

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MARCH, 2009

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

What do you want Jesus to do for you? You might want our Lord to meet one or more physical needs. Perhaps you want Jesus to continue to give you food, clothing, shelter and income. You may want Christ to give you physical healing. Perhaps you want the Lord to lead your employer to give you a promotion and raise. You may want Jesus to bring our state and nation out of economic recession. You might want Christ to guide you with His Word. Perhaps you want your Lord to bless you with His presence and forgiveness of sins in His Supper. Jesus will serve to you the physical and spiritual blessings He promises in the Bible.

His disciples, James and John, wanted Christ to do for them whatever they asked. John and James wanted their Lord to serve them. James and John did not know what they were asking. Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many on the cross. Christ said, "the Son of Man came to serve."

Sometimes we wanted our Lord to do for us whatever we asked. We didn't evaluate if what we wanted was in agreement with Jesus' teachings. We asked Christ to get us a specific job. You asked the Lord to help you to win the lottery. We asked Christ to help our stocks, 401Ks, 403Bs, and bank accounts to go up. We asked the Lord to serve us in specific ways.

Jesus serves you by preparing a place for you in heaven. There are many rooms in God the Father's house in heaven. Jesus paid the full price for your place in heaven when He shed His blood on the cross. Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Our ascended Lord has gone to heaven to prepare a place for you there. Jesus will come back and take you to be with Him in heaven so that you also may be where He is. Christ will come back in glory on the Last Day to take you to be with Him in heaven. Your Lord Jesus will receive your spirit into heaven when you die. Christ will serve you by coming back and taking you to be with Him in heaven.

Jesus came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. Christ gave His life as a ransom for you and for many on the cross. Jesus paid the full ransom to God. Christ gave His life to release you from bondage to sin and death. Jesus gave His life in our place on the cross. Christ the Servant suffered and died for our redemption. God demonstrated that He accepted Christ's ransom by raising Him from the dead.

We have not come into this world to be served, but to serve God and fellow disciples. We are disciples of Jesus who did not come to be served but to serve. Christ guides and strengthens us to serve one another in love. Our Lord has given us grace gifts

that we can use to serve others. As we serve people with our grace gifts, we are faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (I Peter 4:10). God will bless you as you serve Him and people. Jesus will help you to become a servant of fellow disciples. God has created us to serve Him and people.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

**MEETINGS  
AT A GLANCE . . . . .**

Preschool Board		
Mon. March 2	7 p.m.	
Board of Evangelism		
Tues. March 3	7 p.m.	
Board of Elders		
Thurs. March 5	7 p.m.	
Board of Trustees		
Mon. March 9	7 p.m.	
Church Council		
Tues. March 17	7 p.m.	
Women's Outreach		
Sat. March 21	10 a.m.	

**LENTEN  
MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, beginning *Ash Wednesday, February 25*. The theme of the service will be "A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People."(Joel 2:12-19) Holy Communion will be celebrated.

**LENTEN DINNERS**

Lenten dinners will be held on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**, beginning *Ash Wednesday, February 25*, through April 1.

Ettie Ann Hirth will prepare the delicious meals, with various boards hosting. The boards will be responsible for set up, clean up, and will provide beverages and desserts, and make the coffee.

Following are the hosting boards:

**February 25**            Board of Trustees  
                                  (Ham, scalloped potatoes, salad)

**March 4**                Church Council  
                                  (Sauerkraut, spaetzle, salad)

**March 11**              Board of Elders  
                                  (Lasagna & salad)

**March 18**              Bd. of Evangelism  
                                  (Corned beef & cabbage)

**March 25**              Women's Outreach  
                                  (Salad Buffet)

**April 1**                Preschool Board &  
                                  Sunday School  
                                  Teachers  
                                  (Hot dogs, Chili, Salad)

**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE  
*Third Sunday of the Month***

<b>MARCH 15</b>	Women's Outreach
<b>APRIL</b>	Stewardship
<b>MAY</b>	Church Council

## WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 Communion is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The 8 a.m. worship service and Adult Bible Class are not held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month when the Contemporary service is celebrated.

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:

Young people in grades 6-12 meet the first and third Sundays of the month for Bible Study.

