

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY – AUGUST, 2007

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

On Wednesday, July 4, we will celebrate our nation's freedom. July 4th is identified on my calendar as U.S. Independence Day. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776. On July 4, 1776, the members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. By signing this document, the Continental Congress declared freedom and independence from Great Britain. The Continental Congress set the United States of America free on July 4, 1776. We can thank God for our freedom and for all the blessings He has given our country.

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul wrote that Jesus has set us free. Our Lord set you free for freedom and to serve one another in love. You were set free so that you can live by the Holy Spirit. Jesus set you free so that you can bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Christ set you free by His perfect life and by His blood shed on the cross. Your Lord perfectly fulfilled God's law in your place. Jesus lived a perfect life of love for you. Christ redeemed you from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for you on the cross. Jesus shed His blood on the cross and set you free from slavery to the law. Christ set you free from your sins by the high price of His shed blood. Your Lord has set you free from slavery to the law and from slavery to sin.

Let us use our freedom in Jesus to serve one another in love. Let's serve each other as we gather together on Sundays. We can greet one another. Let us listen to and speak with each other. Let's serve God and one another by cheerfully giving offerings to Him. Our ushers serve you by

passing out bulletins and by receiving the offering. Our altar guild serves you by cleaning and preparing the altar area. Our organists serve you by playing hymns, liturgy, preludes and postludes. You can give each other rides to church. You can work to meet one another's needs. Christ has set you free to serve one another in love.

Jesus has set you free so that you can live by the Holy Spirit. The Counselor guides you to live by His Word, the Bible. The Comforter encourages you not to gratify the desires of your sinful nature. The Spirit leads you to discover and use your spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit helps you to witness for Christ. The Counselor enables you to remember Jesus' teachings and live by them. The Comforter encourages you to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. The Spirit of truth empowers you to love one another as Christ has loved you.

Christ has set you free so that you can bear the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Jesus empowers us to bear the fruit of the Spirit in our vocations. Our Lord enables us to bear the fruit of the Spirit as children, spouses, parents, grandparents, church members, workers, citizens, and neighbors.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Pastor Terry Nelson

The summer worship time of **9:30 a.m.** continues through the Labor Day weekend (September 2). *Holy Communion is served on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.* Our Contemporary services will resume in September.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes and Adult Bible Study will start up again on Sunday, September 9. *Thank you to Amy Lockard for taking on the position of Sunday School Superintendent.* God bless her in her service to our Lord and His church!

During the school year, SUNDAY SCHOOL meets during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Team Trinity Youth Bible Group (grades 6-12) meets twice a month September through May for Bible study and fellowship.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

"Preschool With a Plus"

A limited number of openings remain in our afternoon three year old class and afternoon four year old class. Pass the word on to friends and family.

The Preschool Board is planning to meet on Wednesday, August 1, at 7 p.m.

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor and Chris will be on vacation August 6-19. Rev. Koessel will preach on Sunday, August 12 and Dr. Heckert will preach on Sunday, August 19. Please call Pastor's home (248-486-4335) or one of our Elders for emergency pastoral care.

NAME TAGS

We encourage our members to wear the name tags on Sunday mornings provided in their mail boxes. (Most members have been provided a name tag. Please inform Chris if you are in need of one.) We thank the Board of Evangelism for providing our new name tags. Visitors will be invited to wear a disposable name tag, provided on the table as you enter.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

Women's Outreach will not meet in July, but will meet August 18 to prepare for our second annual *Antique & Collectible Appraisal Fair*, scheduled for Saturday, October 13. Three professional appraisers will be available to give their verbal appraisals. (Set aside items this summer to have appraised in October.)

Suggested items:

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

COOK BOOKS:

The Cross of Christ COOK BOOKS are being published and should be available for purchase in September for \$7 per copy. They will make great Christmas gifts! *Thank you to Ettie Ann Hirth for organizing this fund raiser and to her daughter, Brenda, and Leslie Pratt for helping with the typing.*

HELP NEEDED

HELP PAINT the Fellowship Hall! Sign up to help out on Saturdays, August 4 and/or August 11, beginning at 8 a.m. (or when available). *Bring along your own trays, rollers, and paint brushes. Paint will be provided. Thanks!*

ALTAR FLOWERS

DATES are available to sign up for ALTAR FLOWERS. Vases are available for \$16 each and can be taken home after the worship service. (Two vases are available each Sunday; you do not need to purchase both vases.)

Cross of Christ is hosting a Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE on Tuesday, August 7, from 2 – 8 p.m. A sign up sheet will be available on the Information Center Board in July. Call Amy Lockard at 248-446-9598 with any questions. *Give the gift of life!*

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Boyle
Elsie Huber
2 Brandon Miller
Dawn Miller
3 Andrew Zecman
4 Colleen Michalak
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
Christopher Stevenson Jr.
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
27 Chaz Hamlet
28 Shelley Besler
29 Robert Petz, Jr.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Del & Dar Dirks
15 Pat & Janet Gorman
Gary & Colleen Michalak
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 William Hicks
Darlene Leindecker
6 Michael Abrash
Samantha Bertera
7 Ashley King
9 Eric Miller
Rachel Zoeller
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
23 Sharon Arvo
25 Noah Arvo
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
17 Aaron & Rachel Zoeller
20 Gary & Edda Albin
Mike & Michelle Conrad
22 Charles & Rose Hall
27 Bruce & Julie Mattison
29 John & Julie Candela
30 John & Dawn Lanczki
31 Frank & Elsie Huber

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 at crosslut@bignet.net.

MEMBERSHIP

WEDDING:

+ + Adam & Betsy Reichert
June 2, 2007

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

+ + In memory of her Brother and Granddaughter, a gift has been given by Juanita Tunis.

+ + In honor of their wedding, a gift has been given as a thank-offering by Adam & Elizabeth Reichert.

+ + In honor of their 68th wedding anniversary, a gift has been given by Albert & Virginia Massoll.

+ + In memory of LeRoy VanAtta, and Leonard & Thelma Haack, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Marion & Bernadine Fletcher.

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

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

- I can be a Class Assistant the week of VBS.
- I can help lead Songs at Music time.
- I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.

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

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held July 23 -27, 2007, for children four years old to going into sixth grade. Make your vacation plans around VBS. Many helpers are needed to provide this outreach. *Each year we reach about 200 children with the Gospel!* Fill in the "Help" sheet above and mail to the church office. (Areas where help is still needed is included on the above "Help" sheet.) REGISTRATION forms are available on the Gathering Hall table and one is included with this newsletter. ***Please pre-register your children!***

CHURCH
FAMILY
PICNIC

The annual CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, **JULY 29**, after worship. Watch for a sign-up sheet. Plan on bringing a dish to pass. Hot dogs will be provided. VBS families will also be invited.

*Come join us at
Vacation Bible School!*

JULY 23-27, 2007

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 _____

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1 9:30am Worship (Meikle Baptism) 10:45am Nelson Baby Shower	2 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Hirth potluck	5	6	7
8 9:30am Worship +	9 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:30am Worship	16 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30am Worship +	23 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers VBS 9am-Noon	24 VBS 9am-Noon	25 VBS 9am-Noon	26 VBS 9am-Noon	27 VBS 9am-Noon	28
29 9:30am Worship + 11:00am Church Picnic	30 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	31				

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