with food scarcity facts, etc.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

117. Fair Trade Sale - continues well.
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120. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
121. Habitat for Humanity - The push is on to finish in Santa Paula! Blessing of 4 houses - June 10
122. Budget - passed as we requested. \$500.
123. Web Info/Publicity - Bill will update web info, with links to current events.
124. Time and Talent - Mike is asking council if this is happening in the Spring.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

125. MotM November/December - Gifts of Hope - Check requests went in for the four totals, with help from Susan Prosser. Committee voted to send \$200 to each of 4 organizations out of the profits from the Fair Trade Monthly Sale - but these Melissa opted to wait on to keep any further confusion from Heather, so she will do in February.
126. Jan 29 Annual Meeting - committee offered service project for dinner portion of evening - letter writing to soldiers - was wanted, but too difficult to pull off with needing addresses, and there wouldn't have been room in the PLC.
127. Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring - High school youth were away and Brownies wanted to sell their cookies, so it was just the committee. However, the congregation once again proved their generosity, with 71 food items and \$829 donated. Food has been delivered to St. Columba's and check request is in for ELCA World Hunger.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

128. RAIN cleanup and revisit - still pending..Cy hasn't heard back but will continue to follow up.
129. March 12 LIRS Refugee and Migrant Sunday. Synod Justice team has picked this day (second annual synod wide) due to the lectionary reading - Genesis 12. Committee recommends we celebrate that day - with a link to CROP Hunger Walk and their work as well.
130. Djibouti Medical Supplies donations - JB Nast is serving in Djibouti and has asked if Mount Cross could collect simple medical supplies for a clinic in town. The clinic serves homeless youth of Djibouti and needs 4 simple items: bactine, band-aids, Neosporin, and silver sulfadiazine 1% (or generic equivalents). These are mainly used to keep simple cuts

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132. **Next meeting will be Monday March 6, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
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137. Closed with prayer by Mike.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of December 5, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Mike McClary, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Cy Johnson

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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163. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from November meeting were approved. Devotion by Gordon. Shared a caring conversation, bright spots. Norma Harvey (new church member) wants to join but doesn't drive at night. Discussed working out a pick-up for her.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

164. MotM November/December - Gifts of Hope - Launched Nov 20 all 4 organizations.... one more Sunday to go, then cards and donation forms will be in church office.
Donations - Bill, Gordon, and Mary will help staff the table. Susan Prosser has also volunteered. First day was slow, but it should grow.
Fair Trade Craft Sale - Product is here. Helpers are ready. First day was busy, as usual.
165. Dec. 14 Hickory House Christmas Party - Mary got all her sponsors in one day, and is set.
166. Dec 18 GPS kits?
167. Jan 29 UBS Blood Drive - start sign-ups when?
168. Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring - Melissa will speak to Meredith or Brownie Troop about making it more of an "activity" for family service. Maybe a trip to Food Share the week before? Also, spend January Sundays gearing up for this
169. Mar CROP Hunger Walk - need a host church, but we'd like to spend Sundays in February gearing up for this - making signs to carry, challenging donations or walkers.....

Continuing Events and Business Items:

170. Fair Trade Sale - move January sale to the 8th (second Sunday, due to holiday)
171. LSS Barrel - continuing to fill slowly.
172. Many Meals - ham dinner could still use donations.
173. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
174. Habitat for Humanity - Gordon would like to have a monthly Saturday build until houses are complete. The push is on to finish in Santa Paula!
175. Budget - GoH cards were \$172 Gordon will check if we have any money left.
176. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

177. Dec. 4 Christmas Concert - A Thrivent Action Grant is providing all the treats, with a donation taken for St Columba's Food Pantry. 325 items were donated, and \$50. Perhaps next year (if Luther Hall is used for reception) we can have GoH and GPS kits in the room, and maybe another "service" project, or activity for the families....
178. Thanksgiving offering did go to LSS, but we don't have an amount at this time.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

179. RAIN cleanup and revisit - still pending... perhaps January? Melissa will check.

- 180. **Next meeting will be Monday January 9, 2017 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 181. **LIRS worship service - perhaps in March?**
- 182. Cy will provide devotions.
- 183. Gordon will lead the meeting.
- 184. Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.
- 185. Evaluated meeting. Short but effective!
- 186. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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June - ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 7, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Mike McClary, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Cy Johnson

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

187. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from October meeting were approved. Devotion by Mary. Shared a caring conversation (what is wisdom? who has it?), bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

188. MotM November/December - Gifts of Hope - Launch November 20. all four organizations....
LIRS speaker at church on Nov 6 (female star of "The Good Lie") did not show.
Donations - We need a display. If a creative way to share cards comes to you - let Melissa know. She'll be working on this. Perhaps a Christmas Tree with cards as "ornaments"? Bill, Gordon, and Mary will help staff the table. Susan Prosser also volunteered.
Fair Trade Craft Sale - Product is here. Helpers are ready.
189. Dec. 14 Hickory House Christmas Party - Mary will be on the patio Dec 4+11 for donors.
190. Dec. 4 Christmas Concert - A Thrivent Action Grant is providing all the treats, with a donation taken for St Columba's Food Pantry.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

191. Fair Trade Sale - continuing well
192. LSS Barrel - continuing to fill slowly. Took a trunk full yesterday (1st in 2 months)
193. Many Meals - continues well. Thank you dinner at Mount Cross has about 20 people attend.
194. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
195. Habitat for Humanity -
196. Budget - request is in. Same as last year, to cover the cards for Gifts of Hope.
197. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

198. MotM: October LSS - Carol made a new sign for the patio table, and a volunteer with LSS staffed it last Sunday
199. LWR Blessing, assembly, and ingathering. Next year, we'd like to be better "hosts" for the ingathering - maybe shade, chairs, drinks and cookies?
200. Blood Drive Results - 27 units at Oct 30.... which means we had 49 for the year!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

201. **RAIN cleanup and revisit - Melissa will check into Nov 27 and let team know**
202. **Jan 29 UBS Blood Drive**
203. **Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring**
204. **Next meeting will be Monday December 5, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
205. **Gordon will provide devotions.**
206. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
207. **Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.**
208. Evaluated meeting. Short but effective!
209. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - School on Wheels / Local House Build / ELCA Day of Service

Oct - LSS Walk a Thon / support for LSS / LWR
Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale
Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale
Jan - Blood Services / LDR
Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / St. Columba's Food Pantry
Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / LIRS
April - RAIN / Habitat for Humanity
May - School on Wheels / Compassion International
June - LSS Rent Assistance / ACTION Day of Service
July - Homeless Kits / LIRS / other homelessness issues
Aug - VBS project / RAIN

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of October 3, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Mike McClary, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll
Absent: Cy Johnson

Mount Cross Missions Statement:
Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.
Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

210. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from September meeting were approved. Devotion by Bob on Romans 12. Shared a caring conversation, bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

211. MotM: October LSS - Carol made a new sign for the patio table, and a volunteer with LSS staffed it last Sunday
212. LWR Blessing and Assembly - Blessing for both kits and quilts will be October 9, with assembly of kits on Wed October 12 at the Wednesday evening program.
213. MotM November/December - Gifts of Hope - all four organizations.... LIRS speaker at church on Nov 6 (female star of "The Good Lie")

Continuing Events and Business Items:

214. Fair Trade Sale - continuing well
215. LSS Barrel - continuing to fill regularly.
216. Many Meals - pizza dinner was a hit! Fundraising dinner is when?
217. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
218. Habitat for Humanity - Hearts and Hammers dinner and auction was October 1. Successful and fun! Progress on houses in Santa Paula continues.
219. Budget - Gordon is preparing to submit budget request.
220. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

221. MotM: September -School on Wheels - Susan Prosser collected items and staffed the table on Sunday mornings.
222. Rally Day - September 11 - Gordon staffed table. It was also Fair Trade Sale day.
223. God's Work, Our Hands - September 10 - not happening.
224. MotM: October LSS Walk to Fight Poverty was on October 1. Had 8 walkers (if we count our CLU intern!). Not sure how much was raised.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

225. **Gifts of Hope launch - Nov 20. Follow-up days Dec 4 and Dec 11**
226. **Thanksgiving Eve - SAM committee would like to recommend the offering from this service goes to LSS.**
227. **Idea for Christmas Concert - to use an ACTION team to provide desserts, then ask offering to go to outreach.**
228. **Next meeting will be Monday November 7, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
229. **Mary will provide devotions.**
230. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
231. **Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.**
232. Evaluated meeting. Short but effective!
233. Closed with prayer by Bill.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - School on Wheels / Local House Build / ELCA Day of Service

Oct - LSS Walk a Thon / support for LSS / LWR

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June - LSS Rent Assistance / ACTION Day of Service

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Aug - VBS project / RAIN

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of September 6, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Mike McClary, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer

Absent: Cy Johnson, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

234. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from July meeting were approved. Reflection by Gordon on Interfaith Harvest at Abundant Table. Shared a caring conversation, bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

235. MotM: September -School on Wheels - Susan Prosser is collecting items and staffing the table on Sunday mornings.
236. Rally Day - September 11 - Gordon will staff a table. It will also be Fair Trade Sale day.
237. God's Work, Our Hands - September 10 - not happening.
238. MotM: October LSS - including the LSS Walk against Poverty on October 1. Start sign-ups at Rally Day table. Melissa will register the team - goal of 10 walkers.
239. LWR Kits - Personal Care items being collected in September. Blessing for both kits and quilts will be October 9, with assembly of kits on Wed October 12 at the evening program.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

240. Fair Trade Sale - continuing well

- 241. LSS Barrel - continuing to fill regularly.
- 242. Many Meals - pizza dinner was a hit! Fundraising dinner is when?
- 243. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. New signs have been made for the barrel.
- 244. Habitat for Humanity - Hearts and Hammers dinner and auction is October 1. Signs are on kiosk, and people can contact Gordon if they want tickets.
- 245. Budget - no news
- 246. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 247. MotM: July 17 GPS kits - were well received, probably made 50. Did get an ACTION team grant.
- 248. MotM: July - 50th Anniversary Gifts of Hope - LIRS - no discussion
- 249. Walk for Water - July 20 - Wed. evening. Well received. One walker is now planning to host a Walk for Water at her church - which is our goal, spread the word around!
- 250. VBS Project - Was school kits for LWR
- 251. MotM: August -RAIN - items are in office and need to be taken over.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 252. **Gifts of Hope launch - Nov 20. Follow-up days Dec 4 and Dec 11**
- 253. **Next meeting will be Monday October 3, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 254. **Bob will provide devotions.**
- 255. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
- 256. **Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting.**
- 257. Evaluated meeting. Short but effective!
- 258. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - School on Wheels / Local House Build / ELCA Day of Service

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of July 5, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough

Absent: liaison Mike McClary

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

259. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from June meeting were approved with one correction. Devotion by Cy on parable of sheep and goats. Shared a caring conversation, bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

260. MotM: July - committee selected July 17 (baptism festival?) for a day to assemble homeless kits, Gordon has applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant to help restock supplies.
261. MotM: July - 50th Anniversary Gifts of Hope - LIRS - Launched Sunday with updated and materials from March. Still trying to get a speaker from the Los Angeles area to come up and give a talk or short temple talk.
262. Walk for Water - July 20 - Wed. evening. Synod Hunger Committee will be providing materials for this evening event - Melissa welcomes the help of any on the committee to assist with the walk - a short walking course that you walk carrying 5 gallons of water to simulate the work of people around the world as they search for clean water for their families.
263. VBS Project - Melissa will speak to Meredith as to her plans - LWR backpacks?
264. MotM: August -RAIN

- 265. MotM: September -School on Wheels
- 266. Rally Day - September 11
- 267. God's Work, Our Hands - September 10 - perhaps a Preserve a Home project with Habitat, or a ACTION project, or even a clean up day at a member's home - something that involves ALL ages.
- 268. MotM: October LSS - including the LSS Walk against Poverty on October 1
Continuing Events and Business Items:
- 269. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well.
- 270. LSS Barrel - Getting full - has a coat in from a member- please take to LSS.
- 271. Many Meals - two Mount Cross days this month - looking for some more volunteers.
- 272. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. New signs have been made for the barrel.
- 273. Habitat for Humanity - Gordon is inviting all to join him as he plans to work a Thrivent Builds day on his birthday - July 8, a Friday. He will check with Habitat to find another day in July that has opening.
- 274. Budget - Cy was concerned that Marilyn may have "donated" more than she originally planed - Cy offered to check to make sure that she was o.k. with what was done. If not we will use some SAM Budget. no news
- 275. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 276. MotM: June - LSS rent assistance table and display set up by Carol Broderick and Lynette Angelastro . Launched on June 5th with Diane from LSS giving a temple talk and staffing the table with Carol between services. Gifts of hope cards set out for various donation levels. Carol will track the donations (some checks were written directly to LSS) to see how we are doing.
- 277. Action Day on June 5 - RAIN project had a great turnout almost 30 at the work site and 10 helped with the lunch. Meredith would like the committee to try and have more projects like this - that involve all ages.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 278. **PLEASE NOTE - AUGUST MEETING WILL BE VIA EMAIL ONLY....**
- 279. **Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 280. **Gordon will provide devotions.**
- 281. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
- 282. **Melissa will type up the minutes from tonight's meeting and prep agenda for September meeting.**
- 283. Evaluate meeting.
- 284. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 6, 2016

Present: Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll, liaison Mike McClary, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough
Absent: Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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285. Opened a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from May meeting were approved with one correction. Devotion by Mary on Psalm 68. Shared a caring conversation and bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

286. MotM: June - LSS rent assistance table and display set up by Carol Broderick and Lynette Angelastro. Launched on June 5th with Diane from LSS giving a temple talk and staffing the table with Carol between services. Gifts of hope cards set out for various donation levels. Carol will track the donations (some checks were written directly to LSS) to see how we are doing.
287. MotM: July - committee selected July 17 (baptism festival) for a day to assemble homeless kits, Gordon will request a Thrivent Action Team grant to help restock supplies.
288. MotM: July - 50th Anniversary Gifts of Hope - LIRS - We will update and reuse materials from March. will try to get a speaker from the Los Angeles area to come up and give a talk or short temple talk. Gordon shared the some info about the LIRS presentation he attended at the Synod convention.

289. Action Day on June 5 - RAIN project had a great turnout almost 30 at the work site and 10 helped with the lunch.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

290. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well.

291. LSS Barrel - relabeled back to LSS (was used for School on Wheels collection).

292. Many Meals - two Mount Cross days this month - looking for some more volunteers.

293. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. New signs have been made for the barrel.

294. Habitat for Humanity - Gordon will check with Habitat to find a day that has opening.

295. Budget - Cy was concerned that Marilyn may have "donated" more than she originally planned - Cy offered to check to make sure that she was o.k. with what was done. If not we will use some SAM Budget. no news

296. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Mission of the Month: May - School on Wheels has well received We will check to see how much money was raised and how many items were collected. Still need to get LIRS and RAIN totals.

297. MotM: ~~May~~ April- Compassion International - Nelsons scheduled for April 10 launch and continued presence on April 17. Melissa will follow up with Nelsons and see if they felt it was successful.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

298. **Next meeting will be Tuesday, July, 5, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**

299. **Cy will provide devotions.**

300. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**

301. **Gordon filled in for Melissa and sent out minutes. Melissa will prep agenda for next meeting .**

302. Evaluate meeting.

303. Closed with prayer by Bill.

"Mission of the Month"

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 2, 2016

Present: Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll, liaison Mike McClary, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

304. Opened with the lighting of the God candle and prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March meeting were approved. Devotion by Melissa, read by Gordon due to Melissa's sore throat. Shared a caring conversation and bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

305. MotM: May - School on Wheels - Susan Prosser is handling. Launched yesterday, with emphasis on bringing in school supplies, prayer for the program, gifts of hope cards tied to Mother's Day.
306. MotM: June 5 - ACTION day - supporting the work at RAIN.. bulletin boards and yard remodel - much discussion... and plans to revisit the site. Bill will make announcement May 15 and have table on patio to begin sign-ups.
- Bulletin Boards: Have \$300 Care in Communities grant from Thrivent and another donation to cover 24 boards, and Bob will donate the rest. Melissa will order.
- Yard: Cy will check with city on donated groundcover. Bill will work on irrigation plan and materials. Marilyn will be asked for planting plan advice. Meredith will

recruit families. Mary will solicit plant donations or money from her garden club. Gayle and Marilyn are planning meal for before work. More info will be shared via email over the next weeks.

- 307. MotM: June - LSS Rent Assistance - Lynette Angelastro and Carol Broderick will lead.
- 308. MotM: July - Homeless Kits - perhaps use a Thrivent Action Team to support this? Meredith will be building these with Fun with Faith, as part of their service work - which means we will need more supplies before July.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 309. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- this needs more emphasis. Also, it seems the focus of our service work is homelessness, especially in children. 4 focus projects (Gifts of Hope) for the year.
- 310. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well.
- 311. LSS Barrel - shifted barrel to School on Wheels for month of May - new list on top.
- 312. Many Meals - no discussion.
- 313. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. New signs have been made for the barrel.
- 314. GPS Kits - see July MotM above.
- 315. Habitat for Humanity - Discussed build day in May - but would be the same week as RAIN project.
- 316. Budget - no news
- 317. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Mission of the Month: April - RAIN project. Melissa will check on money raised and getting it sent off. Also LIRS money from month before.

- 318. MotM: ~~May~~ April- Compassion International - Nelsons scheduled for April 10 launch and continued presence on April 17. Melissa will followup with Nelsons and see if they felt it was successful.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 319. **Next meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 320. **Mary will provide devotions.**
- 321. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
- 322. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
- 323. Evaluate meeting.
- 324. Closed with prayer by Bill.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

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Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

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April - RAIN / Habitat for Humanity

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Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of April 4, 2016

Present: Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll, liaison Mike McClary

Absent: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

325. Opened with the lighting of the God candle and prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March meeting were approved. Devotion by Cy, caring conversation and bright spots.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

326. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- this needs more emphasis. Also, it seems the focus of our service work is homelessness, especially in children. 4 focus projects (Gifts of Hope) for the year.

327. *MotM*: April - RAIN project. PJ raised up in sermon on Easter, and people were handed fliers at the door with information and donation list (non-cash)

DONATE: GoH donation amounts will be: \$100 linens for a family bedroom, \$200 field trip for children at RAIN, \$50 shoes or clothing for work, \$15 toiletries and towels. Also will make a bulletin insert of items that can be donated - and change LSS collection tub over for the month.

LEARN: Speaker during the month - no news on this.

ACT: ACTION day June 5 - Need help with two projects: purchase and install 30 bulletin boards - renovate/landscape a patio area - we like both! But need more info on both.

- PRAY: prayer card similar to one PJ made for LIRS
- 328. MotM: May - School on Wheels - Susan Prosser is handling.
 - 329. MotM: ~~May~~ April- Compassion International - Nelsons scheduled for April 10 launch and continued presence on April 17.
 - 330. MotM: June 5 - ACTION day - supporting the work at RAIN..... see above ACT section
 - 331. MotM: June - LSS Rent Assistance - will request help from 50th committee to support this.
 - 332. MotM: July - Homeless Kits - perhaps use a Thrivent Action Team to support this? Meredith was looking for service projects for youth to do, and this was recommended. If so, we will need more supplies.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 333. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well. Started picking up items for November sale.
- 334. LSS Barrel - shifted barrel to RAIN for month of April - new list on top.
- 335. Many Meals - no discussion.
- 336. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues. New signs have been made for the barrel.
- 337. GPS Kits - see July MotM above.
- 338. Habitat for Humanity - House blessing is April 9 for two homes. Slab poured for House 8, and House 7 planned for Friday April 8. Moving along, and qualified for a Thrivent Grant for one of the last 4 homes. Looking for a build day in May.
- 339. Budget - no news
- 340. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 341. *Mission of the Month:* March - CROP Hunger Walk - March 13. We surpassed our goal 50 feet walking from Mount Cross, with a turnout of 38 walkers and 3 volunteers. We raised \$2000, and citywide \$24000. It was a great day, and fun!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 342. April - Earth Day 22nd. Perhaps an environmental children's movie at the tent event? Melissa has mentioned this idea to Meredith. Movie was chosen: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- 343. **Next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7 pm in church office.**
- 344. **Melissa will provide devotions.**
- 345. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
- 346. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
- 347. Evaluate meeting.
- 348. Closed with prayer by Gordon.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

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June - LSS Rent Assistance / ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of March 7, 2016

Present: Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll
New liaison: Mike McClary

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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349. Opened with the lighting of the God candle. Minutes from January meeting were approved. Devotion by Gordon, caring conversation on what energizes you. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

350. *Mission of the Month:* March - CROP Hunger Walk - March 13. Host is Trinity Presbyterian. We're three people short of the goal of 50 feet walking from Mount Cross, but Meredith believes she has more than that in youth volunteering. No emphasis on fundraising, just participation. We haven't done the sign-making - perhaps Sunday of the walk? Gordon will email walkers to wear their 50th anniversary t-shirts.
351. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- this needs more emphasis. Also, it seems the focus of our service work is homelessness, especially in children. Launched first of 4 focus projects (Gifts of Hope) for the year on Refugee Sunday with Lutheran Immigration

and Refugee Services. Will continue to lift up LIRS in the powerpoint every week. Bill will work on a slide. And will set up info on the narthex counter for the rest of the month.

352. *MotM*: April - RAIN project. Mary brought lots of info to work with!
DONATE: GoH donation amounts will be: \$100 linens for a family bedroom, \$200 field trip for children at RAIN, \$50 shoes or clothing for work, \$15 toiletries and towels. Also will make a bulletin insert of items that can be donated - and change LSS collection tub over for the month.
LEARN: Checking on a speaker from RAIN on April 3.
ACT: Perhaps a day spent at RAIN weeding or planting gardens - even serving as the ACTION day in June.
PRAY: prayer card similar to one PJ made for LIRS
353. *MotM*: May - School on Wheels - 50th committee will be asked to cover this - perhaps Susan Prosser.
354. *MotM*: May - Compassion International - Melissa will contact Nelsons to see if this is still planned.
355. *MotM*: June 5 - ACTION day - supporting the work at RAIN.....
356. *MotM*: June - LSS Rent Assistance - will request help from 50th committee to support this.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

357. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well.
358. LSS Barrel - continues well, see RAIN project for a change in April collection.
359. Many Meals - no discussion.
360. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
361. GPS Kits - no discussion
362. Habitat for Humanity - Potential build date this Saturday, April 16
363. Budget - no news
364. Time and Talent - no news

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

365. *Mission of the Month*: November/December - Final total \$4,572.10. Check has been requested.
366. *MotM*- January - Blood Drive - 24 units collected.
367. Jan 31 - GPS kits at Annual meeting in the evening. Not many were made.
368. *MotM*: February - Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 7. Quite a success, \$428 for ELCA World Hunger. Check has been requested. 117 cans collected and taken to St. Columba's.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

369. April - Earth Day 22nd. Perhaps an environmental children's movie at the tent event? Melissa has mentioned this idea to Meredith...
370. **Next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**
371. **Cy will provide devotions.**
372. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
373. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
374. Evaluate meeting.
375. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

Oct - LSS Walk a Thon / support for LSS / LWR

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Jan - Blood Services / LDR

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / St. Columba's Food Pantry

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / LIRS

April - RAIN / Habitat for Humanity

May - School on Wheels / Compassion International

June - LSS Rent Assistance / ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 11, 2016

Present: Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry

Absent: Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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376. Opened with the lighting of the God candle. Minutes from December meeting were approved. Devotion was omitted, as was caring conversation. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

377. *Mission of the Month:* January - Blood Services and LDR - Bill wrote a wonderful longer than usual write-up for the newsletter on WHY we should donate. Jan 31 is the blood drive, with a push from the 50th committee to get 50 units that day - acts of service...

378. Jan 31 - GPS kits at Annual meeting in the evening. Gordon will get more info cards for kits. Mary will write up a note to remind people to add \$5 gift card from home, if they wish.

379. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- this needs more emphasis. Also, it seems the focus of our service work is homelessness, especially in children.
380. *MotM*: February - Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 7. We'd like to see whole church participation. Letter writing for food issues, tables on the patio with an extra special hospitality time, caring conversation questions about food. Split donations - cans to St. Columba's, cash to ELCA World Hunger. Melissa will apply for a TAT grant and we will use that to purchase more items for St Columba's.
381. *MotM*: March - CROP Hunger Walk - March 13. Host is Trinity Presbyterian. Start signups Feb 14 with a goal of 50 feet walking from Mount Cross. No emphasis on fundraising, just participation. Perhaps we have sign making the week before the event on the patio to carry and raise awareness about hunger issues?

Continuing Events and Business Items:

382. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well. Largest sale ever in December.
383. LSS Barrel - no discussion.
384. Many Meals - no discussion.
385. St. Columba's Food Pantry - weekly focus continues.
386. GPS Kits - will do evening of Jan 31.
387. Habitat for Humanity - Build date this Saturday, Jan 16.
388. Budget - no news
389. Time and Talent - Gordon sent us all the email version.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

390. *Mission of the Month*: November/December - Gifts of Hope - Melissa's estimated total has donations at just over \$4500. Will be getting a report soon to confirm that (also hoping for more online donations that we didn't see) but we are pleased with the response. Melissa will get a follow-up in Feb newsletter, especially focusing on LDR's work.
391. December 16 - Hickory House Christmas Party - Went very well, and they will let Mary know what they decided to do with the extra money we raised. Photos and a writeup are planned for Feb newsletter.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

392. Feb 28 Refugee Sunday - Melissa will check with PJ on what support might be needed from our committee.
393. April - Earth Day 22nd. Perhaps an environmental children's movie at the tent event?
394. March or April - special collection for RAIN project - items from list Mary recieved?
395. **Next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**
396. **Gordon will provide devotions.**
397. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
398. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
399. Evaluate meeting.
400. Closed with prayer by Gordon.

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Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

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Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / hunger issues cont.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 7, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bob Boyer, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll

Absent: Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

401. Opened with a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from November meeting were approved with one date change. Devotion by Cy. Shared a caring conversation. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

402. *Mission of the Month:* November/December - Gifts of Hope - 11/22 launch, 12/6 and 12/13

Lutheran Disaster Response for Refugee Crisis - Launch day was slow - the cards hadn't arrived yet. Cards cost \$200 - we will use SAM budget for this.

12/6 we collected \$2000+ in donations.

\$10 feed a family for a week, \$40 blankets, \$75 shelter/tent

403. December 16 - Hickory House Christmas Party - \$.99 Gift cards for 35 people - Mary has received more than enough donations already, so she is set to go - and may even contact HH re: a special project with the extra.
404. *MotM*: January - Blood Services and LDR - Bill will do a longer than usual write-up for the newsletter - due 12/10 - on WHY we should donate. Jan 31 is the blood drive, with a push from the 50th committee to get 50 units that day - acts of service...
405. Jan 31 - GPS kits
406. January 31 - Annual Meeting - Gordon will write summary of our year, due Dec 31.
407. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- discussion about planning some events, partnering with events we already do, and adding some. More info from Anniversary Committee expected soon.
408. *MotM*: February - Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 7. We'd like to see whole church participation. Letter writing for food issues, tables on the patio with an extra special hospitality time, caring conversation questions about food. Split donations - cans to St. Columba's, cash to ELCA World Hunger. Melissa will apply for a TAT grant and we will use that to purchase more items for St Columba's.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

409. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well. Largest sale ever in December.
410. LSS Barrel - Slowing, but our focus has been on food, and a barrel went last month.
411. Many Meals - continuing well - any idea if they got enough for the hams? Spent time in conversation about new volunteers and recipes.
412. St. Columba's Food Pantry - donations have increased with the weekly focus from Dianne. Does she plan to continue it in the new year? Melissa will check - and remind her of Souper Bowl in Feb.
413. GPS Kits - will do morning of Jan 31 - and perhaps into evening?
414. Habitat for Humanity - Hoping for another Thrivent Grant. still working. Gordon will check on another build date - perhaps 1/16 or 1/23
415. Budget - no news
416. Time and Talent - Cy requested email version sent to all members - Gordon will follow up.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

417. November 14 - Habitat for Humanity Build Day - had three MC workers, but it was still a good day!

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

418. *MotM*: March - CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 13 - raise up as an all church activity for the 50th.
419. **Next meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**
420. **Gordon will provide devotions.**
421. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
422. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
423. Evaluate meeting.
424. Closed with prayer by Mary

"Mission of the Month"

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Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 9, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bob Boyer, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bill Stoll

Absent: Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

425. Opened with a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from October meeting were approved. Devotion by Gordon. Shared a caring conversation. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

426. *Mission of the Month*: November/December - Gifts of Hope - 11/22 launch, 12/6 and 12/13
 Lutheran Disaster Response for Refugee Crisis - is there a video on LDR for launch?
 Melissa will contact LDR and see if they have graphics and financial breakdown -
 \$10 feed a family for a week, \$40 blankets, \$75 shelter/tent
 Cy will help with cards
 SERRV product has been ordered
427. November 14 - Habitat for Humanity Build Day - Gordon will advertise
428. December 16 - Hickory House Christmas Party - \$.99 Gift cards for 35 people
429. 50th Anniversary! 50,000 Acts of Service launched.- discussion about planning some events, partnering with events we already do, and adding some. More info from Anniversary Committee expected soon.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

430. Fair Trade Sale - Doing well.
431. LSS Barrel - Bob just took a load over, and got a new list of items needed. He will get list to Mary.
432. Many Meals - continuing well
433. St. Columba's Food Pantry - old news: Dianne Selbrede will be our new writer, if she can tour the pantry on a Tuesday. Also, anniversary committee is supporting 50 Weeks of Food - inviting members to bring an item every week for the year, and donations are increasing!
434. GPS Kits - have enough for another round later in the year.
435. Habitat for Humanity - Hoping for another Thrivent Grant in 2016...see above for build date.
436. Budget - Gordon will request the same amount as last year. Due Oct 30.
437. Time and Talent - Report is in, some have been emailed to person in charge.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

438. October 4 United Blood Services Blood Drive - 19 units - next? 2/28, 2/21, or 3/6
439. October 7 at 6pm - LWR School Kit making with youth and congregation. Went well, but quickly. We'll plan for more activities next year. But backpack making is well under way!
440. October 18 - LWR Quilt Blessing during service - Table on patio, video in church.
441. October 22 - LWR Ingathering - Truck at MC from 2-5pm - all went well.
442. October 25 - LWR info table AGAIN - and GPS Kit making after single church service - at the request of the 50th anniversary committee. Made about 40 kits

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

443. *MotM*: February - Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 7 - include letter writing focused on food issues? way to make it more active.
444. *MotM*: March - CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 13 - raise up as an all church activity for the 50th.
445. **Next meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7 pm in PJ's office.**
446. **Cy will provide devotions.**
447. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
448. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
449. Evaluate meeting.
450. Closed with prayer by Melissa

"Mission of the Month"

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 7, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson

Absent: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

451. Opened with a prayer by Cy. Minutes from August meeting were approved. Devotion by was to be by Nora, but she is absent, so we omitted. Shared a caring conversation about "where we go to become refreshed". Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

452. Mission of the Month: September 19 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Have two families committed. John Lu will lead group the day of the event.
453. Rally Day - Group discussed having a talk during service (Bill), a large chart of all volunteer spots (Cy), uplifting fall events...
454. Mission of the Month: October 3 - LSS Walk to End Poverty - Registration begins at 8 and the walk at 9, at CLU. Melissa will set up the team on the LSS website - and we support group fundraising (all in the same envelope). Melissa will make up an envelope, as well, since LSS is pushing for online sponsorship, and that doesn't work well for gathering donations on the patio.
455. October 4 United Blood Services Blood Drive - Bill will start sign-ups on Rally Day, and the email will go out soon to prior donors.
456. **date change!** October 7 6pm - LWR School Kit making with youth - combine and make all kits, and invite all church to come and share dinner as well as kit making.
457. October 18 - LWR Quilt Blessing during service - could we staff an info table on the patio to life up the work of LSS? Perhaps a video during service? Put together the health kits there?
458. **see item 6 above - these are combined** October 18 LWR Kit Assembling and Potluck - see 50th anniversary?
459. October 22 - LWR Ingathering - Truck at MC from 2-5pm
460. November 14 - Habitat for Humanity Build Day? Gordon will check.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

461. Fair Trade Sale - Many thanks to Carol Broderick (and her helper Lynette Angelastro) for covering the monthly sale over the summer.
462. LSS Barrel - no discussion
463. Many Meals - no discussion
464. St. Columba's Food Pantry - Mary will be contacting Dianne Selbrede about being the person who puts an article into the newsletter a few times a year to lift up the pantry.
465. GPS Kits - Cy checked on a Thrivent Grant
466. Habitat for Humanity - Hoping for another Thrivent Grant in 2016... Gordon will be checking on a Build Day for MC. (Nov 14)
467. Time and Talent - Haven't received the report from Sherri yet.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

468. Monthly Focus: August - LWR School Kits - Response has been great. Melissa and Meredith will tally items this week. We have two donors who are willing to purchase the items we need to fill kits - and make numbers match. Melissa will also be ordering the backpacks - and working on getting backpacks made over the next year.
469. Tabled fundraiser for St Columba's Food Pantry waiting for response from Mary Altshuller.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

470. 50th Anniversary! Council wants to host 50,000 Acts of Service - discussion about planning some events, partnering with events we already do, and adding some. More info from Anniversary Committee expected soon.

- 471. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park).
- 472. **Next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7 pm in PJ's office.**
- 473. **Mary (or Nora) will provide devotions.**
- 474. **Gordon will lead the meeting.**
- 475. **Melissa will handle the minutes from tonight's meeting, and prep agenda for next.**
- 476. Evaluate meeting.
- 477. Closed with prayer by Gordon

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer

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478. Opened with a prayer by Cy. Minutes from May meeting were approved. Devotion by Mary. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

479. Monthly Focus: June – Action Day June 6; 9 volunteers signed up; meet at community ctr; go to Adolfo mobile home park; Cy volunteered to coordinate our effort - Gordon will send him the contact information. Cy suggested this be a semi annual event.

