

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

During this month of April we will celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday on the thirteenth. We will worship our risen Good Shepherd and be fed on His Word. We will proclaim and hear the good news that Jesus is the Shepherd of the sheep.

In Palestine during the first century you could tell a shepherd of a flock by his actions. You could also tell who the shepherd of a flock was by how the sheep responded to him. The shepherd entered the sheep pen by the gate. The sheep listened to the shepherd's voice. The shepherd called his own sheep by name and led them out of the sheep pen. The sheep followed their shepherd because they knew his voice. The shepherd led his sheep to food and water. The shepherd protected his sheep from thieves and from wild animals.

Jesus teaches that "the man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him." (John 10: 2, 3a) The watchman opened the gate for the shepherd of the flock.

Jesus is the Gate for His sheep and the Shepherd of His sheep. Whoever enters the sheep pen through faith in Christ is saved. You entered the sheep pen and were saved by faith in your Good Shepherd. Our Shepherd's sheep come in and go out and find pasture. Jesus is your Good Shepherd. Your Good Shepherd knows you. You know your Good Shepherd.

Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." (John 10:11) Jesus laid down His life for you on the cross. Christ demonstrated that He is your Good Shepherd by laying down His life for you on Good Friday. Jesus expressed the greatest love of all for you when He laid down His life for you. Your Good Shepherd drew you to Himself and into His flock when He was crucified.

Your Good Shepherd took up His life again from the dead. Jesus exercised His authority to take up His life from death on Easter Sunday. Christ demonstrated that He is your Good Shepherd by taking His life up again from the dead. Your Lord lives to shepherd you.

You listen to your Good Shepherd's voice. Your Good Shepherd called you by name when you were baptized. Your Good Shepherd leads you out into the mission field after church. Your Good Shepherd leads you on paths of righteousness for His name's sake each day.

You follow your Good Shepherd because you know His voice. Your Good Shepherd goes on ahead of you each day. Your Good Shepherd leads you to green pastures to eat and to give you rest. Your Good shepherd leads you to still waters to drink. You can daily drink in the waters of God's Word.

Your Good Shepherd makes you to lie down in green pastures. Your good shepherd sees to it that you are fed physically and spiritually. Your Good Shepherd provides for your physical and spiritual needs.

May our Good Shepherd bless you and your family during this month of April and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORSHIP	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (<i>traditional service</i>)
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	9:15 a.m. (<i>first Sunday of the month</i>)
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

There will not be an 8:00 a.m. worship service on Sundays, April 6 and May 4. A Contemporary service will be held at 9:15 a.m. and a Traditional service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. (The children are dismissed after the opening hymn from the worship service.)

TEAM TRINITY Bible Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month for young people in 6th-12th grades for Bible Study and fellowship.

TEAM TRINITY:

... 10:15 a.m. (1st Sun. of month) – April 6
... 9:15 a.m. (3rd Sun. of month)– April 20

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting. **Join us on Sunday, April 6, at 9:15 a.m. Invite family and friends!**

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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is planned for Sunday, April 27, 2008, during the 10:30 a.m. service. Five young people will be confirmed.

APRIL MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tues. April 1 7pm Bd. of Evangelism
Sat. April 12 9:30am Preschool Board
Mon. April 14 7pm Bd. of Trustees
Tues. April 15 7pm Church Council
Sat. April 19 10am Women's Outreach

(Board of Elders will not meet in April.)

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION DATES for fall classes
have been set:

Church Family Registration:

Sunday, April 6
after the 10:30 a.m. service

Current Preschool Families:

Mon., April 7 – 9:30 a.m.

Past Preschool Families:

Wed., April 9 – 9:30 a.m.

Community Registration:

Sat., April 12, 9:00 a.m.

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time
of registration. Tuition for the 2008-09
school year will be \$88 per month.

If you are new to our congregation and
would like more information, please call
the church/school office. Classes are
held for children who are three and four
years old.

Mark your calendars: The Preschool
children will be invited to sing at the
Contemporary Worship service on
Sunday, May 4.

The Preschool Board will meet after
Registration on Saturday, April 12.

