

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

Easter is celebrated in April again this year. We celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 8, 2007.

We celebrate on Easter Sunday the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will gather together on Easter Sunday morning to worship our risen Lord. We will come together to hear the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead. Some unbelievers are trying to spread the lie that Jesus' bones are in a box with Mary Magdalene's bones and a child's bones. The media must acknowledge that the news of Christ's resurrection from death and the tomb is news that is worthy of being reported during April of 2007. Certainly our Lords' resurrection is the best news that we can read, hear, and share in April of 2007.

When we gather together on Sundays, we experience Jesus' presence. Christ promises that where two or three come together in His name, He is with us there. About 150 of us come together in Jesus' name in worship services on Sunday mornings. The risen Christ is with us. Our risen Lord will bless us with His real presence in His Supper. Jesus has risen! Christ is with us as He promises.

The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. God returned Christ's Spirit to His body. Our Lord came alive and was glorified. Jesus began His state of exaltation. The risen Christ descended into hell and proclaimed victory to unbelievers. Our risen Lord departed from the tomb and left it empty. Jesus' empty tomb was visited by angels, His women followers, Peter, and John.

Jesus fulfilled His name by His resurrection. Jesus means "Savior." Christ saved you from your sins and from hell by His resurrection. Holy Baptism saves you by the resurrection of Christ. Your risen Lord blessed you with the forgiveness of sins and the Holy Spirit when you were baptized. Jesus will save you from death when He raises you up on the Last Day. The risen Christ will change your lowly mortal body to be like His glorious, immortal body.

We can respond to Jesus' resurrection by speaking the gospel. Let us tell people the good news that Christ was crucified for them. We can speak the gospel to folks that our Lord has risen. Let us tell people the good news that Jesus' tomb is empty. We can speak the gospel that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (*Mark 16:16a*) Let us go into all the world and proclaim the good news of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection to all.

Happy Easter! May your risen Lord abundantly bless you and your family during this month of April and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY:	7:00pm
(+ Holy Communion)	
GOOD FRIDAY:	7:00pm
EASTER SUNDAY	7:30am
(+ Holy Communion at both)	10:30am

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Our WORSHIP services are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class is held at 9:15 a.m. (except for the first Sunday of the month). A Contemporary Worship Service is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Our next service is Sunday, April 1. Invite family and friends to join us. Sunday School is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. (Sign in on the table in the Gathering Hall.) Team Trinity Youth (grades 6-12) meet the first and third Sundays of the month from 5:30 - 7:00pm for Bible study, fellowship, or an activity.

We are in need of a SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendent for the 2007-08 school year. If you would like more information or can help out, please see Pastor Nelson.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Adult BIBLE STUDY as we continue the topic "*Science and the Savior.*" Explore the relationship between science, technology, and faith – how these relationships affect our culture – and how you can biblically respond.

LENTEN DINNERS

Join us for the final Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m., hosted by the Board of Elders. The menu will consist of homemade vegetable and ham & potato soups, salad, rolls, and desserts.

EASTER BREAKFAST

An Easter Breakfast will be served on *Easter Sunday* from **8:30-9:30am**. A free-will donation will be accepted. *All are invited to join us!*

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

9	Mon.	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
17	Tues.	Church Council	7:00pm
21	Sat.	Women's Outrch	10:00am

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart for the 2007 calendar year is displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for those special birthdays and anniversaries. ALTAR FLOWERS are available for **\$16** per vase. Two vases are available each Sunday. (You do not need to sign up for both.) *Make checks payable to Cross of Christ – designated Altar Flowers – and place in the offering plate.* We thank Bakman Florist in South Lyon for providing our beautiful flowers each week. Dates are available in the coming months.

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Cross of Christ's annual Flower Sale will be held earlier in May this year - Saturday, May 12 – just in time for Mother's Day! *Mark your calendars and plan on purchasing your annuals and perennials at a great price at Cross of Christ!* HELP will be needed to unload flowers on Friday and also the day of the sale.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION will be held on Sunday, April 15, during the 10:30 a.m. service. Congratulations and God's blessings to our Confirmands: *Lillian Candela, Shelby Martin, and Aidan Lockard!* May our risen Lord bless them and help them to fulfill their Confirmation vows!

COFFEE HOUR

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

THANK YOU

..... to Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the delicious Lenten dinners.

..... to members of the various Boards for setting up and cleaning up after the Lenten dinners.

..... to Claudia Abrash for making the beautiful Lenten banners.

..... to Bill Hirth and Steve Klamik for keeping all of the sidewalks clear of snow these past winter months.

A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the **Women's Outreach** and all of the ladies that lent a hand and more in planning our baby shower. We are so grateful to ALL that have helped us in welcoming our little bundles of joy. We are very blessed to have such a kind and giving church family.