480. Monthly Focus July - Homeless Issues – Melissa wrote something for the newsletter.

481. Monthly Focus: August – Meredith is aware of the crossing over of the two areas of church life, and will handle the advertising (and selection) of this project. Also in August - LWR School Kit supplies collection - Melissa submitted the write-up, Nora will handle the gathering - and Meredith is thinking this might be the VBS project.

482. Monthly Focus: September - ELCA Day of Service; Also in Sept - LWR Health Kit supplies collection - again, write-up is in, if Nora will handle gathering/box with label. - Whole church kit-making session will take place on a Wednesday evening (tied to Fun with Faith and Confirmation) in October... with a shared meal/potluck

483. Monthly Focus: October - LSS Walk to End Poverty; October 4 - Blood Drive

Continuing Events and Business Items:

484. Fair Trade Sale -\$267 for the May sale. June sale next Sunday. Carol Broderick is covering all sales while Melissa is gone – Reminder that July sale moved to the 12th.

485. LSS Barrel - May focus: towels (4 boxes collected), June focus: non-perishable food.

486. Many Meals - The numbers are down slightly but a need still exists. Good volunteer corp, but need to encourage new volunteers.

487. GPS Kits – Cy will talk to Lisa Higgenbottom re: grant

488. Habitat for Humanity – Dedicated 2 houses in Santa Paula

489. Time and Talent – Sheets go out in June

490. 50th Anniversary – need to come up with service ideas

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

491. Compassion International – Very good response. Mt. Cross had best year ever

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

492. Cookbook Fund Raiser for Food Pantry - Mary's idea

493. September 19 - Coastal Cleanup Day

494. October 4 United Blood Services Blood Drive

495. LWR Projects (for Mt Cross 50th), Blessing of the Fields, Abundant Table/CSA project (farm trip w/ picnic), island clean-up day

496. October 18 LWR Kit Assembling and Potluck - see 50th anniversary above.

497. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park).

498. **Next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.**

499. **Bob will provide devotions.**

500. **Cy will provide agenda/lead the meeting.**

501. **Bill will handle the minutes from 6/1 meeting**

502. Evaluate meeting.

503. Closed with prayer by Cy

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer

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504. Opened with a prayer by Cy. Minutes from May meeting were approved. Devotion by Mary. Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

505. Monthly Focus: June – Action Day June 6; 9 volunteers signed up; meet at community ctr; go to Adolfo mobile home park; Cy volunteered to coordinate our effort - Gordon will send him the contact information. Cy suggested this be a semi annual event.

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Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

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521. LWR Projects (for Mt Cross 50th), Blessing of the Fields, Abundant Table/CSA project (farm trip w/ picnic), island clean-up day

522. October 18 LWR Kit Assembling and Potluck - see 50th anniversary above.

523. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park).

524. **Next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.**

525. **Bob will provide devotions.**

526. **Cy will provide agenda/lead the meeting.**

527. **Bill will handle the minutes from 6/1 meeting**

528. Evaluate meeting.

529. Closed with prayer by Cy

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May - Many Meals / Compassion International

June - ACTION Day of Service

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 4, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Melissa Henry, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson, Bob Boyer

Guest: Pastor John joined us for the period at the start of the meeting.

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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530. Opened with a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from April meeting were approved. Devotion by Nora. Shared a caring conversation about "when do you feel most at peace". Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

531. Monthly Focus: May - Many Meals / Compassion International

Many Meals: No plan for anything out on the patio to add exposure to their mission. The numbers are down slightly but a need still exists. maybe do a short temple talk about MM.

Gordon will contact Erin to see if it can still happen.

Compassion International - Dan and Karen Nelson hosted the table on the patio last Sunday, and did a talk during the service. They have had the best response yet, for only the first week. They will continue the next two Sundays.

532. Monthly Focus: June - Action Day of Service June 6th - Cy volunteered to coordinate our effort - Gordon will send him the contact information. There is a 2 minute video online at www.ACTIONvc.org - perhaps show in church a few weeks before...

533. Monthly Focus: August - Melissa will contact Meredith to find out if a project has been selected for VBS - and will also ask Meredith to write something for the newsletter for the project, whatever it may be! (VBS Theme is science based.)

Continuing Events and Business Items:

534. Fair Trade Sale -\$267 for the May sale. Carol Broderick is covering all sales while Melissa is gone - group agreed to move July sale to the 12th.

535. LSS Barrel - May focus: towels, June focus: non-perishable food.

536. Many Meals - This month's meal is a BBQ thanks to Jack Rose.

537. St. Columba's Food Pantry - no discussion.

538. GPS Kits - no discussion.

539. Time and Talent - Committee reviewed and assessed. Melissa will get changes to PJ, and find out about the paragraphs that describe the categories as well.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

540. Monthly Focus: April - Habitat for Humanity - Saturday April 18th a very successful Wall Raising for the 2nd Thrivent home with 33 Lutherans to help. The Faith Coalition Breakfast on Wed April 15th was well attended, to try and grow the Faith Coalition.

541. April 25 - Make, Bake, Celebrate - Fair Trade basket cost \$35.25 - Melissa will submit paperwork to get the money shifted to the correct account.

542. Update for the CROP Hunger Walk (March 8th) Mt Cross \$2,075 total is over \$24,000 now!

543. Lent project - Still no word from the counters if we saw any money come in.

544. Tabled fundraiser for St Columba's Food Pantry waiting for response from Mary Altshuller.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

545. Looking ahead to the 50th! Council wants to host 50,000 Acts of Service - discussion about planning some events, partnering with events we already do, and adding some. Is there an expectation that all these events and "acts" will be planned and tracked by this committee? Can we use our existing projects and supplement with others - or do we have to come up with all new? Melissa suggested a collection of items for LWR kits - school stuff in August, health kits in Sept. Then we can have a potluck on October 18 to assemble the kits. She will

write it up for the newsletter, Nora will be in charge of the box and collection. We can use a Thrivent Action Team to purchase any other supplies needed to round out the kits.

546. September 12 or 13 Mission of the Month: ELCA "God's Work: Our Hands" Sunday - Cy is in charge. We need to register so ELCA knows we are participating - there is a 4 minute video available online to help promote - ideas for service???
547. September 19 - Coastal Cleanup Day - Melissa will email Meredith to see if we make it a family event.
548. October 3 Mission of the Month: LSS Walk to End Poverty
549. October 4 United Blood Services Blood Drive
550. October 18 LWR Kit Assembling and Potluck - see 50th anniversary above.
551. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park).
552. **Next meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7 pm in PJ's office.**
553. **Mary will provide devotions.**
554. **Cy will provide agenda/lead the meeting.**
555. **Melissa will handle the minutes from 5/4 meeting**
556. Evaluate meeting.
557. Closed with prayer by Melissa

"Mission of the Month"

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of April 13, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson

Absent: Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

558. Opened with a prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March meeting were approved with one change to the "month". Shared a caring conversation about "how are you most like your Mom or Dad". Discussed recent bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

559. Monthly Focus: April - Habitat for Humanity - Saturday April 18th will be the Wall Raising for the 2nd Thrivent home with a small group expected to help. also a Faith Coalition Breakfast set for Wed April 15th to raise up the mission of Habitat.

560. Monthly Focus: May - Many Meals / Compassion International

Many Meals: Bob will try to discuss with the MM group a plan to get something out on the patio to add exposure to their mission. The numbers are down slightly but a need still exists. maybe do a short temple talk about MM.

Compassion International - Dan and Karen Nelson will host the table on the patio for the first 2 weekends of May

561. Monthly Focus: June - Action Day of Service June 6th - Cy volunteered to coordinate our effort - Gordon will send him the contact information.

562. April 25 - Make, Bake, Celebrate - Gordon submitted the requests by the new revised dates and the Church Council will be considering all requests at their next meeting (April 14). Nora suggested that we put together a "Fair Trade Basket" for the auction and include a new Thrivent Builds shirt. discussion suggested we use some of our budgeted monies to pay for the Fair Trade items for the basket.

563. Cy staffed the GPS Kit tables on April 12th with about 40 kits made with the existing supplies we had.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

564. Fair Trade Sale -\$352 for the April 12th sale.

565. LSS Barrel - Bob will monitor items and Mary will write up a article for the newsletter.

566. Many Meals - See above Monthly focus.

567. St. Columba's Food Pantry - no discussion.

568. GPS Kits - see above.

569. Time and Talent - New plan to send T&T out in May - Gordon will follow up

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

570. Update for the CROP Hunger Walk (March 8th) Mt Cross \$2,075 total is over \$24,000 now!

571. UBS blood drive results were provided by Bill 29 units - Great job !!

572. Lent project - Gordon will check to see if any monies were sorted by the counters and follow-up to get it on to LWR.

573. Tabled fundraiser for St Columba's Food Pantry waiting for response from Mary Altshuller.

574. ELCA - Sept 13 - not discussed

575. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park).

576. **Next meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**

577. **Nora will provide devotions.**

- 578. **Gordon will provide agenda.**
- 579. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
- 580. Evaluate meeting.
- 581. Closed with prayer by Cy?

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of March 2, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry (chair), Bob Boyer, Cy Johnson

Absent: Nora Fajnor, Bill Stoll

Guest: Mary Altshuller

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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582. Opened with lighting of God candle and prayer by Gordon. Minutes from March meeting were approved with no changes. Gordon spoke about the Garden of Eden. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

583. Monthly Focus: March - CROP Hunger Walk March 8. Sign-ups have resulted in 7-8 walkers so far, with a team goal of 12 walkers and \$2500 raised. New this year is a food truck and music after the walk.

584. Monthly Focus: April - Habitat for Humanity - Wall-Raising for the new Thrivent home is planned for April 18. Groundbreaking was lovely on Feb 21 - All five partner families were there - it was great!
585. Monthly Focus: May - Many Meals / Compassion International
 Many Meals: Bob will bring up to MM group on Thursday and pick a Sunday in May to uplift - perhaps something special on the patio, or a time in the service to speak about MM.
 Compassion International - Dan and Karen Nelson will host the table on the patio for the first 2 weekends, with an uplift during the service the first week.... choir might sing a special anthem, or a short video.
586. UBS Blood Drive - March 15 - Sign-ups are started, but slow.
587. Make, Bake, Celebrate - Gordon will submit requests on behalf of our committee. He will also double check last year's requests and email the committee before submitting new requests. We decided to not request \$1000 for spring service project because we didn't use the money yet from last year. And to split the "outreach money" between Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, New City Parish, RAIN Project, and LSS.
588. Lent Project - Calendars and coin boxes are in the narthex. The calendars also have an envelope attached for donations, with directions to return them to church after Easter. Project will benefit ELCA World Hunger.
589. Thrivent Action Teams Training - **Old News:** Melissa is setting up a training session for MC members to learn about TAT - and how to best utilize them to benefit causes. Possible date in mid April, on a Sunday after church with a meal (sponsored by the Thrivent Board). Committee is all invited - as the knowledge will benefit our work! **New News:** no progress has been made on planning this.
- Continuing Events and Business Items:**
590. Fair Trade Sale -\$275 in March. Committee decided to move sale to April 12 due to Easter.
591. LSS Barrel - Bob has taken another load, but Mary will work on getting a small something in the newsletter.
592. Many Meals - See above Monthly focus.
593. St. Columba's Food Pantry - no discussion.
594. GPS Kits - We have enough materials (less the gift cards) to do another Sunday. Tentatively April 12 - check with MBC crew if that day will work.
595. Time and Talent - New plan to send T&T out in May - so we will focus on the first next month.
- Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)**
Setting New Goals: (future event planning)
596. Fundraiser for Food Pantry. - Mary Altshuller would like to do a cookbook fundraiser to benefit the St Columba's Food Pantry - maybe a blend of both churches. She will check on pricing for having it created off site, and report back.
597. **Old News** - 50th anniversary possibility - providing 50,000 volunteer hours in our community. Discussed the idea. Would we wear something to identify us as Christians/Mount Crossers? How many hours a week is that for each active member of MC? In addition to what we already do?
598. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.
599. **Next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**

- 600. **Cy will provide devotions.**
- 601. **Gordon will provide agenda.**
- 602. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
- 603. Evaluate meeting.
- 604. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of February 9, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry (chair), Bob Boyer, Bill Stoll, and welcome new member Cy Johnson

Absent: Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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- 605. Opened with lighting of God candle and prayer by Gordon. Minutes from December meeting were approved with one change. Mary shared a devotion about a recipe for a good life. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

606. Monthly Focus: February - St. Columba's Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of Caring/Hunger Issues Carol Broderick led a very successful Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb 1. \$718.80 from the congregation, with a \$200 Thrivent Grant - and 135 cans of food delivered to St. Columba's. Check request is in, and Gordon will work on the cover letter and include both checks in it. Also, \$5.5 million were raised nationwide. Many thanks to Carol Broderick for her work, and thanks to the congregation for again supporting this effort.
607. Monthly Focus: March - CROP Hunger Walk March 8. Sign-ups begin Sunday with a team goal of \$2500. Gordon will get info in Friday email and bulletin, as well as contacting T&T volunteers via email.
608. Monthly Focus: April - Habitat for Humanity - plans for a house blessing are coming, but Gordon will look into possible Saturday workdays of April 11 or 18. Also possible groundbreaking for next three houses. **POST MEETING UPDATE - Groundbreaking is planned for Feb. 21 at 8:45 - come meet the next three families and be a part of this wonderful day!**
609. UBS Blood Drive - March 15 - Bill reported that online signups have begun, and he will be on the patio soon. Sadly, a June date was not possible, so we will get something in the newsletter that month reminding people that they can donate apart from MC. Bill is hoping for the first week in October for the second drive.
610. Make, Bake, Celebrate - Committee discussed possible fundraising requests for MBC and will finalize requests at next meeting.
611. Lent Project - Committee expressed interest in having the ELCA World Hunger coin boxes and calendars again this year (like 2013). Melissa will check on that, and speak with Pastor John on feasibility.
612. Thrivent Action Teams Training - Melissa is setting up a training session for MC members to learn about TAT - and how to best utilize them to benefit causes. Possible date in mid April, on a Sunday after church with a meal (sponsored by the Thrivent Board). Committee is all invited - as the knowledge will benefit our work!
- Continuing Events and Business Items:**
613. Fair Trade Sale - Big month, an IOU from synod office arrived - \$468.25 in February.
614. LSS Barrel - No discussion.
615. Many Meals - No discussion.
616. St. Columba's Food Pantry - see info on Souper Bowl of Caring above.
617. Time and Talent - New plan to send T&T out in May, so committee needs to review categories soon.
- Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)**
618. Gifts of Hope - Check request has gone in - with a total of \$5,760.35. Gordon will work on a cover letter and presentation.
619. Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - The houses are progressing. The Thrivent home is waiting for a second coat of exterior paint, and then the street! Now focus is on home 1, and pouring foundations for 3, 4, 5.
- Setting New Goals: (future event planning)**
620. 50th anniversary possibility - providing 50,000 volunteer hours in our community. Discussed the idea. Would we wear something to identify us as Christians/Mount Crossers? How many hours a week is that for each active member of MC? In addition to what we already do?
621. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in

2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

- 622. **Next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7 pm in Meredith's office.**
- 623. **Gordon will provide devotions.**
- 624. **Gordon will provide agenda.**
- 625. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
- 626. Evaluate meeting.
- 627. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 12, 2015

Present: Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer

Absent: Gordon Henry, Bill Stoll

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Committee Goals:

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- 628. Opened with lighting of God candle. Minutes from December meeting were approved. Nora shared a devotion about yokes and sharing the load. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

- 629. Monthly Focus: January - Blood Services/LDR - Good write-up in the newsletter about these two organizations, and that's all that is planned for this month.
- 630. Monthly Focus: February - St. Columba's Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of Caring/Hunger Issues Carol Broderick is leading the Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb 1, Melissa will check with her about publicity. Thrivent Grant will be requested for matching on dollars and cans raised. Melissa could have more info on hunger issues after the conference this week for ELCA World Hunger.
- 631. Monthly Focus: March - CROP Hunger Walk March 8. Gordon is at a planning meeting for this. He is willing to lead the team from Mt Cross, with sign-ups starting on Feb 8, and a team fundraising goal.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 632. Annual Report Write-Up is completed - meeting is Jan 26 at 4 pm, please attend - but also pick up the report and read through it!
- 633. Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - ~\$200 in January. Thanks to volunteers to cover while Melissa was away.
- 634. LSS Barrel - Filled once in late December. Always does better when lifted up in the newsletter.
- 635. Many Meals - January meal had a bit less guests, but still steady. Many volunteers on the Time and Talent form.
- 636. St. Columba's Food Pantry - Will get a "push" with Souper Bowl of Caring.
- 637. Time and Talent is ready. Melissa has a paper copy if needed. New names were noted at the meeting!
- 638. Discussed the moving of the meeting - and regular date at this time - and group decided to meet the first Monday of every month at 7pm.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 639. Gifts of Hope - Exceeded first goal, reset, exceeded that goal - and Melissa has a total of \$320.63 from the SERRV sale, with a known total of \$5,385 from donations - making the total raised SO FAR to \$5705! She is having Tim check on any stragglng checks that might have come in while she was out of town, and then a check request will be made. We also had a lot of success with getting volunteers out to the site to work - so feel the congregation liked the project. Ron Ertel's cutting boards were also a hit - the last three are being donated to the St. Max fundraiser for Habitat.
- 640. Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - The houses are progressing. The Thrivent home is waiting for exterior paint, kitchen/bath cabinetry is ready to be installed, and then the street!
- 641. Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 - \$10 gift cards from \$.99 Store for 33 residents. Mary reported it was a fun evening, with about 25 residents joining the 5 volunteers for singing carols, dessert, and gift giving.
- 642. Many Meals - No information known on the success of the gift card raising.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 643. UBS Blood Drive - potential new dates: March 15, then June and October
- 644. Make, Bake, Celebrate - April 25. Tent Service - April 26.
- 645. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.
- 646. **Next meeting will be Monday, Feb 2, 2015 at 7 pm in the empty office.**

647. **Mary will provide devotions.**
648. **Gordon will provide agenda.**
649. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
650. Evaluate meeting.
651. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 2, 2014

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bob Boyer (only for first portion)

Absent: Mary Goodenough

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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652. Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from November meeting were approved. Erik shared a devotion from "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore". Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared - including a cheesecake made by Bill in honor of Erik's last meeting on our committee.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

- 653. Monthly Focus: November/December - Gifts of Hope. Group decided to support Habitat for Humanity Ventura County this year. Cards are here. Gordon set up a workday on December 20, plus team is working Mon-Sat for the next two weeks - as one of the "gifts" is a non-monetary "I gave hours of service in your honor". Melissa will create a chart of progress toward our goal of \$3000 of a house being built. Erik and Gordon will work on finding a video OR a speaker from H4H for a church chat this week. Total from first day of launch was about \$450.
- 654. Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Sale - Nora, Carol, and Melissa had a great first day - even with the winds. Will continue this weekend, but M will be at the Fair Trade Foods tables.
- 655. Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - Gordon brought pictures to share - the houses are progressing.
- 656. Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 - \$10 gift cards from \$.99 Store for 33 residents. Mary has 13 gifts covered already.
- 657. Many Meals - Card Collection has started in the back of the sanctuary, to be used for needs over the next year.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 658. Annual Report Write-Up is due Dec 31 - Bill will help Gordon to do it.
- 659. Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$350+ in November. Jan 4th will need someone to cover for Melissa.
- 660. LSS Barrel - No discussion
- 661. Many Meals - No discussion
- 662. St. Columba's Food Pantry - CDC can collection actually went to a family in Somis instead of the food pantry.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 663. Thanksgiving Eve offering - will go to support LDR and Lutheran hospitals in Liberia as they deal with the Ebola crisis. Erik will check on total and submit check request.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 664. Goehner Family Farewell and Godspeed - Dec 21.
- 665. UBS Blood Drive - potential new dates: March 15, then June and October.
- 666. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 1.
- 667. CROP Hunger Walk - March 8.
- 668. Make, Bake, Celebrate - March 21. Tent Service - March 22.
- 669. New Item: Discussion over helping a Camarillo family recently highlighted in the paper for health issues. Committee decided best support would be to lift up the fundraising event planned at Rock City - on the kiosk, on the patio next to GoH table.
- 670. Melissa asked for prayers of discernment over an invitation to National ELCA World Hunger Leadership Conference.
- 671. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.
- 672. **Next meeting will be Monday, Jan 12, 2015 at 7 pm in the empty office.**
- 673. **Nora will provide devotions.**

- 674. **Gordon will provide agenda.**
- 675. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
- 676. Evaluate meeting.
- 677. Closed with prayer by Erik.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of November 4, 2014

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Mary Goodenough,
Pastor Erik Goehner (only for first portion)

Absent: Bob Boyer

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- 678. Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from September meeting were approved with one date change. Mary shared a devotion. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

- 679. Monthly Focus: November/December - Gifts of Hope. Group decided to support Habitat for Humanity Ventura County this year. Melissa will get with them regarding the cards and order them, Gordon will work on setting up workdays - as one of the cards will be a non-monetary "I gave hours of service in your honor". Melissa will create a chart of progress toward our goal of \$3000 of a house being built. Erik preaches on launch day, and will make sure it is mentioned. Erik and Sheri will create slides for the powerpoint. Gordon will work on finding a video OR a speaker from H4H for a church chat.
- 680. Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Sale - ordering is underway. Melissa has help from Nora and Carol Broderick for sale days.
- 681. Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - **Wall Raising** was successful (same day as Birthday Bash Breakfast). Work days continue - and Gordon will plan a few days to lift up to partner with the GoH (see above).
- 682. Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 - \$10 gift cards from \$.99 Store for 30 residents. Mary will handle signups.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 683. Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$350 in October.
- 684. LSS Barrel - No discussion
- 685. Many Meals - No discussion
- 686. St. Columba's Food Pantry - CDC is planning to collect cans during November.
- 687. Budget: No further discussion. *Old news: Habitat for Humanity is asking for a financial commitment from each church. Gordon will check whether we can send any unspent budget (and MBC money) since we aren't building in Tijuana this year.*
- 688. Time and Talent: waiting on new list!

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 689. October Mission - Bake Sale on October 19 with a split of funds raised going to LSS and LWR raised \$508. Check requests have been submitted. We are grateful to Fellowship Committee for their help.
- 690. LWR Truck - October 23 - 126 quilts and 50 kits were labeled for tracking and successfully loaded on the truck.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

- 691. Erik proposed a plan for the Thanksgiving Eve offering - to support LDR and Lutheran hospitals in Liberia as they deal with the Ebola crisis. Nora will raise the issue at council, as they have the vote.
- 692. UBS Blood Drive - potential new dates: March 15, then June and October
- 693. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 2?
- 694. CROP Hunger Walk - March 8.
- 695. Make, Bake, Celebrate - March 21. Tent Service - March 22.
- 696. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.
- 697. **Next meeting will be Dec 2, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office.**
- 698. **Erik will provide devotions.**
- 699. **Gordon will provide agenda.**

- 700. **Melissa will handle the minutes.**
- 701. Evaluate meeting.
- 702. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of August 5, 2014 Meeting in Luther Hall

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner (left early to attend another meeting)

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Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from June meeting were approved. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

VBS Project - our August focus - LWR Tsunami Relief for Typhoon in Philippines - due to the nature of our VBS theme - Son Treasure Island! Going on this week - and the students are planning to crush the goals that were set for them. They are fired up!

September focus - ELCA Day of Service - happens to fall on Rally Day Sept 7. Group is planning to do a table for kits and lift it up as the "day of service" - **discussed possibility of making a banner with new logo and "we serve" or "day of service" - to be used for events.**

October focus - LSS Walk to End Poverty - Oct 4 - be sure to include online pledge link in Friday emails.

October focus - Bake Sale on October 26 with a split of funds raised going to LSS and LWR. Melissa will check with Fellowship to see if they want to help.

Rally Day - Sept 7 after both services. Melissa will have brochure done for next meeting to review - and we will have a table for kits. Need all committee members to help with this day!

Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - Beginning heavy construction on Aug 11 with grading sites - will take 12-14 days to prep two sites, then can plan work days. Working Tues-Sat. **Gordon will check on a workday for Sept 20.** Thrivent house must be finished by Jan 1. Lisa Higgenbotham has 3 days planned for her clients that we can join : 9/26, 10/17, 11/14. Also, she is still willing to host a table on the patio with info when the time comes.

UBS Blood Drive - October 5 - start taking signups in Sept - possibly at Rally Day?

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - slowest day in years was on Hawaiian day! Next sale is Rally Day Sept 7.

LSS Barrel - Light but steady.

Many Meals - Hosting a BBQ this month and requested money from Mt Cross members to pay for it. Box is in narthex. Fundraiser coming up? Erik is working to have LSS host a table one of our nights to facilitate assistance for our guests (to possibly DECREASE the NEED).

St. Columba's Food Pantry - Donations will be huge after VBS week is over!

Budget: Habitat for Humanity is asking for a financial commitment from each church. Gordon will check whether we can send any unspent budget (and MBC money) since we aren't building in Tijuana this year.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

ACTION Day - June 7 - Had a fairly good turnout - with a wide range of ages. Passed out the fliers to homeowners we worked with - and offered to prayer with them, or add any prayers to our church list. It was good to meet with the other churches first.

July 13 - Building GPS Kits. Probably built 50+ kits. Still have all supplies except McD's cards, but we applied for another \$400 Thrivent Grant, so will use to have those for Rally Day.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Gifts of Hope - **Will Erik please check with other churches and see what they are thinking?** Melissa will start looking at SERRV order.

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

Next meeting will be Sept 2, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office.

Melissa will provide devotions.

Gordon will provide agenda.

Melissa will handle the minutes.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Melissa.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

Oct - LSS Walk a Thon / support for LSS / LWR

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

Jan - Blood Services / LDR

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / St. Columba's Food Pantry

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / hunger issues cont.

April - Habitat for Humanity

May - Many Meals

June - ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 3, 2014 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough,
Pastor Erik Goehner

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from May meeting were approved with one change. Shared a caring conversation. Bright spots - many were shared.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

ACTION Day - June 7 - By participating on the Saturday, we will be able to join with others at the "kick-off" at the Community Center at 8:30, then we will head to the mobile home park and do our labor. We've got about 8 signed up, and Erik is checking with the youth and young adults, while Gordon will check with members who have participated with H4H builds in the past. Melissa and Sheri put together a flier that we can give to the people we work for, explaining a bit more about Mount Cross - including an invitation to attend worship with us. Group assessed the rough draft, and made some changes, and Melissa will have them ready for Saturday.

Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - Still waiting on permits, street work, sidewalks, etc... so construction hasn't begun yet. Working on "Preserve A Home" in the meanwhile. Possible workday in late June. Lisa Higgenbotham is still willing to host a table on the patio with info when the time comes.

July 13 - Building GPS Kits. Melissa will do writeup for the newsletter. We have all the kit makings - just need to set them out and build!

VBS Project - our August focus! Possibly LWR Tsunami Relief in Indonesia or Phillipines - due to the nature of our VBS theme - treasure island!

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$350 in sales in May. Just got another shipment today. Next sale July 6.

LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Bob just took a load over last week.

Many Meals - Trying out a new menu this month. Volunteers are still strong, as is need.

Struggling for food donations. Erik is working to have LSS host a table one of our nights to facilitate assistance for our guests (to possibly DECREASE the NEED).

St. Columba's Food Pantry - Donations have been light. Mary will check with Dianne Selbrede and see if she is willing to be our "promoter" in the newsletter.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

UBS Blood Drive - Oct 5.

ELCA Day of Service - Sept 7 - Erik has a lead on a water station at a marathon that might work for this. No further news, but did decide we would not participate in this if it fell on same Sunday as Rally Day - because it would be DURING worship time. Perhaps we will work on Sept 13 instead?

Rally Day - when is it? Nora will check with council.

Tijuana Build has been tabled for 2014. Will revisit for Spring 2015.

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

Next meeting will be August 5, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office.

Nora will provide devotions.

Gordon will provide agenda.

Melissa will handle the minutes.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

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Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / hunger issues cont.

April - Habitat for Humanity

May - Many Meals

June - ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of May 12, 2014 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Melissa and lighting of God candle. Minutes from February meeting were approved. Shared a caring conversation on where we feel at peace. Bright spot - call from Global Missions of ELCA to express thanks for MC's work. Also, a call from Equal Exchange about a possible trip to visit a coffee plantation. And GREAT NEWS! The power was on in Burure for Easter Sunday!

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

ACTION Day - June 7 - By participating on the Saturday, we will be able to join with others at the "kick-off" at Constitution Park, then we will head to the mobile home park and do our labor. We're going to have to hustle to advertise, but we think we can get at least 10 people to participate.

Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - Groundbreaking ceremony in late April, but still waiting on street work, sidewalks, etc... so construction hasn't begun yet.

Working on "Preserve A Home" in the meanwhile. Lisa Higgenbotham is still willing to host a table on the patio with info when the time comes.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Monthly Focus: Erik shared his work on a calendar for the year giving each month a "focus" of our ministry - and the committee made a few changes, and are willing to adopt it in and see how it helps us. Erik will share it with council. See bottom of these minutes for a draft.

Fair Trade Sale - Many thanks to the helpers for April and May. Still going steady - \$348 in sales in March, \$220 in April. (What happened to May 4?) Next sale June 6.

LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Bob just took a load over last week.

Many Meals - Volunteers are still strong, as is need. Struggling for food donations. Erik is working to have LSS host a table one of our nights to facilitate assistance for our guests (to possibly DECREASE the NEED).

St. Columba's Food Pantry - Bill will check in with John Colby.

Website Renewal - The website is getting reworked. Pictures of events are needed, and possibly some help with writing new information, and keeping the page updated.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 2 -Thank you was received from St Columba's and in the last newsletter.

CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 9 - Upwards of \$17,000 raised. Gordon will make sure of the results and put something in the next newsletter.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

UBS Blood Drive - Three options for next drive: Sept 21, Oct 5, or Oct 12. Committee prefers Oct 5, so Bill will confirm.

ELCA Day of Service - Sept 7 - Erik has a lead on a water station at a marathon that might work for this.

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Steckel Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

Next meeting will be June 3, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office.

Mary or Gordon will provide devotions.

Gordon will provide agenda.

Melissa will handle the minutes.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

"Mission of the Month"

Sept - Tijuana House Build / ELCA Day of Service

Oct - LSS Walk a Thon / support for LSS / LWR

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale

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Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / hunger issues cont.

April - Habitat for Humanity

May - Many Meals

June - ACTION Day of Service

July - Homeless Kits / other homelessness issues

Aug - VBS project

Mount **Cross Lutheran Church** Service and Missions
Committee

Minutes of February 4, 2014 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Bev Rueckert

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from January meeting were approved. Devotions by Erik (Matthew 5 and Central African Republic). Shared a caring conversation on a teacher you admire.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

UBS Blood Drive - Feb 9 - Bill has about 30 signups, but they have given extra slots, so he thinks we could take up to 45.

CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 9 - St. Columba's church is hosting, but we need a co-coordinator. Gordon will help a bit before leaving, but need a second to lead a team.

Suggestion was to have a "Team Mount Cross" for all walkers to combine their sponsorships. Gordon will include this in the table when he begins taking signups on Feb 16.

Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity - Ventura County has received a \$100K Thrivent grant to sponsor half of one of the new homes in Santa Paula. We will be ramping up support as we get closer to actual construction (currently they are working on infrastructure: sewer lines, curbs, etc...) Lisa Higgenbotham is willing to help with a table on the patio, etc... Hoping for a groundbreaking ceremony in late April.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$348 in sales in February. Next sale 3/2. Melissa will be asking for help to cover April and May sales. Lynette Angelastro will be helping Carol Broderick in April and May.

LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Still looking for a push for winter needs. Mary will check on this.

Many Meals - Volunteers are still strong, as is need.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - seen a drop in regular giving since we lost our monthly writer. Mary will check on a new possible volunteer.

Budget - Revised budget was accepted, so we have a reduced budget of \$350 for operating expenses, and \$600 for service trip.

News on liaison from council. Due to less people serving on council, we are not assigned a liaison for 2014. We are thankful for Bev Ruckert and her service over the last year, and wish her much success in serving as the liaison to the Vibrant Faith committee.

Monthly Focus: Erik will work on a calendar for the year giving each month a "focus" of our ministry.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Gifts of Hope - Final total: \$3728.37.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 2 - Tracy led. \$680 and 114 food items. Another successful year for a very simple project. Gordon will handle getting the Thrivent grant money, Erik will request church check and draft a letter to SC. Totals online for MC 8 years of participation is \$5,536 and 1027 food items.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Stecco Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

Next meeting will be March 4, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office.

Mary will provide devotions.

Erik will provide agenda.

Nora will handle the minutes.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Melissa.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of January 7, 2014 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner,

Absent: Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Bev Rueckert

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from December meeting were approved. Devotions by Bob (Romans 12:1-2). Shared a caring conversation on best advice we've ever received.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 2 - Tracy will be lead.

UBS Blood Drive - Feb 9 - Online signups have started, Bill will be on patio soon.

CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 9 - St. Columba's church is hosting, but we need a co-coordinator. Gordon will help a bit before leaving, but need a second to lead a team.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$346 in sales in January. Next sale 2/2. Melissa will be asking for help to cover April and May sales.

LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Still looking for a push for winter needs.

Many Meals - 80-100 guests typically.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - now offering a feeding program sometime on Thursdays. Gordon will research.

Budget - Council asked for a revision, so Gordon submitted a reduced budget of \$350 for operating expenses, and \$600 for service trip.

Annual Report Write-up - Gordon finished and submitted in December

Impact of Service Schedule Change - had a discussion about any impacts to our committee. Likes included: full church at first service; shorter time for Fair Trade Sale makes it easier for volunteers to staff, and we haven't seen a decrease in sales; enjoy fellowship time; Dislikes: too compressed for Sunday School; limits to verbal service announcements for our committee activities; hard to show DVDs during service (like for Gifts of Hope explanation).

