

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**JANUARY, 2007**

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

Some people have the custom of making New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you have made one or more New Year's resolutions for 2007. Some folks resolve to lose weight, others resolve to do specific home improvement projects. Some resolve to break one or more bad habits. Others resolve to do certain good works.

We must confess that we didn't do all the good works that God prepared for us to do in 2006. We can confess our sins by praying in the Lord's Prayer: *"forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."* Your Father in Heaven forgives your sins. Jesus forgave your sins when you received Holy Communion.

Because our Lord has forgiven you, you can do the good works of faith and love that the Holy Spirit encourages you to do in the Bible. You can forgive whatever grievances you may have against other Christians. You can love one another as Jesus has loved you. You can let Christ's peace rule in your heart. You can be thankful. You can let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly and do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit guides you to *"forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."* (Col. 3:13) Jesus forgave you when He said on the cross *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."* (Luke 23:34) God the Father forgave you. Christ forgave you unconditionally. Your Lord forgave you when you were baptized in His name. Christ guides and strengthens you to forgive as He has forgiven you. Forgive all offenses you may have against other believers. Forgive all sins you may have against each other. Forgive one another when you pray, *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."* Forgive each other from your heart. Forgive by saying to people who have grieved you, *"I forgive you."*

Love motivated the Apostle Paul to pray for a spirit of unity among the Roman Christians *"May the God, Who gives endurance and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus."* Love can motivate us to pray for a spirit of unity in our congregation. We can pray *"May our God Who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus."*

The Counselor guides and strengthens you to make and keep New Year's resolutions that are in the Bible. You can make and fulfill these New Year's resolutions because our Lord has forgiven you.

May God bless you and your family this month of January and always. *Happy New Year!*

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Terry Nelson

WORSHIP:	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP:	
<i>First Sunday of month</i>	9:15 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:30 a.m.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Make attending a weekly Bible Study one of your New Year's resolutions!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will resume on **Sunday, January 7, 2007**. ADULT BIBLE CLASS will resume on Sunday, December 31, but will not meet on January 7. *All are welcome!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 from 5:30-7:00pm for young people in 6th-12th grades. A meal is served. In the Fall they had the opportunity to meet in homes of some of our members. They will start up again on **January 7 – at church**. Call Matt or Kindsey Nelson (248-943-2985) if you have any questions or would be interested in hosting a meal for the youth group.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

A Bible Study of ***Heaven and Hell*** continues on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The study uncovers common misunderstandings people have about Biblical teaching on life after death. It tells the truth about Hell and describes the everlasting joy that waits all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

You are invited to a **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** which meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The topic of study is "The Names of God." All women welcome. Invite a friend. *Come grow with us!*

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A CONTEMPORARY worship service will be held the first Sunday of the month, beginning **January 7, at 9:15 a.m.** Traditional services will continue at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

Opportunities to serve as musicians, praise song leaders, Scripture readers, greeters/ushers, worship planners, and other support activities are available. For those wishing to use their gifts in the Lord's service, please contact Pastor or Chris Nelson or Michael Abrash.

## NEW LUTHERAN HYMNAL - LSB

At the Congregational Meeting on December 10, it was voted to adopt the new LUTHERAN HYMNAL (LSB), to begin using in the New Year. Donations have been received to purchase the initial number of books needed. You are welcome to donate additional hymnals (\$18.50 each) or accompanying texts (Altar Book, Hymn Accompaniment, etc.) as memorials or gifts to our church. After reviewing the book, members may desire to purchase a personal copy (\$18.50) from Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) for home devotions. A sample is available on the Gathering Hall table for you to look through. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with Pastor Nelson or an Elder.

## ELDER WELCOME

WELCOME to our new Elder, *William Hicks*. May God richly bless William's service to Him and His people!

## THANK YOU

To all who ordered Poinsettias this year and to all who helped decorate for Christmas.

To Gary & Edda Albin for hosting a get – together for the Christmas Carolers.

To Bob & Colleen Martin for hosting the Youth Christmas Party.

To Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth for hosting Team Trinity Youth.

To all of our church officers, board members, and those who use their gifts and talents to serve the Lord at Cross of Christ throughout the year!

*Dear Members of Cross of Christ,*

*I would like to thank you all for your prayers, Pastor's visits and the many, many cards and calls that I received during my recent illness. I feel truly blessed.*

*Donald Stolz*

## NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch invites you to a NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH at the home of Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth (10800 Seven Mile Rd., Northville - west of Napier) on Friday, **January 5, 2007**, at 11:30 a.m. Men and women are welcome! *Bring a friend.* Also, bring along an item or two for Active Faith. Call 248-349-2545 for directions. *Sign up on the Information Center Board or call Ettie Ann.*

## ACTIVE FAITH

During this season of giving, remember those in need in our community with your gifts and food donations to ACTIVE FAITH. A box is provided as you enter church. Your offerings are also needed. Our church has committed to continue to give \$250 a month to Active Faith.

