

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**JUNE, 2006**

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

This month of June marks the beginning of summer. Summer is a popular time for vacations, picnics, family reunions, ball games, golf and camping.

Summer has presented challenges for our congregation through the years. We have faced the challenges of decreased attendance at worship services and lower offerings during the summer months.

I believe God's Word gives us solutions to these challenges. I believe together we can meet these challenges through faith in Jesus Christ who strengthens us.

God in His Word guides us in our giving offerings to Him. God invites and promises us through the prophet Malachi *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* (Malachi 3:10) The "whole tithe" is ten percent of the income God gives us. God guides us to give ten percent of our income as an offering to Him. Christ strengthens us to give the whole tithe to God in worship services. God will keep His gracious and generous promise to you. The Lord will open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. If every member of Cross of Christ brought the whole tithe into the sanctuary, we would have more money than we know what to do with. God invites us to bring the whole tithe into His sanctuary this

summer. If you are out of town for a month or more, please mail your offering to the church. By God's grace, I have practiced tithing for the past thirty years. God has abundantly blessed me and my family. All praise and thanks to God for His grace and mercy!

God in His Word guides us in our worship. God says through the prophet Moses, *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."* (Exodus 20:8) God leads us to worship together. We worship together especially on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday. Every Sunday can be a little Easter. The Holy Spirit leads us to hold preaching and the Word of God sacred. Our Lord empowers us to gladly hear God's Word, learn it, and meditate on it. Jesus promised *"Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it."* (Luke 11:28) The Apostle encourages us *"let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:25) Let us meet together in worship this summer and encourage each other!

May God bless you and your family during this month of June and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

THANK YOU to our faithful and dedicated Sunday School teachers: Marci Wasilko, Julie Mattison, Julie Loukas, Chris Brinkel, Karen Hantz, Ron Miller, Matthew & Kindsey Nelson, and Paul & Debra Blackwell!

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

A new YOUTH BIBLE GROUP began on Sunday, May 7, for grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and will continue through June the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (They will not meet in July and August, but will resume in September.) Dinner will be provided; bring your own drink to each meeting!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will continue through the summer months!

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## **CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

Preschool classes enjoyed year-end picnics at Community Sports Park in Novi on May 24 and 25. The last month was filled with completing special projects for Mother's and Father's Days and Memory Photo Books. The Lord blessed our Preschool with Mrs. Lach and a wonderful school year!

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## **SUMMER WORSHIP TIME**

The SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES of **8:00 a.m.** and **9:30 a.m.** begins Sunday, June 4. (The 8:00 a.m. time will continue on a trial basis through the summer.) The fall worship schedule will resume on Sunday, September 10.

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## **CONGREGATION MEETING**

A Quarterly CONGREGATION MEETING will be held Sunday, June 4, at 10:45 a.m. All members please plan on attending.

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 24 - 28, 2006, for children 4 years old through going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Plan your vacations around VBS! A REGISTRATION FORM is included with this newsletter and is also available in the church Gathering Hall. A \$10 materials fee is required at the time of registration. SIGN UP on the Information Center Board to be a HELPER at this year's Vacation Bible School. *We need lots of help! Each year we reach 200 children with the Gospel!*

NEEDED: Donations of sugar sweetened KOOL-AIDE mixes (any flavor). Please drop off your donations in the church kitchen.
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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 at [crosslut@bignet.net](mailto:crosslut@bignet.net).

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## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

A Contemporary WORSHIP Committee is being formed. This committee will explore the possibilities of implementing contemporary worship into our worship life at Cross of Christ. If you would like to serve on the Contemporary Worship Committee, please talk with Paul Blackwell, Michael Abrash or Pastor Nelson.

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## FLOWER SALE

THANK YOU to all who helped at this year's Flower Sale. Thanks to Mike & Sherry Bugar for organizing the sale. Matching Funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Our church's representative is Nicole Harmon. She can be reached at [Nicole.harmon@thrivent.com](mailto:Nicole.harmon@thrivent.com) or 734-432-7777 for all of your financial needs.

