

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

April is a holy month this year. We celebrate Holy Week April 9-16. We commemorate **Palm Sunday** on April 9 when we celebrate Jesus' humble and triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We commemorate **Maundy Thursday** on April 13 when our Lord instituted His Supper. We commemorate **Good Friday** on April 14 when Jesus died for all on the cross. We celebrate **Easter Sunday** on April 16 when Jesus rose from the dead. May God bless our celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

Early in Holy Week, the time had come for Jesus to talk about some important imminent activities. The hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by His death. The time had come for God the Father to glorify His name. The time had come for judgment on this world, for the devil to be driven out, and for Christ to draw all people to Himself.

During Holy Week, the hour had come for our Lord to be glorified. Jesus was glorified by His death on the cross. Christ was glorified by His resurrection from the tomb. God the Father glorified His son in His death and resurrection.

The time had come for Jesus to produce many followers by His death. Christ, by dying, produced millions of children of God. Our Lord produced many followers by His death on the cross. Jesus produced you as a believer and follower by His death.

The time had come for the Father to glorify His name. Jesus' heart was troubled by His imminent passion and crucifixion. The reason Christ came to that hour was to die and rise again. Jesus prayed for His Father to glorify His name. God the Father glorified His name by Christ's death and resurrection.

The time had come for judgment on this world. Jesus said, "*Now is the time for judgment on this world.*" (John 12:31a) By killing Jesus the world pronounced its own death sentence and lost its right to exist. God judged this world "guilty" when Christ was crucified. Jesus bore the world's guilty verdict on the cross. Christ, the lamb of God, took away the sin of the world.

The time had come for Jesus to draw all people to Himself. Christ said, "*But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.*" (John 12:32) Jesus was nailed to the cross and lifted up from the earth on Golgotha. When the Roman soldiers lifted His cross from the ground, Christ was lifted up from the earth. Our Lord drew you and all people to Himself when He was lifted up on the cross. A strong magnet will draw all metal objects in its magnetic field to itself. Jesus lifted up on the cross is a wonderful Magnet, who drew all people to Himself.

Christ fulfilled His mission on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday. Our Lord was glorified by His death and resurrection. God the Father glorified His name. God the Father judged the world. Jesus drove out the devil by His death. Christ drew all people to Himself when He was lifted up from the earth on the cross. Our Lord saved people by His death and resurrection.

The time has come to serve and follow Jesus. Let us serve and follow Christ at church, at home, at school, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities. Let us serve and follow our Lord during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

May God richly bless you and your family during this month of April and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Terry Nelson

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## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

2	Sunday	8:00am & 10:30am
5	Wednesday	7:00pm – <i>Lent</i>
9	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:00am & 10:30am + <i>Holy Communion</i>
13	<i>Maundy Thurs.</i>	7:30pm + <i>Holy Communion</i>
14	<i>Good Friday</i>	7:30pm
16	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:30am & 10:30am + <i>Holy Communion</i>
23	Sunday	8:00am & 10:30am + <i>Holy Communion</i>
30	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	8:00am & 10:30am + <i>Holy Communion</i>

Note: Holy Week evening services will be held at 7:30 p.m., differing from the 7:00 p.m. service time of Wednesday Lenten services.

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## EASTER BREAKFAST

An Easter Breakfast will be served on *Easter Sunday* from **8:45-9:45am**. A free-will donation will be accepted. *All are invited to join us!*

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## THANK YOU

SPECIAL THANKS to Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the delicious meals each week for our Wednesday Lenten Dinners and to the Boards for set up and clean up!

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## EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all who purchased EASTER LILIES to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter services! If a lily was purchased in

memory of a loved one, the name will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please place the \$12.50 payment in the offering plate, designated "Lilies." *Thank you!*

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## LENTEN DINNER

Join us for the final Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. A SALAD BUFFET will be served, hosted by Women's Outreach. A *free-will donation* is accepted.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will be held the same time as 10:30 a.m. worship, beginning in the fall.

A new Youth BIBLE STUDY will begin a couple of Sundays each month, beginning May 7. Watch the bulletin and Youth Bulletin Board for more updates. A letter will be sent out to parents.

We are in need of a Sunday School Director. If you would like more information, please talk with Debra Blackwell or Pastor Nelson.