## Help take down CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Saturday, January 6th 9 a.m.

*We need your help to take down Christmas decorations. Thank you to all who helped make the sanctuary so beautiful for the Christmas season.*

## 2007 FLOWER CHART

The Flower chart for the 2007 calendar year will be displayed soon. Plan on being the first to 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.* Flowers may be taken home after the Sunday services.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THANK YOU to *Angie Baker* for directing the Children's Christmas Program 'Twas the *Night Before Christmas.* Thank you to her many assistants: *Colleen, Emily & Shelby Martin, Karen Hantz, Amy Lockard, Lisa Pogarch, James Wadkins, Marci Wasilko, Mary Pogarch, and Patricia Wadkins.* SPECIAL THANKS to the children and their parents and *Deanna Abrash and Chandler Lach* for sharing their musical talents.

## CHOIR

The Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. People of all voices (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) are invited to join our Choir in singing to the Lord in 2007!

## JANUARY MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . . .

3	Wed.	Bd. of Evangelism	8:00pm
4	Thurs.	Board of Elders	7:00pm
8	Mon.	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
11	Thurs.	Preschool Board	7:00pm
16	Tues.	Church Council	7:00pm
20	Sat.	Women's Outrch	10:00am
24	Tues.	Preschool Board	7:00pm

## 2007 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Members, please pick up your 2007 OFFERING ENVELOPES in Gathering Hall.

## 2007 CALENDARS

Pick up a *free* 2007 CALENDAR in the Gathering Hall. The calendars are a gift from *Casterline Funeral Home* in South Lyon.

## 2007 BUDGET

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, December 10, 2006. The 2007 Budget was passed as presented. Copies are available in the church office if you were unable to attend the meeting.

## DEBT REDUCTION

The December Mortgage Payment was paid 11/27/06:

\$4384.00 from Debt Reduction  
\$105.00 taken from the Budget.

The January Mortgage payment was made on 12/19/06:

\$2698.00 from Debt Reduction  
\$1791.00 from the Budget.

The current mortgage principal balance is **\$338,369.31.**

## 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 events will be available each month on this web site. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email, drop your address off in the church office or email us at [crosslut@bignet.net](mailto:crosslut@bignet.net).

## MEMBERSHIP

### BAPTISM:

+ + Richard Joseph Subotich II  
Child of Richard & Sandra Subotich  
December 10, 2006

### TRANSFERS IN:

+ + Colleen Michalak, Kevin & Allison  
From St. Paul, Northville

+ + David Gerke  
From St. James, Grand Rapids

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### HONORARIUM:

+ + In honor of *Frieda Fanslau* a gift has been given by Kurt & Mary Ann Fanslau.

## TIME & TALENT INVENTORY

Please take a few minutes to fill in the Inventory included with this newsletter and return in the box provided in the Gathering Hall or to the church office. We appreciate your participation.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas Hermann
- 2 John Lanczki
- 3 Jim Schiller  
Tammy Smith
- 5 Richard Hare
- 6 Jon Russell  
Michael Schuett
- 8 Janet Head  
Beverly Pixley
- 11 Jacob Lanczki
- 12 Julie Candela
- 13 Edward Schlacht  
Robin Wyman  
Rory Wyman
- 14 Rob Lockard  
Donald Stolz
- 16 Charles Eldridge  
Heather Gilbert
- 20 Haley Elandt  
Hannah Elandt  
Hunter Elandt
- 21 Onnalee Lach
- 22 Susan Miller
- 23 Elizabeth Earl
- 24 Ryan Tisher
- 27 Rachel Barnett  
Jeremy Marsh  
Jim Zimmerman
- 29 James Baker, Jr.  
Addison Zabik
- 30 Caden Chambo
- 31 Chris Nelson

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Augie & Linda Fernandes
- 20 Tom & Sherri Harman
- 30 Ray & Sue Brown

DEADLINE for information for the  
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER will be  
**Sunday, January 21, 2007.**

## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

December was a special month filled with activities to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was especially heart-warming to watch the little children enact the Christmas story and sing songs about Christ's birth.

We will be welcoming a new aide in January – Julie Mattison. Julie is our church's treasurer. We are blessed to have her join our preschool staff.

Preschool will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m.

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.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE 2007

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays*

JANUARY	Board of Trustees
FEBRUARY	Board of Evangelism
MARCH	Team Trinity Youth
APRIL	Women's Outreach
MAY	Board of Stewardship

## RED CROSS BLANKET DAYS

***Help the homeless this winter!***  
*Help keep someone warm!* Donate new blankets to keep residents of area shelters and disaster victims warm this winter. We are participating in the annual Red Cross Blanket Days for the next couple of months. Blankets can be dropped off in the church conference room. Thanks for your support.