Time and Talent - New list is available. Melissa has a copy, so contact her if you need.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Veith missionaries visited Nov 24 - donations from Thanksgiving eve (\$560) were sent to them.

Gifts of Hope - Nov 17, Nov 24, and Dec 8 - Donations of about \$3000 from MC members. Erik will get thank you in next newsletter.

Gifts of Hope - SERRV portion -Product has been returned, and check issued to SERRV. Waiting to get credit for items returned. After costs, we made about \$200 to include in Gifts of Hope donation.

Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 - \$10 gc like last year. Went well, with lots of donations. Excess donations were shared with the Quilter group to help purchase materials or cover costs of sending quilts to LWR.

Many Meals Special Project - According to newsletter article, this was quite successful.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday (perhaps with camping in Stecco Park). LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016). It was hoped we could pull together with all four elements of Vibrant Faith to host events.

Next meeting will be Feb 4, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Erik will provide devotions.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

Minutes of December 3, 2013 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Bev Rueckert, Pastor Erik Goehner,

Absent: Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor, Mary Goodenough

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

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Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from November meeting were approved. Devotions by Melissa (read Mary's provided devotion on "Christmas Light"). Shared a caring conversation on who we ask for help.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

Gifts of Hope - Nov 17, Nov 24, and Dec 8 - *Old News: Ascension has plans to build 3 churches in Zambia for their project, and we are joining them. Materials will be at church soon - Erik will be responsible. Mary, Bev, and Gordon will be staffing the table on patio. \$5000 goal - do we need a poster like last year? With goal achievement? Who will build it? Also, possible hosting of representative from Global Missions in Chicago on the 17th in the afternoon. Erik will find out more details.* New news: 2 Sundays have yielded about \$800 in donations. Erik will check if there is a DVD available this year to show to explain the project a bit more. Gifts of Hope - SERRV portion - Sales are going well. Melissa placed a second wholesale order after the first Sunday sale due to high volume. Also, is planning to offer the SERRV items (and GOH) to CDC parents on Friday December 6.

Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 - \$10 gc like last year. Mary had Rita out taking donations and got 12 in one Sunday. Should be no problem to complete.

Many Meals Special Project - \$20 Target gift card and dinner in a bag. Some discussion about the lack of coordination with the committee on this. Committee has questions, but no representative serves with us to help answer them.

UBS Blood Drive - Feb 9 - Nothing new to report.

Annual Report Write-up - Gordon will begin working on this.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Still going steady - \$319 in sales in December.
LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Still looking for a push for winter needs.
Many Meals - 80-100 guests typically.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - How many families are served? Gordon will research.

Budget - Nothing to report.

Time and Talent - Sheri is processing forms and will have new list for 2014 soon.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Veith missionaries visited Nov 24 - Participated in the service, adult education, and spoke a confirmation. Erik will check on donations for their ministry from Thanksgiving Eve service.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 2 - Committee is willing to go ahead with this, but we need a coordinator. Melissa will check with volunteers from last year.

CROP Hunger Walk - Mar 9 - Committee would like to support, but need a coordinator. (Henry's are out of town.)

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016).

Next meeting will be Jan 7, 2014 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Bob will provide devotions. Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

Minutes of November 5, 2013 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Bev Rueckert, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner,

Absent: Tracy Blois, Bill Stoll

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

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Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from September meeting were approved. Devotions by Gordon on Isaiah 58. Shared a caring conversation on the importance of holidays.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

Veith missionaries to visit on Nov 24 - Perhaps invite them to be a part of the service, or lead adult Sunday School that day. Collect a special offering, and the Thanksgiving Eve offering will go to their ministry. Also, they might have a table on the patio with items - for donation (use "jingle box" from narthex?)

Gifts of Hope - Nov 17, Nov 24, and Dec 8 Ascension has plans to build 3 churches in Zambia for their project, and we are joining them. Materials will be at church soon - Erik will be responsible. Mary, Bev, and Gordon will be staffing the table on patio. \$5000 goal - do we need a poster like last year? With goal achievement? Who will build it?

Also, possible hosting of representative from Global Missions in Chicago on the 17th in the afternoon. Erik will find out more details.

Gifts of Hope - SERRV portion - Melissa has items. Melissa and Nora will set up sale on Nov 16 on tables in narthex. Have other volunteers to help sell.

Annual Report Write-up - Gordon will begin working on this.

Christmas Shoppe - LSS and ACTION have asked us to host a box for collection. Committee discussed and decided against it this year, knowing there are other alternatives out there.

Hickory House Christmas Party - Dec 17 or Dec 18 - Mary will get date solid. \$10 gc like last year. Mary will start collection about two weeks before.

Newsletter - Alternative Giving section - Erik will write the top paragraph and guide Sheri to make a listing of all the options we are offering for giving this Christmas.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Good sale in October - and new volunteer to help!

LSS Barrel - Light but steady. Still looking for a push for winter needs.

Many Meals - Two services in October (2nd on Halloween!) both went well. Fundraiser was sold out, so hopefully made lots! Have new tablecloths but they are the thin plastic. Did get a new volunteer for the "promotional person" spot.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - Nora will do a new writeup. Also possibly have a new volunteer moving the food - John Colby. Fellowship Committee has also asked people to bring a can of food to church on November 17th.

Budget - Requests are submitted.

Time and Talent - Got in at the last second by Melissa, so she apologizes for any mistakes.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

LSS Walk - Oct 5 - 4 walkers from Mount Cross. It was a beautiful day to take 2 laps around the CLU campus. Surprised that every walker was entered into a drawing for prizes, and had free brunch provided. Almost \$25,000 raised, but below the goal of \$35k. Need to promote better next year, and have a better turnout.

Month of Service - ELCA 25th Anniversary - Response cards - Erik will forward them to Sheri to add to newsletter over the next few months.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)

CROP Hunger Walk - March 9?

Next meeting will be Dec 3, 2013 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Mary will provide devotions.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

Minutes of October 1, 2013 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, Bev Rueckert, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll

Absent: Tracy Blois

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Minutes from September meeting were approved. Shared a caring conversation on greatest challenge and joy of being a certain age.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

LSS Walk - Oct 5 Showed video on the patio instead of in service. Currently have 4 walkers. Haven't seen the support we would like, but the weekend is FULL of other events (fundraisers and trips).

Veiths to visit on Nov 24 - Perhaps invite them to be a part of the service, or lead adult Sunday School that day. Collect a special offering, or perhaps the Thanksgiving Eve offering could go to their ministry. Erik will do some checking. Perhaps add a line to the Gifts of Hope cards for the Veiths?

Gifts of Hope - Nov 17, Nov 24, and Dec 8 Ascension has plans to build 3 churches in Zambia for their project, and we are welcome to join them. Melissa will be placing the Fair Trade Craft order this week.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - Good sale in September.

LSS Barrel - A little light this month... so Mary will write an update for the newsletter, with a possible push for the fall/winter.

Many Meals - Mary passed new tablecloth info on to the MM committee. Also, there is a fundraising dinner on Sat 10/5. Erik has tickets if anyone is interested.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - Time for a new writeup - Melissa will contact Charlene and see if she is still willing.

Budget - Requests are due for next year on Oct 25. Committee doesn't see much that should change. Gordon will get them written and turned in.

Time and Talent - Time to update. Group spent some time discussing changes. Gordon will follow up and get them turned in.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Rally Day - Sept 8 -Went well.

Month of Service - ELCA 25th Anniversary - Response cards have not been used much, but hopefully the thought has been placed into the service done.

UBS Blood Drive - Had 28 signups but only collected 21 pints of blood. Many had problems with the new system. Bill is going to contact to let them know how much trouble we had, to make sure bumps are out before the next drive. And next drive is tentatively scheduled for Feb 2, with the hopes of getting back to three times a year.

Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept 21 4 kayakers at the harbor had a great time and lunch, and at least two volunteers stayed inland and cleaned the barranca.

GPS Kits on patio - Sept 22 - Although it was a week later than scheduled, the kits were a hit as usual. We made more than 50 during the hospitality time between services. Many thanks to Thrivent for the grant money to continue this ministry.

Fall Tijuana Build - Sept 27-29. Trip was a success. 8 volunteers constructed one house. Discussion on whether to continue this ministry. It is very important work, but committee would like to see an activity which involves more people.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)

Next meeting will be Nov 5, 2013 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Mary will provide devotions.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Melissa.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of September 3, 2013 Meeting in Pastor Erik's office

Present: Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Nora Fajnor, Tracy Blois, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll

Absent: Bob Boyer, Bev Rueckert

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Devotions by Erik (Isaiah 2, 65). Minutes from July meeting were approved. Shared a caring conversation on mountaintop experiences and shared mission statement.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

Rally Day - Sept 8 - Requested one table. Use rolling wall with book pages, which Gordon will set up and staff.

Month of Service - ELCA 25th Anniversary - Melissa shared suggestions for cards to be passed out and response forms. Include in bulletins on Sept 8, and have more available on patio. Committee would like to see the cards and response forms shared during a worship service so the congregation understands how to use them. Planning to use rolling wall for paper response forms, and other media for digital responses. Don't have a service project for every day, but lots of options so hopefully congregation will respond well. Plan to make homeless kits on the patio on 9/15, and perhaps even health kits for LWR.

UBS Blood Drive - Sept 8 is next scheduled. Bill did a great stand up announcement at the Sept 1 worship services and raised up the Month of Service. Hopefully it will be a success.

Fall Tijuana Build - Sept 27-29. Erik has sent in the check. Signups are getting started. Paid for room for 8 adults for 2 nights.

Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept 21 Melissa will handle talking with volunteers. She will be at the coast, we still need a volunteer for Mission Oaks park.

LSS Walk - Oct 5 Registration begins at 8:30 in Kingsmen Park. Have a short 2 minute video (on website) to show at service on Sept 22.

Gifts of Hope - No word from Ascension on their project, but picked dates for Nov 17, Nov 24, and Dec 8 for our promotion and Fair Trade sale. (Melissa also purchased some materials for this with the last SERRV order - things which sell well and are difficult to get in Nov.)

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - New order came in, sales were strong on 9/1.

LSS Barrel - continues to fill about every other month

Many Meals - Mary suggested it might be time for new tablecloths. She and Bill will do some research, and check with Erin and Trish.

St. Columba's Food Pantry - no news to report

Budget - Committee does have money to buy \$100 worth of McD's gc for office. Erik will proceed with this.

Publicity - Group feels that the Acorn and Star should be contacted about the 25th anniversary and Month of Service.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Missionaries to visit - 11/24 - the Veiths will be with us!

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, , Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)

Next meeting will be Oct 1, 2013 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Mary will provide devotions.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Bill.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of August 20, 2013 Meeting in Parish Life Center

Present: Bob Boyer, Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bev Reuckert, Tracy Blois, Mary Goodenough,
Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll

Absent: Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Devotions by Bev (Beneath the Cross of Jesus). Minutes from July meeting were approved. Shared a caring conversation and shared new mission statement.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

Rally Day - Sept 8 - Will request one table. Use rolling wall with book pages, which Gordon will set up and staff.

Month of Service - ELCA 25th Anniversary - Melissa shared suggestions for cards to be passed out and response forms. Include in bulletins on Sept 8, and have more available on patio. Committee would like to see the cards and response forms shared during a worship service so the congregation understands how to use them. Planning to use rolling wall for paper response forms, and other media for digital responses. Don't have a service project for every day, but lots of options so hopefully congregation will respond well. Gordon and Melissa will do a standup announcement at service on Aug 25. Would like to do a day of building homeless kits on the patio, perhaps even health kits for LWR.

UBS Blood Drive - Sept 8 is next scheduled. Bill does not have many sign-ups, so he will do a stand up announcement at the Sept 1 worship services. He will also raise up the Month of Service.

Fall Tijuana Build - Sept 27-29. Erik has sent in the check. Signups are getting started. Paid for room for 8 adults for 2 nights.

Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept 21 Melissa will handle talking with volunteers. She will be at the coast, perhaps we need a volunteer for Mission Oaks park.

LSS Walk - Oct 5 Registration begins at 8:30 in Kingsmen Park. Have a short 2 minute video (on website) to show at service on Sept 22.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Fair Trade Sale - No news.

LSS Barrel - continues to fill about every other month

Many Meals - group hopes that the info in the newsletters is stirring new volunteers to act. Erik has two videos - one 3 minute (show in church Sept 29) and a 15 minute video (suggested that it be shown on patio for rally day)

St. Columba's Food Pantry - no news to report

Budget Check for \$1974 sent to LBCM (using some from MBC grant). Erik requested \$100 to purchase McD's gc for office use. Committee approved if we have the funds, which Erik will check on.

Publicity - Group feels that the Acorn and Star should be contacted about the 25th anniversary and Month of Service.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

Checks were sent to LWR and Holy Trinity. \$1700 total.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

Group would like to be more aware of photo opportunities. Perhaps assign a photo person for each event?

Gifts of Hope - we need to make a decision at our next meeting. Erik will check with Trinity to see if they have chosen their project yet. If we choose not to partner with them, we need to create all the documents.

Missionaries to visit - 11/24 - the Veiths will be with us!

Other items and ideas to keep floating: Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, , Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)

Next meeting will be Sept 3, 2013 at 7 pm in Erik's office. Erik will provide devotions.

Evaluate meeting.

Closed with prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of July 2, 2013 Meeting in Parish Life Center

Present: Bob Boyer, Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Bev Reuckert

Absent: Tracy Blois, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Missions Statement: A holy place to grow deep roots in God's grace. A joyful people living in witness and service to the world.

Service and Missions Mission Statement: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

- 1) Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Devotions by Melissa (Risk Taking). Minutes from 6/4/2013 were approved. Shared a caring conversation on learning a new thing. And shared new mission statement and values statements.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

- 2) Rally Day - Need to know from the council how Rally Day or days will be conducted this year. Hoping for SAM highlight on Sept 8 if the plan is multiple days?
- 3) UBS Blood Drive - Sept 8 is next scheduled.
- 4) Fall Tijuana Build - Group picked date of Sept 27-29. Save the date was in last newsletter. No news since Erik was absent.
- 5) LSS Walk - Had a "save the date" for the newsletter as people are taking off for summer. Need to have more info for July newsletter. Included a refresher on what services LSS provides in the last newsletter, but more info about the walk itself is needed.
- 6) Month of Service - ELCA 25th Anniversary - Melissa passed out calendars with blanks for every day with hopes that committee members can fill in with ideas - so that we have items that cover a large selection of volunteerism. Melissa will talk with PJ and PE on this.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

- 7) Fair Trade Sale - Moving right along.
- 8) LSS Barrel - continues to fill about every other month
- 9) Many Meals - group hopes that the info in the newsletters is stirring new volunteers to act. Bob reports that he feels the number of meals served has decreased, but may just be the summer lull.
- 10) St. Columba's Food Pantry - no news to report
- 11) Budget - Melissa had a long talk with Tim, and we have another account for Fair Trade. Melissa and Tim will work at simplifying the books. However, we do have more money to donate than initially believed.
- 12) Publicity - Group feels that the Acorn and Star should be contacted about the 25th anniversary and Month of Service.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

- 13) Holy Trinity items were displayed/sold on June 23. We sold out! Thanks to Nora for watching the stand and T-shirts. Response to both was great, and combined with profits from the Fair Trade Sale, we have \$850 for Holy Trinity, and \$850 for LDR Tornado Response.
- 14) Hospitality June 23 - Nat. Fruit and Veggie Day - Abundant Farm came, but not much interest in a farm visit. All in all it was a fun day, though, with much fellowship on the patio.
- 15) Homeless Kits - were put out on June 23 - thanks to Mary for watching the table. We ran out of materials - after making 50+ kits. Melissa will submit paperwork for another Thrivent grant, as we have been asked to have these at the Annual Service in the Park.
- 16) Burure Follow-up at 3D (June 7) It was good to hear from Ascension about their trip to Burure, Zimbabwe (GOH project from 2010) and the progress that has been made.
- 17) ACTION Day - June 9 - Had a small turnout, but we accomplished a lot. Susan Prosser was following up with the homeowners with a card. Melissa wished that we had a handout or a letter to give to the people we served - who we are, where we are, service times, and that we

would be praying for them. Something to propose for the month of service to give to those we serve.

18) Relay for Life 2012 - June 29-30. No news.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

19) Missionaries to visit - 11/24 - the Veiths will be with us!

20) Other items and ideas to keep floating: Homeless Kits (at Service in the Park) Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, , Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)

21) Next meeting will be Aug 6, 2013 at 7pm in Erik's office. Bev will provide devotions.

22) Evaluate meeting.

23) Closed with prayer by Gordon.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of June 4, 2013 Meeting in Erik's office

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bev Reuckert

Absent: Tracy Blois, Mary Goodenough

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

To know God through care, compassion, and creative worship.

Service and Missions Mission Statement:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer by Gordon and lighting of God candle. Devotions by Bill (This is Water). Minutes from 5/7/2013 were approved. Shared a caring conversation as well.
Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)
2. Holy Trinity items will be displayed/sold on 6/23. Melissa will work on poster with info, and advertise in the bulletin.
3. Burure Follow-up at 3D (June 7) Just a reminder that a group from Ascension will be here to discuss their trip to Burure, Zimbabwe (GOH project from 2010) at 1:30.
4. ACTION Day - 6/9 - Waiting to hear about trailer park project. Erik will contact again, because we need to get this in next newsletter and bulletins.
5. Relay for Life 2012 - June 29-30. Melissa put an invitation in newsletter for luminaria ceremony at sunset, and Fight Back Ceremony at 9:30
6. Fall Tijuana Build - Group picked date of Sept 27-29. Need to get a save the date in the newsletter. Erik hasn't confirmed with mission yet.
7. Hospitality June 23 - Nat. Fruit and Veggie Day - Abundant Farm has been invited, and accepted. Henrys will make coffee. All members are asked to bring a treat to share (veggie or fruit based.....) Melissa will make sure it is advertised - in print and online and FB
8. Homeless Kits - will put out on June 23

Continuing Events and Business Items:

9. Fair Trade Sale - Moving right along. Melissa will try and get a total on the account to send to LDR. Believes we have about \$300, but perhaps more.
10. Budget is fine, no totals or changes to report. No changes to Time and Talent.
Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)
11. Compassion International - Melissa spoke with Karen and discussed a different time. Karen was amenable - group discussed perhaps May (after MBC...) Melissa will talk with Nelsons.
Setting New Goals: (future event planning)
12. Tornado Response - Group discusses sending the Fair Trade project money in a split to LDR for Oklahoma Tornado Relief and Holy Trinity NJ. Melissa will work to get a number. Also have Mt Cross T-shirts that we can have out on the 23rd for a "donation" that can get sent along with other money.
13. LSS Walk - Need a "save the date" for the newsletter as people are taking off for summer.
14. Missionaries to visit - 11/24 - the Veiths will be with us!
15. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Homeless Kits (perhaps on 6/23?), Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, LSS Walk (10/5), Habitat for Humanity workday. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)
16. Next meeting will be 7/2/13 at 7pm in Erik's office. Melissa will provide devotions.
17. Evaluate meeting.
18. Closed with prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of May 7, 2013 Meeting in Erik's office

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Bill Stoll

Absent: Bev Reuckert, Tracy Blois

Mount Cross Missions Statement:
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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

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19. Opened with a minute of peaceful reflection, lighting of God candle, and silent prayer. Devotions by Nora (A Taste of Life). Minutes from 4/2/2013 were approved. Shared a caring conversation question with group on each person's idea of a wonderful place to visit, and why.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

20. Items for MBC from Holy Trinity arrived today. Group discussed best way to share them, and the progress of Holy Trinity.
21. ACTION Day - 6/9 - Waiting to hear about trailer park project. Erik will contact again, because we need to get this in next newsletter and bulletins.
22. Fall Tijuana Build - Group picked date of Sept 27-29. Erik will contact Pat.
23. Relay for Life 2012 - June 29-30. Melissa will put an invitation in newsletter for luminaria ceremony, but we will not be hosting a team.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

24. Fair Trade Sale - Moving right along. Business is brisk, and cupboard is lovely.
25. 5 Wishes Forms - Have a few available in the SAM mailbox in church office, mostly for distribution by the pastors as they see a need. Will look into another workshop later, or a showing of the movie "A Difficult Conversation".
26. Budget is fine, no totals or changes to report. New web info includes a Facebook page for Mount Cross (which advertised the last Fair Trade sale). No items for publicity, or changes to Time and Talent.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

27. Lent Project - ELCA Hunger campaign - Collection went well, Melissa knows about \$380.76 just from the coin she and Gordon had turned into a check at the credit union. More in envelopes to be reported later.
28. Habitat for Humanity - 4/6 Brush with Kindness Day was cancelled due to a bee hive on the site. But Gordon shared photos of the completed project with the group.
29. MBC - Surpassed the goals, and so all requests were funded 100%.
30. World Malaria Day (4/25, but we shared on 4/21) - Many people read the info at the table, and we think it was a good way to share how some of the MBC money will be dispersed.
31. Compassion International - 4/21, 4/28 - The timing was very poor this year, and so the response was poor. Group discussed possibility of moving it to another time of year when not so many things were offered on the patio (including CDC raffle baskets and MBC tickets). Melissa will discuss possibility with Nelsons, if they want to do another time.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

32. Homeless Kits - Would like to set these up once before Rally Day. Have materials and it's easy. Agreed to do on Sunday we host Hospitality - June 23.

33. Host a Hospitality day - Fellowship is inviting all groups to host a "silly holiday" hospitality for the summer. Committee chose June 23 to celebrate National Fruit and Vegetable Month - and Erik will invite the Abundant Table folks to join us. All members of SAM are encouraged to bring a fruit or veggie based snack to share. Each member can brainstorm before the next meeting ideas for the day. (And the more fun we have with it, the more fun the congregation will have with it!) And this invitation of Abundant Table could be the icebreaker for a farm trip with picnic over the summer.
34. LWR Projects - Erik suggested using this resource to choose a project for our anniversary focus (50 years in 2016)
35. Missionaries to visit - 11/24 - the Veiths will be with us! Discussed having them and their work be the basis for our GOH project this year.
36. Burure follow-up - 6/7 at 3D. Congregation is invited to hear firsthand accounts of the work of GOH from 2011.
37. Other items and ideas to keep floating: Homeless Kits (perhaps on 6/23?), Blessing of the Fields, Island Clean-Up, hosting ACTION Christmas Shoppe, LSS Walk (10/5), Habitat for Humanity workday
38. Next meeting will be 6/4/13 at 7pm in Erik's office. Bill will provide devotions.
39. Evaluate meeting.

40. Closed with prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of April 2, 2013 Meeting (in Parish Life Center due to carpet work)

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois

Absent: Bev Reuckert, Bill Stoll

Mount Cross Missions Statement:

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Service and Missions Mission Statement:

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1. Opened with a minute of peaceful reflection, lighting of God candle, and prayer from Gordon. Devotions by Melissa (Revelation 12:1-12). Minutes from 3/5/2013 were approved with a change to date in item 1. Shared a caring conversation question with group on receiving astonishing news.
Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)
2. Lent Project - ELCA Hunger campaign - Collection is 4/7. Pots at front of sanctuary, to dump coin in as members come forward for communion. Melissa will set up envelopes and info on narthex counter as well.

3. Habitat for Humanity - Brush with Kindness - 3/16 - Had about 20 volunteers and got a lot done. Yard cleanup and weed pulling. Another day is scheduled for 4/6 to do painting.
4. MBC - Melissa ordered \$50 of pins from piano project at Holy Trinity LC, Brant Beach NJ. Will get reimbursement from Fair Trade Fund. Plan how to "market" the items when they arrive. Melissa also submitted requests for funding from MBC.
5. ACTION Day - 6/9 - Erik contacted them about date change and hosting the trailer park. They are glad to include us, and will look for a suitable project area for us!

Continuing Events and Business Items:

6. Fair Trade Sale - Melissa found and purchased boxes for product, and has lots of help for 4/7 sale. Going very well.
7. Budget is fine, no totals or changes to report. No new web info, items for publicity, or changes to Time and Talent.

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

8. CROP Hunger Walk - 3/10 - 192 walkers for entire event, and 9 from Mount Cross, plus registration help, crosswalk help, etc... Gordon did not have final totals, but will report at next meeting. A wonderful event!
9. Blood Drive - 3/24. 28 units collected. No signs at street corner because the list was FULL. Only have two dates because UBS is training employees on new computer system which should make whole process faster - which might mean our new goal could be 40 units!
10. Spring Service Project 3/28-30 - Painting of Luther Hall was completed in the three days allotted. Had help from about 12 church members, including a wonderful meal for the workers. Plan to open hall after meeting to show it off to committee (the carpet was finished 4/2!)
11. CPR Training 3/26 - A great evening, with lots of knowledge gained. Plus about 10 church members joined the CDC staff, some parents and grandparents. Next time, (and the company is willing to do this yearly) would like to do introductions and wear nametags, just to strengthen the bond between CDC and church.
12. Tijuana Build Service Trip - Erik will take three dates to share with Pat Gallagher for the fall. 8/23-25, 9/13-15, 9/27-29.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

13. Homeless Kits - Would like to set these up once before Rally Day. Have materials and it's easy. Melissa suggested that perhaps SAM could host hospitality one Sunday morning, and connect the kits to the theme. She'll know more next month after meeting with Fellowship.
14. Abundant Table - Look to plan a trip to the farm one Sunday during the summer, then invite them to Rally Day.
15. Island Clean-up Day - Gordon will have more to report next month.
16. Melissa invited the group to begin to think about goals for our events, such as "invite a new group to participate in Rally Day"
17. 5 Wishes Forms - Melissa shared that the lenten discipline workshops went well, so well that it has been requested we have 5 Wishes Forms on hand. Committee approved ordering 25 (\$25) and adding sticker to back to advertise our committee is providing them. Keep them in church office for people who request them.
18. World Malaria Day 4/25. Gordon shared that this day is coming, and with the synod's promise to raise money, we should at least remind the congregation. We have requested a portion of MBC to head to this cause, to help the synod meet it's goal, and

thought that it would be a great opportunity to share - the week BEFORE MBC - where some of the money will go! Melissa will hang a mosquito net, Erik will add books, Melissa will look for information packets, and Gordon will make a poster. No fundraising, just awareness building.

19. Gordon will modify agenda next month to include "Invite to Rally Day" to business items (Hospice and Abundant Table). Erik has an item to add to next month's agenda (LWR Projects).
20. Other events pending: Blessing of the Fields, Relay for Life 6/29-30, host ACTION Christmas Shoppe, LSS Walk 10/5.
21. Next meeting will be 5/7/13 at 7pm in Erik's office. Nora will provide devotions.
22. Evaluate meeting.
23. Closed with prayer by Erik.

Minutes of March 5, 2013 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Bev Rueckert

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

24. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 12/4/2012 were approved with a change to the total for GOH. Pastor Erik also shared a story from Many Meals, and Melissa read the Mission Statement aloud.
25. Fair Trade Sale and Cupboard Project - Cupboard works well, but Ron Ertel won't submit a bill, so we are going to buy him a gc for \$200 to a restaurant he and Betty like.
26. Souper Bowl of Caring - Raised \$738, plus a \$300 Thrivent Grant, and 276 cans of food. Food was delivered the week of, and checks are on their way. Tracy submitted this to the last newsletter. Very impressed with the support!
27. CROP Hunger Walk - March 10 - Have 8-10 walkers from MC, 8 congregations total, Bill will help as crossing guard, Rick Gardner will also be a crossing guard, and the Brundages are on for registration help. Should be a success!

28. Blood Drive - March 24 - 16 sign-ups already, Bill will continue to take over the next few weeks.
29. Lent Project - ELCA Hunger campaign - We want to do a noisy offering of our boxes, but when? Erik will discuss with PJ and decide.
30. Habitat for Humanity - Brush with Kindness - March 16 (and 23?) - We need about 20 people to do general cleanup and painting prep at a home in Oxnard.
31. Spring Service Project - Painting Luther Hall - March 28, 29, 30. Melissa is gathering volunteers to pull this off before the carpet goes in.
32. CPR Training with CDC - March 26 7-9pm - Contact Cathy Channels to participate.
33. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Brant Beach NJ - received postcard requesting help. Discussed some options, Pastor Erik will follow up. www.holytrinitylbi.org
34. MBC - April 27 - Melissa will submit funding requests as follows:
 - Defibrillator (check with property)
 - \$1000 for Mission Trip
 - \$200 for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Brant Beach, NJ
 - \$300 for LWR Health kits - for youth to put together
 - Split rest of "outreach" money equally between:
 - Habitat for Humanity Ventura County, New City Parish, Teen Challenge,
 - ELCA Malaria Project, and RAIN Project
35. ACTION Day - June 9 - Gordon and Erik will confirm this and get us a project.
36. Maxim Flu Shot bill - \$390 bill arrived this week - Gordon will call and challenge it before we pay.
37. Planning calendar.... things to keep in mind..... Blessing of the Fields....Relay for Life (June 29-30).....The Abundant Table/CSA project (Rally Day and farm day with picnic)....LSS Walk (Oct 5).... host ACTION Christmas Shoppe
38. Acorn Calendar page - nothing to advertise at this time
39. Time and Talent - no changes at this time
40. Next Meeting: April 2, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
41. Closed with a prayer by Bill.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of January 15, 2013 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

42. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 12/4/2012 were approved.
43. Annual Report Write-up - Bill completed, Gordon edited and it was submitted.
44. Hickory House - Party on 12/12. Had lots of volunteers, residents loved the quilts. Mary expressed an interest in finding a Lutheran church in Ventura to partner with the Ventura location. She will follow up.
45. ACTION Christmas Shoppe - Had about a 3/4 full box, which they were happy with. Tracy will get something in this newsletter to thank contributors. May need a site next year to host the boutique - are we interested? Add to agenda for future planning to discuss (in summer).
46. Gifts of Hope Project - Total of \$5,319 raised. Erik will get check sent off. He read an email on Burure from Bishop Moyo. Committee would like to see progress highlighted in church and newsletter.
47. Monthly Fair Trade Sale - results from 1/6: \$342. Next sale is 2/3 and Mary volunteered to help.
48. Fair Trade Cupboard Project - should be completed by end of the month. Will need baskets, etc.. Committee is purchasing hardware, material and labor is being donated by Ron Ertel.
49. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 3. Tracy and Melissa will split the duties. Erik will check on youth helpers.
50. CROP Hunger Walk - March 10 - Gordon has asked Mount Cross to host. We are willing if he finds more supporters to distribute the workload a bit. Gordon will email PJ regarding asking permission from council via email. Karen Gramacki has volunteered to lead the Mt. Cross team.
51. Blood Drive - March 17. Bill will still serve as coordinator. Start signups in mid Feb.
52. Lent Project - ELCA Good Gifts - Bill will take this to council. Would like to see it be a "whole church" project - lent "Awareness Calendars" and barnyard collection boxes.

Supplies have been ordered. ELCA World Hunger. Need to highlight in church. When material arrives, we will work out details. Bill (and Gordon) will help with an in-church promo. Need to get materials distributed before Ash Wednesday (Feb 13). Still haven't chosen a theme for Lent, so this might be it.

53. St. Columba's Food Pantry - new helpers? Bill will take food temporarily. Gordon will contact people from T&T. Highlight the Behrschmidt's years of service on Feb 3.
54. Many Meals - Karen Gramacki has taken the electronic portion, which is a great help to Erin and Trish.
55. LSS - Mary will contact. Bob is still taking things when tub is full.
56. Habitat for Humanity - no groundbreaking scheduled. Brush with Kindness in Oxnard may be next opportunity., but no date on that either.
57. Home to Stay - one portion of our team was assigned, the other is still waiting.
58. Spring Service Project - Erik will contact ACTION to see about helping at trailer park. Gordon will contact NP about island work.
59. Planning calendar.... things to keep in mind.... CPR Training with the CDC.... Blessing of the Fields.... ELCA Hunger Grant..... Earth Day Celebration..... host ACTION Christmas Shoppe
60. The Abundant Table - Farm Project CSA - contacted us about having a table on our patio one Sunday morning, which we feel would be great at Rally Day. Also, the idea of hosting a farm day, where a group could go and tour their facility, perhaps have a picnic lunch.
61. Church Campout - Mother's Day Weekend
62. Community Garden idea - It was suggested that perhaps we partner with the Abundant Table and an intern, and try and support a community garden at either the RAIN project, or Casa Pacifica. Committee will think on this idea.
63. Acorn Calendar page - nothing to advertise at this time
64. Time and Talent - no changes at this time
65. Make Bake Celebrate 2013 - request \$300 for LWR health kit making event
66. Relay for Life 2013 - June 29-30
67. LSS Walk 2013 - Oct 5
68. Next Meeting: Feb 5, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
69. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of October 2, 2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Nora Fajnor, Tracy Blois, Gordon Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll

Absent: Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

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1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 9/4/2012 were approved.
 2. Information Faire - Oct 7 -
 - SAM committee table (1 table)- Gordon (lead) , with Fair Trade catalogs and highlighters, book of our work, some examples of projects
 - Fair Trade Sale (2) - Melissa
 - Homeless Kits (1) - Nora
 - Relay Luminaries (1) - Mary
 - Many Meals (1) - Trish and Erin - award on table
 - St Col Food Pantry (1/2) - Melissa
 - Quilters (3) - Vibs
 - United Blood Services (1/2) - staffer
 - LSS (1/2) - Leslie Orth
 - Habitat for Humanity - ?
 - Welcome Team -
- *Tracy will make posters and sheets for tables, including new homeless kit sign (reusable)
3. Homeless Kits - Have supplies ready to go, Tracy will have new reusable sign.
 4. Relay for Life - No lead means no team, but Luminaria ceremony is at 9pm. Erik will have a group of the youth there, with dinner beforehand. Congregation was invited to attend.
 5. Blood Drive -Oct. 21 - Sign should go up on the 14th - Bill will do?
 6. Flu Shot Clinic - Nov. 4 - Maxim is coming. Gordon will start signups on Oct. 7. Flu shots are \$25, pneumonia \$75, accept insurance.
 7. Fair Trade Sale - ready to go Sunday, no work on cupboard project, or fair trade designation
 8. Habitat for Humanity - Currently working a "Brush with Kindness" in Ventura - Lisa Higgenbotham has a Thrivent Grant which must be done by the end of the year.
 9. LSS/Project Understanding "Home to Stay Ventura County" - Lynn Boyden shared at the synod Love in Action event that she has a family, so she'll be contacting the team.
 10. LSS Fundraising Walk - Oct 6 at CLU - Put in the calendar that next year the walk will be Oct 5 - so we can plan to participate
 11. Hickory House Quilts - Mary selected 1/2 of the quilts already, just has to go pick up the rest from Vibs.