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## SPRING CLEAN UP

THANK YOU to all who helped with the spring clean up in May. Getting things moved into the new garage was a big accomplishment. The church windows look great too!

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### *"Women Growing Together"*

The study of the names of God will take a break for the summer months and start up again in September. This meaningful study has helped us to learn more about our all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful, loving, awesome, and everlasting Father. The Bible class has been well attended; don't miss the continuation in the fall!

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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 it at this time, unless you request it.

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## WOMEN'S OUTREACH

RECIPES NEEDED: Women's Outreach is collecting recipes for a **COOK BOOK**. Fill in the forms provided (in the Gathering Hall and Kitchen). We need **300** recipes. "IDEA" - send in one recipe from each category from each family. Ettie Ann is hoping to receive the rest of the recipes this month.

Women's Outreach is excited about the **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. *Sign up on the Information Center Board*. Meetings will be held on Saturdays June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. Search through your belongings at home this summer for that special item (or items) and find out if it has more than just sentimental value!

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## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THANK YOU for participating in the church pictorial directory. The response was greater than hoped for. If you did not purchase photos, a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait is waiting for you in the church office. Please stop by and pick up your portrait. They are arranged alphabetically. (If you purchased photos, they will be mailed directly to your home.) The Committee is in the final stages of lay-out for the new Directory. It should be available in about three months.

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## MEMORIALS

++ In memory of Francine Henrikson, gifts have been given by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Goodman and to the *General Fund* by Mr. & Mrs. John Boyle.

++ In memory of Leonard Haack, a gift has been given by Mr. & Mrs. James Cash.

++ In memory of Francine Henrikson, a gift has been given by Evelyn Oliver and Leona Hart.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, a gift has been given by Evelyn Oliver.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given to *Debt Reduction* by Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth and to *Vacation Bible School* by Bruce & Julie Mattison.

++ In honor of their mother, Frieda Fanslau, a gift has been given by Kurt & Mary Ann Fanslau on *Mother's Day*.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given to the *Funeral Lunch Fund* by Neil & Annie Nichols and Bill & Leslie Pratt.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given by John & Jean Boyle, Kenneth & Lyne Nelson, Delores Barber, Leona Hart, Ron & Alice Miller, Keith & Bev Pixley, and Arlene Balko.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given to *Debt Reduction* by Marie Smith, James & Carole Bedard, Gary & Edda Albin, and Julius & Marjorie Saner.

++ In memory of Leonard Haack, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by James & Carole Bedard.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given by Dwight & Marlene Miller, Don & Sandy Rollens, Bill & Pauline Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Crabtree, Mr. & Mrs.

Kenneth Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Mrs. Peg Coupland, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Monia, and Marion F. Bush.

++ In memory of Dora Blaha, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Jennie & Shelley Besler.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given to *Debt Reduction* by Frank & Elsie Huber and Myron & JoAnn Nims.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, gifts have been given by Albert & Virginia Massoll and Patricia McColl.

++ In memory of Clara Brooks, a Rose has been planted by Ron & Bonnie Reichert.

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Amanda Bertera Priscilla Byrum
2	Mark Earl Nicole Eckhout
3	Delores Barber
4	Bradley Miller
6	Robert Petz
7	Maureen Brown
9	Annie Nichols
10	Chris Barnes Jen Gorman
12	Sherri Harman
13	Jennie Besler Nancy Cash
14	David Arvo
16	William Gables
17	Alyssa Petz Devon Walrath
18	Thelma Chaklosh Scott Walrath
19	Janice Opfermann
20	Brian Flook David Nelson Peter Banchoff
24	Jack Gremel
26	Noah Petz Jesse Precht
28	Carol Erb
29	Zachary Tisher
30	Leona Hart