## **WOMEN'S OUTREACH**

"2007" is just around the corner and here are a few of the plans for our new year.

Women's Outreach will continue to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. All ladies are invited to join us. It's always wonderful to see new faces, and this is a chance for new people to get acquainted. We are planning a FLEA MARKET for April 28, and it will be a good time to unload some unwanted "stuff." We discussed the Appraisal Fair we had in September and decided this would be a good event to repeat. We will plan that for the middle of October. So don't get rid of any good "stuff" in April. Save it until October and have it appraised!

Women's Outreach will also do COFFEE HOUR the first and third Sundays in April. We will also do one of the Lenten dinners – a Salad Buffet. That date will be decided at our January meeting.

### **LENTEN DINNERS**

I'll be happy to prepare the Lenten Dinners this year. I will do the meat, potatoes, a vegetable salad, and rolls. Each board will be responsible for set-up, clean-up, desserts, and drinks. There will be a free will offering. The board can select the date best for the group.

### **SOMETHING NEW**

A youth group BAKE SALE is being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. I will donate rolls and a few other items, and hopefully the youth will do the same. They will be responsible for setting up the table and selling. I'm hoping this will be a fun thing for the youth and a little money maker to cover some of their fun activities.

### **COOKBOOK 2007**

We have quite a few recipes but would like more. To our new members, we are putting together a Cross of Christ Cook Book that will be ready by late summer. We would love your special recipes. And to those that didn't get theirs in yet, you still have time. There are forms in the Gathering Hall and a box for your recipes.

May 2007 hold many blessings for Cross of Christ and each of our members.

*Ettie Ann Hirth*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>+ Indicates Holy Communion</b>	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4-5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Evangelism <i>Preschool Resumes</i>	<b>4</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Elders	<b>5</b> 11:30am New Year's Brunch (Hirth's)	<b>6</b> 9:00am Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b>7</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour 5:30-7pm Youth Bible Grp	<b>8</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 4-5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Preschool Bd	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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**Time & Talent Inventory**  
**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**South Lyon, Michigan**

Please check those areas of service within our congregation in which you currently serve.  
 Circle those areas which you are not presently serving and would like to serve in 2007.  
 Place the completed Inventories in the box provided in the Gathering Hall.

**WORSHIP**

Assist with Worship as:

- Song Leader
- Usher
- Lay Reader
- Acolyte
- Sound Technician
- Sing in Choir
- Vocal Soloist
- Piano – accompany singing
- Organ – accompany singing
- Play instrument in worship  
Instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve on Altar Guild
- Make Banners
- Greeter
- Offering Counters
- Pray for congregation

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

- Bible Study
  - Sunday morning
  - Tuesday evening
- Small Group Study – Homes

**FELLOWSHIP**

- Send in food for Funeral Dinners
- Serve at Funeral Dinners
- Serve on Funeral Committee
- Help with Coffee Hours
- Help with Fellowship Activities:
  - Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Pancake Brunch
  - Easter Breakfast
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Spaghetti Dinner

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

- Serve on Education Board
- Teach Sunday School class
- Assist with Sunday School class
- Help with Children’s Christmas Play
- Serve on Preschool Board
- Be an Aide in our Preschool

Vacation Bible School

- Serve on Organizing Committee
- Be a Music/Song Leader
- Be a VBS Class Leader
- Assist with a VBS class
- Be a Recreation Leader
- Assist with Crafts:
  - At Home
  - At VBS
- Help with Snacks
- Help Decorate

Youth Groups

- Help with Team Trinity Youth Group  
(grades 6-12)
- Attend Youth Group
- Host Youth Bible Group
- Organize activities for God Squad  
(grades K-5)

**WOMEN’S OUTREACH**

- Flower Sale
- Berry Home Collection
- Appraisal Fair
- Flea Market

## HUMAN CARE

- Telephone Prayer Chain
- Take a meal to homebound & sick
- Assist with Red Cross Blood Drive
- Be a Donor
- Assist with care in home (short-term)
- Assist with care in home (long-term)
- Visit the homebound & sick
- Visit the elderly
- Visit area nursing home
- Provide transportation
- Run errands

## PROPERTIES

- Serve as a Trustee
- Mow lawn
- Assist with mower maintenance
- Care for lawn & landscaping
  
- Provide assistance with projects:
  - Repair & maintenance
  - Carpentry & wood working
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Painting
- Provide other assistance to building and grounds:  

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- Spring Clean Up day
- Fall Clean Up day

## OUTREACH

- Serve on Evangelism Board
- Advertise Church Events
- Participate in Mission trips
- Care for church sign & messages

## ADMINISTRATION

- Fold church newsletters
- Assist with computers & programs
- Assist with web page entries
- Conduct yearly audits
- Serve on the Board of Stewardship
- Serve as Recording Secretary for Congregation

OTHER areas of service in which you have special interest or expertise:

