

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

This month we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We will gather together on Easter Sunday morning to worship our risen Lord Jesus. Christ and His resurrection are the reason for Easter Sunday and the Easter season. We will greet one another on Easter morning by saying, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" We will worship our risen Lord by speaking words of praise to Him and by praying to Him. We will celebrate and receive our Lord's Supper. Christ promises to be with us when two or three come together in His name and when we celebrate His Supper. Rejoice this Easter Sunday and season. Jesus has risen! He is with you.

God can roll away obstacles to serving Christ in your life. God can heal your physical afflictions. God can give you wisdom. God can help you manage your time. God will guide and strengthen you to serve our risen Lord. God rolls away obstacles to the truth of Jesus' resurrection.

You may be looking for Jesus here at Cross of Christ on Sundays. Jesus was crucified, killed and buried for you. Christ has risen for you. See Jesus' empty tomb through the eyes of faith. Believe that Christ has risen from the dead. Trust in our risen Lord to be with you and to bless you.

Believe in your risen Lord to be with you and to bless you in His Supper. Jesus will give you His body in the bread that you will eat. Christ will give you His blood in the fruit of the vine that you will drink. Your risen Lord will bless you with forgiveness of sins, life, salvation, love, joy, and peace. You will proclaim your Lord's death until He comes again in glory.

Our risen Lord gives blessings and promises to us. Jesus gives us the commission to go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all people. Christ promises that whoever believes in Him and is baptized will be saved. Our risen Lord gave us the Holy Spirit when we were baptized. Jesus gave us the Office of the Keys. The risen Christ gives us His peace by His word and presence.

Your risen Lord is with you when you are afraid and bewildered. Jesus says to you, "peace be with you" (John 20:19). The peace of our risen Lord will remove fear and bewilderment from your heart, mind, and soul. Hear Jesus' Word in worship services and Bible classes. Read our Lord's Word in your Bible. Christ will encourage, guide and strengthen you with His Word. Your risen Lord will make you courageous and wise. He lives to silence all your fears; He lives to wipe away your tears; He lives to calm your troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Terry Nelson*

**MEETINGS  
AT A GLANCE . . . . .**

Board of Elders		
Thurs. April 2		7 p.m.
Board of Trustees		
Mon. April 13		7 p.m.
Board of Evangelism		
Tues., April 14		7 p.m.
Women's Outreach		
Sat. April 18		10 a.m.
Church Council		
Tues. April 21		7 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday	April 5	
Contemporary		9:15am
Traditional		10:30am
Maundy Thurs.	April 9	7:00pm +
Good Friday	April 10	7:00pm
EASTER Sun.	April 12	7:30am + 10:30am +

(+ Indicates HOLY COMMUNION.)

The Brass Ensemble will participate in our Easter Sunday services.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN  
WORSHIP**

A Wednesday evening Lenten worship service will be held on April 1, at 7 p.m. The theme of the sermon will be *"The Wound of Abandonment."*

A Lenten DINNER will be served at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, hosted by the Preschool Board & Sunday School Teachers. Hot dogs, chili, salad, and desserts are on the menu.

**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

We thank and praise God for our two Junior Confirmands, Thomas Hamlet and Chandler Lach, who will be confirmed on Confirmation Sunday, April 26, 2009, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Also welcomed through Adult Confirmation on April 26 is Dawn Smutek. God bless Dawn, Thomas, and Chandler!

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children on Palm Sunday, April 5, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will not be held on Easter Sunday.

**CROSS OF CHRIST  
CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL**

REGISTRATION for the 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start! We held registration the week of March 22 and opened it to the community on Saturday, March 28. If you missed the registration date, it's not too late to sign up for fall classes. Spots are still available. Call the preschool office at 248-437-0871 for more information.

Classes are held September through May for children three and four years old.

<b>COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE</b> <i>Third Sunday of the Month</i>	
APRIL 19	Board of Stewardship
MAY	Church Council

## WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORSHIP	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (traditional service)
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	9:15 a.m. (first Sunday of the month Sept.-May)
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS	9:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The 8 a.m. worship service and Adult Bible Class are not held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month when the Contemporary service is celebrated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years (3 by Dec. 1) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the school year. The children are dismissed after the opening hymn from the worship service.

### TEAM TRINITY:

Young people in grades 6-12 meet the first and third Sundays of the month for Bible Study.