Sunday, March 1 -- 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday, March 15 – 11:30 a.m.

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 continue the study of the book of Revelation.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. *Our next praise service will be held on **Sunday, March 1, at 9:15 a.m.*** A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting.

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.

## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

On Palm Sunday, **April 5**, an Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION DATES for fall classes have been set:

### Church Family Registration:

**Sunday, March 22**

after the 10:30 a.m. service

### Current Preschool Families:

Mon., March 23 – 9:30 a.m.

### Past Preschool Families:

Wed., March 25 – 9:30 a.m.

### Community Registration:

Sat., March 28, 9:00 a.m.

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration.

THANK YOU for purchasing Morley Candy. The orders will be delivered to the preschool the week of March 23.

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.

The Preschool Board will meet on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

## 2009 FLOWER CHART

The 2009 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. Checks are made out to "Cross of Christ" – designated "Altar Flowers."

**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Alice Van Atta
- 4 Thomas Hamlet
- 5 Lindsay Bray  
Travis Miller
- 7 John Mattison  
James Wadkins
- 8 Kindsey Nelson
- 10 Earlene Reinwand
- 18 Jeff Marsh  
Jack Petsch
- 20 Kayla Evans  
Aaron Nelson
- 21 Crystal Mielke  
Jason Petsch  
Robert Wolski
- 22 Carole Bedard  
John Candela
- 24 Richard Chambers  
Dennis Evans
- 29 Dana Hamlet
- 30 Paige Sterling

**MARCH  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 William & Stacy Bertera
- 25 Ryan & Emily Schoenberg

*Looking to donate to a special need?  
Consider the following funds . . . .*

Snow Blower  
Gutters & Heat Tape  
Cement Work Fund  
Pew Candle Holders

Debt Reduction	Garage Fund
Carpet Fund	Copier Fund

**FOR SALE**

**CHAIRS FOR SALE:** The orange chairs from the Fellowship Hall are for sale for \$2 each (48 available). See one of our Trustees for more information or call the church office.

**MEMBERSHIP**

WELCOMED ON FEBRUARY 15:

- + + Clarke & Linda Schroeder  
From McFarland Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Wisconsin
- + + Nancy Ulrich  
Victory Lutheran Church  
Detroit, Michigan

TRANSFER IN:

- + + Bryan & Lynne Lach & Brenden  
From Shepherd of the Lakes,  
Brighton, Michigan

BAPTISM:

- + + Benjamin Lawrence Bray  
Child of Lawrence & Lindsay Bray  
February 22, 2009

**MEMORIALS**

+ + In memory of Frieda Fanslau, a gift has been given to the *Carpet Fund* by Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth.

+ + In memory of Frieda Fanslau, gifts have been given for *Pew Candle Holders* by Gary & Edda Albin, the Knochen Family, Mr. & Mrs. D. Anderson, M. Simpson & M. Lewis, and Mr. & Mrs. J. Albin.

+ + In memory of Frieda Fanslau, a gift has been given for *Pew Candle Holders* by Michael & Claudia Abrash.

+ + In memory of Alec Chaklosh, a gift has been given to the *Cement Work Fund* by Frank & Elsie Huber.

**FREE:** Mike & Sherry Bugar would like to donate a hospital bed, a 3-wheel walker, and a 4-wheel walker with a seat to anyone in need. Give them a call at 248-348-1956.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
CROSS OF CHRIST  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> - 2 – 8 p.m.  
Call Amy Lockard to make your  
appointment –  
248-446-9598 or [dratar@comcast.net](mailto:dratar@comcast.net)**

Blood reserves are low; we need your help!

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

*1<sup>ST</sup> Friday of the Month – 11:30 a.m.  
Sign up on the Information Board  
Or Call Ettie Ann: 248-349-2545*

March 6	China Café – Novi
April 3	Genittis – Northville
May 1	Riverbank – South Lyon

China Café (24299 Novi Road) is located in the strip mall on the north west corner of Novi Road and Ten Mile.

It's always fun to get together for lunch. The ladies sit at one end of the table and the men at the other end. The girls don't have to listen to men's conversations, and the men aren't bored with girl talk! Everyone is welcomed!

