

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## APRIL, 2010

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

We will celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 4, this month. We will prepare ourselves and go to church to worship our risen Lord. We will put on our best church clothes and put our offering in our envelope. We will take the Easter Sunday bulletin and come into the sanctuary. We will read and hear that the stone was rolled away from Christ's tomb. We will hear and read that the women did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. We will read and hear the angels tell the women that Christ was not there and that He had risen. Our risen Lord is with you today in your home.

We express our love for Jesus by worshiping Him. We love our risen Christ by speaking liturgy, psalms, and prayers to Him. We love our risen Lord by singing hymns and liturgy to Him. We love our risen Christ by hearing and obeying His Word. We love our risen Lord by receiving His Supper.

It was necessary that Jesus be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified. It was necessary for Christ to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies about His betrayal, trials, and crucifixion. It was necessary for Jesus to be crucified to save you from your sins and from hell. Jesus shed His precious blood and paid the price in full for all your sins. Christ took away your sins on the cross. Jesus redeemed you

by His blood shed on the cross. Christ made peace with God by the blood He shed when He was crucified. It was necessary for Jesus to die to reconcile you with God.

It was necessary for Christ to be raised again on the third day. Jesus fulfilled Biblical prophecies about His resurrection. Jesus saved you by His resurrection. God raised Christ from the dead for your justification. By raising Jesus from the dead, God demonstrated that His sacrifice for your sins was acceptable to Him. Let us tell all these things to people.

The message of Jesus' resurrection can motivate us to get up and do good works of faith. We can seek our risen Lord in God's Word, the Bible. We can pray to our risen Christ. We can love our parents, spouse, children, and grandchildren. We can work for Jesus with all our hearts at home, at school, and on our jobs. We can do good works in our neighborhood, community, state, nation, and world. The risen Christ strengthens you to do the good works that God has prepared in advance for you to accomplish. We can get up and receive our risen Lord's Supper.

Jesus will be with us each Sunday in His sanctuary. Our risen Christ will bless and serve us with His Word and Sacrament. Our risen Lord will hear and answer our prayers. Jesus will increase and strengthen our faith in

Him and our love for Him. The risen Christ will increase our joy and peace. Our risen Lord will accept our worship. The Lord Jesus has risen! He is with you always.

May our risen Lord bless you and your family during this month of April and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday    March 28  
8:00am + & 10:30am +  
(*The Contemporary service will be held  
on April 18 at 9:15 a.m.*)

Maundy Thurs. April 1        7:00pm +

Good Friday    April 2        7:00pm

EASTER Sun.    April 4        7:30am +  
10:30am +

(+ Indicates HOLY COMMUNION.)

The Brass Ensemble will participate in our Easter Sunday services.

<p>The Sunday School children will sing on Easter Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday School classes will not be held on Easter Sunday.</p>
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### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

AN EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Pancakes, sausage, cheese puff soufflé, muffins, juice, coffee, and milk are on the menu.  
(Free-will donation.)

### **EASTER USHERS & GREETERS**

Sign up on the Information Board if you are available to serve as an USHER or GREETER on Easter Sunday at the 7:30 a.m. service. Thank you. The 10:30 service has been assigned.

### **ADULT CHOIR**

The CHOIR will rehearse on Sunday, March 28, to rehearse for Easter. We plan on singing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children on Palm Sunday, March 28, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. (We appreciate your donation of candy by Wed., March 24.)

### **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. Plants may be taken home after the Easter Sunday worship services.

### **FLOWER CHART**

Sign up for those important dates in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. or in memory of loved ones in the hallway near the kitchen. Vases are available for \$16 each and may be taken home after worship. Checks are made out to “Cross of Christ” – designated “Altar Flowers.”

**WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)  
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The 8:00 a.m. worship service and Adult Bible Class are not held when a Contemporary worship service is celebrated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are held at 10:30 a.m. for children three years old (by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>) through fifth grade. Children are dismissed to their classes from the worship service after the opening hymn.

CONFIRMATION instruction, for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, is being held on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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 18, at 9:15 a.m.** – later in the month due to Easter being the first week.* A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:15 a.m., except for the first Sunday of the month.

**F O P S**

Families of preschool children will meet for BIBLE STUDY and fellowship Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning April 8. Adult Bible Study and activities for the children are planned. All welcome! Call Kindsey 248-943-2985 or Rachel 248-207-5187 if you would like more information.

**THANK YOU**

We Thank Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the delicious Lenten midweek dinners and Bill Hirth for helping! Thank you also to all of the Boards for helping out with desserts and setting up.

**REMAINING  
LENTEN DINNER**

**March 24** Preschool Board &  
Sunday School  
Teachers  
(Hot dogs, chili, salad, and desserts)

**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY - APRIL 25**

God bless our confirmands: Matthew Deeds, Deirdre Gerke, Jacob Lanczki, Jack Leckner, Travis Miller, and Devon Walrath! May our risen Lord bless them as they confess their faith in God and pledge their faithfulness to Him on Confirmation Sunday, April 25.

**HELP NEEDED**

Our Trustees need people who can serve our Lord by cutting the church grass or by serving as a Trustee. If you can serve our Lord in one or both of these ways, please speak with Board of Trustee Chairman, Steve Klamik.