12. Many Meals - Won the Joseph award for service from the synod. The Fundraising dinner was a success, but need better communication with the tickets next time.
13. Gifts of Hope Project - Erik shared with group the project which Ascension has decided on for the year - Kakuma Education Facilities Repair Project - at refugee camp in Kenya. Committee voted to again go where Ascension leads, if they are willing to share their materials. Nov 11, 18, Dec 2 Melissa will order handcrafts.
14. Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept 15 - report - 4 volunteers met in the park and worked, but 10 met in the harbor and paddled to clean, then had lunch on the beach. Would be fun to continue the new twist on the tradition. Make it a double-pronged attack on trash!
15. Blessing of the Fields - Did not happen yet this fall, but could be in the spring...
16. Alternative Market at UM - poster is on kiosk, will provide them with a poster for our sale and hope they will return the favor.
17. Lent Project - The group voted to suggest to council that we use the ELCA Good Gifts project during Lent, including a calendar, and a good gifts fair.
18. Movie Night - Nov 15 - Lost Boys of Sudan was suggested to tie to the Gifts of Hope theme. Gordon and Melissa will research.
19. CROP Walk - March 10 - Gordon asked if MC would be willing to host. Will continue the discussion next month.
20. Spring Service Project - Group is asked to come up with an idea for a project, that might draw in more youth.
21. ACTION - Christmas Shoppe - Dec 15 - MC has been asked to participate, by collecting toys, hosting an activity on the day. Tracy will set up collection.
22. New City Parish - Nov 3 dinner and fundraiser.
23. Next Meeting: Nov. 6, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
24. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Service and Missions Minutes Sept. 4, 2012

Those in attendance: Pastor Erik, Bob Boyer, Tracy Blois, Bill Stoll

Those absent: Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry

We opened in prayer.

Blood Drive....Bill Stoll reported that our next blood drive will be Oct. 21.

Action: Bill will follow up with Marilyn to make sure the blood drive is publicized in the bulletin and that someone will put up the blood drive sign up a week before

Fair Trade coffee....how did the last sale go? Nora and Bill worked the sale on Sept. 2. Bill estimated about \$250 in sales.

Action: still looking into a roll-out storage unit to make set up and clean up of sale easier.

Coastal Clean up Sept. 15...promoting this as a Fun with Faith event, but anyone from the congregation is invited...it involves picking up trash at the Mission Oaks waterway

Action: Pastor Erik to promote with families and work with Marilyn on publicizing.

Many Meals....they are going to be recognized at a synod event Sept. 22...9:00-

1:00pm...other service and mission members invited as well...Sept. 28 there is going to be a fundraiser dinner at Padre Serra Center at 6:00pm.

Action: Tracy will sit on patio to sell tickets this Sunday. Pastor Erik with contact Karen to send it out to the many meals list and will put announcement in bulletin.

LSS....how is collection going? Do we need to publicize more?...Bob reported that box is filling up with stuff. People seem to be reading Mary's articles since more of the items she suggests show up after they are in newsletter. Bob observed that more items seem to show up during the school year.

Action: Keep the articles going.

Lss walk...Oct. 6...discussed whether to promote this or not because of conflict with Relay for Life in same month. Decided not to push it but could still publicize and people can make their own decision about supporting it.

Action: Pastor Erik to type up something for bulletin and newsletter.

Info Faire.....instead of doing rally day we are doing special information Sundays highlighting different ministries...Oct. 7 is Service and Mission Sunday...what kind of booth can we do? Anyone willing to give a personal testimony in church?

Action: Decided to confirm what we would do next meeting, but had several ideas about doing homeless kits, have fair trade catalogs out in addition to coffee that would be out (since it is first Sunday of month anyway). Tracy reminded us about the importance of using this opportunity to recruit so we need to have some sign ups available with perhaps mini-job descriptions describing our various activities.

Relay for Life...Oct. 13-14...still confirming a co-ordinator...we are going to promote getting a team together again and having people attend the opening ceremony or luminaria.

Action: Pastor Erik or Henry's to check in with Brian and Kate Fisher about being co-ordinators.

Alternative market at United Methodist church Oct. 20-21....do we want to interface with this any more than just publicizing it?

Action: Someone needs to get info from them to publicize. We would like to ask them to publicize ours too.

Gifts of Hope project....PJ and got some clarification on the malaria projects (ELCA and LWR)...need to communicate with Ascension about this

Action: Pastor Erik will contact Ascension to see what they are doing then pass idea on to the committee hopefully before next meeting. Our goal is to make decision in Oct. about what our project will be. The committee decided that the dates would be Nov. 4, Nov. 11, and Dec. 2

Need to contact Melissa about ordering fair trade items to have for sale from LWR and Serv.

Blessing of Fields...working with Abundant Table to do this...Pastor Erik suggested that since Labor Day has past we could look at doing something in Oct. around a harvest theme. Flu shot day....need a date in Oct. (I think Gordon arranged this)

Closed in prayer

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 5/1/2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, and Tracy Blois

Absent: Bill Stoll

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

25. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 4/3/2012 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
26. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - Next sale: 5/6. Tracy available, will check with Carol. June 6
27. Earth Day - Apr 21 - Tracy and Carol worked it. Reported that it was a great event, a gorgeous day, they had nice volunteers (from Garden Club and Mt. Cross). Sold \$178 of product. Is it worth doing again? YES. Need a large poster to hang saying "Fair Trade" along with "Mt. Cross" to share what the booth is about.
28. Tijuana House Building Trip -April 20-22 - 7 volunteers successfully built one house. Difficult weekend with Pastor Manual hospitalization and then passing. But we still accomplished our mission - to house a family in a safe and secure shelter.

29. Make Bake Celebrate – Apr 28 – What a great night! Made more than \$20k, so our requests should be fulfilled. Look for follow-up in the newsletter as to the split of money. Fair Trade baskets did not get made this year. But the scarves were there and sold. Now that we have some money, we need to move ahead with the sales storage cart – to fit inside the table cupboard.
30. Homeless kits – April 29 – Tracy reports that there were probably 50 kits made. Suggestion was made that we put out a donation basket. Money raised would go to buy more supplies.
31. Blood Drive – June 17th – Signups should start May 27 (June 3rd in earnest). Need fliers on kiosk and bulletin boards.
32. LSS/Project Understanding “Home to Stay Ventura County” – We have signed a one year covenant. Lead is Lynette Angelastro, Nutrition: Sue Ingram, Financial: Lisa Higgenbotham. Training starts May 12. Tracy will advertise that we are moving ahead, and that we will be hoping for a “pool” of helpers to provide to our leads so they can call on others in the congregation for special help.
33. ACTION Weekend – June 1st. Due to busy weekend, Gordon will check with Habitat for Sunday, June 10th and for any “Brush with Kindness” projects in the area. Gordon will also handle advertising for this event.
34. Habitat for Humanity –Moving fast. Women’s Build week of May 12 (Tues-Sat building) Awareness fundraiser breakfast at Camarillo Ranch House on June 13. Gordon will put a flier on kiosk for this.
35. LSS Collection – Mary will do a new writeup for a push for new items in the next newsletter. They need HE laundry soap, bottled water, paper plates plastic spoons and forks, bowls, Kleenex, powdered creamer, coffee, round coffee filters, paper coffee cups, sugar, napkins, soup or tuna will pull off lids, large Ziploc bags, boxed juices, fresh fruit.
36. Many Meals – May 10th.
37. Newsletter Deadline: May 20, 2012
38. Next Meeting: June 5, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik’s office)
39. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 4/3/2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry, Mary Goodenough, and Tracy Blois

Absent: Bill Stoll and Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God’s creation.

40. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 3/6/2012 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
41. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11th results – We had 230 walkers total, and so far \$17,500 raised. We had 9 walkers from church, raising \$2100. The route was nice, and the day was lovely.
42. Habitat for Humanity – March 18th cancelled due to rain. Gordon will look to reschedule later as April and early May are full for the committees calendar.
43. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 3/4 \$351.50. Next sale: 5/6. Tracy gone, will check with Carol.
44. Tijuana House Building Trip –April 20-22 –old news: house costs \$1750 + \$14/person/night at mission. Have \$1900 in budget, according to annual report. Check is due 30 days before. Pat is going to set a planning meeting for sometime in March because we have new volunteers. We have 8 volunteers so far, and Shari will be in charge of food. Pat will plan the meeting for early April. New news: Shari cannot attend, Melissa will handle food, with Shari’s help. Committee would like to see more visual publicity – on the patio on April 15. Erik would like to bless the teams in church the Sunday before.
45. Earth Day – Apr 21 – Old news: Community Garden Festival at the community center. We can have a booth for Fair Trade product. Melissa will be gone, so will need another volunteer to make this happen. Tracy and Carol are both available to help. 10-4 on that Saturday. Melissa will follow up with more details as she knows more, and will turn in the paperwork. New news: Paperwork is submitted, Tracy has a list of volunteers and all requirements. Tracy and Melissa will meet the Wednesday before at 8 pm to put product in baskets.
46. Make Bake Celebrate – Apr 28 – Old news: Tracy suggested putting together a basket of Fair Trade product. Barbara Graziani is working on scarves made from Fair Trade wool on behalf of our committee. We need to plan for turning in requests next month. Thrivent approved matching grants for local donations under outreach. New news: none.
47. Make Bake Celebrate Funding Requests: Fair Trade Cupboard project – (Old news: Melissa introduced the idea of a rolling cupboard that will store and display the product for sale without so much packing/unpacking. Would also allow a way to secure it.) Melissa requested \$500 to start construction of the cupboard. Committee also requested “outreach” funds be divided as such - \$1000 to Spring Mission Trip, and equally split division of the rest to: Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, New City Parish, RAIN Project, Teen Challenge, and ELCA Disaster Relief -Domestic (Tornados in Midwest, etc.)
48. Homeless kits – Received Thrivent Grant for \$400. Tracy and Melissa will organize for the morning of the tent service – April 29.
49. Blood Drive – June 17th

50. LSS/Project Understanding “Home to Stay Ventura County” Old news: Mentoring Project- Erik got a very detailed “job description” from Lynn. Now the push is on, as there is an identified family in Camarillo. Erik already has volunteers for the health and nutrition area. Tracy will modify jobs to fit bulletin/email and get it to Marilyn for this week. We have faith that this need can be filled within this congregation! We have 3

volunteers and are just missing our lead. Tracy will rewrite the bulletin/email for this week. Erik will take it to council next week. New news: We have 4 volunteers but are still searching for the lead position to pull the whole thing together. Jo Holler, Bill Stoll, Karen Gramacki, Joni Swindle – all people the committee thinks might make a good lead – perhaps Erik can approach them?

51. LSS Collection –Continues as usual.
52. Many Meals – Still searching for a new volunteer to handle electronic portion of the project. Starting from within their core group, but will advertise it out if they haven't found someone.
53. Hickory House – Mary would like to check with Vibes and Hickory House staff to see if Mt Cross could provide colorful quilts for the beds to brighten the place up a bit.
54. ACTION Day – weekend of June 1st. (Same as Synod Convention, Hockey Party, Choir Concert)
55. Movie Night – Old news: “Bag It!” Gordon has not heard back from Surfrider.
56. Concert, Dinner, Hands on Service Project – Old news: Melissa brought news to the committee that a Praise Band concert has been donated. Donor would like to have a “hands-on” service project and a partnership with Fellowship for a meal. Discussed some possibilities and agreed it could be fun and worthwhile. Perhaps an Emergency Preparedness Fair? Melissa will check with donor and report back to committee. New news: none
57. Next Meeting: May 1, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
58. Closed with a prayer by _____. (I can't remember and didn't record it. Sorry.)

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 3/6/2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon Henry, Bill Stoll, and Tracy Blois
Absent: Mary Goodenough

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

59. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 2/7/2012 were changed slightly and approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
60. Time and Talent/Budget Update –Gordon used the T&T to contact volunteers for Habitat and CROP Hunger Walk.
61. Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 5th – Checks and letter sent. \$940 included donations of \$640 and \$300 Thrivent Grant. 226 food items collected.

62. Blood Drive Feb 26th – 26 pints collected. Next drive is June 17. Make sure signs have been put out in the intersection at Las Posas – they were missing this time.
63. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 3/4 \$165 – thank you Nora and Mary for your help. Cupboard project – Melissa introduced the idea of a rolling cupboard that will store and display the product for sale without so much packing/unpacking. Would also allow a way to secure it. With permission from the group, she will work on researching some dimensions.
64. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11th – Sign-ups have been slow, but we have some faithful walkers. We are set to walk this week! Thrivent is offering \$50 grants to each local organization that receives funds from the walk, which will increase our impact.
65. Habitat for Humanity – March 18th – We are reserved to have volunteers come out at the end of 3rd service, share a lunch on the patio, then work 12:30-4:30. Signups have begun and we have about 6 so far.
66. Tijuana House Building Trip – April 20-22 – old news: house costs \$1750 + \$14/person/night at mission. Have \$1900 in budget, according to annual report. Check is due 30 days before. Pat is going to set a planning meeting for sometime in March because we have new volunteers. New news: We have 8 volunteers so far, and Shari will be in charge of food. Pat will plan the meeting for early April.
67. Earth Day – Apr 21 – Old news: Community Garden Festival at the community center. We can have a booth for Fair Trade product. Melissa will be gone, so will need another volunteer to make this happen. New news: Tracy and Carol are both available to help. 10-4 on that Saturday. Melissa will follow up with more details as she knows more, and will turn in the paperwork.
68. Make Bake Celebrate – Apr 28 – Old news: Tracy suggested putting together a basket of Fair Trade product. Barbara Graziani is working on scarves made from Fair Trade wool on behalf of our committee. We need to plan for turning in requests next month. New news: Thrivent approved matching grants for local donations under outreach.
69. LSS Collection – Bin is full every 4-5 weeks. Mary will call and see if they have any special needs, and maybe get something in the March newsletter. May have more this week due to Women’s Bible Study collection.
70. LSS/Project Understanding “Home to Stay Ventura County” Old news: Mentoring Project- Erik got a very detailed “job description” from Lynn. Now the push is on, as there is an identified family in Camarillo. Erik already has volunteers for the health and nutrition area. Tracy will modify jobs to fit bulletin/email and get it to Marilyn for this week. We have faith that this need can be filled within this congregation! New news: We have 3 volunteers and are just missing our lead. Tracy will rewrite the bulletin/email for this week. Erik will take it to council next week.
71. Many Meals – Searching for a new volunteer to handle electronic portion of the project. Starting from within their core group, but will advertise it out if they haven’t found someone.
72. Homeless kits – Received Thrivent Grant for \$400. Tracy and Melissa will organize for the morning of the tent service – April 29.
73. Movie Night – Old news: “Bag It!” Gordon has not heard back from Surfrider.
74. Concert, Dinner, Hands on Service Project – Old news: Melissa brought news to the committee that a Praise Band concert has been donated. Donor would like to have a “hands-on” service project and a partnership with Fellowship for a meal. Discussed some possibilities and agreed it could be fun and worthwhile. Perhaps an Emergency

Preparedness Fair? Melissa will check with donor and report back to committee. New news: none

75. Next Meeting: April 3, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)

76. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 2/7/2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon Henry, Mary Goodenough, and Tracy Blois

Absent: Bill Stoll

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

77. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 1/3/2012 were changed slightly and approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
78. Time and Talent/Budget Update – briefly discussed that our budget had been accepted for 2012. Reiterated that we need to use the T&T info to tap volunteers.
79. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 1/8 \$391, 2/5 \$334. Melissa will be out of town in March; Nora and Mary volunteered. Melissa will also check with Carol. Olive oil is ordered.
80. Alt Christmas – LWR Fair and Gifts of Hope - Erik put a nice write-up in the bulletin to share results. Check has been sent. Talk from Ascension has begun about a group traveling to Burure to see the mission. Erik will find out more info on possibility.
81. Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 5th – So far \$640 and 131 cans of food. Women's Bible Study is bringing food this week, so we will add to can total. Melissa will report info to website, Gordon will work on getting grant from Thrivent and the next step. Volunteers from T&T were very enthusiastic. Discussed possibility of getting them together another time in the year to do another push for the pantry.
82. Blood Drive Feb 26th Bill has begun signups and sent emails. Nora suggested that he might need a badge or sign or something to draw attention. If she didn't know he was

the coordinator, she wouldn't have known why he had a clipboard on Sunday. Also need posters on kiosk, maybe by hospitality table, etc. Lawn sign should go out on the 19th.

83. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11th – Todd Ebright will co-coordinate with Gordon. Sign-ups start this Sunday.
84. Tijuana House Building Trip –April 20-22 – house costs \$1750 + \$14/person/night at mission. Have \$1900 in budget, according to annual report. Check is due 30 days before. Pat is going to set a planning meeting for sometime in March because we have new volunteers.
85. Earth Day – Apr 21 – Community Garden Festival at the community center. We can have a booth for Fair Trade product. Melissa will be gone, so will need another volunteer to make this happen.
86. Make Bake Celebrate – Apr 28 – Tracy suggested putting together a basket of Fair Trade product. Barbara Graziani is working on scarves made from Fair Trade wool on behalf of our committee. We need to plan for turning in requests next month.
87. Habitat for Humanity – One foundation is poured and walls are up. Next foundation is to be poured this week. Lead is supportive of a Sunday afternoon build – so Gordon is checking on March 18 or 25.
88. LSS Collection – Bin is full every 4-5 weeks. Mary will call and see if they have any special needs, and maybe get something in the March newsletter. May have more this week due to Women's Bible Study collection.
89. LSS/Project Understanding "Home to Stay Ventura County" Mentoring Project- Erik got a very detailed "job description" from Lynn. Now the push is on, as there is an identified family in Camarillo. Erik already has volunteers for the health and nutrition area. Tracy will modify jobs to fit bulletin/email and get it to Marilyn for this week. We have faith that this need can be filled within this congregation!
90. Many Meals –Thrivent Grant is possible soon, Gordon will check. Melissa will make sure Erin has new names from T&T added to her email list. Group meeting planned for this week – may be changing a meal recipe.
91. Homeless kits - Melissa reports that we are out of supplies. Well received at church on annual meeting day! Melissa will check into another Thrivent Grant.
92. Movie Night – "Bag It!" from Surfrider. Gordon has not heard back from Surfrider.
93. Concert, Dinner, Hands on Service Project – Melissa brought news to the committee that a Praise Band concert has been donated. Donor would like to have a "hands-on" service project and a partnership with Fellowship for a meal. Discussed some possibilities and agreed it could be fun and worthwhile. Perhaps an Emergency Preparedness Fair? Melissa will check with donor and report back to committee.
94. Next Meeting: March 6, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
95. Closed with a prayer by Mary.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 1/3/2012 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, and Gordon Henry

Absent: Mary Goodenough and Tracy Blois

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

96. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 12/6/2011 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
97. Reread Mission Statement – and discussed whether it was still accurate and the direction we are heading. General consensus is: liked and 3 fold focus is good.
98. Time and Talent – Melissa passed around a paper copy of the T&T for 2012. Lots of new names, so we need to access the list regularly and let people know we got their name from it.
99. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Next sale on January 8th and chocolate is in. We'll have LWR Hunger Postcards out with chart. Melissa, Carol, Nora to work. Also, sold \$4200 in 2011.
100. Alt Christmas – LWR Fair and Gifts of Hope Results: Craft fair: sold \$2079 and made a profit of \$161. Burure: \$7,747.44. We believe together with the other churches we made the goal of \$90k. Committee is very pleased! Would like to make some sort of announcement or slide to follow up with congregation. Erik will ponder how to share the news.

101. Mount Cross Shirt sales – Sunday of the Annual meeting – Gordon is in charge of setting up a table on Sunday Jan 29th at service and at the meal and meeting.
102. Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 5th – This national fundraiser program will be done to support St Columba's food bank and will most likely be supported by a matching grant from Thrivent. We are registered and Erik shared new paperwork with Melissa. M is going to call on some helpers from the T&T food pantry section to see if she can find a lead for the year. Last year SoC had 19,079 groups who raised \$9,583,676!
103. Blood Drives for 2012 – Bill Stoll reserved three dates for blood drives February 26th June 17th and October 21st. It was suggested that Bill send an email now to people who have given before and from T&T to say "save the date" to our regular donors. He will get something in the next newsletter for Feb date.
104. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11th - Set for old town – more details soon. Gordon will send an email to regular participants and T&T. Also have a new potential lead from T&T!
105. Habitat for Humanity – Site in Oxnard will have the cement slabs poured soon and we can set up a volunteer work day to start the buildings then. Also have a new property in oak View where demo/claiming resalable parts is being done, and a new Restore in Simi Valley is opening soon, so will have work to do in both places.
106. LSS Collection – Bin is full every 4-5 weeks. Discussed keeping better track of how many times it is full in a year.
107. LSS/Project Understanding "Home to Stay Ventura County" - Erik will contact Lynn about a more detailed explanation that we can put in newsletter and announce at Annual Meeting – to drum up support before we say yes. Much like we did with Many Meals.
108. Many Meals – Going well. Melissa emailed Erin to get total meals served and volunteers for 2011. Group is enthusiastic and doing well.
109. Hickory House Dec 14th – no report because Mary wasn't able to make meeting.
110. Homeless kits - Melissa reports that we have enough to have another day. Group liked idea of offering them at the Annual Meeting. M may apply for another Thrivent Grant to purchase McDonald's bucks and anything else we are low on. Members agree this is a wonderful project.
111. Church Budget update –No new news until Annual meeting when budget is discussed and voted on. Although we didn't request enough to do many of our projects, the money seems to come when a project is brought forth to the congregation. Gives the committee the impression that the congregation likes the work we are doing, since they support it with their time and money.
112. Tijuana House Building – picked three weekends that Pat will take to LBCM – Mar 30, May 4, Apr 20? And he will email team when he gets a response, because the date should go in the next newsletter, which will be before our next meeting.
113. Earth Day – Apr 21 – We can have a booth for Fair Trade product. Much will depend on date picked for TJ and whether someone else is available to run booth.
114. Make Bake Celebrate – Apr 28 – do we want to do anything? Basket of Fair Trade? Request for money for project?
115. Relay for Life – opting for a fall date after all... so this will be moved off the calendar for a bit.
116. Movie Night – "Bag It!" from Surfrider. Gordon has an email in to see if we can borrow their copy for a showing.

117. Thanks – Gordon thanked all for the great year and many accomplishments of the team. Also stated that if we were ready to step down, we would be thanked and missed. No one resigned. (So far).
118. Next Meeting: February 7, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
119. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 12/6/2011 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, and Gordon Henry
Absent: Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois and Melissa Henry (After opening Erik moved to the Executive Meeting)

Our Mission:

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120. Opened with a prayer from Erik. Minutes from 11/1/2011 were approved. Gordon will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
121. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 12/6 results \$814.50 the best ever. Will need more chocolate before next sale on January 8th
122. Summer of Soul Care – Shoe Recycling – Pat picked up and delivered the boxes of shoes to Soles 4 Souls. Gordon will post pictures and write up on kiosk.
123. Blood Drives for 2012 – Bill Stoll reserved three dates for blood drives February 26th June 17th and October 21st. Will check church calendar and add.

124. Alt Christmas – LWR Fair and Gifts of Hope – The craft sale did very well on first two Sundays - we ordered more for the final Sunday which also had a great response with not too much to return – final numbers by January meeting if it’s ready. Gifts of Hope also stellar start with over \$5,500 so far – will keep poster in office until Christmas and may have a final number in January.
125. Habitat for Humanity – Site in Oxnard will have the cement slabs poured soon and we can set up a volunteer work day to start the buildings then.
126. LSS Collection – Bob delivered a load of donations recently and is keeping an eye on the bin. Mary has been getting articles to the newsletters.
127. LSS/Project Understanding “Home to Stay Ventura County” – Lynn’s presentation around the county had an impact. The Thrivent Financial Chapter sent a \$1200 check to help get them started. Further discussions at council may help start our involvement.
128. Many Meals – Mount Cross will host 2 meals this month Dec 8th and 29th. Bob stated they have been running smoothly and averaging over 100 meals served per night.
129. Hickory House Dec 14th – Mary emailed that she had collected donations enough to cover gift cards (35 residents) and refreshments – she has helpers lined up also.
130. Assemble homeless kits at the Dec 18th Children’s program – Melissa and Tracy will set up and supervise the table at the Pizza dinner.
131. Mount Cross Shirt sales – Sunday of the Annual meeting – Gordon proposed setting up a table on Sunday Jan 29th at service and at the meal and meeting – approved by those present.
132. Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 5th – This national fundraiser program will be done to support St Columba’s food bank and will be supported by a matching grant from Thrivent.
133. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11th - Set for old town – more details soon.
134. Church Budget update – Cash flow issues discussed and some other issues of members directing contributions to “not leave the church” may be clouding the budget process.
135. Thanks – Gordon thanked all for the great year and many accomplishments of the team.
136. Hunger Postcards – Discussed having available at coffee sales and the annual meeting
137. Next Meeting: January 3, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik’s office)
138. Closed with a prayer by Gordon.

Present: Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, and Melissa Henry

Absent: none

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

139. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 10/4/2011 were approved with corrections. Gordon will update and submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
140. Fair Trade Coffee Sale –Next sale is Nov 6th. Mary, Bob, and Gordon volunteered.
141. Summer of Soul Care – Shoe Recycling – 98 pair collected: 73 to send, 25 to recycle. Gordon will take them to Pat tomorrow for delivery to warehouse.
142. Relay for Life – Oct 15/16 – Results: Mount Cross team had 37 members present, the youth worked the luminary set up, and team raised \$3000+. Entire event raised \$80+k. Onsite fundraiser was fun (key chains in shape of ribbon for \$1 donation). T-shirts have begun to gather interest and sales. Note: Relay for Life will be moving to the spring. Discussion followed as to how that might change Mt. Cross participation. Melissa will let group know when date is picked for 2012.
143. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct 16 – 48 shots administered. Thank you to Gail Baird for taking signups.
144. Blood Drive – Oct 30th – 30 units collected. “Count” Bill Stoll provided some chuckles. Dates for next year are as follows: Feb 26, June 17, Oct 21.
145. Alternative Christmas/Gifts of Hope Nov 13, 20, Dec 4. LWR product is in, Erik put an article in the newsletter and will get materials from Ascension for “Power Plan”. Tracy will work on slides for in church sharing. Melissa will choose a product to uplift and get pictures to Marilyn for slides. Discussed breakdown of donations (\$8000/km = \$8/meter) but we will go with info from Ascension as it comes. Erik may speak with Jan about a mural. Melissa will work on tabletop visual. Our goal is \$4000 (half a kilometer). Melissa will offer both sides of the project to CDC parents on Nov 14/15.
146. Habitat for Humanity – Oxnard site is open, looking for a day.
147. LSS – Mary will get new write up for Dec newsletter. Oct poverty walk raised \$15k for local agency. Perhaps we can support this with Relay moving to spring? Also, any needs for Thanksgiving Basket of food – contact Pastor Erik if you know someone who might need this. Christmas shop in town – parents come and select gifts for children – need new unwrapped items for children of all ages. Erik will bring more info next meeting.
148. LSS/Project Understanding – Lynn Bullock presented to council a new project starting. Church would mentor 1 family. Support and teach them budgeting, healthy eating, home repair, for example. This is a family or individual who is teetering on homelessness; we would try to be the support to keep that from happening. Need 3-7 people a few times a month. Committee liked the idea but feel it would best be brought up in January. Advertise the potential in the newsletter/bulletin/annual meeting, and see the congregation's response.

149. Many Meals – Dec 8 and 29. Paper drive all through Nov to be given on first day of Dec. Boxes in the narthex to collect paper goods.
150. Hickory House - Mary will be checking for a date (Dec 13/14?) and number of gift cards hoped for. She will contact Barbara D about playing piano.
151. LWR Hunger Postcards – order is in. Gordon will donate stamps. Melissa will work on poster and info (sheets with addresses). Will have out next Coffee Sale.
152. Souper Bowl of Caring – Feb 5 – Committee supports doing this project again – Melissa will register us.
153. CROP Hunger Walk – March 11 – Old town walk, starting at St. Mary's Chapel
154. Homeless Kits – Dec 18 – Tracy and Melissa will organize for the Children's Christmas Program.
155. Acorn Article – Pat was featured in an article in the Acorn for receiving an award from Kiwanis. Congratulations! The committee is very proud of his work!
156. Budgets are due! Gordon will work on and submit for committee.
157. Next Meeting: December 6, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
158. Closed with a prayer by Bill

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 10/4/2011 Meeting

Present: Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, Gordon Henry

Absent: Bob Boyer and Melissa Henry

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

159. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 9/6/2011 were approved with corrections. Melissa will update and submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
160. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 9/11 results \$276.50 & 10/2 results \$299.50. Next sale is Nov 6th. Mary and Gordon volunteered. Gordon will ask Bob if he can help.
161. ELCA Disaster Response / Horn of Africa Drought – Rally day donations & plate offerings totaled \$240 (check requested). This brings the total sent through the church

to \$890. \$360 in individual donations was also sent with the first check from the church to get us to a grand total of \$1250!

162. Rally Day – Sept 11 – Had a very good turn out with lots of folks making homeless kits. Best guess at least 50 kits made with most supplies available for a 2nd batch. Possible dates - Hanging of the Greens or Kids Christmas program. Lots of people helped at the table to make it a success.
163. Summer of Soul Care – Shoe Recycling – Soles4Souls overflowed the bins and boxes. Gordon will get some photos and start working on the boxing-up and get location of drop off to Pat to see if it will work for him.
164. California Coastal Cleanup Day – Sept 17. More than 200 volunteers showed up at Mission Oaks Park. Mt Cross had a team of 15 clean up an area near Mission Oaks Blvd and cleared a “camp” of lots of trash. Thrivent provided lunch to those who could stay after. Surfrider sent a thank you letter and suggested a follow-up movie about plastics called “Bag It” - we may try to have a showing.
165. New City Parish – Erik’s invite to the congregation added Sue Ingram to the group planning to go – the Henry’s schedule got too busy and the remaining folks decided not to go. We will plan to re-schedule in the early spring. Tracy offered to be the bridge to the youth and young adults to get them interested.
166. Relay for Life – Oct 15/16 – Sign-ups and Luminaries have been on the patio for several weeks. The team is at 15 with pledges over \$400. “Mt Cross” T-shirt fundraiser was organized with profits to be split between the Church and Relay. Shirts not sold by Relay will be available at the LWR Fair. The shirts arrived on October 6th.
167. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct 16 9-noon - Gail Baird is taking sign-ups. Gordon to contact Maxim about recent Medicare issues & numbers required.
168. Blood Drive – Oct 30th – Bill Stoll started sign-ups and sent 1st e-mail request. May need coverage on October 23rd.
169. Alternative Christmas – The group agreed to have between \$1200/\$1300 of product this year – catalogues reviewed and order will be placed. After follow up discussions it was determined that no “church” money will be needed because the order will be on consignment with payments sent after each sale date. Gifts of Hope will be the “Power Plan” with Ascension – Erik will follow up on materials.
170. Habitat for Humanity – Sept 25 was Piru House dedication. Equipment and tools moved to new site on Stroube in Oxnard. Will start looking for a day to take a Mount Cross Team.
171. LSS – Bob delivered the large load of cloths and goods recently. LSS/CLU “Walk to End Poverty” is Saturday October 8th.
172. Many Meals – Gordon volunteered with others in September and again was impressed with the diversity of all the people working in this ministry. Mount Cross has two Thursday’s in December so there may be an extra need then.
173. ACTION – Requested volunteers to help with ½ marathon on Nov 20th with some of proceeds going to Action if team helps.
174. LWR Postcards – Ordered to have available at coffee and fair trade sales.
175. Earth Day April 21, 2012 – Churches may now have a spot at fair – may look into selling the Fair Trade coffee there as an outreach.
176. Crop Hunger Walk – The Camarillo Walks fundraising was the 97th highest out of more than 1500 nationally! Over \$6000 will be split between the 7 local organizations supported by our walk.

177. Hickory House - Mary will be checking for a date and number of gift cards hoped for.
178. Next Meeting: November 1st, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
179. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 9/6/2011 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Pastor Erik Goehner, Bill Stoll, Gordon Henry

Absent: none

Our Mission:

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1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 8/16/2011 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - Next sale: Rally Day - 9/11 Melissa, Nora, Carol will do.
3. ELCA Disaster Response / Horn of Africa Drought - Sign and info have been out every Sunday, with Rally Day as last day. \$650 sent already (\$500 from coffee sale, \$150 donated.) Melissa will turn in money and order next check to be sent after Rally Day.
4. Movie Night - "Dark Side of Chocolate" Aug 24 - 12 people came. Suggested a follow-up in the newsletter and invite individuals to check out movie and watch at home.
5. Rally Day - Sept 11 - Poster and sign-up sheet are ready. Thrivent Grant for \$400 for homeless kits. Tracy is shopping, Mary will supervise table. Bill will help with setup. Gordon will submit paperwork for tables - due Thursday.
6. Summer of Soul Care - Shoe Recycling - Soles4Souls. Pat may be able to drive shoes to drop off location once they are boxed. Response has been good. Will need help with boxing and prep.
7. California Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept 17. Will have waivers on the Rally Day table, ads in the Friday email. Thrivent will provide lunch for our crew.

8. New City Parish – Oct 9 Erik will include an invitation to others to join us, and get a schedule. Time leaving and returning, 2 services? Lunch?
9. Relay for Life – Oct 15/16 – Email was sent out, only one person joined team. “Cancer Prevention Study 3” (CPS3) info was passed out to try and get volunteers for the study. Emily will have a table on Rally Day to make luminaries and get walkers. Wants to go ahead with t-shirts.
10. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct 16 9-noon. Brundages will help. Maxim is confirmed. \$30-35 for flu shot, \$65 for pneumonia.
11. Blood Drive – Oct 30th – Melissa will share with Bill Stoll the sign procedure and folder with posters. Gordon will coordinate with Bill to do electronic sign in. We are on track to have our best year ever!
12. Alternative Christmas – LWR clearance sale items are in. Spent about \$350, but that included olive oil. Dates are 11/13, 11/20, and 12/4. What is Ascension planning? Erik will check.
13. Habitat for Humanity Workday –Sept 25 House dedication. Oct 3 is World Habitat Day. Gordon will put a Restore write-up in the newsletter and get more fliers for church. Also, need new pics for the poster. 2 single family homes in Oxnard are next on Stroube Street.
14. LSS – Write-up is a hit! Barrel was overflowing! Mary has another prepared to include in later newsletter. Maybe three or four times a year, this ministry should be lifted up in the newsletter.
15. Many Meals – Erik met with Erin and Trish. They are pleased at the year end review. Gordon gave a short report on money. Will have a table for Rally Day. Suggested a “Appreciation Night” for volunteers.
16. ACTION – Gordon will check on a project at Casa Pacifica. Housing for aged-out (18-25 year old) youth from their program in a building across the way. Needs lots of work!
17. Thrivent Events – Question asked: Can we pay a speaker from CLU an honorarium to come to Mt. Cross? Gordon will check. Also, some other events coming up. Melissa will include in the newsletter.
18. Next Meeting: Oct 4, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik’s office)
19. Closed with a prayer by Nora.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of 8/16/2011 Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Bill Stoll, Gordon Henry

Our Mission:

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20. Opened with a prayer from Melissa. Minutes from 7/19/2011 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.
21. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Aug 7 - \$220. Next sale: Rally Day – 9/11 (Melissa and Nora and Carol?). Sold out of the olive oil Melissa ordered from LWR. EE now carries olive oil, but it is more expensive – maybe carry for the Alt Christmas event?
22. ELCA Disaster Response / Horn of Africa Drought – Sign and info were out at last coffee sale. \$500 from coffee sale profits and \$150 donated that Sunday have been sent already, as well as \$360 that went straight to ELCA. Agreed to put the bulletin insert in for this Sunday, then possibly Tracy will write a small ¼ sheet to go in again later. Also, put out signboard and info every Sunday from now until Rally Day.
23. Movie Night – “Dark Side of Chocolate” Aug 24 in the sanctuary or PLC, with a chocolate dessert potluck to follow with discussion. Melissa will advertise in newsletter and Acorn. Please talk it up on the patio this Sunday. And add to powerpoint.
24. Rally Day – Sept 11th – Melissa has 12x12 posters from last year. Need to add a poster for flu shots and update blood drive info. Want to have homeless kits available (Mary will supervise, Melissa will inventory and get a grant from Thrivent, Tracy volunteered for any other prep).
25. Relay for Life – Oct 15/16 – old news: Melissa has been attending meetings, but would love to find another co-coordinator. Plan on some fundraising events off campus, and plan to have luminaria making stand at church. Theme is “the Colors of Cancer” and ours will be a rainbow. New news: Emily Loomis would like to do a fundraiser of Mt. Cross t-shirts, committee agreed with going ahead

- with this. Pat has a connection that could help get them printed. Melissa needs to send an email to all T&T names to send online link for joining our team. Tracy asked about a link from the Mt. Cross website to our team site at ACS.
26. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct 16 old news: Gordon will check with volunteers from last year to see if they are available again. We're a go! Need to check price and have it in ads. Also time is from 9-noon.
 27. Blood Drive – Oct 30th – Melissa will share with Bill the sign procedure and folder with posters. We are on track to have our best year ever!
 28. Alternative Christmas – LWR clearance sale items are in. Spent about \$350, but that included olive oil. Dates are 11/13, 11/20, and 12/4.
 29. Habitat for Humanity Workday –no news.
 30. LSS – Mary made a new sign for the rolling donation bin. Called and got a new list of items, including toiletries, towels, gently used men's jeans and sweatshirts, new socks, laundry detergent, school supplies and backpacks. Is working on a writeup for the newsletter.
 31. Many Meals – Erik is planning to meet with Erin and Trish to do a "one year" evaluation. Bob and Mary have been attending. Numbers appear to be down (for summer?) Melissa contacted Erin about a table at Rally Day. Committee discussed a "take-over Sunday" where Many Meals volunteers are highlighted and thanked in the service. Feel we might need more visibility – new volunteers may not even know we are doing this great ministry!
 32. New City Parish – 9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 11/6 - Erik will email pastor and see which date might work for them. He will then get something in the newsletter to open the visitation to our congregation.
 33. Recycle Shoes – To fit the summer theme of "Soul Care" and VBS. Collect used athletic shoes to be recycled into surfaces. Erik will check with PJ. A bucket on the patio from now until Rally Day?
 34. ACTION – sends emails periodically for short term help. Will highlight the ministry in an upcoming newsletter.
 35. Coastal Cleanup Day – Sept 17. To follow through on VBS theme, Melissa will invite members to participate. Surfrider leader thanked the church for the generous donation of \$1800 from VBS and also suggested a movie which might be a good candidate for our movie nights on plastic bags. Also, applying for a Thrivent grant on that donation.
 36. Next Meeting: Sept 6, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross (Erik's office)
 37. Closed with a prayer by Tracy.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 7/19/2011 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Nora Fajnor, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Tracy Blois, Bill Stoll

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

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1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 6/7/2011 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn to be posted on the web.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – July 10 - \$264. Next sale: Aug 7 and moved Sept sale to coincide with Rally Day – 9/11. Also, committee agreed to send \$500 to LWR for the East Africa Drought. Melissa will make signs and have them at the next sale to invite the congregation to join us in our pledge.

3. Alternative Christmas – LWR clearance sale is on. Committee agreed to order some product like we did last summer for sale in November – and chose dates for sale 11/13, 11/20, and 12/4.

4. Tijuana House build – May 13-15 – Pat gave a report on the build. 7 volunteers. Went well, no injuries or problems, family was a husband and wife with infant, Pastor Manual and family were glad to see us. Also a possibility exists for Pastor Manual and Daniel to come and visit us at Mt. Cross.

5. Habitat for Humanity Workday – Jun 11th – 11 people worked. Got a lot done and felt good about it! Gordon is looking to schedule an August work day. “Brush with Kindness” the rehab program is up and started.

6. Blood Drive – Oct 30th – Bill Stoll volunteered to be the new coordinator. Thank you! Gordon will share info with him and put something in the newsletter to thank Kevin Churchill for his service.

7. New City Parish – Committee looked at some dates for a trip down, but will check with Erik. 9/18, 10/2, or 10/9?

8. Recycle Display: Shoe recycling is possible at Gold Coast in Ventura but they have a limit. Gordon will check if they will make an exception for a “drive”. Denim recycling is on hold according to the website.

9. Movie Night – “Dark Side of Chocolate” Aug 24 in the sanctuary, with a chocolate dessert potluck to follow with discussion. Melissa will advertise in newsletter and Acorn.
10. ACTION involvement – Erik was to check on this, so it is postponed a month.
11. Rally Day – Sept 11th – moved coffee sale, will pull 12x12 posters from last year
12. Relay for Life – Oct 15/16 – Melissa has been attending meetings, but would love to find another co-coordinator. Plan on some fundraising events off campus, and plan to have luminaria making stand at church. Theme is “the Colors of Cancer” and ours will be a rainbow.
13. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct 16 Gordon will check with volunteers from last year to see if they are available again.
14. Next meeting will be held on Aug 16, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross
15. Closed with a prayer by Mary.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 6/7/2011 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pastor Erik Goehner, Nora Fajnor, Gordon Henry

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 4/26/2011 were approved as corrected. Gordon will submit minutes to Marilyn to be put on the web.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 5/1 results \$300.50 and 6/5 results \$286. Thanks to all who pitched in. Next sale moved out to July 10th due to July 4th weekend.

3. CROP Walk – Mar. 27 Mount Cross raised \$2785.00 with 18 walkers. City wide total is \$ 24,870.50! Also the 2012 walk has a “host” St Mary’s – we will walk in old town.

4. Tijuana House build – May 13-15 – Trip went safely (except for spilling the wood). The mission center cooked us dinner Friday night and we all worked very efficiently. Pat can give more input at the next meeting.

5. Habitat for Humanity Workday – Saturday June 11 – 10 signed up so far. We will be working on both housed in Piru. Discussed the new program to re-hab as a possibility for a small group to work to clean or paint on a local house.

6. June 5th Blood Drive – Even with the “Hockey Party” the night before we still had 30 Pints donated! Kevin Churchill would like to step down as Coordinator – any takers?

7. New City Parish – General consensus was that their Pastor and his message were well received. We discussed the possibility of seeking a group to attend two different services in the fall and would start looking to pick a date when more of our committee was present. With a goal to learn and teach ways to our church members to access/support our local neighborhoods.

8. Recycle Display – Discussed the possibility of a shoe recycle to tie into the summer theme of “Caring for the Soul”. Check to see how/who for next meeting.

9. Movie Night – Still looking to plan a night with a meal and discussion. “The Dark Side of Chocolate” was not shown at Crossbeams and still may be a candidate.

10. “Action” – We will be looking to check their website to look for local needs and may try to work 1 or 2 a year – Erik will do some checking.

11. Relay for Life – Is scheduled for Oct 15/16 – Melissa has attended 2 meetings and is looking for someone to “Chair” the churches efforts.

12. Website Write-up – Last meeting the committee approved the input Melissa provided. Jim G. will try to add as time allows – there may be some money to help with the quicker updating. We still need to see how to add photos.

13. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – Follow up - Erik said the check has been sent to be LWR.

14. Make Bake Celebrate – funds have been allocated for our requests

New Business -----

Ongoing Blood Pressure checks Sherry Stava

Flu shot clinic – October 16th

Next blood drive is October 30th

Next meeting will be held on July 12th 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross

Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 2/7/2011 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Nora Fajnor, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent:

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 1/10/2011 were approved with minor typo changes. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.

2. Time and Talent: Please make an effort to contact volunteers off the new form, even if it is an email saying "thank you for volunteering, we'll get back to you when we need you!" Gordon will contact Chuck Carty with Relay for Life info.

3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 2/6 results \$315. Thank you to new trainee helper Carol Broderick, who will also help with the March sale on 3/6.

4. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – LWR sale is balanced out, and Melissa submitted reimbursement for her costs, so in about a week, Erik can request the rest of the money in the account go to MI. As it stands, LWR sale results were \$1500, and MI results are \$2100. Discussed continuing with the LWR product as it sold well, supports a mission we care about, and made about \$230 for MI.

5. Souper Bowl of Caring – Feb. 6 – \$675 cash and 160 cans of food. Gordon will take results to the Thrivent board and fulfill grant, and we will get a real total. Extremely pleased with the response! Thank you to the youth who helped make it a success!

6. Meals at Trinity Presbyterian – under Many Meals of Camarillo – next meal is 2/10. Granted \$600 from Mt. Cross budget for 2011. Had a table and info at the Annual meeting and dinner to try and keep a high profile. May host a Sunday of hospitality to keep promoting the project, which is growing.

7. Homeless Kits – Thrivent grant – Mary and Melissa will set up on Feb. 13 (Love your neighbor!) Perhaps set up a donation basket? Melissa purchased wipes (we ran out in Dec.) at \$9.

8. Blood Drive – Feb 13 Sign went up, and Kevin had only 4 spots left on Sunday morning! May be on pace for another new record! Dates for rest of year are: June 5 and Oct 30

9. Habitat for Humanity Workday – Feb. 26 – Gordon will advertise. 1/22 was rescheduled due to a conflict at the worksite. Will most likely be working in Piru.

10. CROP Walk – Mar. 27 Seventh Day Adventist will host. Gordon will get advertising out. Will ask for two crossing guards and a hospitality spot.

11. Budget for 2011 – granted \$500. Asked to use “designated funds”.

12. Tijuana House build – May 13-15? Pat will check his schedule and Erik will check with LBC. Erik will plan a blessing for the workers on the Sunday before the build.

13. New City Parish – Old news: Erik will bring it to council, and invite someone to come and speak on a Sunday morning, to begin the dialogue. New news: Erik spoke with director and Pastor John. No date picked, but perhaps sometime in late March.

14. Recycle Display: Old news: 4/17? Call EJ Harrison for a display/representative. Jeans/Denim drive, info on e-waste and household hazardous wastes. New news: May 22.

15. Movie Night – Old news: “Dirt: The Movie” is available on NetFlix, so could be shown. New news: Erik suggested 2 videos on affordable housing from VC CLUE They would be shorter, so would make a good starting point. Offering time for discussion and a meal without making the night too long.

16. “Structure and Responsibilities” from Church Council – Melissa read the guidelines for SAM from the handbook and the mandates from our constitution. Please read them yourself at home and come prepared to discuss. Are we following them? Do they need to be modified? They are the path which we are to follow. How are we doing? Also, new liaison to council is Bill Stoll. Gordon will contact him.

17. Compassion International Sunday Apr 10 – The Nelsons have asked to set up tables on the patio for 2 weeks. They have a video which might be included in the worship on 4/10.

18. Earth Day Celebration – Apr 17 10-4 The Camarillo Garden is hosting the 2nd annual Earthday Celebration and Information Fair. We have been asked to advertise the event as we did last year, encouraging Mt. Cross members to attend. Melissa will check on flyer, etc..

19. ACTION Day – Jun 4 – perhaps after church? But there are schedule conflicts, so we will look again next month. Would like to participate again this year.

20. Gleaning Crew – Melissa will run something in the April newsletter.

21. Flu shot Clinic: looked at a date of Oct.16. Gordon will follow up.

22. Thank you – Gordon offered thanks to all committee members for their service and gave them the option of retiring.

23. Next meeting will be held on Mar 7, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross

24. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 1/10/2011 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and
Melissa Henry

Absent: Mike Laskey, Nora Fajnor

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1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 12/6/2010 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 1/9 \$449 Melissa has new Time and Talent Report with new volunteers, which she will be calling for help in February.

3. Time and Talent Report – It's here for 2011. Melissa has a copy and can get the info for anyone else who needs it. And we welcome to our committee Tracy Blois! She works out of town so will not be attending meetings, but will join our email list and participate when we need her. Chuck Carty has also volunteered to lead the Relay for Life team.

4. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – 11/7, 11/14, 12/5 ~ \$1500 from Malaria Initiative, but checks are continuing to come in. Hopefully, LWR will get back to us that our returns have been credited, and that will be finished. Since both projects are in the same account, we will wait to issue a check on MI until other is balanced – then everything left in the account goes to MI.

5. Hickory House – Christmas Party on 12/15 - Went well, 33 residents, 10 helpers. Provided \$10 gift cards to \$.99 Store. Mary did most of the shopping after collecting sponsors. Rita Carolan helped with shopping and prepping gifts, Barbara D'Addario played the piano. Thanks from the committee to the helpers. It was very lovely.

6. Holiday Skedaddle – No report.

7. Meals at Trinity Presbyterian – under Many Meals of Camarillo – next meal is 1/13. Erik believes MBC check has been given. MM will receive an \$800 Thrivent 2010 grant to help with costs. Totals for 2010: 415 meals served, 220 helpers. Awesome! Need to continue to talk it up, as volunteers are tapering. Discussed ways to keep it spotlighted at church. Perhaps host hospitality on a Sunday morning, and have a display table with info – have people who have volunteered wear their aprons or a name badge. Melissa will contact Erin about ideas, and get her thoughts.

8. Update Web Information – Melissa wrote up new info and shared it with the group for evaluation. Asked about online signups for activities.

9. New City Parish – Erik will bring it to council, and invite someone to come and speak on a Sunday morning, to begin the dialogue.

10. Budget for 2011 – Old news: Based on response to Stewardship drive, which was strong, Gordon submitted a budget of \$1500 for 2011.

11. Annual Report Writeup – Melissa and Gordon submitted a report. Generic on what we have accomplished this year. Erik suggested printing Log of Service – Melissa will edit and get it to Marilyn.

12. Habitat for Humanity Workday – Jan. 22 – Gordon will advertise. Will most likely be working in Piru. TO house will be dedicated Jan 16.

13. Souper Bowl of Caring – Feb. 6 – Already in newsletter. And we're registered on the website. Requested a Thrivent Grant – which has been approved. Need help day of with youth – ask Gail Weed or Linda Tandler?

14. Blood Drive – Feb 13 Kevin will handle advertising and signups. Sign should go up on Feb 6th.

15. CROP Walk – Mar. 13 Gordon believes it might be our year to host. We don't want to do so, so he will check and get back to us. Perhaps St. Mary's with the bigger parking lot would be willing.

16. Homeless Kits – Thrivent grant – Granted \$300. Spent \$299.53. Had kits at the Sunday School Christmas Program. Very well received, but we have enough material to do again. Mary and Melissa will set up on Feb. 13 (Love your neighbor!) – Melissa will include it in the bulletin and Friday email before the event.

17. Gleaning Crew – No response from congregation. Print again in April newsletter and late March emails.

18. Movie Night – “Dirt: The Movie” is available on NetFlix, so could be shown.

19. Recycle Display: perhaps tied to Earth day? April 17th? Call EJ Harrison for a display/representative. Jeans/Denim drive, info on e-waste and household hazardous wastes.

20. CPR/First Aid Training – No new news. Old news: Had an idea to offer this to Mt. Cross members. CDC needs to do in January, and has a contact. Perhaps we can join together with them. Melissa will check into costs and how many could participate. New news: We've decided to let this drop, as we have too many things to handle right now. Write up Camarillo Health Care District in the newsletter as a “Spirit at Work” and maybe come back to it another time.

21. LSS Barrel – will continue as now. Mary will write up a new report for newsletter. And look at new names from Time and Talent Report to perhaps get new helpers.

22. Tijuana House build – We are a go! One house still makes a difference. Pat will check with mission on dates and costs. New volunteers from T&T.

23. Haiti Project – Erik brought up possible Haiti project from Ascension. LWR building a center in Haiti – to support education and rebuilding.

24. Next meeting will be held on Feb 7, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross

25. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Minutes of 12/6/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: Mike Laskey, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 11/1/2010 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - 11/7 \$339 Thank you, Mary and Gordon, 12.5 \$385 Thank you, Gordon and Bob. Moved the January sale to the 9th.

3. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – 11/7, 11/14, 12/5 Ascension provided cards and info, which was a big help. Thanks to Karen and Dan Nelson for staffing the MI table, and Nora and Scott Fajnor, Gail Baird, and Jan Gerk for help with the LWR sale. So far, the MI has raised \$1135, but we will set up the info in the office to gather any last donations. The LWR sale totaled out at \$990.70 – and Melissa has returned the products that can be. All in all, a success. All money from both projects are in the same account, so once LWR order has been settled, we can issue the check from what remains. And we did remember to take pictures!

4. Hickory House – Christmas Party on 12/15 - Mary handled two weeks of signups (11/28 and 12/5) with gifts due to church on 12/12. Believe she has all clients sponsored. 34 clients will be served.

5. Holiday Skedaddle – gifts due to church 12/12. Kimberly couldn't make the meeting. Names are from a church in Canoga Park. Believe she has about ½ the families sponsored.

6. Meals at Trinity Presbyterian – under Many Meals of Camarillo – next meal is 1/13. Melissa and Gordon took photos before the clients arrived for the November meal. Numbers served continue to rise. They had to order in Presto Pasta because they ran out of food at the December meal. And did Erik get the check to them from MBC funds?

7. Update Web Information – still pending. Melissa will contact Jim Gucciardo about putting photos up. She will also write up new info and send it out to the group for evaluation. Made lists of activities that fit under the existing titles.

8. LSS Barrel – will continue as now

9. New City Parish – Old news: Erik introduced the idea of building a connection with the parish. Perhaps travel down for a day trip work/informational. Do a choir exchange. Have a speaker come and share their work with our congregation. Well received by committee, so he will bring us more info next meeting. New news: Erik missed this meeting, so no news. However, we have a question. Has this been brought before council? We would love to see the church get behind it like the Peace Project, but feel we need a push from more than just our committee.

10. Budget for 2011 – Based on response to Stewardship drive, which was strong, Gordon submitted a budget of \$1500 for 2011.

11. CPR/First Aid Training – No new news. Old news: Had an idea to offer this to Mt. Cross members. CDC needs to do in January, and has a contact. Perhaps we can join together with them. Melissa will check into costs and how many could participate.

12. Calendar for 1st quarter of 2011

Jan 22 Habitat for Humanity workday – Gordon will advertise

Feb. 6 – Souper Bowl of Caring – Melissa will advertise

Maybe a late Feb. New City Parish Day?

13. Thrivent Grants – Melissa is going to apply for a grant to build the homeless kits at the children's Christmas program – requesting \$250. Will probably have leftover product to use later.

14. Future plans:

Gleaning crews to individual homes for fruit for Food Share – point person? Team? Melissa will include a beginning request in the Jan. newsletter.

Veggie “stand” on patio with donation jar to go to Food Share

Take photos: Blood Drive sign and setup, LSS office and supplies, Coffee sales

Movie night – with potluck dinner? “Dirt the Movie”

Recycle display – informational! – maybe have Harrison come and visit? Restore?

15. Annual Report Writeup – Gordon will work on. Due Dec 26th.

16. Next meeting will be held on Jan. 10, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross - 1 WEEK LATE!

17. Closed with a prayer by Melissa.

Minutes of 11/1/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pastor Erik Goehner, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: Mike Laskey, Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 10/4/2010 were modified and approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.

2. Relay for Life Review – Total raised is now closer to \$150k. Gordon will check on our team totals and get something into the newsletter to thank the congregation for their support.

3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale - 11/7 Mary and Gordon will host 11/7, Bob (and Pat and Shari will check) will host 12/5. Melissa and Nora will be busy with Alternative Christmas – but will be there to help with setup and takedown.

4. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17 – Went successfully, though wet. Thank you to Gail Baird and Bob and Joan Brundage for their work. Mary will contact Gail to find a total and get something in the next newsletter. Forgot to photo.

5. Blood Drive – October 31 – Very successful. 31 pints donated (another new high!). Also, results from June 27th are 26 pints. Thanks to Kevin for his work helping this to be our best year ever. Forgot to photo. Schedule for next year as follows: 2/13, 6/5, 10/30.

6. Meals at Trinity Presbyterian – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Meals served continues to rise- 92 on 10/14. Committee is checking on food regulations. Also, may need extra turkeys for the Thanksgiving meal.

7. Hickory House – Christmas Party on 12/15 - Mary will handle two weeks of signups (11/28 and 12/5) with gifts due to church on 12/12. 34 clients will be served.

8. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – 11/7, 11/14, 12/5 No work from Ascension yet on the cards, literature, and video. Karen Nelson has video to provide for the service on Sunday to introduce the project (lwr.org/malaria). Erik purchased 5 adult books and 10 children's books which can be partnered with gift cards as a gift to help explain the project. Karen and Melissa will set up a table on the patio (complete with nets). Erik will work on a trifold board to help explain the project. Still waiting on cards.... Melissa has blank card to donate, or suggested an insert that we could create to be put inside of a traditional Christmas card.

The LWR Craft sale is ready. Gordon, Nora and Melissa will set up Saturday so tables can just be carried out on Sunday morning. Have artisan stories to display on the

table along with the crafts. Hung posters in the hallway to invite CDC parents to come, as well as others who use our church for meetings during the week. Melissa also asked if she could share the craft sale with the CDC staff, which committee approved for 11/15, so she will not break down the sale on 11/14, just move tables back inside sanctuary.

We have extra help from Jan Gerk on 11/14 and Gail Baird on 12/5. Perhaps call on some others to help. We need to remember to take pictures!

9. Health Kits – With the Thrivent Grant and help from Vibs Clausen (for shopping), the youth assembled more than 70 kits that were sent with the quilts from Flinke Handed to LWR headquarters on the truck on 10/17. Forgot to photo

10. Update Web Information – still pending.

11. LSS Barrel – will continue as now

12. Budget for 2011 – Request for our 2011 budget must be in by 11/25. In 2010, we asked for \$1500 but have not used it all. Erik will check this week on how much we have used. In 2009, we used ~\$900 of a \$1500 budget. Maybe we can request only \$1000.

13. Designated \$ - Many Meals – Erik shared that MBC put aside \$500 for Many Meals. Didn't distribute because weren't sure how program would work with all churches. But now, the overall Many Meals is purchasing the paper goods for all meals (at about \$60 a night). Committee approved sending a check to Many Meals to help offset costs of the program.

14. CPR/First Aid Training – No new news. Old news: Had an idea to offer this to Mt. Cross members. CDC needs to do in January, and has a contact. Perhaps we can join together with them. Melissa will check into costs and how many could participate.

15. Calendar for 1st quarter of 2011

Feb. 6 – Souper Bowl of Caring

16. New City Parish – Erik introduced the idea of building a connection with the parish. Perhaps travel down for a day trip work/informational. Do a choir exchange. Have a speaker come and share their work with our congregation. Well received by committee, so he will bring us more info next meeting.

17. Thrivent Grants – There might be other money to be used by the end of the year – so try and brainstorm some ideas. Many Meals paper goods? Community garden workday? Lunch for the workers?

18. Future plans:

Gleaning crews to individual homes for fruit for Food Share – point person? Team?

Veggie “stand” on patio with donation jar to go to Food Share

Take photos: Blood Drive sign and setup, LSS office and supplies, Coffee sales

Movie night – with potluck dinner?

19. Next meeting will be held on Dec. 6, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross
PLEASE – read the website and come with ideas! And even photos!

20. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 10/4/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Boyer, Nora Fajnor, Pat Gallagher, Pastor Erik Goehner, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry

Absent: Mike Laskey

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 8/30/2010 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.

2. Block Party/Rally Day Review – Both days went well, we had about 45 kits made (at a cost of ~\$72) and coffee tasting (~\$10 for cups, plus 2 bags of coffee and one tea box).

3. Relay for Life Review – Overall \$100k raised, 62 teams, 785 walkers. Mt. Cross had 30 members sign in, and raised \$1600 so far. Erik suggested a graph of where the money goes printed in the newsletter or on the kiosk. Perhaps next year we join with Emily Loomis, or use Brian Fisher as a resource.

4. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – 9/5 \$327 10/3 \$399 Mary and Gordon will host 11/7, Bob (and Pat and Shari will check) will host 12/5. Melissa and Nora will be busy with Alternative Christmas – but will be there to help with setup and takedown.

5. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Meal served on 9/16 was a success. Number have grown steadily each week – close to 100 last week. Next meals are 10/14, 11/11, 12/9. Discussed how to share responsibility amongst all volunteers. Costs about \$60-100 to provide a meal for plates, etc...

6. Habitat for Humanity – Only location available for 10/9 workday was Piru, so Gordon did not advertise event. Erik would like to take pastors to TO in November – Gordon will get him the info. Will schedule a workday again before the end of the year.

7. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17 – Gail Baird and Brundages will oversee day of event. Have 48 signed up so far. Confirmed with Maxim and we are ready to go. Just need to let them know how many after Sunday 10/10.

8. Blood Drive – June 27– System changed, so may not be able to get totals. October 31 – Sign will be set up on 10/24. Signups began 10/2.

9. Alternative Christmas – Malaria Initiative – 11/7, 11/14, 12/5 Melissa placed an order and it is in – from LWR. Will order more this week– and a kit for advertising. Erik is attending a meeting on Thursday to see what Ascension is planning this year. Last year we used all their literature and the video. Karen Nelson has spoken with LMI people who are willing to come to Mt. Cross. We will decide after meeting on Thursday. She has a mosquito net for props, and Melissa has 2. Perhaps call in some extra help for the days of the sales: Jan Gerk, Gail Baird, Karen Nelson?

10. LSS Barrel – will continue as now

11. Time and Talent – Gordon did not get to Marilyn in time, but will do so to get the changes in for next year.

12. CPR/First Aid Training – Had an idea to offer this to Mt. Cross members. CDC needs to do in January, and has a contact. Perhaps we can join together with them. Melissa will check into costs and how many could participate.

13. Thrivent Grants – Gordon reported \$600 grant going to St. Colomba's Food Pantry, \$600 to CATS, \$600 to 7th Day Adventist, \$400 to health kits. Erik will gather youth for health kit making (truck will be here 10/19) Check with Vibbs to see if she will do the shopping. Gordon will gather some volunteers to work the food pantries (and perhaps visit Food Share with them for the purchase of the items) as reason behind grant is to get Lutherans out volunteering in the community. There might be other money to be used by the end of the year – so try and brainstorm some ideas. Many Meals paper goods? Community garden workday? Lunch for the workers?

14. Upcoming Events:

ELCA World Hunger E-News – Check with Fellowship to see if they want to sponsor a potluck and join this cause. Have a Fellowship meeting 10/13.

Hickory House – Mary will check on 12/15 date. Perhaps tie signups in to Alternative Christmas days.

15. Future plans:

Add to next month's agenda: update website info.

Gleaning crews to individual homes for fruit for Food Share – point person? Team? Veggie “stand” on patio with donation jar to go to Food Share

Take photos: Blood Drive sign and setup, LSS office and supplies, Coffee sales

16. Next meeting will be held on Nov. 1, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross
PLEASE – read the website and come with ideas! And even photos!

17. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 8/30/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Nora Fajnor, Bob Boyer, and Pat Gallagher

Absent: Mike Laskey, Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened by reading the mission statement and with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 8/2/2010 were approved. Melissa will submit minutes to Marilyn.
2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale –We will hold the next sale on Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend) and the week before Rally Day. Melissa and Gordon will handle it. Then we will do a “coffee tasting” on the Block party night. Nora will help out with the October 3rd sale.
3. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo –Trinity Presbyterian Starting service in September. New members are Calvary Chapel and Camarillo Christian. New news: The meal on 9/2 will serve as training time for the point people.
4. Habitat for Humanity – Work day Aug. 15 We met on site at lunch time after church – Gordon brought lunch for all – worked most of the afternoon. Had 25 volunteers, and everyone seemed to have a good time. May plan another Sunday afternoon if the affiliate is willing. Gordon will call about 10/9 and advertise for the event. TO is 1st choice, then Piru, 3rd choice TO on 10/10.

5. Relay for Life – Oct. 2-3 Signups begin on Rally Day Gordon will handle, and hope for a volunteer to step up and organize the team. Also had ‘save the date’ in newsletter. Meeting for coordinators is 9/13 – Gordon will attend. Kris Korzan is helping lead the youth team.

6. Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17 – Mary will contact Gail Baird and the Brundages to see if they will help with signups and the day of. Signups start 9/26 – Costs? _____

7. Blood Drive – June 27– Still waiting on results. October 31 – Sign will be set up on 10/24. Kevin will handle signups. Gordon will check and see if he needs any help.

8. Alternative Christmast – Malaria Initiative – Erik will get back to us on dates. Melissa placed an order and it is in – from LWR. Will still need to order a bit more – and a kit.

9. Neighborhood Block Party – Sept 11 – From 4-7 pm Mt. Cross will be having an Open House for the immediate neighborhood. Council would like to see representatives from different groups host tables (like Rally Day) to highlight some of the ministry programs at Mt. Cross. We will set up like we do for Rally Day, with posterboards of pictures. Hosting a coffee tasting – with info on Equal Exchange available, but not for sale. Have a ladder and toolbelt for Tijuana Habitat Builds.... Any other ideas? Include Mission Statement, key notes from projects, hang on soft rolling wall. Reuse everything for Rally Day.

10. LSS Barrel – will continue as now

11. Time and Talent – We updated this last fall, but missed the deadline for submitting it for Stewardship drive. Gordon will find his updated copy and get it to Marilyn – but review it to make sure we have what we need in the document.

12. Upcoming Events:

ELCA World Hunger E-News – Check with Fellowship to see if they want to sponsor a potluck and join this cause. Maybe in October?

Sept. 21st – International Day of Peace – Melissa will put something in the Friday email or bulletin. Day of prayer for peace.

Homeless kits – Pastor John started this in the summer, but we would still like to see a day when we build the kits together.

13. Future plans:

Add to next month’s agenda: update website info.

Gleaning crews to individual homes for fruit for Food Share – point person? Team?

Veggie “stand” on patio with donation jar to go to Food Share

Take photos: Blood Drive sign and setup, LSS office and supplies, Coffee sales

14. Next meeting will be held on Oct.4, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross

15. Closed with a prayer by Gordon.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 6/7/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik Goehner, Mary Goodenough, and Nora Fajnor

Absent: Mike Laskey, Bob Boyer, and Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 5/3/2010 were shared and approved, with one correction. Gordon will submit minutes to Marilyn...

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Results from 6/6 \$387.00 Volunteers from Time and Talent were called and declined to help. Next is 7/11 -. Nora will handle sale. Melissa will handle newsletter and “change of date” info. Melissa will order chocolate bars even with the cost of shipping, and raise prices to \$3.00 for the summer to cover the cost.

3. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Old news: Trinity Presbyterian has volunteered their space for a Thursday night weekly meal. Erik has taken the matter to council and put out feelers for volunteers. Erik will email the committee the list of potential volunteers. New news: Lost a church in the group, so are starting service in September. We will focus on “servers” in the service on June 13th, and Erik will prep info to have at a table on the patio, to encourage more volunteers. We will serve at St. Mary's on July 26th and Aug. 9th.

4. Blood Drive – June 27th – Gordon will check with Kevin to see if he needs anything. Gordon and Melissa will put up the sign in the lawn on the 20th, and take it down on the 27th.

5. Habitat for Humanity – Work day June 19th Not sure of location yet as permits are controlling where work is happening. Trying for TO. Gordon will write something for the newsletter. Thousand Oaks: Single family home. Piru: Ground is almost ready for foundation. Oxnard: Still prepping for demo work.

6. LSS Barrel / Bake Sale August 1st Mary will write something for the newsletter. We will be hosting hospitality and having the coffee sale also, so we need all to help.
7. Prayer Garden Update – Ross’ work is finished, and Barbara D’addario is heading up the Task Force.
8. Thrivent Votes Results – Melissa shared the results from the online vote.
9. Upcoming Events:
 - Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17th with Maxim
 - Relay for Life – Oct. 2-3
 - ACTION Day – Summer of Service – Aug 15th – Erik will handle writeup to work at the mobile home park after church.
 - United Methodist “aid” closet – Melissa will write something to focus on “ministries that work” in Camarillo. We can add our support without having to recreate the whole program!
 - ELCA World Hunger E-News – Check with Fellowship to see if they want to sponsor a potluck and join this cause.
 - Future plan: Add to next month’s agenda: update website info.
10. Next meeting will be held on Aug. 2nd, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross.
11. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 5/3/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, and Bob Boyer

Absent: Mike Laskey, Nora Fajnor, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 3/1/2010 were shared, minutes from April and March were approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Results from 5/2 – \$ 377.00 Next is 6/6 – Melissa will call new volunteers to help host. Nora will handle sale in July.

3. Bibles for Ethiopia – This project has now finished. Melissa will fill out a check request form and get it to Pastor Erik. It will include \$480 from the coffee fund, and \$36 that was donated.

4. Tijuana Build – April 23-25 – The trip was a success. Seven volunteers went, had a safe and productive weekend. Pat brought pictures to share, and will write something up for the newsletter (and include pictures). It was a young family, with one infant, and they were very gracious and thankful. Pat received a donation of \$100 from a friend to pay for the food, but he handed the money over to Daniel at the mission. Committee signed a nice thank you note to be sent to the friend.

5. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Old news: Trinity Presbyterian has volunteered their space for a Thursday night weekly meal. Plans are to begin serving in July. Erik has taken the matter to council and put out feelers for volunteers. June 17th is the volunteer orientation at Trinity. Erik will email the committee the list of potential volunteers. We may need to set up a table on the patio to continue to spread the word and grow our volunteer list. Also, check with St. Mary's to volunteer with some of our volunteers, to get the "feel" before the training.

6. LSS Barrel – Mary spoke with them today, and they are looking for \$10 gas vouchers, bus tokens, large bottles of shampoo, etc., and white socks. Perhaps we will focus on the last two, and take a special offering over the summer to raise money for the first two. Host hospitality, do a bake sale. Melissa will check with Fellowship to see if we can "take" a Sunday.

7. Habitat for Humanity - Thousand Oaks: Single family home. Wall raising was May 1st. Piru: Two single family homes. Prepping the soil continues this month. Oxnard: Buildings are being prepped for removal. Slow going due to city paperwork. Gordon will advertise a work day for June 19th, most likely for TO.

8. Make Bake Celebrate: Was a success. Council meets May 4th, and they will let us know about our requests for funding. Fair Trade Baskets were well received.

9. Earth Day Celebration – April 17. Went well. Small but well organized for the first year in Camarillo. Looking to grow in the future, so keep in mind for participation next year.

10. Compassion International – Karen and Dan Nelson were pleased with the results. They had 4 signups, all on the Sunday when the video was shown.

11. Prayer Garden Update – May 15th Ross and the youth will be working on the prayer path. There will be no "garden" due to scope of the project, so that will follow. Committee should prepare to help financially and physically with planting.

12. Souper Bowl of Caring – Thrivent authorized another \$100 for the food pantry. Gordon has received the check and forwarded it on to the pantry, with a note from us.

13. Upcoming Events:

Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17th with Maxim

Relay for Life – Oct. 2-3

ACTION Day – Summer of Service – this has been changed, so we will keep looking at this project. Perhaps pick a day next meeting for a “service day” at the mobile home park.

Future plan: Add to next month’s agenda: update website info.

14. Next meeting will be held on June 7th, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross.

15. Closed with a prayer by Melissa.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 4/5/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Nora Fajnor, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Mike Laskey, Bob Boyer

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God’s creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 3/1/2010 meeting were passed out. Will review and approve them next month.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Results from 3/7 – \$ 383.50 4/4 - ~\$310. Committee agreed it was worth doing on Easter Sunday, even though it was a lot to do on one morning. Next is 5/2 – Melissa will call new volunteers to help host.

3. Blood Drive – March 7th – new record of 32 signups and 30 pints. We think the sign is working! Thank you to Pat for arranging it for us. Next one is scheduled for June.

4. Bibles for Ethiopia – old news: project has not been funded – yet. We are going to raise up this project at our hospitality table on March 7th – tied to the proceeds from the coffee sale. Group decided to use the money from that to purchase 300 Bibles (x\$1.60=\$480) and share that info with the congregation on the patio that Sunday – and have the opportunity to have members donate to raise more. New news: We will continue with the sign and basket for the next Coffee Sale, but have not had much of a response.

5. CROP Walk – March 14th It was a great day. Mount Cross had 19 walkers, a refreshment stand (with iced water, which was a hit), 2 crossing guards, and 2 sign in helpers. We raised \$2,227 so far, and citywide we have raised \$16,400.

6. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Old news: Trinity Lutheran has volunteered their space for a weekly meal. Erik has taken the matter to council and put out feelers for volunteers. We should probably suggest helping at the St.Mary's site a few times in the next few months. Erik will attend next planning meeting. New news: Trinity has chosen Thursday night, hoping to begin serving in July. Erik has 6-7 people who have approached him from our church. There is some debate over the board supervision and working out the email contacts, so Erik will keep us informed on procedure. Gordon will attend the next planning meeting on April 6. June 17th is the volunteer orientation at Trinity.

7. Tijuana Build – April 16-18 Old news: Pat has 7 people signed up, but hopes for more. We will be staying in El Divino (downtown TJ). Received receipt from the mission for our check. One house and 1 night of lodging. Pat will follow up on calling people from the Time and Talent. New news: Pat now has only 5 sign ups. We are going ahead. Shari will handle the food, and Pat will schedule a short prep meeting in the next week. Need to look into a different type project for next year.

8. LSS Barrel – This ministry continues. We plan to focus the donations.

9. Habitat for Humanity - Thousand Oaks: Single family home. Property wall is up, forms are built and the foundation will be poured this week. Piru: Two single family homes. Building is destroyed but not removed from property yet. That work continues this month. Oxnard: Buildings are being prepped for removal. This is the most likely spot for us to work, as they are planning 6 duplexes, so lots of things to be done. However, Gordon would like to plan a workday for late May – and it might be in TO.

10. Make Bake Celebrate: We requested donations for TJ, Habitat for Humanity, New City Parish, and Many Meals. Decision has not been made for how to divide the money, but council will handle that. Melissa wrote the Fair Trade Baskets onto the list of auction items. Nora will put together 2 of them, and Melissa will handle the 3rd.

11. Earth Day Celebration – April 17. We have advertised the 1st annual Camarillo celebration of Earth Day in the newsletter, as an “invitation from your Service and Missions Committee”.

12. Upcoming Events:

- Flu Shot Clinic – Oct. 17th with Maxim
Relay for Life – Oct. 2-3
Compassion International – April 18th (and 2 weeks after)
ACTION Day – that committee has decided to make this the “Summer of Service”
maybe we can join along with our summer preaching theme and work projects.
13. Next meeting will be held on May 3rd, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. (Next: Jun 7th)
 14. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 3/1/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Nora Wall, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Mike Laskey, Bob Boyer

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God’s creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 2/1/2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Results from 2/7 – \$ 302.50 Thank you, Pat and Shari. Next is 3/7 – Melissa will host. The following is 4/4 – which is also Easter Sunday. Melissa will host with help of committee.

3. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 7 report – Raised \$452 with help from youth and Gail Weed. Gordon has check for Thrivent, will take and get the match.

4. Blood Drive – March 7th – Sign is here, thank you Pat! We will mount it on the lawn tonight to leave up until after the drive. Kevin has 20 sign-ups so far, and is hoping for 30.

5. Bibles for Ethiopia – old news: project has not been funded – yet. We are going to raise up this project at our hospitality table on March 7th – tied to the proceeds from the coffee sale. Group decided to use the money from that to purchase 300 Bibles (x\$1.60=\$480) and share that info with the congregation on the patio that Sunday – and have the opportunity to have members donate to raise more. New news: Gordon will make coffee and bring fruit. Nora and Pat will bring treats. Melissa will work on poster for BFE. Erik provided pieces from Ethiopia care of his MIL.

6. CROP Walk – March 14th We have registration and crossing guards but still need refreshment stand help. We have a low walker count at this time, so are hoping for more support.

7. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Trinity Lutheran has volunteered their space for a weekly meal. Erik has taken the matter to council and put out feelers for volunteers. We should probably suggest helping at the St.Mary's site a few times in the next few months. Erik will attend next planning meeting.

8. Tijuana Build – April 16-18 Pat has 7 people signed up, but hopes for more. We will be staying in El Divino (downtown TJ). Received receipt from the mission for our check. One house and 1 night of lodging. Pat will follow up on calling people from the Time and Talent.

9. LSS Barrel – This ministry continues. We plan to focus the donations.

10. Habitat for Humanity - Thousand Oaks: Work is paused between jobs. New property in Oxnard, Piru, and Thousand Oaks. Gordon will report again next month.

11. Victory Garden or Native Plant Garden – This is now in the hands of the Property Committee and Ross Crockett. We will help where we are needed when the time comes.

12. Haiti Earthquake Response: To date, Mt Cross sent a check for \$5,029 to LWR.

13. Make Bake Celebrate: We would like to ask for help for TJ, Habitat for Humanity, New City Parish, Lutheran Camps, and Many Meals. We discussed dropping Lutheran Camps from our request since they get money from the endowment fund. Also, perhaps we should prioritize or divide any money donated equally among the causes. Erik will submit the requests.

14. Upcoming Events:

Flu Shot Clinic for Fall – Oct. 17th with Maxim

Relay for Life – Date in Oct?

15. Chile Earthquake Response: Due to the recent request for LWR donations for the last earthquake in Haiti, the committee feels we should hold off at this time. Those wishing to donate have the contact information to send their donations independently from the church.

16. Earth Day Celebration – April 17. We would like to advertise the 1st annual Camarillo celebration of Earth Day in the newsletter. Melissa will contact Marilyn for information.

17. Next meeting will be held on Apr 5th, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. (Next: May 3rd/ Jun 7th)

18. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 2/1/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Nora Wall, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Mike Laskey

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 1/11/2010 meeting were reviewed and changes noted.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Sale is 2/7 – Pat and Shari Gallagher to host. Next is 3/7 – Melissa is going to call new names from the Time and Talent sheet to help and train. The following is 4/4 – which is also Easter Sunday. Discussed if that would be a conflict. Agreed it is an outreach of our ministry, and if we have enough help to staff the table – go for it!

3. Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 7 Youth are on board, with Gail Weed serving as coordinator. Grant with Thrivent is pending, Gordon will check. Gordon and Melissa will take the load over to St. Columba's the week after.

4. Blood Drive – March 7th – Pat will check with printer re: lawn sign to serve as outreach. Kevin is ready to take signups online and on the patio.

5. CROP Walk – March 14th Gordon attended the planning meeting last month. Starting location is City Hall. We will need two crossing guards and two registration helpers. Signups will begin on patio on Feb 21st.

6. Tijuana Build – April 23-25 Pat has 6 people signed up, but hopes for more. We will be staying in El Divino (downtown TJ).

7. Habitat for Humanity - Thousand Oaks: The new land in TO is an empty lot, so plenty needs to be done, but currently there is a bit of a pause in work. Rain has kept work at a standstill. The lot is on Hillcrest. Perhaps the next church volunteer day will be in late March or early April.

8. Bibles for Ethiopia – project has not been funded – yet. We are going to raise up this project at our hospitality table on March 7th – tied to the proceeds from the coffee sale. Group decided to use the money from that to purchase 300 Bibles (x\$1.60=\$480) and share that info with the congregation on the patio that Sunday – and have the opportunity to have members donate to raise more.

9 Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Erik and Melissa attended the planning meeting. There are other congregations checking to see if they have the space available, that we can “share” and host the meal only once per month. Erik will ask Saturday at the Council retreat to see what the response is, and then perhaps write something in the newsletter to start feeling out the congregation for support.

10. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Full again – which is great! Mary had a new writeup for the newsletter.

11. Victory Garden or Native Plant Garden: Old news: Due to the gophers, a vegetable garden might not work, but group discussed a native plant prayer garden. Gordon will speak with Ross Crockett about the idea. Would need a gate across the front, and would block access to the playground, so have some checking to do. New news: Ross Crockett has approval from property. Pat has helped other Eagle Scouts with their projects, so will contact Ross. Gordon will also contact to see what we can help with. Perhaps accessing memorial funds to purchase bench, stone for walkways, etc... and we can use other money to purchase plants.

12. Upcoming Events:

Hosting Hospitality on March 7th

2010 Blood Drives – one in June and Oct.

Flu Shot Clinic for Fall – Maxim called us to schedule – 1st choice: Oct 17, 2nd Oct. 24

Relay for Life – Date in Oct?

13. Make Bake Celebrate: Melissa asked about fund requests. She will email the committee to find out when they need to be in. We would like to ask for help for TJ, Habitat for Humanity, New City Parish, Lutheran Camps, and Many Meals.

14. Haiti Relief: Update from the ELCA was read by Erik. He will ask Marilyn to include it in the next worship folder.

15. Next meeting will be held on Mar 1st, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. And then Apr 5th!

16. Closed with a prayer by Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 1/11/2010 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, and Nora Wall

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner, Mike Laskey

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 12/9/2009 meeting were reviewed and changes noted.

2. Meals at St. Mary's – under Many Meals of Camarillo – Erik, Bob, Melissa, and Gordon all helped serve the dinner this evening. They feel it is too big a project to handle on our own – weekly – but we could try to host the dinner once a month. We would need a partner church as we do not have the facilities to seat all the guests. There will be a meeting on the 19th, which Erik and Melissa will attend to see if we can form a partnership. It is a larger group than the RAIN dinners were, but there might be more in the congregation willing to help than we know.

3. Gifts of Hope – Money raised from the bake sale on Dec 13th, plus some additional checks that came in that day, totaled \$430.61. Gordon will contact Bob (treasurer) to see that the check has been mailed to Ascension.

4. Hickory House Christmas Party – Dec. 16th: Mary reported it was quite a success. She put together gift bags with socks, candy, the gift cards, and donated toothbrushes. She will write a thank you for the newsletter.

5. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$346.50 on Jan 10th, a week later than usual. Melissa needs help with the Feb. sale, since it is Superbowl Sunday and she has other commitments. Nora, Mary, and Pat all will check calendars. Note: Pat and Shari Gallagher will handle this sale.

6. Tijuana Build – April 16-18 Planning meeting: Jan 27 at 7pm Pat will advertise for this meeting in the email and bulletins. There was some debate over the work dates as Marilyn has a different date on the church calendar. Will need to clear that up ASAP.

7. Habitat – Santa Paula Update: The houses are finished. They were blessed last Saturday and the families will be moving in soon. Thousand Oaks: The new land in TO is an empty lot, so plenty needs to be done, but currently there is a bit of a pause in work.

8. CROP Walk – March 14th Gordon will attend the planning meeting later this month. Starting location is City Hall.

9 Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb 7 Melissa will check with Erik on whether the youth will help. Gordon will submit a grant to Thrivent for matching funds. Committee feels this is an easy, worthwhile project, even if the youth don't participate.

10. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Towels are a need.

11. Victory Garden or Native Plant Garden: Old news: Due to the gophers, a vegetable garden might not work, but group discussed a native plant prayer garden. Gordon will speak with Ross Crockett about the idea. Would need a gate across the front, and would block access to the playground, so have some checking to do. New news: none.

12. Upcoming Events:

2010 Blood Drives – one in Feb., June, and Oct. – perhaps flyer to the neighborhood or a vinyl sign for the lawn the week before (to draw in the neighbors)

Host Hospitality one Sunday during the year– Melissa will bring signup calendar to the next meeting. We could use it as a time to introduce our committee to the congregation, perhaps bring in some new people, or use it to focus on one item, such as the Bibles. Or just be social. Char is having a difficult time getting hosts, and we feel it is something each committee could handle once a year. Fellowship hosted many times during the summer, and it was fun.

13. Bibles for Ethiopia - Group thought this was something we could spend a Sunday, perhaps do a bake sale, to raise funds. However, there was concern that the project may have already been funded – so we defer to Erik to check that out and get back to us.

18. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn.

19. Next meeting will be held on Feb 1st, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. And then Mar 1st!
20. Closed with a prayer by Pat.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 12/7/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Nora Wall, Mike Laskey

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Opened with reading of the Mission Statement by Gordon, and a prayer from Pastor Erik. Minutes from 11/2/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Time and Talent update: Gordon updated our info, and he will submit changes to Marilyn. It's too late for this year's printed copies, but will be updated on the web.
3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$582 on Dec. 6th. This was a record breaking day. Nora and Bob volunteered to cover the Jan. 3rd sale. Melissa will try and remember to contact them both via email to remind them. Placed a large order because we had a 10% off coupon. Still need to place a chocolate order before the next sale.
4. African Craft Fair – Nov 15 and 22: Well received by the congregation. We mailed back the product as directed, and sent a total of \$1486.50 in sales. Next year will check into LWR Fair Trade Sale. They are fairly traded and still support mission work, so Melissa feels

they would be a better fit. It would take a little more work, but can also serve as a fundraiser, as LWR offers a 10% discount off the prices for organizations doing a Fair Trade Sale. They also have a wider variety of product, stories from their workers, and a higher quality of product.

5. Alternative Christmas/Gifts of Hope – Old news: Nov 8th Kickoff concert at Ascension. Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers – they were great last year. Gifts of Hope will be available on our patio on Nov 15th and 22nd along with African Craft Fair. Also, the Fellowship Committee is holding a bake sale on Dec 13th with proceeds going to Gifts of Hope, and materials will be available again that Sunday on the patio. Erik will purchase a few of the books that relate to the materials to have with the cards, as a gift suggestion. He also suggested to the CDC that they have their new CDs available on those Sundays as well, as the proceeds go to the scholarship fund. New news: Well received by the congregation. To date \$7,185 have been raised, with the Dec. 13 Bake Sale and last opportunity to shop coming up.

6. Hickory House Christmas Party – Dec. 16th: Old news: Mary will write up something for the next newsletter, and will decide which store for the gift cards. 33 residents, and they would like the party food to be sugar free for their diabetic residents. New news: Mary has all residents sponsored. The party will begin at 4:30, with food, some singing, and then gifts. She is still looking for help the night of the party.

7. Flu Shot Clinic Report – We administered 96 flu shots and ~14 Pneumonia shots. Discussed the option of next year sending flyers to the neighborhood as an outreach. We'd like to see this ministry (reaching out to our neighbors) grow. Perhaps also with the Blood Drive.

8. Community Supported Agriculture – and Worship at “The Farm”: old News: Erik shared that PJ is preaching once a month at the farm service, and shared a bit about the background of the farm. New news: none.

9. Victory Garden or Native Plant Garden: Old news: Due to the gophers, a vegetable garden might not work, but group discussed a native plant prayer garden. Gordon will speak with Ross Crockett about the idea. Would need a gate across the front, and would block access to the playground, so have some checking to do. New news: none.

10. Habitat Work Day: Erik took a group of pastors to work for a morning. The dedication is Jan.9th. They are working almost every day between now and Christmas to get the homes finished by the end of the year. Erik would like to do a slideshow of members working at the house, Melissa will get him the photos.

11. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Old news: The barrel has been full twice in 2 months, so we will keep up the campaign. Mary will look into a new write up with a focus for November, perhaps for food (pantry shelf meals like cup o noodles or easy mac). New news: none.

12. Spring Service Trip: Old news: Discussed the TJ trip, and Erik will call for availability of a weekend in April (16th and 17th 1st choice). Even without the youth, we still feel this is a worthwhile project and we have support of the congregation. New news: Pat will put a “save the Date” in the next newsletter, and schedule a meeting for January with interested volunteers – being sure to include that passports will be mandatory!

13. Upcoming Events:

Feb 7th – Souper Bowl of Caring – Erik will check with the youth if they want to do this. Gordon will submit matching fund request to Thrivent Care in Communities, because Erik feels confident the youth will agree to do it.

CROP Walk – March ? Gordon will check.

2010 Blood Drives – one in Feb., June, and Oct. – perhaps flyer to the neighborhood or a vinyl sign for the lawn the week before (to draw in the neighbors)

14. Annual Report – Gordon will submit a report for SAM. If you have something that you want included, make sure he knows about it before the 15th.

15. Meals at St. Mary's – Since the summer, St. Mary's has been serving a meal for the community every Monday evening. They feed about 100 people. They would like to see a second night every week, and have written all local churches to see if they are interested in helping. There will be a meeting later in January. We discussed meeting at St. Mary's before the Jan. meeting to see how it works, and then discuss the possibility at our meeting. One of the options is to prepare the meal once a month, hosted at another location.

16. Malaria Initiative – Ted Turner Grant – LWR, the Methodist Church, and the Boy Scouts have been challenged by Ted Turner to try and eliminate malaria by purchasing mosquito bed nets. Perhaps we could support this project by using it as our Lenten focus – with Ash Wed. coming up on Feb 17th

17. New City Parish – We used to support this ministry much more than we do now. Perhaps we could work at raising them up in the next year. Maybe a day trip of service, or the Spring service trip to help include the youth. Should we invite the choir to come and sing?

18. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn.

19. Next meeting will be held on Jan 11th, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. If you want to meet at St. Mary's beforehand, please contact Erik. This meeting is a week later than we usually meet!

20. Closed with a prayer by Melissa.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 11/2/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mike Laskey, Bob Boyer, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, and Pastor Erik Goehner

Absent: Nora Wall

Our Mission:

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1. Opened with a prayer from Pastor Erik. Minutes from 10/5/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Time and Talent update: Gordon updated our info, and he will submit changes to Marilyn. It's too late for this year's printed copies, but will be updated on the web.

3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$334 on Nov 1st. Discussed raising the price to become a fundraiser – and decided to keep it as it is for now. The idea is to get people using the products, and LWR gets a portion from each bag sold already. Melissa can handle the Dec. sale, but needs help in January. Mary and Bob volunteered to cover the Jan. 3rd sale.

4. Community Supported Agriculture – and Worship at “The Farm”: Erik shared that PJ is preaching once a month at the farm service, and shared a bit about the background of the farm.

5. Victory Garden or Native Plant Garden: Due to the gophers, a vegetable garden might not work, but group discussed a native plant prayer garden. Gordon will speak with Ross Crockett about the idea. Would need a gate across the front, and would block access to the playground, so have some checking to do.

6. Habitat Work Day: Oct 24th was a success, with 8 volunteers. Next planned day is Nov 21st. As they push to finish the Thrivent house in Santa Paula by the end of the year, more opportunities will be available, including 12-5 on some Sunday afternoons. Gordon has invited some retirees and others to join during the week, and Erik is looking to take a group of pastors out.

7. Blood Drive Oct. 11th: We had 28 people volunteer, and 26 units of blood donated.

8. Relay for Life Results: Our team of 40+ walkers raised \$2200. The event raised \$165,000 citywide.

9. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – The barrel has been full twice in 2 months, so we will keep up the campaign. Mary will look into a new write up with a focus for November, perhaps for food (pantry shelf meals like cup o noodles or easy mac).

10. Hickory House Christmas Party – Dec. 16th: Mary will write up something for the next newsletter, and will decide which store for the gift cards. 33 residents, and they would like the party food to be sugar free for their diabetic residents.

11. Alternative Christmas/Gifts of Hope – Nov 8th Kickoff concert at Ascension. Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers – they were great last year. Gifts of Hope will be available on our patio on Nov 15th and 22nd along with African Craft Fair. Also, the Fellowship Committee is holding a bake sale on Dec 13th with proceeds going to Gifts of Hope, and materials will be available again that Sunday on the patio. Erik will purchase a few of the books that relate to the materials to have with the cards, as a gift suggestion. He also

suggested to the CDC that they have their new CDs available on those Sundays as well, as the proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

12. Spring Service Trip: Discussed the TJ trip, and Erik will call for availability of a weekend in April (16th and 17th 1st choice). Even without the youth, we still feel this is a worthwhile project and we have support of the congregation.

13. Budget: Budget recommendations are due. Last year we cut to \$1500, and on our behalf, Erik is going to request the same amount this year. We also still have \$1800 in a designated account labeled TJ House Mission, and another \$500 in House Mission. There was some discussion, as we felt we had spent that money, so Erik will double check.

14. Looking ahead: Gordon brought up the CROP walk, sometime in March. He will check on date.

15. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn.

16. Next meeting will be held on Dec. 7th, 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. The following meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11th, at 7:00 pm at Mt. Cross. Note: this is a week later than usual!

17. Closed with a prayer by Melissa.

Minutes of 10/5/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon Henry, Bob Boyer, Nora Wall, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner, Melissa Henry and Mike Laskey

Our Mission: Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Minutes from 6/8/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. Question on Blood drive results for June 7th still pending.
2. Reviewed the existing Time and Talent sheets for the Service and Missions "jobs" and "job descriptions" asked the committee for input to be sent to Gordon to compile and forward to church office for updating.
3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$312 in July, \$154 in August, \$177 in September and \$310 in October. Melissa sent her thanks to all who helped with this ministry. An issue with properly accounting for the Equal Exchange Coffee funds was discovered and is being addressed with the church bookkeeper.
4. Community Supported Agriculture – The Henry's and Wall/Fajnor's have been sharing and enjoying the weekly box of local produce. The CSA has grown from about 10 when we started to over 35 now. None from our committee had attended the service or meal at the "Farm" – we hope Pastor Eric can update us.
5. Victory Garden on back lawn at church was discussed. Gordon talked to Ross Crockett – he is interested in checking if it would meet his Scout requirement. The plots of land to be used for Camarillo's community garden were discussed.
6. Habitat Work Day: Gordon will organize church group to work at the Santa Paula site on October 24th and a day in mid November...
7. LSS Barrel – monthly requests will be working with Thousand Oaks office to find their most urgent needs and keep congregation updated.
8. Blood Drive October 11th – We are expecting a large turnout Kevin had to request more time slots.
9. Relay for Life. The Mt Cross team had over 40 member and friends involved with setting up the luminaries, walking and financially supporting the effort. As of Oct 30th the walk had raised over \$165,000!
10. Rally Day Table Discussion – We thought we had a good presentation but did not get a lot of interest from the congregation will work to fine tune in future.
11. Hickory House – Mary will check with them and thinks that it will be some time between December 12-16. Mary will update at next meeting.
12. Alternative Christmas – briefly discussed – after meeting Pastor Eric and Gordon discussed the sale of African Crafts and set dates of November 15th and 22nd.

13. Food Can Drive – discussed around Thanksgiving meal ideas. No date set – Gordon to follow up with Saint Columba’s.

14. Spring Service Trip - discussed but need Pastor Eric’s input on finances and what is happening with the youth.

15. Next meeting is November 2nd. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Gordon.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 6/8/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mike Laskey, Bob Boyer, Nora Wall, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner (on sabbatical), Bob Cole

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God’s creation.

1. Minutes from 4/6/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. One change – add the name to #7 – Dan Nelson.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$343 on June 7th. Thank you Shari Gallagher. Old news: Melissa will look into designing a label to stick on the bags with church contact info, such as St. Mary’s has on their bags. Nora is available to sell July 5th. Mary agreed to sell Aug. 2nd. Both those will be only between the 2 services for summer schedule. Rally day is Sept. 13th and we will push the coffee sale back a week to miss the holiday and coordinate with Rally Day. Melissa may need someone to cover that day also, but the committee might find it could be a group effort with the Rally Day table.

3. Community Supported Agriculture – Sharing of the box has gone well, and many people are beginning to be interested, just from those of us who have shared. We plan to

display the boxes on Rally Day, but hold off until later in September to present on the patio. Please, if you have had the box, be thinking of ways to present this to the congregation.

4. Habitat Work Day: Gordon will call Tracie and Luanne and see if they want to have a "youth day" over the summer in Santa Paula. Otherwise, nothing is scheduled. They are working every Saturday in Santa Paula and would love to have more Lutherans showing up.

5. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Old news: Mary will write up something to be included in the newsletter on a monthly basis, and Bob B volunteered to take things over to the office. They are looking for basic hygiene supplies for the showers they run, including new socks and underwear for the clients. New news: Mary will get something in the newsletter, and Bob will be keeping an eye on the barrel over the summer to empty it if need be.

6. Compassion International Sunday – April 26th –Results: Karen and Dan Nelson had three sponsors join during their three weeks of presentation on the patio. Someone from the committee needs to speak with them to get their feelings, and see if they want to present again next year.

7. World Fair Trade Day – May 10th – The chocolates were a hit, but people were asking why the coffee wasn't set up to sell. We did break the world record for largest fair trade coffee break.

8. ACTION Day – June 6-7 Taking it to the Streets – Old news: With no volunteer coordinator, we can still advertise the event, just have people go to the website and signup to do an event with another group. No one from Mount Cross participated, but they did have 1200 volunteers and 40 churches in the county participate.

9. Blood Drive June 7th – results were unknown.

10. Gardens - Old News: Victory Vegetable Garden (behind sanctuary?)– or native plants in the parking lot – both ideas were brought up as part of being responsible stewards of God's creation. The property committee has already discussed the native drought tolerant plants in the parking lot, so maybe we should join together to make it happen. United Methodist in Oxnard has put in a community garden and has a group that will reach out to other groups to help them get organized. New news: Camarillo now has it's own community garden.

11. Rally Day Table Prep – We need to think creatively, maybe use ladders to hang pictures of projects, display Underwood's boxes in a pyramid under the table, etc... The next meeting will be prepping for Rally Day, so please bring any pictures or props you have ready for use. There is posterboard available in the copy room (on top of paper shelf) to use.

12. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. There will be no agenda or chair as the next meeting is Rally Day prep ONLY!

13. Next meeting will be held on Aug. 31st, 7:30 pm at Mt. Cross to prep for Rally Day. The following meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14th, at 7:30 pm at Mt. Cross.

14. Closed with a prayer by Melissa.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 4/6/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Nora Wall, and Pat Gallagher

Absent: Mike Laskey, Mary Goodenough, Bob Boyer, Bob Cole

Our Mission:

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1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 3/2/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$274 on April 5. Old news: Melissa will look into designing a label to stick on the bags with church contact info, such as St. Mary's has on their bags. Next sale is May 3rd. Nora is available to sell in July.

3. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – El Divino, TJ – 1 house - have 10 or so signed up, had a short meeting before this committee meeting. Cost is \$25/person. Melissa will buy a Bible for the family, Gordon is checking on paint and a prehung door at Restore. Shari and Melissa will handle the meal planning and food shopping. Pat and Ron will gather all tools. We will meet at 5 am at the McD's in Mission Oaks to leave.

4. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled. Gordon will contact both farms to see if they would be interested in leading an informational meeting. New news: Melissa received info from Underwood. They are starting a CSA with a pickup Tuesdays in Mission Oaks. One month or 3 month commitment, \$286 or \$108. Erik, Nora, and Henrys will divide a 3 month commitment to try it out.

5. CROP Walk – Report: Mount Cross raised \$2470, had 31 walkers, and 5 volunteers to staff tables, etc. A great response!

6. Habitat Work Day: Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Oxnard and Santa Paula – the walls are going up in SP, and the steel is in. He wants to do a workday at SP on May 9. He will get info to Marilyn for bulletins and email, and put a chart on the kiosk with photos of the weekly status of the SP house, as it is sponsored by Thrivent.

7. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Old news: Mary will write up something to be included in the newsletter on a monthly basis, and Bob B volunteered to take things over to the office. They are looking for basic hygiene supplies for the showers they run, including new socks and underwear for the clients. New news: None.

8. Compassion International Sunday – April 26th – Karen has everything under control. She began advertising in the April newsletter. She asked for help with setting up and staffing the table. Any volunteers? (Nora and Melissa are gone.)

9. World Fair Trade Day – May 10th – Old news: It will be included in the sermon, and mini Equal Exchange chocolate bars will be passed out at the end of the service. New news: Chocolates are here, and PJ was given info to support his sermon.

10. Synod Hunger conference – March 14th – 5 participants. It was a very informative day for all who attended. Melissa came away with the idea of including Bible verses on our newsletter page that relate to poverty and justice issues, and also posting the Millenium Development Goals on the kiosk, to increase MC's awareness of them. Gordon and Erik had ideas for the spreading of info on the malaria project (LWR relief grant thru Ted Turner).

11. "Care Bags" for office or in car use – Old news: "Care bags" were suggested to offer to church members to keep in our cars to offer to people who appear to need help. It would include a granola bar or something like it, a water bottle, a card with helpful information, etc.. If begun with seed money, this could be something that pays for itself. We will continue to discuss this issue. Bob C suggested including a McDonald's buck in the bag, Erik said maybe it could be an envelope with info card and McD \$ to make it easy to store in glove box.

12. Blood Drive June 7th – Gordon will check with Kevin to see what help he needs.

13. ACTION Day – June 6-7 Taking it to the Streets – We need a point person who will attend a meeting on April 14th to learn how to access the system, and be the contact for the event, as Erik will be on sabbatical.

14. Gardens - Victory Vegetable Garden (behind sanctuary?)– or native plants in the parking lot – both ideas were brought up as part of being responsible stewards of God's creation. The property committee has already discussed the native drought tolerant plants in the parking lot, so maybe we should join together to make it happen.

15. Housing Iowa youth volunteers – Gordon was contacted about hosting a youth group from Iowa as they come to participate in the Thrivent build in SP. He is contacting a member of Trinity in Ventura to see if they are able to host.

16. Abu Graib – 5 Years Later – Melissa was contacted about advertising for this event at CSUCI. Includes discussion and viewing of a documentary. After much discussion, committee agreed it could be advertised on the kiosk if we modified the poster somewhat (it is very hard to read, with small font for sponsors). Melissa will work on the modifications and get the poster up.

17. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

18. Next meeting will be held on May 4th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

19. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 3/2/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, Bob Boyer, Nora Wall, and Pat Gallagher

Welcome Bob Cole, possible new member!

Absent: Mike Laskey

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 2/2/2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$382.35 on Mar. 2 (Thank you Nora!). Committee agreed to a price increase (first since 3/08) to \$7 for decaf and sister's blend, and \$6.50 for all other coffee. Melissa will make sure to write up the new prices in the newsletter before they go into effect. Also, Melissa will look into designing a label to stick on the bags with church contact info, such as St. Mary's has on their bags. Next sale is April 5th.

3. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – El Divino, TJ – 1 house - have 10 or so signed up, most of which have attended before, so will do most of the planning via email, with a short meeting scheduled for April 6th at 7 pm before our next committee meeting. Cost is \$25/person. Melissa will buy a Bible for the family, Gordon is checking on paint and a prehung door at Restore.

4. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled. Gordon will contact both farms to see if they would be interested in leading an informational meeting. New news: none. Gordon will follow up. We visited the farm and still have no information.

5. CROP Walk – March 8th. Old news: Our church is not hosting, but we will offer help with crossing guards, as we did last year. Gordon will put a “save the date” in January newsletter. He will also take an idea to the committee to have tables from the groups who receive benefits from the CROP Walk in the park before the walk – to share their programs with the walkers, and express their gratitude. Sign ups will be Feb. 15, 22, and Mar. 1, Gordon may need help on the patio with this. We are hosting a rest stop and the crossing guards. Walk begins at Trinity at 1:30. New news: We are set to go, with about 25 walkers, volunteers for rest stops and crossing guards.

6. Habitat Work Day: Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Oxnard and Santa Paula – Oxnard’s foundation is poured and walls are getting tipped up. Santa Paula is being poured on Wednesday. He wants to do a workday at Santa Paula on March 28 and another on May 9. He will get info to Marilyn for bulletins and email.

7. March 1st Blood Drive – 20 units from 18 volunteers. A record for Mount Cross. Thank you to Kevin for organizing. We’d like to check into how many were from outside Mount Cross, and expand on that by advertising a little more widespread. The next drive is scheduled for June 7th.

8. Compassion International Sunday – April 26th – Karen has everything under control. She will begin advertising in the April newsletter.

9. “Care Bags” for office or in car use – Old news: “Care bags” were suggested to offer to church members to keep in our cars to offer to people who appear to need help. It would include a granola bar or something like it, a water bottle, a card with helpful information, etc.. If begun with seed money, this could be something that pays for itself. New news: We will continue to discuss this issue. Bob C suggested including a McDonald’s buck in the bag, Erik said maybe it could be an envelope with info card and McD \$ to make it easy to store in glove box.

10. LSS Barrel – monthly requests – Mary will write up something to be included in the newsletter on a monthly basis, and Bob B volunteered to take things over to the office. They are looking for basic hygiene supplies for the showers they run, including new socks and underwear for the clients.

11. World Fair Trade Day – May 10th – It will be included in the sermon, and mini Equal Exchange chocolate bars will be passed out at the end of the service.

12. Synod Hunger conference – March 14th – at First Lutheran in Glendale, theme is “Diseases of Poverty” Erik will be taking a group of youth, and will get info into the

newsletter and bulletins. There will be a bus from Ascension, so we can reserve spots and carpool to the event.

13. Thrivent report - Mary got her letter saying Mount Cross has been allocated \$1250 this year. Also, Larry Vincent is stepping down as a representative, and Bob Brundage is volunteering.

14. Bread for the World Advocacy – Erik printed copies of a letter to Rep. Gallagly, which he invited us to sign and send.

15. ACTION Day – June 6-7 Taking it to the Streets – We need a point person who will attend a meeting on March 12th to learn how to access the system, and be the contact for the event, as Erik will be on sabbatical.

16. Planning calendar: Join Hands Day (May); Ted Turner/LWR grant; Food Faith Farming Day.

17. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

18. Next meeting will be held on April 6th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross. Also, the following meeting will be May 4th at 7:30

19. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 2/2/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, and Bob Boyer

Welcome Mike Laskey, new council liaison and Nora Wall, new member!

Absent: Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 1/5/2009 meeting were reviewed (changes made: item 1, date; item 4, \$4274 for Alternative gifts, item 10, "this year" and "cropwalk committee") and approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$348.75 on Feb. 1 (Thank you Bob!) Shari Gallagher offered to help with the Mar 1 sale, Nora and Mary may also be available.

3. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – Old News: Otay Mesa is open, and they are checking on Tijuana. Pat did schedule a meeting for January 18 at 9:30am for interested volunteers. Erik will check with Pat to see who is to be in charge of the meeting. Discussed having a "back up plan" such as New City parish, just in case anything changes before our departure. New news: The meeting was lightly attended, but we're ready to go ahead with one house. Questioned whether another group planning meeting had been scheduled to get helpers for food, collect deposit, etc.. Gordon will follow up with Pat.

4. Souper Bowl of Caring - St. Columba's Food Pantry: Event was very successful, raised 141 cans of food and \$600.77, plus an additional \$200 match from Thrivent. Passed out about 20 E script forms for Food Share. Next year, would like to see the youth take it on completely. Melissa will follow up in the newsletter with a thank you to the congregation and leave E script forms in the office.

5. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled. Gordon will contact both farms to see if they would be interested in leading an informational meeting. New news: none. Gordon will follow up.

6. CROP Walk – March 8th. Old news: Our church is not hosting, but we will offer help with crossing guards, as we did last year. Gordon will put a "save the date" in January newsletter. He will also take an idea to the committee to have tables from the groups who receive benefits from the CROP Walk in the park before the walk – to share their programs with the walkers, and express their gratitude. New news: Sign ups will be Feb. 15, 22, and Mar. 1, Gordon may need help on the patio with this. We are hosting a rest stop and the crossing guards. Walk begins at Trinity at 1:30.

7. Habitat Work Day: Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Oxnard and Santa Paula – which are behind schedule (waiting for permits). Therefore, the workday has been postponed – to sometime in May. Habitat may also be offering a monthly "church Saturday" once the sites are moving along. Site is still TBD, but Santa Paula is the Thrivent house, so that would be the site of choice.

8. Budget – Budget for 2009 was approved at \$1500.
9. Gift certificates for office use – discussed the possibility of a plea to the congregation to help provide gift certificates to the increasing numbers of people who come into the office looking for help. Instead, perhaps a letter expressing our concern and locations where people can go to get help – building on our connection with St. Columba's. "Care bags" were suggested to offer to church members to keep in our cars to offer to people who appear to need help. It would include a granola bar or something like it, a water bottle, a card with helpful information, etc.. If begun with seed money, this could be something that pays for itself.
10. Compassion International Sunday – April 26th – Karen Nelson has requested support for setting up a table on the patio to inform Mt. Cross members about the possibility of "adopting" a child from Compassion International. The committee agrees, and Melissa will contact Karen about getting a write up into the newsletter and bulletins.
11. Blood Drive – March 1st – Kevin has begun advertising for this event. He may need help with sign-ups or calling past donors.
12. Make It Bake It Fund Requests – These are due ASAP – Erik and Mike will make a request for \$1000 to support next year's Spring Mission Trip. (We asked for that same amount last year, and were granted \$600.)
13. Synod Hunger conference – March 14th – at First Lutheran in Glendale, theme is "Diseases of Poverty" Erik will be taking a group of youth, and will get info into the newsletter and bulletins.
14. Planning calendar: partnering more with LSS; ACTION Day (June 6+7); Join Hands Day (May); Ted Turner/LWR grant; Food Faith Farming Day.
15. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.
15. Next meeting will be held on Mar 2, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.
Also, the following meeting will be April 6th at 7:30 (planning ahead so Marilyn can get it in the newsletter).
17. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 1/5/2009 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough, and Bob Boyer

Absent: Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Melissa. Minutes from 12/8/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. Made changes to money raised from Alternative Christmas projects.

2. Please read your email and review Annual Write Up.

3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$269.50 on Jan.4 (Thank you Mary!) We opted to stay with Equal Exchange to purchase chocolate to maintain ease of ordering and familiarity with the product. We may still have to look at raising prices slightly to break even.

4. Alternative Christmas Bazaar – Very successful, Gifts of Hope raised more than \$4274, African Craft Fair raised \$743.

5. Kimberly's Box – Served 20 children. While delivering to LSS, some families arrived to pick up, so she got to meet them. Committee talked about continuing the program next year with Kimberly leading, and perhaps mentoring a younger high school student, as we do with VBS.

6. Hickory House Christmas Party – Mary reported that it was a success. 38 residents received gifts, 6 volunteers helped with singing, cake, punch, and ice cream.

7. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – Old News: Otay Mesa is open, and they are checking on Tijuana. Pat did schedule a meeting for January 18 at 9:30am for interested volunteers. New news: Erik will check with Pat to see who is to be in charge of the meeting. Discussed having a "back up plan" such as New City parish, just in case anything changes before our departure.

8. St. Columba's Food Pantry: Committee discussed sharing duties with Charlene so as to involve more people. Also, committee would like to set a food drive in March or April – trying to use Thrivent Care in Communities. Discussed doing the Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 1st. Also have signups on the patio that day for E-Script to support Food Share. Erik will check with the youth on helping with the Souper Bowl. Melissa will make up a poster and get info to Marilyn for the bulletin and newsletter.

9. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. New news: Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled. Gordon will contact both farms to see if they would be interested in leading an informational meeting.

10. CROP Walk – This year's walk is scheduled for March 8th. Our church is not hosting, but we will offer help with crossing guards, as we did last year. Gordon will put a "save the date" in January newsletter. He will also take an idea to the citywide CROP Walk committee to have tables from the groups who receive benefits from the CROP Walk in the

park before the walk – to share their programs with the walkers, and express their gratitude.

11. Habitat Work Day: Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Oxnard and Santa Paula – which are behind schedule. Therefore, the workday has been postponed – to Feb. 21 or 28. Site is still TBD, but Santa Paula is the Thrivent house, so that would be the site of choice.

12. Budget – Erik submitted our budget request for next year for \$1500.

13. New items to think over: partnering more with LSS; Synod Hunger Conference (March 14th); ACTION Day (June); Join Hands Day (May); Ted Turner/LWR grant; Food Faith Farming Day

14. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

15. Next meeting will be held on Feb. 2, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

16. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 12/8/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Gordon + Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer, and Mary Goodenough

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in

our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Melissa. 11/3 Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$348.75 on Dec.7. Mary volunteered to help staff table in Jan. – thank you Mary. Bob volunteered to help if we call him.
3. Alternative Christmas Bazaar – African Crafts Fair raised \$743 over the two Sundays. Gifts of Hope raised \$4000+. Committee agreed that both were well worth the time.
4. Kimberly's Box – Tied to LSS, she had all of her children "claimed" and presents prepared to be delivered are already arriving in the office.
5. Hickory House Christmas Party – signups for gifts (gift cards) for 36 residents have been completed. Barbara D'Addario will play piano, others will be there to help with carols, cookies, and punch.
6. Flu Shot Clinic – 52 vaccinations given, Brundages helped Gail Baird with organization. Thanks to them all for their work.
7. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – Planning meeting Jan. 18 @ 9:30 am
Had some discussion of location. Erik will find out more details, Pat will prepare information for the meeting.
8. St. Columba's Food Pantry: Melissa will talk with Charlene
9. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled. New news: none.
10. Budget – Old news: Erik submitted our budget request for next year, cutting by 50% as was requested by the council, \$1500. As this money almost exclusively is used by the Tijuana build, that may limit our work there to one house, unless we have more fundraising to support it. New news: Erik requested committee discuss possibility of cutting back by slightly more to try and make budget for keeping the church van, a resource which our group has used in the past. No consensus was reached.
11. CROP Walk –March 8th. Gordon is serving as citywide treasurer.
12. Habitat Work Day: January 24th – Gordon will send a "save the date" in a Friday email, then advertise in January newsletter. Site is TBD.
13. End of Year Write Up for Annual Report – Gordon volunteered to do this.
14. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.
15. Next meeting will be held on January 5th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.
16. Closed with a prayer by Gordon.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 11/3/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer, and Mary Goodenough

Absent: none

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 9/8/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. Discussed having a liaison to council.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$171 on Oct. 5th (Thank you Pat!) and \$404.35 on Nov. 2nd. Chocolate prices have risen to \$2.50, so we are breaking even. Decided to wait to raise prices. Mary volunteered to help staff table in Jan. or Feb.

3. Blood Drive – Oct. 26th – 16 pints donated. Gordon will check with Kevin to get date of next drive. Thank you Kevin for keeping this event going strong.

4. ACS – Relay for Life: Oct. 11-12 – Sharon Korzan reported that Mt. Cross had 11 walkers, 13 youth participate in the service project, and raised about \$1900. Thank you Sharon for being willing to lead the Mount Cross team.

5. Alternative Christmas Bazaar – Bulletin info has been in the newsletter, the kickoff concert was Nov. 2. Erik will check with Rachel if she will be on the patio the next two Sundays. Info packets have not arrived yet, but the box of African crafts is here. Melissa will handle the sale the first week, and will call on some other people to help both weeks.

6. Angel Project – Erik checked with Char and she will not be supporting this project this year.

7. Kimberly's Box – (Avery) doesn't have a project picked, but Erik will do some research for them, possibly connecting with the ACTION plan for Christmas.

8. Tijuana / Spring Break Project – April 17-19 – Otay Mesa is open, and they are checking on Tijuana. Pat will schedule a meeting for January for interested volunteers. He will write something up for the next newsletter. Perhaps the meeting can be during Sunday School, or after the third service, rather than an evening meeting.

9. St. Columba's Food Pantry: Committee discussed sharing duties with Charlene so as to involve more people.

10. Recent Disasters – our response form – This has been put on hold.

11. Community Supported Agriculture – Old news: Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know. New news: Melissa checked into costs from Underwood Farms, also. The group size for Underwood is 20 subscribers. (Weekly needs for a family of four for \$26/week, 3 month commitment.) We still feel that an informational meeting should be scheduled.

12. Budget – Erik submitted our budget request for next year, cutting by 50% as was requested by the council, \$1500. As this money almost exclusively is used by the Tijuana build, that may limit our work there to one house, unless we have more fundraising to support it.

13. Flu Shot Clinic – Nov. 9 Gail Baird has taken this project and run with it. Thank you to Gail for keeping this worthwhile project going. We have at least 50 people signed up. Melissa will call and offer support for the day.

14. CROP Walk – Next year's walk is scheduled for March 8th. Our church is not hosting, but we will offer help with crossing guards, as we did last year.

15. Habitat Work Day: Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Simi, and reported that Thrivent will be sponsoring another house in the county. We scheduled another Mount Cross work day for January 24th.

16. Hickory House Christmas Party – Dec. 18 - Mary will check with HH on the ease of last year – gift cards – and write up something for the December newsletter to encourage people to support this project.

17. LWR Health Kits – Erik reported that, with the help of a grant from Thrivent, Vibbs Clausen purchased the necessary items for 75 health kits. 35 confirmation youth assembled the kits, and they were sent with the 101 quilts from Flinke Handed.

18. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and Melissa will write up an agenda.

19. Next meeting will be held on December 8th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

20. Closed with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 9/8/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, and Rachel Lundgren

Absent: none

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 6/9/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. New Business – Community Supported Agriculture – Erik learned that McGrath Family Farms is beginning a CSA program. He wondered if the committee would support finding out more about forming a group of subscribers at Mount Cross, perhaps scheduling a meeting to gather interested people. Groups consist of 10 or 30 subscribers. He will find out more and let us know.

3. Alternative Christmas Bazaar – Rachel came to share with us the plan of Ascension Lutheran in TO. Their theme is “The Journey Home” and will support displaced Southern Sudanese by providing them care packages from LWR. AL is offering to the community their planning and prep work, and hoping to make what had been their individual congregations’ efforts into a conference-wide focus for alternative gift giving. Packets are available, as well as adult and children’s books to explain the project. Rachel will order 100 packets (free) and 25 children’s books (she will front the money). Also having a concert (Albert McNeill Jubilee Singers) Nov. 2 which we agreed could be advertised at our church. We will use this as our kickoff day, with bulletin inserts in November, info in the newsletters, and tables on the patio.

4. Angel Project – Discussed whether to do both this and “Journey Home” – need to contact Char to see what her plan is for this project.

5. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$137.75 on Aug.3rd and \$259.65 on Sept. 7th. Had 2 more volunteers to handle Sunday sales. Need someone to work Oct.5. (Pat will check.) Placed an order 9/7/08.

6. LWR Bake Sale review – Mary reported that we raised \$435 and had more than 20 people bake items. Pat made the coffee for hospitality that morning, also. All in all a great success.

7. Rally Day review – Gordon reported that we had 6 people sign up as interested volunteers for various projects. Spoke with many people, and was very enthusiastic about the response. Erik will follow up with Whitney (Save Darfur) and Karen (Compassion International) to get their responses.

8. Blood Drive – There is a tentative date on the church calendar for October 26th. Gordon volunteered to stay in touch with Keven.

9. ACS – Relay for Life: Oct. 11-12 – Sharon Korzan will serve as coordinator. Gordon will contact Sharon and find out how Rally Day table went, and if she needs any support from committee.

10. Habitat Work Day: July 19th – Had 9 volunteers work. Gordon updated the committee on the status of the houses in Simi, and reported that Thrivent may be sponsoring another house in the county. Based on the response to the day, and the signups on Rally Day, Gordon will plan another day soon, for sometime in the fall.

11. St. Columba’s Food Pantry: Committee commends Charlene for her faithful work and constant newsletter additions. All appreciated the latest info in the last newsletter about how people qualify for help from the pantry.

12. Future fundraiser – cloth shopping bags. Old news: *Melissa reported that prices had increased on all bags, although by only cents. Still want 15oz natural color bags, with*

logo on one side, in one color ink. Plan to charge \$10 per bag to make this a fundraiser. Decided funds raised will go toward the Tijuana housebuilding trip. Will say, "Mount Cross Lutheran Church – Caring for God's creation!" Committee agreed to order 100 bags, which might cost around \$500. Melissa will work on the logo (globe with cross, sanctuary sketch) and submit it to committee via email when she has something. Committee would prefer globe with cross or globe in hands. Aim for Rally Day sale. Gordon will talk with Patti Stouch about designing a logo. Pat will share a portion of the costs with Bob and Gordon. New news: none.

13. Recent Disaster Response Form – Old News: Bob will work on the response form to print in the bulletin. New news: none.

14. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and Melissa will write up an agenda.

15. Next meeting will be held on October 6th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 7/7/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Cy Johnson, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough

Absent: Pastor Erik Goehner

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Cy. Minutes from 6/9/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$137.75 on July 6th. Slightly less than normal, but it was a holiday weekend. Cy, Mary, Bob, and David DelMarto have all volunteered to take a day of selling when needed in the future (thank you). Melissa will place an order before next sale.

3. Blood Drive – June 22nd – results: Cy thought we raised between 14-16 pints, will double check with Kevin.

4. Compassion International – Aug. 3 – Pastor Erik was not here to report.

5. Future fundraiser – cloth shopping bags. Old news: Melissa reported that prices had increased on all bags, although by only cents. Still want 15oz natural color bags, with logo on one side, in one color ink. Plan to charge \$10 per bag to make this a fundraiser. Decided funds raised will go toward the Tijuana housebuilding trip. Will say, “Mount Cross Lutheran Church – Caring for God’s creation!” Committee agreed to order 100 bags, which might cost around \$500. Melissa will work on the logo (globe with cross, sanctuary sketch) and submit it to committee via email when she has something. New News: Committee would prefer globe with cross or globe in hands. Aim for Rally Day sale. Gordon will talk with Patti Stouch about designing a logo. Pat will share a portion of the costs with Bob and Gordon.

6. Food Share Youth Work Day - Pastor Erik was not here to report.

7. ACS – Relay for Life: Oct. 11-12 – Sharon Korzan will serve as coordinator. Cy reported that she has been to a few planning meetings and will let us know when she needs our help.

8. Habitat Work Day: July 19th – Currently have 7 volunteers signed up. Lunch will be provided by Habitat. Gordon will be on the patio this Sunday with building materials and a clipboard to try and get the last few volunteers.

9. St. Columba’s Food Pantry: No new information at this time.

10. Recent Disasters: Old News: Bob suggested putting some information into the newsletter on the differences between the Lutheran organizations, such as LDR and ELCA Hunger Appeal. Feels if the congregation knows the “track record” of these organizations it would be easier to make a decision in a time of disaster as to where to send personal donations. He will write something and submit it to Marilyn. New news: Church included a letter from the bishop a few weeks back in the bulletin, and Bob believes something similar to what he was putting together was already printed in the newsletter. He will check with Erik.

11. Review Calendar: The “Yearly Plan” log was shared with the committee. It can now serve as service log and planning tool.

Alternative Christmas Bazaar – Melissa suggested speaking with Rachel Lindgren about staffing a table for ELCA Good Gifts or Heifer Intl. again this year.

LWR Bake Sale – Mary would like to host a bake sale to raise money for LWR. She expressed interest in using our matching funds from Thrivent, however, that money is supposed to stay at Mount Cross, such as for the Raise the Roof campaign. Committee decided the church needed the funds, but we decided to progress with the Bake Sale on August 24 strictly as a straight fundraiser for LWR. It will also provide some hospitality on the patio. Melissa volunteered to be the coffee host that morning.

Table for Darfur – Whitney Carver has asked to set up a table on the patio about the continuing tragedy happening in Darfur. Committee would love to help in any way that we can. She needs to let us know what date she is leaning towards, and what help she needs.

Resignation of Cy Johnson – Cy, longtime member and last chairperson, announced his desire to resign from the committee. He has been an active volunteer for many years, and we voted he wasn't allowed to leave us. JUST KIDDING! It is with sadness that we let him go, hopefully to rejoin us at sometime in the future. We will expect to still have him volunteer for projects he feels passionate for, and we thank him for his many hours of good service and leadership.

14. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Bob volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and Melissa will write up an agenda.

15. Next meeting will be held on August 4th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 6/9/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Cy Johnson, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Began with a prayer from Gordon. Minutes from 5/12/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. Read the mission statement aloud, to focus our group. Decided we need to include our mission statement on our newsletter page. Gordon will write up a note about the changes we have made, and to invite new members to join our committee.

After that has run, we will include the mission statement in small font at the top or bottom of our page in the newsletter.

2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$243 on June 1st. Melissa will make another attempt to write a request for more help – it would be nice to have some other helpers to count on for some of the 12 Sundays.

3. Servant Trip to Slidell: May 3- May 10. The MIBI funds came through at \$500. However, the memorial funds we requested were denied. The committee decided to spend \$380 out of our budget to reimburse the team for their trip (minus airfare). Gordon will submit his receipts.

4. Day of Service: Weekend of May 31- June 1. After a wonderful lunch (sandwiches provided by Cy, chips by Mary and Bob, drinks by Melissa and Gordon, and dessert by Erik) our team of 30 workers headed to the park. We got to every address on our list, and only left one home unfinished. Erik proposed hosting a small group to go back and finish the painting work. Committee approved, and we picked a tentative date of 6/21 9-11am to head back. Erik will check with the homeowner. Melissa suggested the next time we take flyers from Mt. Cross to hand to our homeowners as a way of sharing information with them. Also, sending someone over the day before to walk through all the job sites, gathering more insight into the jobs and perhaps organizing the team a little better before we all descend on the site, mostly to prioritize jobs to make certain we can get to everyone who needed help. Erik shared a note the church had received, and reported it even included a donation to Mount Cress. Committee decided to send thank you notes to the participants; Erik will type something up, Melissa will print and address them.

5. Future fundraiser – cloth shopping bags. Melissa reported that prices had increased on all bags, although by only cents. Still want 15oz natural color bags, with logo on one side, in one color ink. Plan to charge \$10 per bag to make this a fundraiser. Decided funds raised will go toward the Tijuana housebuilding trip. Will say, “Mount Cross Lutheran Church – Caring for God’s creation!” Committee agreed to order 100 bags, which might cost around \$500. Melissa will work on the logo (globe with cross, sanctuary sketch) and submit it to committee via email when she has something.

6. Food Share Youth Work Day – Erik had yet to pick a date. He will do so before the next meeting.

7. ACS – Relay for Life: no change from last month. This will be our focus for September and October. Do not have a date yet, but Cy will call Sharon Korzan and ask if she will serve as the coordinator again. He will also ask her what support she would like from the committee, and when she would like to start her advertising push. We would like to see a more unified team of youth and adult walkers.

8. Habitat Work Day: Gordon did not advertise the father/child workday as there was a “registration fee” for the day of work. He did pick a date for a Mount Cross workday – July 19th – and had it advertised in the last newsletter and bulletin. He will continue to take signups.

9. Blood Drive: We have a blood drive scheduled for June 22nd. Kevin Churchill is in charge of gathering volunteers. Currently have 13 sign-ups, would like 20.

10. St. Columba’s Food Pantry: No new information at this time. Committee would like more feedback from St Columba’s to increase involvement with the congregation – perhaps they have a need that we could focus on? Gordon will make contact with the pantry, and find out facts to include in the bulletin, such as the number of families they help, or the volume of food they receive.

11. Recent Disasters: Bob suggested putting some information into the newsletter on the differences between the Lutheran organizations, such as LDR and ELCA Hunger Appeal. Feels if the congregation knows the “track record” of these organizations it would be easier to make a decision in a time of disaster as to where to send personal donations. He will write something and submit it to Marilyn

12. Compassion International: Erik will contact Karen about hosting a table on the patio on Aug. 3rd to share with the congregation.

13. Review Calendar: Melissa has designed a new spreadsheet to track volunteer time and money, hopefully making it easier to write a report at the end of the year. Erik suggested a change to it that would help it serve both as a log of hours and as a planning tool. Melissa will make the changes and bring it to the next meeting for approval. Erik also mentioned that the group who sends the box of African Christmas presents contacted him about our participation this year. Committee decided November would be a good time for an “alternative Christmas Bazaar” – including these boxed goods, and possibly a focus such as Heifer Intl or ELCA Good Gifts (perhaps olive oil from Mount of Olives). Will discuss further and choose a date.

14. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Pat volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

15. Next meeting will be held on July 7th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 5/12/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Cy Johnson, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer
Absent: Mary Goodenough

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Minutes from 4/7/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold \$153 on May 4th. Many thanks to Nora Wall and Scott Fajnor for handling the sale. Melissa will write for the bulletin a request for more help – it would be nice to have someone else do 6 of the 12 Sundays. Bob volunteered to help with the next sale on June 1st at 8:45.
3. Servant Trip to Slidell: May 3- May 10. Gordon and Melissa gave a review of their trip. It was great. They worked hard and got a lot done. The team worked well together, and were already discussing their NEXT trip while still on this one. Melissa will write up a review for the newsletter, and also set up a table on the patio on a Sunday morning, once they have compiled all their pictures. Cy will fill out and turn in the Memorial Request Form to request money to cover lodging.
Total dollars spent: \$880.
600 lodging, 220 van, 60 gas, (airfare paid by volunteers)
Total hours of service worked: 166 hours volunteered
“Wages” - \$5.30/hour
4. Day of Service: Weekend of May 31- June 1. The committee chose a project at the mobile home park in Camarillo. Erik shared video clip last Sunday and took signups on the patio. We have 25 people signed up so far. We want to call and remind the volunteers the week before. Erik was going to catch up with Gordon on what the projects are going to be, so we can bring the right tools, etc... The committee will provide lunch on the patio after third service; bread, cold cuts, cheese, chips, drinks, peanut butter and jelly (with a free will offering). We will then have a blessing for the work, and get to it!
5. Future fundraiser – cloth shopping bags. Melissa brought in the Henry's favorite shopping bag – and found a few options on the web that would fit that size. We discussed options, and decided to go with 15oz natural color bags, with logo on one side, in one color ink. We also discussed charging \$10 per bag to make this a fundraiser. May say,

“Mount Cross Lutheran church – Caring for God’s creation!” Members are to think if we can make this any catchier by the next meeting. Bob and Gordon offered to provide seed money for this project.

6. Make It Bake It funds - \$500 from the MIBI has been earmarked to go to Slidell with our volunteers to help defray costs. Still no decision from council on this issue.

7. St. Columba’s Food Pantry: No new information at this time.

8. Coffee Sale at Earth Day: “Food Faith Farming” took place 4/26 at North Oxnard United Methodist Church. Gordon and Melissa attended and sold Fair Trade Coffee. They got tons of information and had a lovely meal. They also sold about \$220. Spoke to the sponsors about making this an annual event, as it was a lovely day.

9. CROP Walk Update: Final totals are in! \$22,536 raised at Camarillo walk, with 183 walkers. Mount Cross raised \$1900 with 22 walkers. The citywide group still needs a volunteer to serve as treasurer, and a host church for next year’s walk.

10. Food Share Youth Work Day in Summer – Committee discussed perhaps making Food Share our focus for the summer, during June and July, when donations are usually down. Erik will look at calendar to schedule a project day for the jr/sr high groups to go and sort food. Erik suggested doing a “glean” of Mount Cross members fruit trees, since youth are too young to glean in the fields for Food Share (and they are trying to provide more fresh fruits, etc.). It was also suggested that we advertised 2 weeks ahead to encourage congregation to donate canned food or money, to get them involved.

11. ACS – Relay for Life: this will be our focus for September and October. Do not have a date yet, but Cy will call Sharon Korzan and ask if she will be the coordinator again. He will also ask her what support she would like from the committee, and when she would like to start her advertising push. We would like to see a more unified team of youth and adult walkers.

12. Habitat Work Day: Gordon will check days and schedule a Mount Cross day on the Simi Valley site. He will also check rules for age of volunteers, and possibly find a way to have the youth help, perhaps by providing help with lunch prep and serving. Gordon will also write an advertisement for the newsletter to encourage people to attend the Father/Child work day on the Saturday before Father’s Day.

13. Recent Disasters: It was brought up that our committee might need to take the lead on making sure that all the recent disaster areas are kept in the newsletters, and in our prayers on Sundays. Perhaps we need to look into Lutheran organizations for support – such as LWR, LDR, and Direct Relief (of Santa Barbara) – and encourage our congregants to use these organizations to support the relief effort needed around the globe. Also, we could have China Venture Services come and talk at Mount Cross.

14. Blood Drive: We have a blood drive scheduled for June 22nd. Kevin Churchill is in charge of gathering volunteers.

15. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Gordon volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

12. Next meeting will be held on June 9th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross. (NOTE: not the first Monday, but the second, due to conflict with another committee meeting. Also, we agreed to end the meeting at 9pm, regardless of what is left to discuss.)

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 4/7/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Cy Johnson, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher, Bob Boyer

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in

our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Special presentation from Karen Nelson and Steve Armatage (representative from CI) on Compassion International. Spoke of hosting a compassion Sunday to encourage Mount Cross members to sponsor a child. Decided as a committee we need to take this to the pastors and discuss it with them. Our thanks to them for presenting.

2. Minutes from 3/3/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Tijuana Servant Trip: Had 13 volunteers. Built two shelters, almost to completion. Got rain on Saturday night and left to come home after breakfast on Sunday without going back to job sites. Still, it was a very successful trip. Group worked well together, families were excited. We missed the house dedication/key ceremony due to the rain, which was a disappointment. Pat had collected deposits from every volunteer except the Henrys and Bruce Wilcox. Mary collected more money than we spent on food, so there should be some left in the account (Melissa will check totals).

Discussion on whether to host one house or two for next year, due to low volunteer turnout, and expense. Will decide as we approach build next year.

4. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold almost \$260 on April 6. Need to place an order, which Melissa will do at committee's approval. Melissa will not be in town for the next sale, and has asked Nora Wall to host. Next sale May 3.

5. Servant Trip to Slidell: May 3- May 10. Have 4 volunteers, and bought plane tickets. Mary will be doing some checking on using memorial funds to help defray costs to volunteers. Did have \$500 earmarked from MIBI funds to help cover rental car and room/board costs. We will know after Saturday how much of that we get.

6. Day of Service: Weekend of May 31- June 1. Erik shared video clip. Committee discussed planning the service activity on Sunday, due to schedule conflicts on Saturday, and also to wear work clothes to church – and leave sanctuary to “go forth and serve”. Every committee member is to review the work list by next meeting and pick a few projects that sound interesting. We agreed to discuss projects via email and choose one BEFORE the next meeting. www.actionvc.org Erik will try and print a new copy of the work list, and will contact hosts about worship possibilities on Sunday morning. We discussed choosing a project that did not involve construction such as yard work, or organizing, etc., to perhaps draw in some new people eager to serve.

7. LSS Donation Barrel: Melissa contacted LSS representative to get the list. She has not heard back. We agreed to table this mission until further contact from LSS.

8. Bread for a Hungry World Conference: Erik took 6 youth. They participated in a re-creation of different living situation around the globe, and in a drum circle with Jon Vevia. Erik reported that all had fun, and learned as well.

9. Future fundraiser – cloth shopping bags. We want to keep this on hand for the future. Melissa will check and see about sizes and prices, based on information given to her by Erik last month.