### **WEB PAGE**

Throughout the month, you can go online to check out our church's web page:

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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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### **WOMEN'S OUTREACH**

We opened our February meeting with a Valentine Devotion – “God’s Conversation Hearts.” The “Soup-er Bowl” Sunday was a success. We thank all who brought the tasty crock pots of soup, salads that were so good, and of course, the yummy desserts.

The “Valentine Bakery” went well with a profit of \$177. Thanks to all who donated baked goods and to all who bought them.

### ***A Shower is coming!***

*Double the pleasure  
Double the fun  
The Schoenbergs surely  
Will be on the run.*

*Double the diapers  
Double the toys  
Emily is having  
Two baby boys.*

*Sunday, March 8, is the date  
Outreach’s “babies” shower  
After church so you won’t be late.*

*We’ll serve a good lunch to eat  
Sign up today in the Gathering Hall  
And in the Fellowship Hall we’ll meet.*

*With a Noah’s Ark theme  
Emily and Ryan are sure to beam!*

Our next Outreach meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. Discussion will be about the Salad Smorgasbord on Wednesday, March 25 and the Easter Bakery set for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The bakeries have gone well and have been fun to do. This will be the last one. We’ll also have discussion about a Spring activity. *Come and join us!*  
- - - *Ettie Ann*

## KNITTERS NEEDED

Audrey Campbell has been knitting Prayer Shawls. They are not too wide and are long enough for an ailing person to cover his/her shoulders. And with each shawl goes a lovely prayer. The shawl will keep them warm; the prayer will warm their heart. It would be nice to get a Knitting Group together. If that doesn't work out, Audrey has patterns to share for you to work on at home. This is a nice outreach gesture that will make someone feel loved during their trying days. If you would be interested, there will be a sign up sheet on the board. You may also call Ettie Ann at 248-349-2545.

## Vacation Bible School

**July 27-31, 2009**

**9am - Noon**

For children going into  
Kindergarten through  
Going into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Crocodile Dock

**"Where Fearless Kids Shine  
God's Light"**

The children will learn that God is with us and is powerful. God does what He says He'll do. He gives us life and cares for us!

MARK your calendars now and plan your summer vacations and activities around VBS.

## STEWARDSHIP

In I John we read, *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* (I John 3:1). God loves us. He knows each of us by name (John 10:3). We are God's children whom He loves deeply. He promises to love us forever. *"I love you with an everlasting love"* (Jeremiah 31:3). *As sinners, we don't deserve His love, but He loves us out of His nature and character:* "God is love" (I John 4:8). We can be certain that God loves us because love is at the heart of Who He is and what He does. *"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8).

God expressed His great love for us by giving us His Son to pay the price of our sins. The Cross stands as the greatest witness to God's love for us. On the Cross, He gave us the most indescribable gift, the gift of His own Son. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son . . ."* (John 3:16). The Bible is filled with references of the many things that God does for us because He loves us.

If we were able to comprehend even dimly the depth of God's love for us, we would desire to share that love with others. God's love would automatically flow through us into others. The fruit of God's love in our lives would be seen in both our words and deeds. God's love would be seen in us as we reach out to others and as we give faithfully and generously. Grasping the depth of God's love we would give glory to Him *"throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"* (Ephesians 3:21).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:15am Team Trinity Yth. 10:30am Worship (Faust Baptism) 10:30am Sunday School	<b>2</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Preschool Board	<b>3</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Bd. of Evangelism	<b>4</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>5</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Board of Elders	<b>6</b> 11:30am Lunch Bunch 2:00-8:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>7</b> 9am-4pm Girl Scout Event
<b>8</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + (Villerot Baptism) 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Choir Rehearsal Noon Schoenberg Baby Shower	<b>9</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>10</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Team Trinity Yth. 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>17</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Church Council	<b>18</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>19</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am Women's Outreach Meeting
<b>22</b> 8:00am Worship + 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Choir Rehearsal Preschool Registration For Church Members	<b>23</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers Preschool Reg. For Preschool Families	<b>24</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Dinner 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am Preschool Registration For the Community
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