Sunday, April 5 -- 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, April 19 – 11:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:15 a.m., except for the first Sunday of the month. Join us as we continue the study of the book of Revelation.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. *Our next praise service will be held on **Sunday, April 5, at 9:15 a.m.*** A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting.

JR. CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION is held on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Call the church office for more information.

## LUNCH BUNCH

The next LUNCH BUNCH will be held on Friday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m., at Genittis in Northville. A Family Style Lunch will be served. On the menu is soup, chicken, pasta salad, and a cannoli. All for \$8, which includes tax. Family and friends are invited. Sign up on the Information Board if you plan on attending or call the church office.

Lunch in May will be at Riverbank in South Lyon.

## EASTER BAKERY

Palm Sunday, April 5  
*Bakers and Buyers needed!*

The H0oliday Bakeries have been a big success and have enabled us to purchase chairs for the Fellowship Hall. Our new goal is to buy Pew Candle Holders for special worship services - - i.e. Christmas Eve, Easter, weddings.

## EASTER LILIES

A sign up sheet is located on the Information Center Board to purchase EASTER LILIES in memory of loved ones and/or to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. Cost is \$12.50 each. (Please make checks payable to Cross of Christ – designated “Lilies” – and place in the offering plate.) Sixteen plants have been ordered this year. *Many are still available.* The lilies may be taken home after the Easter Sunday worship services.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

A SPAGHETTI DINNER is being planned for Wednesday, April 29, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Mark the date on your calendar and enjoy good food and fellowship.

## THANK YOU

. . . . to Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the delicious Lenten midweek dinners and to all of the Boards for helping out with desserts and set up.

## CHAIRS FOR SALE

The orange chairs from the Fellowship Hall are for sale for \$2 each (48 available). See one of our Trustees for more information or call the church office.

**FREE:** Mike & Sherry Bugar would like to donate a 3-wheel walker and a 4-wheel walker with a seat to anyone in need. Give them a call at 248-348-1956.

## MEMBERSHIP

### BAPTISMS:

- + + Bailey Ann Villerot  
Bradley Villerot & Crystal Villerot  
March 8, 2009
- + + Landry Alayna Key  
Child of Colin & Suzanne Key  
March 22, 2009

### BIRTH:

- + + Blake Russell  
Child of Jon & Angela Russell  
March 14, 2009

*Looking to donate to a special need?  
Consider the following funds . . . .*

Snow Blower  
Gutters & Heat Tape  
Cement Work Fund  
Pew Candle Holders  
Debt Reduction      Garage Fund  
Carpet Fund          Copier Fund

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Lisa Sterling
- 3 Edna Schuur  
Rachel Tura
- 4 Sarah Byrum
- 8 Ronald Reichert  
Gloria Schrom
- 9 Dawn Lanczki  
Brent Sterling  
Sue Zimmerman
- 10 Heather Sieting  
Janet B. Ward
- 12 Ashley Brinkel
- 15 Lillian Candela  
Karen Hantz
- 16 Joe Vance
- 17 Audrey Campbell  
Viola Chambers  
Cathy Eckhout
- 18 Steve Klamik  
Sarah Zimmerman
- 19 Alice Miller  
Luke Nelson  
Samantha Smith
- 21 Bob Smith
- 22 Stephen Flook
- 23 Brian Hall
- 24 Claudia Abrash
- 25 Michael Reece
- 27 Gary Albin  
Lucille Martin

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Brian & Barbara Elandt
- 3 Dennis & Donna Evans
- 7 Douglas & Priscilla Byrum
- 28 William & Leslie Pratt

## ACTIVE FAITH

A calendar of Active Faith food drives has been sent to all the churches with monthly suggested foods. For April & May, they are asking for canned meats from us. However, any non-perishable foods are welcomed and needed. A list is posted on the Information Board.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Christ's Love Compels Us

*(2 Corinthians 5: 14-15).*

“ . . . yet not My will, but Yours be done,” Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:2). Carrying out His Father's will was no easy task, but, because His love for us is as great as the Father's, He was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was His love for us that caused Christ to give His very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in Him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to “pay Him back.” The Christian life of stewardship is a response to His love. His love compels us to respond by loving Him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which He died ( 1 Corinthians 9: 9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:2;7). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25: 37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out His life blood for us. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.

## Vacation Bible School July 27-31, 2009 9am - Noon

For children going into Kindergarten  
(or 5 yrs. By Dec. 1)  
Through going into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Where Fearless Kids Shine  
God's Light*

### Crocodile Dock

The children will learn that God is with us and is powerful. God does what He says He'll do. He gives us life and cares for us!