10. Make It Bake It funds - \$500 from the MIBI has been earmarked to go to Slidell with our volunteers to help defray costs. We will know an exact figure after Saturday night.

11. Thrivent Funds left - \$600 in Care in Congregations to be used by end of year. Erik suggested using MIBI, to get the money to go to Slidell. There are requirements for advertising, and it is late to get that, and Melissa and Gordon both feel the money could be better used AT Mount Cross for a project. We have lots of time to access this money.

12. Coffee Sale at Earth Day: Melissa passed out flyers for an event titled "Food Faith Farming" taking place 4/26 at North Oxnard United Methodist Church. We have been asked to participate by hosting a resource table for information about Equal Exchange products, and will be allowed to sell coffee. Committee supported the idea, as well as advertising for the event at Mount Cross, in the newsletter, email, and kiosk. Gordon and Melissa volunteered to staff the table.

13. Chair and Secretary Position Melissa volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Pat volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

12. Next meeting will be held on May 12th, 7:30 pm at Mount Cross. (NOTE: not the first Monday, but the second, due to the mission trip to Slidell AND a time change to better accommodate schedules. Also, we agreed to end the meeting at 9pm, regardless of what is left to discuss.)

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 3/3/2008 Committee Meeting

Present: Cy Johnson, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry, Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher

Absent: Char Wall

Welcome new member Bob Boyer!

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Minutes from 2/11/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Tijuana Servant Trip: Have 19 volunteers. Check has been mailed to cover 2 houses. Cost is \$3200, \$1000 from designated funds, the rest from our budget. \$25/per person registration fee covers \$12/night lodging at the mission center. Pat will be emailing crew about the registration fee and to send out permission slips/ volunteer forms, etc.. Melissa will help gather food/cash donation from church members to cover cost of feeding the crew. Mary will take signups on the patio Sunday, March 9. Melissa will get info to Marilyn to get in the bulletin, Friday email, etc.. Pat will be working on carpooling.
3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: Sold almost \$250 on March 2. Melissa is making an information binder to have on the table with the product. Committee decided to raise prices by \$.25 – bringing coffee to \$6.25 and chocolate bars to \$2.50, as current prices are just breaking even. This will give us a little money to cover tastings, any damage, etc. Did update the newsletter info, but need to update the bulletin, including more facts about the benefits of buying and drinking this coffee. Next sale April 6.
4. CROP Walk: 25th anniversary, starting at City Hall at 12:30 (registration) 1:15 (walk), hosted by Padre Serra. Gordon will be setting up a table at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, March 8, Bob will join him and help pass out info. Gordon and Cy will set up the course. Bob and Joan Brundage have volunteered to staff the registration table, and John Pitsch has volunteered to serve as a crossing guard. We currently have 14 walkers. Gordon has a small quantity of T-shirts and can order more (new design this year).
5. Servant Trip to Slidell: May 3- May 10 – Note new dates. Have set a goal of 10 volunteers. Currently have 4. Concerned that the cost to volunteers may be prohibitive to some. Want to do some fundraising - perhaps selling light bulbs – “Let your light shine” suggested \$5 each for compact fluorescents – donated by Gordon. Or asking for sponsors. Mary will be doing some checking on using memorial funds to help defray costs to volunteers. Gordon will get new info to Marilyn for next newsletter.
6. Blood Drive: was March 2. Gordon will contact Kevin to find out how many pints were donated.
7. Day of Service: Weekend of May 31- June 1. Erik has video clip to share with us next meeting, possibly to play in church? Committee discussed planning the service activity on Sunday, due to schedule conflicts on Saturday, and also to wear work clothes to church – and leave sanctuary to “go forth and serve”. Every committee member is to review the work list by next meeting and pick a few projects that sound interesting. www.actionvc.org (Erik has a hard copy if members need it.) We discussed choosing a project that did not involve construction such as yard work, or organizing, etc., to perhaps draw in some new people eager to serve. Project will be chosen at our next meeting.
8. LSS Donation Barrel: Char was not present to discuss. Gordon will contact her.
9. Review Time and Talent: Cy passed out copies of Time and Talent Volunteers list to all members present. Please use to contact people who have expressed interest in certain activities.

10. Other Business : Erik passed out a flyer for the Bread for a Hungry World Conference, and is taking some youth in the church van (still has seats available for any committee member who wants to ride along).

Melissa brought up an idea for a fundraiser – cloth bags with Mount Cross logo. Erik had some research on it, so this is something to keep in mind for the future, perhaps for the youth when they travel to LA for conference next summer.

11. Chair and Secretary Position – Welcome again to Bob Boyer, new member. Gordon volunteered to write up minutes and get them to Marilyn. Mary volunteered to serve as lead for next meeting and write up an agenda.

12. Next meeting will be held on April 7th, 7 pm at Mount Cross.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of 2/11/2008 Committee Meeting
Held at the home of Gordon and Melissa Henry

Present: Cy Johnson, Char Wall, Mary Goodenough, Gordon and Melissa Henry
Absent: Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher

Our Mission:

Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.

1. Minutes from 1/7/2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Day of Service: Weekend of May 31- June 1. Pastor Erik was absent from this meeting, but should have more info for us at the next meeting.
3. Fair Trade Coffee Sale: events to continue the first Sunday of each month
The sale on Feb. 3 was small, but it was a rainy day and Teen Challenge was there. Melissa placed an order for more decaf and chocolate. Melissa also ordered more materials, and would like to make a tripod sign to put out on sale Sundays. Also, need to update the newsletter info, including more facts about the benefits of buying and drinking this coffee. Next sale March 2.
4. CROP Walk: 25th anniversary, starting at City Hall at 12:30 (registration) 1:15 (walk), hosted by Padre Serra. Mt Cross needs to provide 2 crossing guards. Signups began last Sun. Organization needs a new treasurer – any volunteers?
5. Servant Trip to Slidell: April 26 – May 3 Have set a goal of 10 volunteers. Want to do a fundraiser of selling light bulbs – “Let your light shine” suggested \$5 each for compact fluorescents – donated by Gordon. Or asking for sponsors. Gordon will get new info to Marilyn for next newsletter.
6. Tijuana Servant Trip: Need more signups, have 8 so far. Pat was absent from this meeting. Gordon will contact Pat to get a meeting date for a planning meeting – must be in to Marilyn before Friday, Feb. 15 to make March calendar mailing. Recognizing that any fundraiser will compete with the need to raise money for the roof repair and considering the Service and Mission budget, the Committee will consider building one rather than two homes in Tijuana.
7. Blood Drive: March 2. Cy will contact Kevin to see if he needs any help.
8. Review Time and Talent: Both Bob Boyer and Josh Graziani will be contacted by Cy to see if they would like to join.
9. Chair and Secretary Position: Have chosen to rotate the position from month to month until a new chair and secretary are found. Gordon volunteered to chair the next meeting, Melissa volunteered to write up the minutes. Perhaps Josh will be our liaison to council?

10. Reviewed Mission Statement: Modified it but need to bring our focus back to it, and apply it to our projects. Make sure we are reaching all 3 areas of our goals.

11. LSS donation barrel: Char will contact Brenda Byers to get a list of current needs, coordinate write-ups for the bulletin, and see if she can arrange someone to pick up directly from the church.

12. St. Columba's Food Pantry: Mary will contact Charlene and see if she needs any help from the committee at this time.

13. Next meeting will be held on March 3rd, 7 pm at Mount Cross.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee

Minutes of 1/7/08 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik, Kevin Churchill, Pat Gallagher, Char Wall and Cy Johnson

Absent: Gordon and Melissa Henry, Mary Goodenough

Reports and Old Business:

- 1) 1) Minutes of 12/3/07 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 2) 2) Fair Trade Coffee Tasting: it was agreed that the sales events will continue on the first Sunday of each month. Having missed the intended sale on January 6th, the next sale will be February 3rd, 2008.
- 3) 3) Servant Trip to Slidell: A renewed recruiting drive will be undertaken with the intent of scheduling a trip beginning on the last weekend of April, 2008. The Henrys were not available to report on progress.
- 4) 4) Relay for Life (American Cancer Society): Kevin Churchill reported that Sharon Korzan felt very positive about her experience organizing the Mount Cross participants and that she is likely to do so again next year.
- 5) 5) Tijuana Servant Trip: The trip will be on March 28-30, 2008. Notes for the Grapevine and bulletin were discussed and sign-ups will begin immediately. Pat and Pastor Erik will make a presentation to the Youth on the last Sunday in January. This year the volunteers will be at El Divino Salvador, nearer downtown Tijuana. Volunteers will be asked to contribute a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit at sign-up. We understand that the cost per-house this year is \$1,600 and two are planned.
- 6) 6) Hickory House Christmas Party: Thank you to Mary Goodenough (in absentia) for her work organizing this year's gifts and event.
- 7) 7) LSS Angel Project: Thank you to Char Wall and the Henrys for a very successful effort at Christmas. Donated school supplies allowed siblings of those receiving gifts to receive a gift as well, and these were very well received and appreciated.

New Business:

- 1) 1) A general discussion of the goals and projects for the coming year brought new ideas to consider and reaffirmed existing plans. The Committee agreed that it would be easy and effective to join in the Day of Service event this spring. Pastor Erik will check on dates and the array of possible target projects. Habitat is starting a project in Simi Valley and volunteers are welcome there.
- 2) 2) The Committee's planning calendar is complete through March of 2008. The Chair asked for corrections and further dates to add.
- 3) 3) The Chair expressed his desire to step down and invited nominations/volunteers to be Chair for 2008. Members will consider it.
- 4) 4) The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th.

Adjournment and prayer offered by Pastor Erik.

Respectfully Submitted, Cy Johnson

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee

Minutes of 11/12/07 Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry and Cy Johnson
Absent: Kevin Churchill, Pat Gallagher and Char Wall

After a brief devotion and prayer, the meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Reports and Old Business:

- 8) 8) Minutes of the 9/18/07 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 9) 9) Fair Trade Coffee Tasting: Better recordkeeping to track receipts and assure that any surplus is sent to Lutheran World Relief was discussed. Pastor Erik noted that a new designated fund titled Fair Trade has been added to the balance sheet. The next sales will be December second and January sixth, 2008.
- 10)10) Servant Trip to Slidell (January 2008): Gordon and Melissa Henry will lead the trip. As of this date it appears there are seven interested volunteers. Attractive airline fares are available.
- 11)11) Relay for Life (American Cancer Society): Thank you to Sharon Korzan and Kevin Churchill for organizing the 2007 Team. Kevin Churchill was not available to recap the event.
- 12)12) Blood Drive: Kevin Churchill had previously reported that sixteen units were donated, a very successful effort. Thank you to all donors.
- 13)13) Flu Shot Clinic: Thank you to Gail Baird, Joan Brundage and Bob Brundage for carrying out the event.
- 14)14) African Craft Sales: Char Wall was not available to report on sales.
- 15)15) Finalize date of Tijuana trip June 22nd or June 29th: The date remains undetermined after a discussion of alternative dates and Pat Gallagher's June Commitments. Cy Johnson will check on passport rule for 2008.
- 16)16) Plan Hickory House Christmas party: Mary Goodenough reported that the party will be held on December 18th. This year gifts for residents will be simpler to purchase since they will simply be gift cards.
- 17)17) Make It Bake It Fund Requests: After discussion, members agreed to pass all requests for Make It Bake It funds to Council. The conflict of interest resulting from

Service and Mission making funding recommendations when its own requests compete with others was noted.

18)18) Fund raiser for military families: Mary Goodenough reported that over \$400 was donated by members at the No Bake Bake Sale. \$300 will be matched by Thrivent, bringing the total to over \$700 available to help with holiday food.

19)19) LSS Angel Project: Char Wall was not available to report. On her behalf Melissa Henry reported that sign-ups will begin Sunday 11/18.

New Business: _____

Due to the extended discussion of Old Business and other commitments by committee members, discussion of New Business items was deferred to the December Meeting

Other Business: Members agreed that we should talk with Charleen Behrschmidt to offer assistance with St. Columba's Food Pantry. Cy Johnson will call her.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Pastor Erik provided a sending prayer.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of October 23, 2005 Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Sue Ingram, Char Wall, Gordon Henry, Paul Pendolino, Cy Johnson

- I. I. The Committee confirmed that the activities of the Committee for the coming year would include:
 - a. a. The Blood Drive, coordinated by Paul Pendolino
 - b. b. The Flu Shot Clinic, also coordinated by Paul Pendolino
 - c. c. Support for Relay for Life
 - i. i. In the past this has been independent of Service and Missions
 - ii. ii. This year, the coordinator, Bill Greason will be invited to join the committee and the committee will offer more deliberate support.
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Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee

DRAFT Minutes of the 8 -27 -07 Committee Meeting

Present: Kevin Churchill, Pastor Erik, Pat Gallagher, Mary Goodenough, Cy Johnson and Char Wall.

Absent: Gordon Henry

Meeting came to order at 7:10

Reports and Old Business:

20)20) Minutes of June meeting were approved.

21)21) Fair Trade Coffee Tasting: The Committee agreed that the next sale would be held on September 30th. The donation of surplus funds from the sale to Lutheran World Relief was affirmed. Char Wall will draft instructions on how to operate the coffee sale.

22) Servant Trip to Slidell: Cy will contact Pastor Barbara to inquire about a suitable date in January or February.

23) Relay for Life (American Cancer Society): October 13-14. Kevin Churchill reported that Sharon Korzan is recruiting walkers and that Tracy Fickensher will be in charge of the youth. This year our youth can sell lumarias honoring or memorializing loved ones as part of their fundraising effort. Pastor Erik noted that the Synod Youth Gathering is on the same weekend at CLU. It may be possible, but difficult for youth to attend both events. Nonetheless, youth can be effective at fundraising.

24) Blood Drive: Kevin Churchill reported that the next event will be on October 28th, 2007.

25) Recruiting: The Committee hopes to attract additional members and volunteers at Rally Day.

26) Flu Shot Clinic: Cy Johnson reported that the Flu Shot Clinic date was still uncertain.

27) Habitat for Humanity: A new Habitat project in Simi Valley begins 9/15/07. Support by Lutheran volunteers at the Thrivent House in Oxnard remains important and welcome.

New Business: _____

- 1) 1) The next meeting date will be September 17th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Cross
- 2) 2) The Committee reviewed fall events.
 - a. a. Mary Goodenough will organize the Hickory House Christmas Party.
 - b. b. Char Wall has recruited volunteers to help with the Lutheran Social Services Christmas Gift effort.
- 3) 3) Make It Bake It Grants: The Committee understands is that only items requested as part of standing committee budgets, but not approved by Council as part of the Calendar Year 2008 budget will be considered for Make It Bake It Grants. Council will decide which of those items will be awarded grants from Make It Bake It Funds. Therefore, Service and Mission Committee's role will be limited to the consideration of its own budget and including in its budget projects or fund requests brought to it by members of the congregation.
- 4) 4) The Chair noted that at the next meeting, the Committee's budget should be formulated.

- 5) 5) Alternative Christmas: A brief discussion was held on the question of whether to hold an event this year and what its format might be. A final decision was deferred until the next meeting.
- 6) 6) Coastal Cleanup Day is September 15th 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
- 7) 7) Other Business:

Adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Erik

“Draft Minutes”

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee

Minutes of 4/2/2007 Committee Meeting

Present: Kevin Churchill, Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik Goehner, Pat Gallagher, Gordon Henry, Melissa Henry, Gordon Henry Sue Ingram and Cy Johnson

Absent: Char Wall

The meeting came to order at 5:05 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Erik.

Reports and Old Business:

28)28) Fair Trade Coffee Tasting: the Committee confirmed that the monthly coffee tasting and sale will be on the third Sunday of each month. Hence the next sale will be on April 15th. Gayle Johnson placed an order for coffee, tea and chocolate bars to be offered for sale at the next event. Pending further information about shipping cost (which was later confirmed to be free with large orders), members agreed the price for all varieties ordered will be six dollars per 12 oz. bag. This will provide a modest profit that will be donated to an organization such as Lutheran World Relief. Committee

members will assist Char Wall.

29)29) Tijuana Servant Trip 2007: April 13-15: Report by Pat Gallagher: Presently eleven volunteers are signed up for the trip, including Pastor Erik. It will be challenging to complete the two houses to which the group is committed, but Pat expressed confidence the crew is up to the task, since some professionals are among them. A number of members have made donations to the project. The Church van will be used for the trip. Fuel and insurance will be covered from the Tijuana Servant Trip funds. The \$50 contribution requested of participants will be waived for drivers of additional vehicles.

30)30) CROP Walk (Church world Services): The Committee thanked Gordon Henry for organizing the Mount Cross team and helping with the overall event. Wrap up report from Gordon: With some pledges still outstanding, this year's Camarillo event raised \$16,569. Of that amount \$1,780 was gathered by Mount Cross walkers. Next year's Crop Walk will be hosted by Padre Serra.

31)31) Priorities – discussion deferred.

32)32) Thrivent Join Hands Day: Thrivent offers a grant of \$1,000 to partnerships of congregations, or a congregation and another volunteer organization to encourage volunteerism, demonstrate the value of volunteer efforts and undertake a worthwhile project. The event must be registered with Thrivent by June 5th and completed by June 30th. The official Join Hands Day is May 5th. The Committee considered a number of possible projects and partnerships. Gordon Henry, Mary Goodenough and Kevin Churchill will research some opportunities and report to the Committee.

33)33) Servant Trip to Slidell: Members discussed another servant trip to Peace Lutheran Church in Slidell, La. Since interest in the Tijuana Servant Trip has waned, perhaps a trip to Slidell in late 2007 or 2008 might be a popular alternative. Airfare and miscellaneous expenses for a sizeable group of volunteers would be comparable to the cost of building two or three houses in Tijuana. Gordon Henry will contact Peace Lutheran to discuss possible dates and tasks. It was agreed to invite members of the congregation to express their interest through a solicitation of tentative volunteers.

34)34) Relay for Life (American Cancer Society): Kevin Churchill announced that Sharon Korzan has agreed to spearhead the Mount Cross team and that Kevin will assist her. The 2007 event is expected to be on October 13-14.

New Business: _____

1) 1) Discussion of 2007 Calendar – deferred

- 2) 2) Thrivent News: Gordon Henry reported that the Thrivent Dodger Game will be on Sunday June 10th at 1:00 p.m. against the Blue Jays. Melissa Henry indicated it is an easy event to organize and requested that someone else assist in spearheading it since she and Gordon will be out of the country during the critical window for sign-ups.

The next Committee meeting will be on March 14th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Cross.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee
Minutes of February 5, 2007 Meeting

Members Present: Cy Johnson, Kevin Churchill, Gordon Henry, Sue Ingram, Char Wall, Pat Gallagher.

Members Absent: Mary Goodenough, Pastor Erik

Reports and Old Business

Cy Johnson noted a special thanks to Mary Goodenough for organizing the Hickory House Christmas Party.

Kevin Churchill provided a verbal update on the Blood Drive scheduled for February 11th: 11 people have signed up to donate blood; need 12 for the blood mobil to come out however Kevin is confident he will have enough people.

Char Wall turned in the LSS Christmas Gift Angel Project report and was thanked for her time and efforts. Char Wall asked for a budget of \$25.00 for December 2007 to cover the expenses.

Make It Bake It grant allocation process. Cy Johnson reported that Council decided on a 70/30 split for the proceeds from the MIBI auction. Our committee was told to decide on the dollar amount to go to which mission projects from an allocated \$3,000.00 Sue Ingram will go back to the sub-committee and request a new allocation list. Cy offered to come up with a Plan A and a Plan B, etc. to illustrate some options and as a point of departure for

discussion. A member recommended that Council make our committee only be responsible for the 30% going to Mission and that the council that they be the committee to decide how to disburse the 70% going to the church.

This was met with agreement by all present.

New Business

Elections took place for Chair of the committee. It was unanimous that Cy Johnson remain as Chair and he accepted. Char Wall offered to be Secretary and her offer was accepted. All the committee members present also volunteered to serve another term.

Fair Trade Coffee Tasting Sunday February 18th The committee thought that attendance would be low for this event as this is a holiday weekend. Pastor Erik and Char Wall are working this event and will have a table in the patio once a month beginning Feb. 18th. Sue Ingram, Kevin Churchill, Nora Wall are going to assist in brewing coffee and tea. Sue Ingram made a request that we also serve hot cocoa and make that available to purchase as well. The committee approved \$60.00 to be spent to get the project started. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed that the tasting event would be repeated once a month.

Tijuana 2007 dates April 13th - 15th

Pat Gallagher is leading this event. He is planning on 30 people, hoping for at least 5 young people with 25 adults. As of this meeting 11 adults and 1 teen have signed up for the trip. 2 houses have been fully funded-Cy will ask Pastor Erik to speak to Lutheran Border concerns about building 2 or 3 houses and possibly working on the church that is being built for el Divino Salvador instead of a third house. There is considerable enthusiasm among volunteers for building the houses that may not apply to the church. Members did not reach a clear consensus on whether to undertake fundraising for a third house. Members agreed on a suggested donation per person of \$50.00 for food and lodging. Melissa Henry will get the food for the trip. A Saturday night BBQ is in the plans.

Crop Walk will be March 18th and will begin at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Gordon Henry will lead our team and will begin sign ups the last Sunday in February in the patio.

Sue Ingram suggested that we all thank Cy Johnson for the wonderful job as Chair of the committee.

2007 Calendar discussion was tabled until the next meeting to take place on March 5th at 7:00 pm.

Cy Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:
Char Wall

Service and Missions Meeting
November 27, 2006

Those attending: Gordon Henry, Char Wall, Mary Goodenough, Sue Ingram, Kevin Churchill, Pastor Erik, Cy Johnson
(all underline phrases represent action items)

Reports and Old Business:

1) Service Trip to Slidell:

- Another big Thank you to those who represented Mount Cross
- Discussed how we could continue our relationship with Slidell, it was suggested that we should ask them to send us their church newsletter PE to follow-up
- Decided that we should have an update on Slidell in the newsletter and/or during the worship services every 6 months (May and November) Will need to decide who follows up on this
- We may also plan to do another servant trip to Slidell as well as smaller in-kind gifts like quilts or altar paraments

2) Alternative Market

- Between the sale of African handicrafts and ELCA World Hunger Gifts over \$600.00 was given
- Almost all the samples of fair trade coffee and tea were also sold
- The conversation about the fair trade coffee and tea prompted discussion on doing more to promote these products with the congregation
A fair trade coffee and tea Sunday was planned for Jan. 7, 2007
PE is to order brochures and promotional materials to put near coffee pots

Mary, Char, Sue and Kevin all agreed to be a part of the “brew crew” to help hand out samples

Sue expressed an interest in helping to take monthly orders

4) 4) Blood Drive

- • Kevin reported record number of volunteers at last drive, noted that vampire gimmick may have been a good marketing tool
- • It was decided we should continue doing 3 blood drives a year

5) 5) Angel Project

- • 41 names had already had gifts, need 21 more to finish our list
- Char is to collect the gifts and deliver them to LSS

New Business

1) 1) Discussion of projects to support and calendar

- • Everyone appreciated the calendar Cy put together
- • There was consensus on doing the hands-on projects along with fundraising projects to get people more personally involved
- • PE brought up trying to connect more with the missionaries we support and the international church
- • Consensus that we shouldn't add to much more to the calendar because we don't want to overwhelm people
- • There were, however some new ideas about supporting El Camion Pines more, doing a Habitat day and listing general service opportunities in our area in the Grapevine

Kevin to look into whether or not El Camino Pines has any work needs or in-kind needs

Gordon to look into a date for a Habitat day

2) 2) Tijuana Trip

- • There was discussion on the flavor of the trip, decided that it's always going to feel a little rushed since we have to do a blitz build being that we are only there for a weekend
- • We want to keep it family-oriented, not just youth or just adults, and there was some discussion on looking at ways that everyone continues to participate (this might mean we don't bring the air hammers)

- • Also talked about maybe having a group that commits to attending the local church on Sunday to represent Mount Cross
- • We still have one more year before passports are required
- • We need to advertise and have a meeting in January to recruit people to come on the trip

Cy is going to write article for Grapevine about trip coming up and meeting time

3) 3) Make-it, Bake-it

- • Discussed need to get requests from people in January
- • Discussed what group should be the ones to decide, we talked about having the committee select then maybe having council approve

Cy is to write article for Grapevine

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Need to schedule date for next meeting

Submitted by Pastor Erik Goehner

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of March 20, 2006

Present: Pastor Erik, Mary Goodenough, Pat Gallagher, Bill Greason, and Cy Johnson
Not Present: Kevin Churchill, Gordon Henry, Sue Ingram, Char Wall

This meeting was originally scheduled for March 19th, but conflicts prevented a number of members from attending.

- I. I. CROP Walk: Committee members thanked Gordon Henry in absentia for his work in coordinating this year's event for the City. Overall, about 150 walkers participated, raising approximately \$18,000. Mount Cross volunteers served as crossing guards and around twenty Mount Cross members walked. Final figures are not in yet. We were pleased by the participation of Mount Cross Youth. The importance of community awareness through the media was noted.
- II. II. Relay for Life: Bill Greason reported that the date for this year's event will be October 7th and 8th and the theme will be "A Night at the Oscars." Bill and Pastor Erik are working on gathering support from Mount Cross youth and recruiting youth leaders. Sign-ups for volunteers and sponsorships will begin in late August.
- III. III. Make It Bake It (MIBI) Fund Allocation: The Committee extends its thanks to Melissa Henry, Dianne Selbrede and Char Wall, the subcommittee members who considered the requests for funds and formulated the recommendation to Council. Council accepted the recommendation without revision. Procedures this year were evaluated and recommendations for future years arrived at:
 - a. a. Service and Mission will develop a format for the requests to encourage more complete information.
 - b. b. Although individuals are welcome to present a request, it would be best if requests were reviewed and submitted by the appropriate committee, whenever possible.
- IV. IV. Tijuana Service Trip: Pat Gallagher reported that 27 volunteers have signed up for the trip. Pastor Erik sent a flyer to all high school youth inviting them to join the trip. Three crew leaders are tentatively on board. Two more Spanish speakers are needed. With the MIBI grant, funding for three houses is available. Work is progressing on organizing the carpool and individual work assignments. A meeting of all volunteers will be held at Mount Cross at 7:00 p.m. on April 6th.

- V. V. Rain: No update was available as Sue Ingram is ill.
- VI. VI. Blood Drive: The Chair (ahem) pledged to pursue a date as soon as possible.
- VII. VII. Lutheran Social Services: Char Wall was not available to report.
- VIII. VIII. Consideration of Council's Request for Service and Mission to Accept New Tasks: Members reviewed and discussed the proposed tasks, which are understood to be:
- a. a. Soliciting MIBI fund requests and making a recommendation to the congregation for allocation of the proceeds.
 - b. b. Organizing and hosting a Christmas party and gifts for Hickory House with assistance from Worship and Music.
 - c. c. Support of St. Columba's Food Pantry
 - d. d. Contact and support for Lutheran World Relief
 - e. e. Contact and support for Lutheran Social Services
 - f. f. Organizing the Alternative Christmas event.

Members agreed to accept all of these tasks. Discussion centered on the Alternative Christmas and how its date and format might be changed to generate more interest both within the congregation and among organizations that might present their programs. It was agreed to select a date early in November and to find an individual to spearhead the event.

- IX. IX. Date and Time for Meetings: Sunday meetings have proved difficult for some members. Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. was agreed upon for future meetings. The Chair will propose a new schedule of the four remaining meetings for 2006.
- X. X. Future Service Opportunities:
- a. a. Lutheran Social Services has not identified local families in need of home repairs.
 - b. b. The possible joint (with trilateral churches) service trip to gulf coast was discussed. It seems unlikely Mt. Cross can participate on the tentative May date due to the short lead time. However, the Anniversary Committee has identified aid to the gulf coast as the target of its fundraising effort. Service and Mission will work with and support the Anniversary Committee in that effort.
 - c. c. Trips abroad were considered. At this time raising money to send members abroad for foreign service opportunities appears unrealistic in light of other fundraising priorities.
 - d. Pastor Erik provided literature from Habitat for Humanity that included the "House in a Box" program. The Chair will pursue contact with Habitat to get more information.

After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Cy Johnson, Chair

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Mission Committee

January 15th, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Present: Gordon Henry, Bill Greason, Sue Ingram, Gayle Johnson and Cy Johnson

Thanks to the gracious invitation of Gordon and Melissa Henry, the venue for this meeting was moved from the previously announced Texas Cattle Company to the Henry Home.

On behalf of the Church Council, Gayle Johnson thanked the Committee for its past work and dedication.

Discussion and planning focused on upcoming events.

Crop Walk: Mount Cross will host this year's event on March 12. Tasks for planning include:

- Determine route.
- Recruit:
 - Check-in volunteers
 - Volunteers to set up route with signage and take-down same after event
 - Walkers and sponsors from Mount Cross beginning February 5th.
 - Volunteers to attend patio table for sign-ups.
- Checkpoints will probably be staffed by volunteers from other churches, but must be organized.
- Crop Walk will hold an organizational meeting Thursday 1/19 at 7:00 p.m. Gordon and possibly Cy will attend.
- Tentatively a temple talk or video will be presented to the congregation on 2/19.

Tijuana Trip: Support for Pat Gallagher was briefly discussed. We expect Pat will delegate many of the tasks necessary to organize trip. Gayle mentioned that the February Grapevine will go to press this week and the deadline for articles is 1/15. Cy will submit an announcement of the trip immediately on behalf of Pat. The newly-donated van will be available for the trip this year. Our budget for the trip should include fuel and insurance for the van.

Relay for Life: Bill Greason reported that the date is not yet certain. This year a more deliberate effort will be had to involve high school and youth in the event, possibly with a separate team. Bill will recruit two youth leaders. Committee members suggested several high school students to consider. The youth leaders will be encouraged to join the planning process early.

Blood Drive: Cy Johnson will contact Kevin Churchill to confirm that he is willing to head up the blood drive. A tentative date for the next drive will be proposed for March.

RAIN: Sue Ingram will contact RAIN to discuss a possible special event such as Halloween that Mount Cross can host. She noted that not only are dinners unnecessary, the present food service at RAIN is too rigid to easily accept food donations.

Lutheran Social Services: With Todd Goehner working at LSS we can expect better communication with them. During January LSS is seeking donations of socks and underwear.

General Discussion: Although the specific assignments remain uncertain, this Committee will probably be called upon to assume some of the work previously done by WELCA. Committee members expressed further interest in identifying a new organization or project to assist. Suggestions included:

- Checking with Habitat for Humanity to see if there is a Camarillo project pending.
- Sending a group to assist with the recovery from the gulf hurricanes. For example, a Lutheran church may need assistance to rebuild or repair.
- Establishing a sister congregation in Africa to partner with. Cy will check out family ties to a mission/hospital in Tanzania.

Membership: Karen Gramacki will not continue with Service and Mission. Bill Greason will join the Committee. In light of the added workload expected, new members will be welcome.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Service and Missions Committee
Minutes of October 23, 2005 Meeting

Present: Pastor Erik Goehner, Sue Ingram, Char Wall, Gordon Henry, Paul Pendolino, Cy Johnson

- IV. I. The Committee confirmed that the activities of the Committee for the coming year would include:
- a. a. The Blood Drive, coordinated by Paul Pendolino
 - b. b. The Flu Shot Clinic, also coordinated by Paul Pendolino
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Service& Mission Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2005

We discussed that Sue wants to step down as coordinator of our volunteer activities at RAIN. We agreed that due to their lessening need for the services we were providing that a full coordinator would not be needed.

We felt that the committee could direct our activities but we would like to have someone be the regular contact to RAIN and coordinate the donated items which will likely continue.

Lynda Prade has been taking

these to RAIN and we felt she would be a great candidate. I will contact her. We also discussed that a good idea may be an annual dinner or event at RAIN. I will contact them to discuss ideas further.

Blood Drives - We agreed that although their restrictions make it much more difficult to get donors that, since the need continues to be so high, we will schedule 3 Blood Drives again this year.

Crop Walk - Gordon reported that all is on track and the walk will be Sunday, March 13th. It is being hosted by Trinity Presbyterian so the course will be the same as last year.

Gordon will be petting whales

sooner this year so he will be able to participate. Pastor Erik and going to push participation with our high school youth but he will not be able to attend as the confirmation winter camp has been rescheduled for that same weekend.

Tijuana - Cy continues to coordinate this and is holding an organizational meeting this upcoming Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. He is hoping to find a number of new families to participate and expects no problem getting enough volunteers to meet the need. It may mean some families that have been several times will not participate this year to allow others to have the experience. We also discussed a possibility of coordinating a fund raising effort for El Divino to be able to purchase the adjoining property and build a church. We would assist in building the church and developing a sister relationship. We agreed this was something that should be explored further. Pastor Erik is going to contact Lutheran Border Concerns to research further.

Habitat for Humanity - Julien reported that Habitat is interested in speaking to our congregation to generate additional volunteer and support interest. We discussed that maybe we could have them participate in something on the patio. We will participate in a spring work day and will look to add a fall one as well. Julien also reported that they need donations for their restore store and anyone going through a remodel would likely have materials they are looking for. He is going to write up the details for the Grapevine.

Flu Shot Clinic - we all agreed this would be offered again this year.

We discussed that we would like to continue to recruit new members to our committee and getting intervals to help coordinate events is likely the best way.

Pastor Erik expressed thanks to Gordon, Sue Ingram and Todd Goehner for attending a breakfast meeting on how to increase health care availability for Ventura County. He plans to attend additional meetings and would like the church to be potential access point for information on how to obtain health care. This will likely generate volunteer opportunities.

Finally , we discussed that we have a loose affiliation with CATS and we should try and make that another area we clearly support. I will contact Cathy Escalante or Gail Baird to discuss further.

Pastor Erik adjourned us with a prayer.
Thanks again for your participation and all your hard work.

Best Regards,

Paul Pendolino

Service and Missions Meeting minutes

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Service& Missions

June Minutes

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