

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MARCH, 2008

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

We celebrate Easter during this month of March on the twenty-third. We will gather on Sunday, March 23 to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. We will come together to celebrate the wonderful reality and truth that Jesus has risen from death and the tomb. We will share with each other the good news, "*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*" We will gather to worship our risen Lord. You will come to the communion rail to receive our Lord's body and blood in His Supper. Our children and grandchildren can come to the communion rail to receive Jesus' blessing. We will gather on Easter Sunday to hear and proclaim the good news "*Christ has risen!*"

Women followers of Christ gathered on that first Easter Sunday to finish anointing His body for burial. They experienced several unexpected and amazing surprises on that Easter Sunday. Their Lord had risen and left the tomb empty. Two angels told the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the women. The women told these things to the Eleven and to all of the other disciples.

You may be afraid at times in your life. You might fear that you will die soon. You may be afraid that a loved

one will die in the near future. Perhaps you fear that your health will get worse. You might fear that your business will decline. You may be afraid of losing your job.

Fear not. Your risen Lord and His angels are with you. Your risen Lord will provide for all your physical and spiritual needs. Jesus will receive your spirit into heaven when you die. The risen Christ will receive the spirits of believing loved ones into heaven when they die. Jesus will raise you and all believers upon the Last Day. Your risen Lord will give you a glorious immortal body like His. Jesus will give you physical healing according to His will. The risen Christ will give you His grace, mercy, and strength.

Your risen Lord comes to you in His Supper to bless you. Some families have the tradition of eating a meal together on Easter Sunday. You may be planning to eat a meal with one or more family members on Easter. Our Easter breakfast gives folks an opportunity to eat with their biological family and their church family on Easter Sunday. Jesus will bless you with His body in the bread and His blood in the fruit of the vine. The risen Christ will bless you with forgiveness of sins, life, salvation, joy, love, and peace in His feast of love. You will proclaim your

risen Lord's death until He comes again in glory. Jesus will enjoy table fellowship with you and you with Him.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

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 for young people in 6th-12th grades for Bible Study and fellowship.

TEAM TRINITY:

. . . 10:15 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of month) – Mar. 2  
. . . 9:15 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of month)– Mar. 16

Werner Landscaping (55600 Eight Mile Rd., Northville – 248-437-9333) is giving a portion of the sales to the Team Trinity Youth Group if you purchase flowers with the coupon – included with this newsletter! Thank you Chuck & Dana Hamlet and family for providing the beautiful flowers for our annual Flower Sale for so many, many years!! We will not be having the flower sale here at church this year. **USE THE COUPON!**

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 study "The Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" during Lent.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting. **Join us on Sunday, March 2, at 9:15 a.m. Invite family and friends!**

JR. CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION is held on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Call the church office for more information.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is planned for Sunday, April 27, 2008.

## WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our worship and Christian education schedule is as follows:

WORSHIP	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (traditional service)
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	9:15 a.m. (first Sunday of the month)
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:15 a.m.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	March 16	8:00am + 10:30am +
Maundy Thurs.	March 20	7:00pm +
Good Friday	March 21	7:00pm
EASTER Sun.	March 23	7:30am + 10:30am +

(+ Indicates HOLY COMMUNION.)

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us for the EASTER BREAKFAST, served between the two Easter worship services from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (*Donations are welcome for the breakfast.*)

## LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten worship services will continue on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, through March 12. The theme of the services are *“The Lamb of God, Pure and Holy.”*

## LENTEN DINNERS

Lenten dinners also continue on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**, through March 12. Ettie Ann Hirth is preparing the delicious meals, with various boards hosting. The boards will be responsible for set up, clean up, and will provide drinks, desserts, and make coffee.

Following are the remaining hosting boards and menu:

<b>February 27</b>	Elders (Ham dinner)
<b>March 5</b>	Evangelism (Roast pork dinner)
<b>March 12</b>	Preschool Board & Sunday School Teachers (Sauerkraut dinner)

## BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who participated in the Blood Drive on February 22. Thanks to Amy & Rob Lockard for helping with the event.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

We thank and praise God for the following members, welcomed on Sunday, February 17:

*Ray & Suzanne Brown  
Tom & Kelli Hackbardt,  
Amanda, Abigail, Alexandra,  
and Annabelle  
Steve & Stephanie Petsch,  
Jack and Jason*

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir has enhanced our worship services this past month. They are doing a beautiful job! If your child (1st - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is interested in participating in the CHILDREN'S CHOIR, please see or call Janelle Lach at 248-486-5644. Thank you also to Kristen Bowman for helping with the choir!

## APRIL MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . . .

Tues.	April 1	7pm	Bd. of Evangelism
Sat.	April 12	9:30am	Preschool Board
Mon.	April 14	7pm	Bd. of Trustees
Tues.	April 15	7pm	Church Council
Sat.	April 19	10am	Women's Outreach

*(Board of Elders will not be meeting in April.)*

## CROSS OF CHRIST

## CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The children have been busy doing lots of fun winter art projects and learning more about Jesus.

