

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## JULY - AUGUST, 2 0 0 6

Dear Beloved Members & Friends,

One of the highlights of the summer is *July 4<sup>th</sup>*. We celebrate our nation's independence and freedom on *July 4<sup>th</sup>*. We praise and thank God for 230 years of freedom and blessings He has graciously given the United States of America.

People of faith have lived by faith in God throughout the 230 years of our nation's history. Many of our country's presidents were men of faith. President Bush is a man of faith. Many of our nation's immigrants came to the United States in order to exercise their Christian faith in freedom. The founders of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod came to America from Germany so that they could freely practice their Lutheran faith.

Our founding fathers established the principle of "freedom of religion." That is contrary to some people in our country today who promote "freedom from religion."

People of faith trusted in God to bring our country through times of trouble. People of faith trusted in God to bring our nation through the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, WW I, WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. People of faith can trust in God to bring our nation through the War on Terror. God be praised and thanked for the recent victories He has granted our armed forces in battles. God has blessed the United States of America and her faithful people throughout these past 230 years.

Our nation's federal government decided to express faith in God in the Pledge of Allegiance and on money. We say in the Pledge of Allegiance, "*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*" On our currency we read the words, "*In God We Trust.*" I invite you to look for "*In God We Trust*" on your coins and bills. May "*In God We Trust*" be a reality for you and for all the people of the United States of America!

May God richly bless you and your family this summer and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

### SUMMER WORSHIP:

**8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will continue through the summer months.

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## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

There are a few openings remaining in the afternoon three year old and four year old classes. Pass the word on to family and friends!

The Preschool Board will meet on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 24-28, 2006, from 9 a.m. – noon, for children 4 years old (or who have attended one year of preschool) through going into sixth grade. A **REGISTRATION FORM** is included with this newsletter and is also available on the table in the Gathering Hall as you enter church. **Please pre-register.** A \$10 materials fee is required at the time of registration. There is a family discount for three or more children in a family – ½ off. If there is a financial need, please contact the church office.

SIGN UP on the Information Center Board to be a HELPER at VBS. About 200 children have attended Vacation Bible School in the past. ***We need lots of help!*** Any questions, see Debra Blackwell or Pastor & Chris.

NEEDED: Donations of sugar sweetened KOOL-AID mixes (any flavor). Please drop off your donations in the church kitchen before VBS. Thank you!

### SPECIAL THANKS:

Some of our snack is being donated by *Larry's Foodland* in South Lyon.

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## FLOWER SALE

The amount raised at our annual Flower Sale was \$1158. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contributed an additional \$750 through their "Care in Congregations" program, for a grand total of \$1908. Thank you again to Mike & Sherry Bugar and all who participated in the sale and purchased flowers!

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## EMAILS REQUESTED

EMAIL REQUEST: We are collecting email addresses from our members to help with communication, i.e. funerals, special events, service time changes. A box has been provided in the Gathering Hall. If you haven't already submitted yours (for newsletter mailings) please provide it now. You will not be added to the newsletter email list if you provide your email address at this time, unless you request it.

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## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES APPRAISAL FAIR

Women's Outreach is planning an ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES APPRAISAL FAIR on September 30. We will continue meeting through the summer months to plan this event. We need lots of help! You don't have to be a regular at Women's Outreach to help out with this event. Meetings will be held on Saturdays July 15, August 19, and September 16. Begin looking through your collectibles at home for that special item you would like to have appraised.

Suggested item:

*Furniture, Jewelry, Glass,  
Porcelain, Pottery, Silver,  
Memorabilia*

Three professional appraisers will give their verbal appraisal. Appraisal fee: \$6 per item; 2 items for \$10. Watch for more information in August and September.

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## **COOK BOOK**

It's not too late to get in your favorite RECIPES for the Cook Book! Forms are available on the table in the Gathering Hall and Kitchen. Give Ettie Ann a call at 248-349-2545 if you have any questions.

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

DATES are available in July and August to sign up to purchase ALTAR FLOWERS. Flowers can be purchased in celebration of special events, in memory of loved ones, etc. for \$16 per vase. Sign up in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.

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## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

The DEADLINE for information for the September newsletter will be Sunday, August 20. Thanks!

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## **MEMORIALS**

+ + In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given to *Debt Reduction* by Don & Joann Stolz and to the *General Fund* by Skip Irwin and Family.

+ + In memory of Clara Brooks and Leonard Haack, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Evelyn Mayer.

+ + In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given by Mr. & Mrs. David Moser, Joyce Shoke, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jenkins, Jill Greenfield, and Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Peterson.

+ + In memory of Clara Brooks, a gift has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Benson.

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## **WEB PAGE**

Throughout the month, you can go online to check out our church's web page: [www.crossofchristlutheran.org](http://www.crossofchristlutheran.org)

The Calendar, Newsletter, and Youth News 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](mailto:crosslut@bignet.net).