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## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION for fall classes went well again this year. There are a few openings remaining in the afternoon 4 year old class and both 3 year old classes. Call the church office if you would like more information.

The preschool classes have enjoyed many themes, in addition to the special celebration of *Easter*. Communities (with a trip to Hungry Howies Pizza in town), Healthy Foods, and Healthy Teeth were discussed. Sunrise Dental will visit our preschool the beginning of April to share with the children how to care for their teeth.

THANK YOU to all who ordered *Morley Candy*. The orders will be delivered on Wednesday, April 5. (Checks can be made payable to *Cross of Christ Preschool*.)

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## FUNERAL DINNERS

*THANK YOU* to all who donated passing dishes for recent funerals. We appreciate your kind and thoughtful donations. Anyone wishing to help in the future can be added to Clara's List by calling 248-437-5760 (if you are not already on the list). It would be helpful to have a man available to help at funeral dinners to assist with tables and clean up, etc. (If you could help out, inform Clara or the church office. You'll also receive a delicious lunch!)

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## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Be sure to sign up for lunch at the *Riverbank* in South Lyon (Ten Mile & Currie Roads) on Friday, April 7. Meet there at 11:30 a.m. Call the church office if you would like to be added to the list. *Bring a friend! Men and women welcome.*

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## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are excited about the new Church Pictorial Directory! A photo directory has not been done since 1999. It's definitely time! Photos will be taken on **May 1, 2, and 3**. We want 100% participation from our members! You will receive a free 8 by 10 family photo and directory for participating. Appointment sign ups are taking place after

worship on Sunday, April 2 through April 16. You may also call the church office!

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## ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Mark your calendars for the Annual FLOWER SALE, Saturday, May 27. Many of your favorite annuals and perennials will be available at a great price. *We need your support of this wonderful fund raiser!* Watch for a sign up sheet to help out at this year's sale.

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## COFFEE HOURS

The APRIL Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship. MAY Coffee Hour will be hosted by Women's Outreach. There are no coffee hours during the summer months.

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## MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

For those of you who regularly shop at Meijer, consider applying for a "**Community Rewards Guest Card**" from Meijer. (It is not a credit card.) When applying, you must use the CODE NUMBER for the church in order for the church to receive any benefit. Our code number is **925537**. Applications are available in the church office or you can register online at [Meijer.com/rewards](http://Meijer.com/rewards).

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*God Squad & Team Trinity*  
**FAMILY BOWLING**

*Saturday, April 29*  
*12 Noon – 2 p.m.*

*Meet at 700 Bowl, South Lyon*

You must sign up for this event so that a count can be determined. Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome; invite a friend!

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## MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

*SUNDAY, MAY 7, 11:30 a.m.*

Sign up for a MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE to honor past and present service men and women. A chicken dinner will be served, prepared by Ettie Ann Hirth. (Free-will donation) Tell us about you and your family members who have served and let us borrow a photo, which we will scan and return to you. Fill out a recognition sheet located in the Gathering Hall today! Please submit information by **April 9th**.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date has been set for this summer's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

### ***"Fiesta"***

*Where kids are fired up about Jesus!*

***July 24 - July 28, 2006***

Registration forms will be available after Easter. A Materials Fee of \$10 per child will be required at registration.

Plan your summer vacations and camps around our VBS. Remember we will need lots of helpers to provide this outreach to our community!

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## WEB PAGE NEWS

If you haven't already done so, check out the new web page for Cross of Christ: [www.crossofchristlutheran.org](http://www.crossofchristlutheran.org).

The Calendar, Newsletter, and Youth News will be available each month on this web site.

We would like to begin e-mailing this Newsletter to those who would like to receive it via email to save on postage. FILL IN the slip located in the church office or email us at [crosslut@bignet.net](mailto:crosslut@bignet.net).

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## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME SURVEY

A SURVEY will be available on *Sundays, April 2 and April 16* to determine preference for summer worship time. Plan on participating!

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## MEMBERSHIP

### CALLED HOME:

+ + Leonard B. Haack  
March 15, 2006

### BAPTISM:

+ + Cailyn Joy Grieshaber  
Child of Chris & Heather Grieshaber  
February 26, 2006

### Removed by Action of the Board of Elders:

Mrs. Janice Moser & family  
Mr. & Mrs. David Pagels & family  
Mr. Brian Bussey  
Mrs. Sarah Collins

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### TREASURER'S NOTE

*Did you know . . . . .*

Our current Utility bills (gas and electric) for the church and parsonage total nearly \$2,000 per month. Something to think about.

