

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

During February this year we celebrate both Valentine's Day and our Lord's Transfiguration on the 14th. We remember St. Valentine and celebrate romantic and friendship love. We remember Jesus' transfiguration and worship Him.

It is good to be in church on Transfiguration Sunday and on every Sunday. It is good to greet and talk with brothers and sisters in Christ. It is good to serve our Lord and His people. It is good to sing hymns, spiritual songs, and liturgy to our God. It is good to study and discuss God's Word. It is good to pray together to our God. It is good to give cheerful offerings to our Lord. It is good to receive our Lord's Supper. Our good Lord serves and blesses us with His Word and Sacrament.

It is good to hear and read our Holy Gospel lesson for Transfiguration Sunday. It is good to see the appearance of Jesus' face change and His clothes become as bright as a flash of lightning. It is good to hear Christ talk with Moses and Elijah. It is good to see our Lord's glory. It is good to hear God the Father speak from the cloud.

It is good to pray to our good God. It is good to pray privately and with fellow disciples. Our good God hears and answers our prayers. When He answers our prayers, our Lord reveals truths to us.

When you get to heaven, Jesus will reveal His glory to you. You will see Jesus' head and hair white like wool, as white as the snow. You will see Christ's face like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

We have been very sleepy physically and spiritually. Our Lord wants us to wake up from our spiritual slumber so that we can see His glory. We can wake up from our spiritual slumber by worshiping God on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings during Lent. Our Lord will help us to wake up from our spiritual slumber as we receive His Supper often during Lent. Let us wake up from our spiritual slumber by attending Bible Study and by daily praying to our Lord.

When we are awake physically and spiritually, we can see Jesus' glory. Glory is all of Christ's attributes considered together. We see how Christ created, forgives, preserves, redeemed and will judge. We praise and thank our Lord for His glory.

Trust in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God our Father in heaven. Trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Trust in Jesus as your Prophet, Priest and King. Trust in Christ to calm your fears. Let us listen to our Lord Jesus.

Let's listen to Christ as He tells us to welcome little children in His name. Let us listen to our Lord as He invites us to follow Him. Let's listen to Jesus as He tells us to "go and proclaim the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:60).

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

**WORSHIP &
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

A CONTEMPORARY worship service will be held on **Sunday, February 7**, at 9:15 a.m. *Invite family and friends!*

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 *Galatians*.

Our winter worship and Christian Education Schedule is as follows:

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
8:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship (<i>1st Sunday of the month</i>)
9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class – <i>Galatians</i>
9:30 a.m.	Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) (<i>2nd & 4th Sundays</i>)
10:30 a.m.	Worship
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th 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. 1st) through fifth grade. Children are dismissed to their classes from the worship service after the opening hymn.

CONFIRMATION instruction, for young people in 7th and 8th grades, is being held on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in having your child join the group, give Pastor Nelson a call.

YOUTH in grades 6-12 are meeting periodically for "*Fun Nights*" – games, food, and fellowship. They will meet Thursday, January 28, from 6-8 p.m.

PARENT MEETING: A Parent Meeting was held on January 17 after worship to discuss planning events for our children. Good attendance and many ideas were presented. Activities and planning will be forthcoming.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

The dates for our summer Vacation Bible School will be determined in February. Check your commitments and let us know as soon as possible of any preferences you may have. Typically VBS is held at the end of July.

<p style="text-align: center;">Jesus Loves Us Valentine's Day Celebration Sunday, Feb. 14 (during Sunday School class time)</p>
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LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, beginning *Ash Wednesday, February 17*. The theme of the service will be *The Pardoning Word* (Luke 23:34). Holy Communion will be celebrated on *Ash Wednesday*.

LENTEN DINNERS

Lenten dinners will be held on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**, beginning *Ash Wednesday, February 17*, through March 24.

Ettie Ann Hirth will prepare the delicious meals, with various boards hosting. The boards will be responsible for set up, clean up, and will provide beverages and desserts, and make the coffee.

Following are the hosting boards:

February 17 Board of Trustees
(Ham, au gratin potatoes, salad with cauliflower and bacon, green bean casserole, rolls and desserts)

February 24 Church Council
(Sauerkraut, spaetzle, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, and desserts)

March 3 Board of Elders
(Lasagna, salad, rolls and desserts)

March 10 Women's Outreach
(Salad Buffet & Desserts)

March 17 Bd. of Evangelism
(Corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, and desserts)

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

Valentine's Day Potluck *Sunday, February 14th*

*Red hearts
Cupid's darts
Valentine's Day
Is coming our way
A Potluck Lunch
For our church bunch
Sunday the 14th about noon
Please sign up soon
A good Lutheran dish to pass
Will give our lunch class
So come to church
And plan to stay
For a special Valentine's Day!*

LUNCH BUNCH

*1ST Friday of the Month – 11:30 a.m.
Sign up on the Information Board
Or Call Ettie Ann (248-349-2545)
or the church office*

Friday, February 5, 2010
11:30 a.m.

Meet at *Applebees* in New Hudson

March 5 Chinese – Northville
April 2 South Lyon Hotel
May 7 Lucas Coney Island
South Lyon

*Men and women welcome for good food
and fellowship!*

**CROSS OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

The theme for February will center around Valentine’s Day and a unit on Nursery Rhymes will also begin. A visit from *Mother Goose* is always enjoyed by the children.