ACTIVE FAITH

We are collecting items each month for
families helped through Active Faith in
South Lyon. Watch the weekly bulletins
for updates on items needed. Baking
products are being collected for the
balance of March.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We thank the Children's Choir for
enhancing our worship services. If your
child (1st - 8th grade) is interested in
participating in the CHILDREN'S
CHOIR, please see or call Janelle Lach
at 248-486-5644. Thank you also to
Kristen Bowman for helping with the
choir! They are planning to sing at the
next Contemporary service on April 6.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE APRIL & MAY, 2008 First & Third Sundays

APRIL	Women's Outreach
MAY	Church Council

THANK YOU

To Steve Klamik & Bill Hirth for the
many months of snow shoveling!
Hopefully, spring is arriving!

To Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the
delicious Lenten dinners!

To Mike & Sherry Bugar and Ettie Ann
Hirth for preparing the annual Easter
breakfast!

PALM PLANTS

If you would like to take home one of the
Palm plants displayed on the altar for
Palm Sunday, you can purchase one for
\$10.

**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
- 14 Kami LaPerna
- 15 Lillian Candela
Karen Hantz
- 16 Tony Hibbard
Joe Vance
- 17 Audrey Campbell
Cathy Eckhout
- 18 Steve Klamik
Sarah Zimmerman
- 19 Jean Banner
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 Richard & Marlene Benson
Douglas & Priscilla Byrum
- 11 Michael & Maureen Brown
- 28 William & Leslie Pratt

MEMBERSHIP

BAPTISM:

- + + Annabelle Jeanne Hackbardt
Child of Thomas & Kelli
March 9, 2008

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Group's POWER LAB

Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power!

Mark your calendars and plan summer
vacations around **Vacation Bible School**

Monday - Friday, July 21 - 25, 2008

9am - Noon

*(Going into Kindergarten through Going into
6th Grade)*

***Registration Forms will be available on
the Gathering Hall table in April.***

MANY helpers will be needed!

JESUS & MUSLIMS CONFERENCE:

Can you imagine what an encounter between Jesus and a Muslim person would be like today? Do you think Jesus would ask for an invitation to dine in a Muslim's home? Would He unleash a barrage of condemnation? What about us? Explore these questions at The Friendship of Jesus & Muslims Conference April 3-6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport. Register at:

www.lcmsworldmission.org/conferences

or call 800-433-3954.

NEEDED

We are in need of more Trustees. If you could serve the Lord in this capacity, give Steve a call (248-437-8858) or join them for their meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

*Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
Wednesday, April 23
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Help a young couple
in our midst
attending Concordia University.*

*\$6.50 Adults
\$4.50 (children 10 & under)*

*SIGN UP on the Information Board so
that a count can be determined.*

SPECIAL FUNDS

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

Carpet Fund (Narthex)
Copier Fund
Debt Reduction
Garage Fund

WEB PAGE

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

www.crossofchristlutheran.org

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: crosslut@bignet.net

Werner Landscaping (55600 Eight Mile Rd., Northville – 248-437-9333) is giving a portion of the sales to the Team Trinity Youth Group if you purchase flowers with the coupon BELOW. Thank you Chuck & Dana Hamlet and family for providing the beautiful flowers for our annual Flower Sale for so many, many years!! We will not be having the flower sale here at church this year. **USE THE COUPON!**

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
YOUTH GROUP FLOWER FUND RAISER**

<u>COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT DONATED</u>
Hanging Baskets \$12.00/EACH	_____ x \$2.00/each = _____
Patio Containers \$25.00/EACH	_____ x \$2.00/each = _____
48 Cell Flats \$10.00/EACH	_____ x \$1.00/each = _____
Perennials \$ 6.00/EACH	_____ x \$1.00/each = _____

Werner Landscaping, Inc.
55600 Eight Mile Road
Northville, MI 48167

(Located on the North side of 8 Mile – West of Currie – East of Griswold.)

Valid May 1 – May 31, 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion		1 7:00pm Bd. of Evangelism	2 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	3 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	4 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch	5
6 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:15am Team Trinity Yth. 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am PS Registration	7 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	8	9 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	10 PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7:00pm	11	12 9:00 am PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY REGISTRATION
13 8:00am Worship + 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Choir	14 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	15 7:00pm Church Council	16 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	17 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	18	19 10:00am Women's Outreach
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