**CROSS OF CHRIST  
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

REGISTRATION for fall classes is under way . . . . .

Church Family Registration:

**Sunday, March 21**  
after the 10:30 a.m. service

Current Preschool Families:

Mon., March 22 – 9:00 a.m.

Past Preschool Families:

Wed., March 24 – 9:00 a.m.

Community Registration:

Sat., March 27, - 9:00 a.m.

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration.

THANK YOU for purchasing Morley Candy. The orders will be delivered to the preschool the week of March 29, in time for Easter.

Classes are held for children who are three and four years old by Dec. 1 of the current school year.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION &  
CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS**

Our preschool is participating in the above programs. Collect your corresponding box tops and proofs of purchase to provide educational items for the preschool. A box is available in the church kitchen.

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

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 26-30, 2010**  
**9am - Noon**

For children going into Kindergarten  
through  
Going into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**High Seas Expedition**

Exploring the Mighty Love of God

Plan your summer vacations and activities around VBS! Our children will learn that God's Word is true; God's Word is comforting; God's Word is surprising; God's Word is life-changing; and God's Word is for everyone!

As always, many volunteers will be needed to make VBS a successful outreach to our community!

**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 TUNA & PASTA from us. However, any non-perishable foods are welcomed and needed. (Always needed are juice and canned meats.) A list is posted on the Information Board.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED:**

We would like to keep a list of our congregation's EMAIL addresses for communication purposes. It will be helpful for board members and youth activities. Send us an email or fill out the form and place in the box provided in the Fellowship hallway.

## **WOMEN'S OUTREACH NEWS**

### **THE EASTER BAKERY**

The Easter Bakery was so successful last year that we have decided to try it again. It will be on PALM SUNDAY, March 28, before and after both services. We would appreciate homemade donations of Easter treats, cakes, pies, rolls, cookies, candies, and Easter favors.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

A Rummage Sale is set for **June 3, 4, and 5** (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). You may bring in your donations Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to our preschool being in session, we do not have a place to store your things before the 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Nancy Ulrich for taking charge of the sale. However, one person cannot do it alone, so help would be appreciated! There will be a sign-up sheet for workers in May.

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

We have quite a few prayer shawls waiting to be wrapped around a shut-in's shoulders. I took one to my Aunt in a nursing home. She is 96 and suffers with dementia, but she loves her shawl and always points it out to me. It wraps around her shoulders and will cover her hands, but unlike a blanket she can get her hands out easily. I just never realized how wonderful they would be to someone in a wheel chair.

If anyone has a family member or friend who is shut in or in a wheelchair, please talk to Chris. We have cards printed that go with the shawl. This is our outreach mission, so please help us reach out.

### Prayer Shawls continued:

Again, thanks to Audrey Campbell for getting this mission started with many beautiful knitted shawls and to several other ladies who have made them. A number of shawls have been given out, and we also have dark colors for the men. . . . .*Ettie Ann*

### **FUNERAL LUNCHESES**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with funeral lunches. If you would like to help, the categories needing volunteers are:

- Set up before the funeral
- Food donations
- Help at the funeral luncheon
- Clean up at the luncheon

We appreciate all who have volunteered in the past and look forward to others who might wish to help. If you can help in one of these areas, please call Annie Nichols at 248-437-9599 or Chris Nelson in the church office at 248-437-8810. Thanks again,

Annie Nichols & Louise Rucker  
Co-Chairpersons

### **THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS**

A new program is beginning called Thrivent Choice which will enable Thrivent members to direct charitable gifts (*Choice Dollars*) to the congregation or Lutheran school of their choice, based on the amount of products they own. This program will replace the *Care in Congregations* and *GivingPlus* programs which have provided funds for our congregation and preschool throughout the years. More information will be provided about Thrivent Choice in the months ahead.

## MEMBERSHIP

### BAPTISM

+ + Sylvia Mae Hindley  
Child of Robert & Diana Hindley  
March 14, 2010

### WEDDING

+ + Eric & Hollie Brooks  
March 13, 2010

### TRANSFER OUT

+ + Mark & Betsy Cornellier  
To St. Luke, Ann Arbor

## WEB PAGE

Throughout the month, you can go online to check out our church's web page:

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The Calendar and Newsletter are available each month on this web site. Also, if you would prefer this newsletter be emailed to you, rather than mailed, email us:

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

Debt Fund, Garage Fund,  
Cement Work Fund,  
New Roof Fund, Carpet Fund,  
Gutters and Heat Tape Fund  
Improved Sound System

## 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  
Kenneth Nelson  
16 Joe Vance  
17 Audrey Campbell  
Vi 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  
28 Ethan & Nolan Schoenberg

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3 Dennis & Donna Evans  
7 Douglas & Priscilla Byrum  
28 William & Leslie Pratt

Please inform the church office of any missing dates or errors.

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+ Indicates Holy Communion				<b>1 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Worship +	<b>2 Good Friday</b> 7:00pm Worship	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Easter Sunday</b> 7:30am Worship + 8:30am-10:00am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship +	<b>5</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Evangelism	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00pm FOPS Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Praise Team	<b>12</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>13</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>14</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>15</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 No 8:00 a.m. service</b> 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour: (Stewardship & Evang.)	<b>19</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>21</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>22</b> 6:00pm FOPS Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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