## WOMEN'S OUTREACH

ROLL CLASS: ***Saturday, April 22***  
***9:00 – 11:30 a.m.***

Bring a 5# bag of enriched flour, a large bowl, a wire whisk (if you have one) and two (9x13) loaf pans. I will supply the remaining

ingredients. Come for a fun lesson in making dinner yeast rolls. Two people can work together and share the hopefully good rewards. A sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Hall. If you have any questions, give Ettie Ann Hirth a call at 248-349-2545.

**RECIPES! RECIPES! NEEDED!**

Thanks to the few people who have turned in their recipes. But we need lots of people turning in lots of recipes. "IDEA" – one recipe from each category from each family. Also, collect yummy recipes from other family members and friends. We need **300 recipes**. There are forms to fill out in the kitchen and Gathering Hall. Pick up some today.

Our next Women's Outreach meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS**

+ + In celebration of the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of their mother, Frieda Fanslau, a gift has been given by Burt & Mary Fanslau and the family of Gary & Edda Albin.

+ + In memory of Leonard Haack, gifts have been given to the *Garage Fund* by Evelyn Oliver and to *Debt Reduction* by Marie Smith.

+ + In memory of Leonard Haack, gifts have been given by Caroline Klausmeier; Frank & Janet Watson & family; and Olberg & Marie Hagen.

+ + In memory of Leonard Haack, gifts have been given by Robert & Bernice Janes and the Lindquist Family, and to *Debt Reduction* by Frank & Elsie Huber.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Lisa Sterling
- 3 Edna Schuur

- 4 Rachel Tura
- 4 Sarah Byrum
- 8 Ronald Reichert
- 8 Gloria Schrom
- 9 Brent Sterling
- 9 Sue Zimmerman
- 10 Linda Hare
- Heather Sieting
- Janet B. Ward
- 12 Ashley Brinkel
- 14 John Paul Mueller
- 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
- Samantha Smith
- 20 Larry Gremel
- 21 Bob Smith
- 22 Stephen Flook
- 23 Lisa Blackwell
- Brian Hall
- Chris Hare
- Lisa Reece
- 24 Claudia Abrash
- 25 Francine Henrikson
- Michael Reece
- 27 Gary Albin
- Leya Chambo
- Lucille Martin

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Dennis & Donna Evans
- 7 Richard & Marlene Benson
- Douglas & Priscilla Byrum
- 11 Michael & Maureen Brown
- 14 Larry & Mary Gremel
- 24 Michael & Lisa Reece
- 28 William & Leslie Pratt

April 1, 2006

Dear Members,

We would like to encourage you to participate in the **Church Pictorial Directory**. For participating, you will receive a complimentary 8 by 10 family photo and Church Directory. The Directory will allow newer members to put names with faces and help them feel more a part of our church family. The last pictorial directory at Cross of Christ was in 1999.

Photography dates have been set for Monday, **May 1**, Tuesday, **May 2**, and Wednesday, **May 3**, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. There is a time available for your busy schedule!

Appointment sign up is now taking place on Sundays after worship through Easter Sunday. If you are unable to make it to worship the next few Sundays, you will receive a phone call to schedule an appointment. You are also invited to call the church office to set up your appointment.

You will have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits, but there is no obligation to buy.

To make our Directory successful, we need your support. We are hoping for 100% participation!

See you in Church!

**The Directory Committee**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion						<b>1</b>  4:30pm Wedding
<b>2</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Exercise	<b>4</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> 11:30am Out to Lunch Riverbank	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship +	<b>10</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Maundy Thursday</b>  7:30pm Worship+	<b>14 Good Friday</b>  7:30pm Worship	<b>15</b> 10:00am Women's Outreach
<b>16 Easter Sunday</b>  7:30am Worship + 8:45-9:45am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship +	<b>17</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Exercise	<b>18</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00-11:30am Roll Baking Class
<b>23/30 - Confirmation</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship +	<b>24</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Exercise	<b>25</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Noon – 2pm Youth/Family 700 Bowl