**JUNE  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Albert & Virginia Massoll
- 5 Dustin & Tammy Wyman
- 6 Scott & Martina Walrath
- 10 Matthew & Virginia Chambo
- 13 Ronald & Bonnie Reichert
- 16 Paul & Debra Blackwell  
Ken & Lyne Nelson
- 17 Bruce & Joy Mach
- 19 Richard & Jane Hibbard
- 22 Alec & Thelma Chaklosh
- 23 Robert & Carol Walrath
- 25 Russell & Carol Erb
- 29 Richard & Linda Hare

**MEMBERSHIP**

**BAPTISMS**

- + + Brady Michael Abramowicz  
Child of Jeffrey & Lindsey Abramowicz  
May 21, 2006

**CALLED HOME**

- + + Clara F. Brooks  
May 5, 2006
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**PRAYER LIST**

Hospitalized: Susie Beachum,  
William Thompson  
Home: Karl Bohn, Dar Dirks, Joan Gunther,  
Kathleen Hanlin, Ruth Morofski,  
Marjorie Saner, Rich Schultz

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**AREA NEWS**

THRIVENT FINANCIAL, a fast-paced financial services office, is seeking an office professional to work in the Novi Regional office for 30 hours per week. Qualifications include good organizational skills, computer knowledge (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point), with strong communication skills. Call Carol Niemi at 248-380-4300, ext. 111, or email [carol.niemi@thrivent.com](mailto:carol.niemi@thrivent.com).

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## Youth News!

**Team Trinity youth group** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Sign up on the bulletin board for the annual campout! We will be going to Proud Lake Campground in Wixom. **All youth** need a release form signed by their parent to go to camp. If you invite a friend, they also must have a parent-signed release form to me by Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. All \$15 camp fees are due on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>...even your friends!

**Note the due date change!**

**Memorial Day Tribute** was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone for helping us make this event so special. Thanks for all of the awesome pictures that were submitted. Everyone had a great time and the youth served us well. Good job! A special thanks to EttieAnn Hirth for preparing our dinner!



**Sunday school** will resume on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **during** the 10:30 Worship service. Everyone come back to learn more about Jesus!

**Children's Church** will continue throughout the summer months.

**All students** grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to their own *Youth Bible Group*! We meet on every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, from 5pm – 6:30 pm. We will meet throughout June and then take July and August off, and resume again in September. We are studying the life of Jesus from the book of Luke. We have met on two Sunday's so far and everyone is having a good time. Bring a friend! Come have dinner and study the Word of the Lord with your friends.

Any parents or other members who wish to host us for dinner during our study can contact me for details. We would LOVE to invade your home!

**FIESTA!** Where kids are fired up about Jesus! VBS is coming up! Have mom and dad sign you up...we are going to have a lot of fun! Vacation Bible School will be held from July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>. VBS is for children ages 4 to 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

God Squad (Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) keep watch for summer time fun! I will be putting information on the youth bulletin boards soon.

**Everyone have fun during the summer, but don't forget to worship our Lord! He is the reason for these beautiful months of summer sun!**



In Christ,

Debra Blackwell  
Youth Director

*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 \_\_\_\_\_



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion				<b>1</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship 10:45am Cong. Meeting 5:00-6:30pm Youth Bible Group	<b>5</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Choir Dinner	<b>8</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Worship +	<b>12</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>13</b> P a s t o r	<b>14</b> N e l s o n ' s	<b>15</b> V a c a t i o n	<b>16</b> W e e k	<b>17</b> 10:00am Women's Outreach
<b>18</b> Father's Day 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship (Pastor Kinne) 5:00-6:30pm Youth Bible Group	<b>19</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Worship +  Michigan District Convention	<b>26</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers  Michigan District Convention	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Preschool Board  Michigan District Convention	<b>28</b>  Michigan District Convention	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Elders	<b>30</b>	