Our annual **Morley Candy** fund raiser will be available to our congregation on Sundays, February 21 and 28, and March 7. An order form and brochures will be available on the table in the Gathering Hall. *We appreciate your support of the Preschool.* About 40% of the sales go to the preschool. Other items, in addition to the delicious Morley candy, will be available for purchase this year, including frozen cookie dough. Items will be available in time for Easter.

Our preschool provides a program for children three and four years old by December 1ST of that school year. REGISTRATION for fall classes will be planned for March. The date will be published soon. Our church members register ahead of the community, as do our presently enrolled preschool children. Call the church/preschool office with questions.

THANK YOU to our preschool for paying half the cost of furnace repair in January.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

*Held after the 10:30 a.m. service on the
third Sunday of the month.*

FEBRUARY	Altar Guild
MARCH	Women’s Outreach
APRIL	Stewardship & Evangelism
MAY	Church Council

FLOWER CHART

The 2010 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is up in the Fellowship Hall hallway (near the kitchen.) Sign up for those important dates in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. or in memory of loved ones. Vases are available for \$16 each and may be taken home after worship. Two vases are available each Sunday. (You do not need to sign up for both.) Checks are made out to “Cross of Christ” – designated “Altar Flowers.”

**2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS &
2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

2009 Financial Statements for your Income Taxes will be mailed the beginning of February. A few member’s 2010 Offering Envelopes are in their church mail box.

THANK YOU

We thank the Lord for Don Stolz and his years of service as an Elder. May God graciously bless him, Joann, and his family.

THANK YOU

..... to all who helped decorate our church for Christmas.

..... to all who helped take down the Christmas tree and decorations.

..... to Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth for hosting the New Year’s Brunch. The food and fellowship were great!

HELP FOR HAITI

Financial gifts to LCMS World Relief and Human Care to help those in HAITI may be mailed to and checks written to:

LCMS World Relief and Human Care
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861
(designate "Haiti Earthquake Relief")

Or

Visit <http://givenowlcms.org>

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match \$1 for every \$2 donated by its members. Donate online at: www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or call 1-800-236-3736. (Say "Directory" and enter **83003**.) Donations will be accepted through March 31 and Thrivent will add up to \$250 per member.)

NEEDED

We are in need of more *money counters*. Please see or call (248-349-4435) our Financial Secretary, Bruce Mach, if you can serve the Lord in this capacity.

PRAYER CHAIN

We are updating our TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN list. (Once you receive a call to pray for an individual, you say a prayer and then call the next person on the list with the prayer request.) If you would like to be added to the list, please sign up on the Information Board or call or email the church office.

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:

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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

MEMBERSHIP

BIRTH:

+ + Lucy Noelle Nelson
Child of Matthew & Kindsey Nelson
January 15, 2010

MEMORIAL

+ + In memory of her husband, six children, parents, sister, and brother, a gift has been given for *Copier Supplies and Service* by Evelyn Oliver.

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Trenton Lach
Clarke Schroeder
- 2 Zachary Lanczki
Christopher Stevenson
- 3 Mike Conrad
- 4 Rosalynne Lockard
- 6 Charles Hamlet II
- 7 Marjorie Saner
Marie Smith
Marci Wasilko
- 9 Alexandra Hackbardt
- 14 Betsy Cornellier
Cyrus Opfermann
- 15 Lauren Lanczki
- 16 Nancy Ulrich
- 17 Myra Prueter
Amanda Van Pelt
- 18 Michael Faust
- 21 Dominick Eldridge
- 22 Patricia Wadkins
- 23 Denise Gerke
Tammy Wyman
- 26 William Reinwand
Andrew Schrom
- 28 Paige Conrad
Kelli Hackbardt
Theodore Lockard
Dustin Wyman

**FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Warner & Arlene Krause
- 14 Mike & Sherry Bugar
Charles & Rose Eldridge

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

**STEWARDSHIP
CORNER**

Love One Another

Each household has its own routine. We go to work; we help the kids with their homework and attend their events; we make the meals, clean the house, and do the laundry. Our days are full – sometime too full. So full that time for the Lord is abbreviated or omitted altogether. Then comes Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It’s just what we need to get back on track. We gather together for worship. We hear again about Jesus’ ministry, about the events that eventually lead up to His crucifixion, about His zeal for the Lord’s house. We hear His prayer for His disciples and His words of comfort and preparation to them.

Our hearts are turned to Christ instead of toward ourselves. We ask for grace to love and serve as He did, sacrificing self for the good of others. *“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13). Paul comments, *“Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5: 7-8). God loved and chose us, the unlovely, to shed His grace upon. We are reminded that, *“since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”* (I John 4:11).

“Love one another.” Not just our close friends or those who agree with us, but *“one another.”* We can’t do it, can we? Some people are just too hard to love. Some people aren’t interested in the love we have to offer. The command remains: *“Love one another!”*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion	1 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	2 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Evangelism	3 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	4 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	5 11:30am Lunch Bunch – Applebees, New Hudson	6
7 <i>No 8:00 a.m. service</i> 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30am Sunday School	8 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	9 8:45am Circuit Pastors' Meeting 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	10 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	11	12	13
14 8:00am Worship + 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 9:30am Youth Bible St. 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School 12:00pm Valentine Potluck	15 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	16 7:00pm Church Council	17 <i>Ash Wed.</i> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm <i>Ash Wed.</i> Worship+	18 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	19	20 10:00am Lentz Baptism
21 8:00am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour	22 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	23 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	24 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Worship	25	26 6:00pm Horn Wedding Rehearsal	27 Horn Wedding
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