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

### *Welcomed on Sunday, July 2, 2006:*

- + + Lisa Pogarch  
By Adult Confirmation
  - + + Jeffrey Snyder  
By Adult Confirmation
  - + + Robert & Karin Wolski  
From St. Paul Lutheran, Northville
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## **PASTOR'S VACATION**

Pastor and Chris will be on vacation Tuesday, August 1 through Monday, August 14. Please call Pastor's home (248-486-4335) or one of our Elders for emergency pastoral care. Seminarian Larry Wright will preach and lead worship on Sunday, August 6. Dr. Jakob Heckert will preach and lead worship on Sunday, August 13.

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## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Jean Boyle  
Elsie Huber  
2 Dawn Miller  
3 Andrew Zecman  
5 Dana Faust  
7 George Richardson  
8 Marlene Mueller  
Beverly Schultz  
9 Nancy Marsh  
11 Joy Mach  
15 Kirk Arvo  
Jill Banchoff  
Suzanne Brown  
Leslie Pratt  
Scott Smith  
16 Mary Gilbert  
Julie Mattison  
Traci Zabik  
17 Matthew Chambo  
18 Douglas Byrum  
Carla Geelhood  
20 William Hirth  
21 Michael Joseph Bugar  
Bonnie Reichert  
22 Richard Benson, Jr.  
Doreen Echols  
Ruth Morofski  
24 Peter Loukas  
Matthew Reichert  
25 Richard Miller  
28 Shelley Besler  
29 Robert Petz, Jr.  
31 Karl Mueller

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7 Chris & Heather Grieshaber  
12 Del & Dar Dirks  
15 Pat & Janet Gorman  
17 Bob & Tammy Smith  
21 Michael & Deanna  
Sieting  
24 Cy & Jan Opfermann  
31 Pastor & Chris Nelson

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

2 Luke Geelhood  
3 Lisa Pogarch  
4 Heather Grieshaber  
William Hicks  
Darlene Leindecker  
6 Michael Abrash  
Samantha Bertera  
7 Ashley King  
9 Eric Miller  
10 Kara Tisher  
11 Jared Tura  
12 Jacob Precht  
14 Robert Leiendecker  
15 Rhonda Jones  
17 Emily Martin  
Chloe Orlandi  
Miranda Zabik  
20 Sydney Baker  
21 Sabra Evans  
22 Agostinho Fernandes  
Sheila Mueller  
23 Sharon Arvo  
24 Dorothy Matson  
25 Noah Arvo  
Bill Koponen  
26 Stacy Bertera  
Adrienne Eckhout  
28 James Baker  
John Boyle  
Michael Schlacht  
30 Pat Gorman

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

2 Andrew & Gloria Schrom  
3 Matthew & Kindsey Nelson  
4 Michael & Dana Faust  
5 Al & Pam Cabadas  
6 Aaron & Christina Nelson  
12 Tom & Jan Flook  
14 Edward & Sandra  
Schlacht  
20 Gary & Edda Albin  
Mike & Michelle Conrad  
22 Charles & Rose Hall  
27 Bruce & Julie Mattison  
29 John & Julie Candela  
31 Frank & Elsie Huber

*Come join us at  
Vacation Bible School!*

**JULY 24-28, 2006**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

**Ages: 4 yrs (or one year of preschool)  
to  
going into 6th grade**

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*Please pre-register by filling out one registration form for each child and placing it in the box provided, or mail to the church office - at the above address. **A \$10 Materials Fee is due with each registration.***

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CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE GOING INTO IN FALL \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please send in instructions for staff, epi pens, etc.)*

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK # \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD CAN BE RELEASED TO (*other than parent*) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT \_\_\_\_\_



**Youth News!**  
**July-August**

*Team Trinity youth group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)*

- Camp/Retreat...Proud Lake, Wixom - July 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup>. All money (\$15 fee) is due NOW for our annual campout. Also, permission slips MUST be turned in to go. It is NOT too late to participate! Payment and any questions, see Debra Blackwell.



- Youth Bible Group will resume in September...have a safe summer!
- Youth...sign up to help for **Fiesta! VBS**. Serve God and have fun doing it!

## **Vacation Bible School 2006**

**A personal note:**

*As some of you may or may not know...my family and I will be moving in August due to Paul's job relocating too far to drive each day from South Lyon..*

*This is my last "Youth News!" and I just wanted to thank all of "my families" for sharing your children and teens with me and making my job such an adventure these past years! It's been a wonderful experience...I've learned as much as they have as we searched the scriptures. I hope I've served you well and that your children and teens have begun their own spiritual journeys to know and love our Lord better.*

*Thank you for your good wishes and God's blessings to you. I'll miss you all.*



*Love In Christ,*

*Debra Blackwell  
Youth Director*

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<b>+ Indicates Holy Communion</b>						<b>1</b> 1:00pm Wedding Rehearsal
<b>2</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship 1:00pm Baker Wedding	<b>3</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Worship +	<b>10</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Preschool Board	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00am Women's Outreach
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<b>23</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Worship +	<b>24</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm <i>Weight Watchers</i>  <b>VBS</b> 9am-Noon	<b>25</b>  <b>VBS</b> 9am-Noon	<b>26</b>  <b>VBS</b> 9am-Noon	<b>27</b>  <b>VBS</b> 9am-Noon	<b>29</b>  <b>VBS</b> 9am-Noon	<b>30</b>
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