MARK your calendars now and plan your summer vacations and activities around VBS. LOTS OF HELP will be needed. Registration forms will be included with next month's newsletter, as well as a Volunteer Help form.

### CROSS OF CHRIST CONNECTIONS

Did you ever need an electrician, plumber, lawn maintenance, a baby sitter, an adult sitter, etc. and wonder who to call?

Are you an electrician, plumber, have a lawn maintenance business? Would you like to baby sit, adult sit, be a personal shopper (for someone who can't shop), driver, baker, decorator, or seamstress?

#### ***Let's Connect!!***

A sign up sheet will be posted on the board. You can sign up your business, or your name for side jobs, your phone number (or business #), and what you would be available to do.

As the economy seems to worsen, this would be a time for members and friends to help each other with services and extra money. Names and numbers will be available, and it's up to you to Connect!

## **WOMEN'S OUTREACH**

### March Meeting

Seven ladies met on Saturday, March 21. Although the group was small, we did accomplish much. Claudia did a devotion entitled "Strands of Pearls" based on Proverbs 31:10 – (The Wife of Noble Character.)

### March Events

The Chocolate Extravaganza was enjoyed by all who attended. The Baby Shower was a big success, and Emily was showered with a lot of cute and necessary baby "boys" gifts. Emily is expecting twin boys in April.

Kindsey Nelson is organizing MEALS for the Schoenberg family after the twins arrive. If you can help out, a sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board. Call Kindsey at 248-943-2985 if you have any questions.

### Profit Events

Women's Outreach hosted the "Salad Smorgasbord" Lenten dinner on Wednesday, March 25. Many thanks to all who donated salads and desserts.

"The Easter Bakery" will be held on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate any baked goodies.

A GARAGE SALE is being planned for Thurs., Friday, and Saturday, June 4, 5, and 6. Nancy Ulrich is heading up the sale and will need lots of help. Matching funds will be applied for through *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*. Mark your calendars and save your "good" stuff.

### Social Event

A May LUNCHEON with entertainment is being planned. The event will be finalized at the April meeting.

### Outreach Projects:

Prayer shawls are being knitted. They will be blessed and taken to shut-ins or sick friends. A card will go with the shawl with a prayer from Cross of Christ. Thanks to Audrey Campbell for encouraging this project and making so many of the shawls. There are several patterns if anyone would like to knit the shawls. Also, if anyone has a sick family member or friend, tell Pastor or Chris. A shawl can be given to them to warm their shoulders and heart and to know they are in our prayers.

### Shut-in Visits

We have 12 shut-ins, some in nursing homes and some in their own homes. A list is on the Information Board. You may live near one; or when visiting a nursing home, you could visit them too. Check the list. It would be wonderful if members would visit shut-in members.

### "Baby Coupon" Box

We thought it would be nice and helpful to all of our new parents if we had a Coupon Box for them. A dollar or two off a big box of diapers might be helpful. Members. . . cut out those baby coupons, and new parents . . . be sure to look through that box. A dollar saved is a dollar earned!

### Welcome Baby Gifts

Women's Outreach would like to give new parents a Gift Basket for their new baby. Suggestions, if you would like to contribute to the gift are diapers, wipes, ointment, bibs, onesies, and receiving blankets. Mark the bag "Baby" and place on corner counter in kitchen.

### April Dates

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> . . . The Easter Bakery  
Sunday, April 12. . . Easter Breakfast  
Sunday, April 18 . . Women's Outreach Meeting – We need more ladies!

. . . . *Ettie Ann*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>+ Indicates Holy Communion</b>			<b>1</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Worship	<b>2</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Bd. of Elders	<b>3</b> 11:30am Lunch Bunch - Genittis	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> <b>No 8:00 a.m. service</b> 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:15am Team Trinity Yth. 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt <i>Easter Bakery</i>	<b>6</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers  7:00pm Brass Practice	<b>7</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>9 Maundy Thursday</b>  7:00pm Worship +	<b>10 Good Friday</b>  7:00pm Worship	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b>  7:30am Worship + 8:30am-9:45am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship +	<b>13</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>14</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Evangelism	<b>15</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>16</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  10:00am Women's Outreach
<b>19</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School (Faust Baptism) 11:30am Team Trinity Yth 11:30am Adult Choir 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>20</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>21</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts  7:00pm Church Council	<b>22</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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