Thank you to those who purchased Morley candy. It should be delivered directly to your home. Let us know if you don't receive it the week of March 10.

REGISTRATION DATES for fall classes have been set:

### Church Family Registration:

**Sunday, April 6**

after the 10:30 a.m. service

### Current Preschool Families:

Mon., April 7 – 9:30 a.m.

### Past Preschool Families:

Wed., April 9 – 9:30 a.m.

### Community Registration:

Sat., April 12, 9:00 a.m.

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration. Tuition for the 2008-09 school year will be \$88 per month.

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.

Mark your calendars: The Preschool children will be invited to sing at the Contemporary Worship service on Sunday, May 4.

The Preschool Board will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

## MARCH – MAY, 2008

### *First & Third Sundays*

MARCH

Team Trinity

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)

APRIL

Women's Outreach

MAY

Church Council

## THANK YOU

. . . Thank you to Ettie Ann Hirth for preparing the delicious Lenten Dinners.

. . . Thank you to the various Boards for hosting the Lenten dinners.

. . . Special thanks to Steve Klamik and Bill Hirth for their *almost daily* trips to church to clear snow from the church and parsonage sidewalks. This has been a huge job this winter.

## 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 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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## ACTIVE FAITH

We are collecting items each month for families helped through Active Faith in South Lyon. Watch the bulletin for items most in need each month.

Our church also continues to give \$250 per month to Active Faith. Donations designated for Active Faith are needed.

## ALTAR FLOWER

## CHART

The 2008 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."

## LILIES

A sign up sheet is located on the Information Center Board to purchase EASTER LILIES in memory of loved ones and/or to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. Cost is **\$12.50** each. (Please make checks payable to Cross of Christ – designated "*Lilies*" – and place in the offering plate.) Sixteen plants have been ordered this year. **Many plants are still available.** Plants may be taken home after the Easter Sunday worship services.

## WOMEN'S OUTREACH

WOMEN'S OUTREACH is planning a few spring events. A *Mother's Day Tea* is one event being considered. Join us for the next Women's Outreach meeting on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. as we make plans.

NEED: A woman at Colonial Acres is in need of someone to give a few hours of time helping her sort through boxes after a recent move. (Physical strength is not needed.) Give Chris a call in the church office if you can help out.

## MARCH

## BIRTHDAYS

2	Alice Van Atta
4	Thomas Hamlet
5	Megan Eminger Lindsay Bray Travis Miller
7	John Mattison James Wadkins
8	Kindsey Nelson
9	Paul Eminger
10	Earlene Reinwand
13	Allison Michalak
16	Peter Banchoff III
18	Jeff Marsh Jack Petsch
20	Kayla Evans Aaron Nelson
21	Crystal Mielke Jason Petsch Robert Wolski
22	Carole Bedard John Candela
23	Linda Bell
24	Dennis Evans
29	Dana Hamlet
30	Kevin Michalak Judy Tisher Paige Sterling
31	Marlene Benson

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

8 William & Stacy Bertera

## MEMBERSHIP

### TRANSFER IN:

+ + Tom & Kelli Hackbardt,  
Amanda, Abigail, Alexandra,  
and Annabelle  
From Our Shepherd – Birmingham

**STEWARDSHIP  
CORNER**

**Christ's Love Compels Us**

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again." (2 Corinthians 5: 14-15).*

Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to His Father's will? ". . . yet not My will, but Yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:2). Carrying out His Father's will was no easy task, but, because His love for us is as great as the Father's, He was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was His love for us that caused Christ to give His very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in Him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay Him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to His love. His love compels us to respond by loving Him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which He died ( 1 Corinthians 9: 9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:2;7). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25: 37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out His life blood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: *"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"* (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.

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**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
YOUTH GROUP FLOWER FUND RAISER**

<u>COST</u>		<u>AMOUNT DONATED</u>
Hanging Baskets	\$12.00/EACH	_____ x \$2.00/each = _____
Patio Containers	\$25.00/EACH	_____ x \$2.00/each = _____
48 Cell Flats	\$10.00/EACH	_____ x \$1.00/each = _____
Perennials	\$ 6.00/EACH	_____ x \$1.00/each = _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:15am Team Trinity Yth. 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Bd. of Evangelism	<b>5</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm WORSHIP	<b>6</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 11:30am Out to Lunch	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + (Hackbardt Baptism) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>12</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm WORSHIP	<b>13</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00am Women's Outreach meeting
<b>16 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 9:15am Team Trinity 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>17</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>20 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm WORSHIP +	<b>21 Good Friday</b> 7:00pm WORSHIP	<b>22</b>
<b>23 EASTER</b> 7:30am WORSHIP + 8:30-9:30am Breakfast 10:30am WORSHIP +	<b>24</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  + Indicates Holy Communion
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