In Christ,

Lisa Sterling & Kindsey Nelson

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

+ + In honor of the wedding of Arlene Balko and Warner Krause, gifts have been given by Kay Fisher and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Witzke.

+ + In memory of Lucile C. Buta, a gift has been given for *LSB Hymnals* by Janet B. Ward.

+ + In memory of Helen Mariotti, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Marie Smith.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

"Preschool With a Plus"

Cross of Christ Preschool provides a Christian play-based preschool program for three and four year olds. We will be registering for fall classes according to the following schedule. If you have any questions, call the preschool office at 248-437-0871.

REGISTRATION DATES

Church Family Registration:

Sunday, March 25,

After the 10:30 service

Current Preschool Families:

Mon. & Tues., March 26 & 27

Past Preschool Families:

Wed. & Thurs., March 28 & 29

Community Registration:

Sat., March 31 - 9:00 a.m.

Tell your friends and neighbors!

(Children must be three or four by

December 1.)

DINING OUT

"BIG BOY" in South Lyon is providing each of our members with a punch card. Each time you make a purchase at Big Boy (even just a cup of coffee), your card will be punched. Once filled, turn it in and our church receives \$3. Cards will soon be in your church mailbox.

NIGHT OUT

It's not too late to join us for a fun evening – Dinner at the Hirth's, followed by great music.

SWING CITY – BIG BAND ERA OF THE 1940'S. Join us Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. at the Village Theater in Canton. Cost is \$12. Tickets will be available at the door. You are also invited to a Lasagna dinner at the home of Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth in Northville at 5:30 p.m. before the concert. Cost is \$5 each. Call her TODAY so she has a count.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH will meet at *Deadwood* in Northville (Northville Rd., south of Seven Mile) on Friday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. Men and women welcome; invite a friend. Sign up on the Information Center Board or call Ettie Ann at 248-349-2545.

ACTIVE FAITH TOWEL DRIVE

THANK YOU to all who brought in towels for the drive. It's not too late to drop off a few rolls.

MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFER IN:

+ + Warner Krause
St. Paul, Northville, MI

TRANSFER OUT:

+ + Gregg & Jill Orlandi, Chloe
To St. Paul, Northville, MI

+ + Chris & Heather Grieshaber,
Cailyn
To Trinity, Bloomington, IL

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 Linda Hare
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
Samantha Smith
20 Larry Gremel
21 Bob Smith
22 Stephen Flook
23 Brian Hall
Chris Hare
Lisa Reece
24 Claudia Abrash
25 Michael Reece
27 Gary Albin
Leya Chambo
Lucille Martin

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Brian & Barbara Elandt
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

Vacation Bible School
July 23 - 27, 2007
9 a.m. - Noon

Group's "Avalanche Ranch" -
A wild ride through God's Word

- I can help prepare crafts at home before VBS.
- I can be a Class Assistant the week of VBS.
- I can help at the Registration table on Monday, July 23.
- I can help pass out Snacks to the children.
- I can help lead Songs at Music time.
- I can help with Bible Story telling.
- I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.
- I can help with recreation.

It may be early, but we need commitments to plan for VBS! We anticipate 200 children will participate in this year's VBS.

Mail to the church office or return in the box provided in the Gathering Hall.

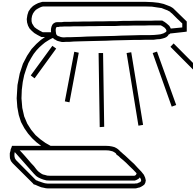
**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Group's Avalanche Ranch -
A Wild Ride Through
God's Word*

July 23-27, 2007
Ages four years
To going into sixth grade

Plan your summer vacations and camps around our VBS. Remember, we will need many helpers to provide this outreach to our community! Fill in the *Help* sheet above and mail or drop off at church. REGISTRATION forms will also be available this month.

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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 28, 2007

9:00 – 1:00



**Donations to the church of “never been
used or gently used items” are welcome the
week of April 22.
(No clothing please)**

**Each table is responsible for their own set
up and clean up.**

Free Admission

APRIL 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Youth Bible Grp. 11:30am Coffee Hour	2 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	3	4 4-5:30pm Confirmation	5 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:00pm WORSHIP+ 8:00pm Choir	6 <i>Good Friday</i> 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch 7:00pm WORSHIP	7
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30am Worship + 8:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship +	9 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	10	11 4-5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir	12 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	13 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	14 5:30pm Wedding
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Confirmation 11:30am Coffee Hour	16 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	17 7:00pm Church Council	18 7:00pm Choir	19	20	21 10:00am Women's Outreach
22 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School	23 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	24	25 7:00pm Choir	26	27	28 9:00am –1:00pm Flea Market
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