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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

We celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. We thank God for Christian mothers. Our Christian mothers had a good influence on us. Our believing mothers told the gospel of Jesus to us. They prayed with us and for us. Our mothers brought us to the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our moms brought us with them to church and worshiped with us. They demonstrated hospitality when we brought friends home with us. The Lord opened our mothers' hearts to hear the gospel message and believe in Him. Our Lord filled our mothers' hearts with love, and they loved us.

The Lord has called us to share His love with people in Michigan. He has called us to proclaim the gospel to Michigianians. We can preach the gospel of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to residents of Michigan. God has called us to tell the good news of Christ to people in Michigan.

Let us follow through on opportunities the Holy Spirit gives us to speak God's Word to people. The Spirit will give us words to say in those hours. The Counselor will guide us to read and quote Scripture to people.

Our Lord has opened our mothers' hearts and Christian women's hearts to positively respond to His gospel message. They worship the true, triune God. Christian mothers

bring their children with them to worship God. They responded to the gospel message by trusting in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Believing mothers positively responded to the gospel message by being baptized. Christian women have encouraged members of their families to be baptized. Praise and thank our Lord for opening our mothers' hearts and Christian women's hearts to positively respond to the gospel message.

We can invite and encourage members of our household to be baptized. Parents, bring your infants to the sacrament of Holy Baptism as soon as possible. Tell people in your household about Holy Baptism and the many blessings that God gives in His sacrament. I am glad to baptize members of your household.

Believing women have demonstrated hospitality. Hospitality is a spiritual gift. Christian women have opened their homes to fellow Christians for Bible study, worship, fellowship, and meals. Believing mothers have opened their homes to their children's friends. Praise and thank God for Christian women and their hospitality! Our Lord has blessed the hearts of Christian women to be blessings to others.

May God richly bless you and your family during this month of May and always.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Pastor Terry Nelson

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE & SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

A CONTEMPORARY worship service will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 9:15 a.m.

There will not be an 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP service in May. A decision regarding results from our Worship Time Preference Survey for the Fall will be made at a later date.

Our SUMMER WORSHIP schedule of one service at **9:30 A.M. will begin on Sunday, May 23.**

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Sunday, May 2	9:15am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional
Sunday, May 9	10:30am +
Sunday, May 16	10:30am <i>Last Sunday School session</i>
Sunday, May 23	9:30am + <i>Summer Service Time Begins</i>
Sunday, May 30	9:30am +

+ Indicates Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

God bless our confirmands: Matthew Deeds, Deirdre Gerke, Jacob Lanczki, Jack Leckner, Travis Miller, and Devon Walrath. Our confirmands confessed their faith in God and promised their faithfulness to Him on Confirmation Sunday, April 25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last session of SUNDAY SCHOOL for the school year will be held on Sunday, May 16. THANK YOU to all of our teachers for serving the Lord throughout the year by teaching His precious children. Special thanks to Amy Lockard for all of her time serving as Sunday School Superintendent!

Kristen Calder-Bowman
Amy Deeds
Tom & Kelli Hackbardt
Lynne Lach
Janelle Lach
Dawn Lanczki
Dawn Miller
Sandy Subotich
Sunghee Zimmermann

YOUTH EVENT

A YOUTH ACTIVITY NIGHT has been tentatively set for Monday, May 17 for young people in grades 5-12 to go roller skating at ROLLERAMA, from 6-9 p.m. – *Christian Music Night*. Meet at church at 6 p.m. for dinner. Cost is \$5 each. Drivers are needed. Watch for more details to come or contact Amy Lockard at dratar@comcast.net or 248-446-9598.

F O P S

Families of preschool children are meeting for BIBLE STUDY (*Raising Christian Children*) and fellowship Thursdays at 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study and activities for the children are planned. All are welcome! Call Kindsey at 248-943-2985 if you would like more information.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start! If you missed the registration date, it's not too late to sign up for fall classes. Spots are still available. Call the church/preschool office at 248-437-8810 for more information. Classes are held September through May for children three and four years old by Dec. 1.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Our Preschool is participating in the Campbell's LABELS FOR EDUCATION program. Clip the UPCs from participating products and place in the box provided in the church kitchen.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim Morrison, Ettie Ann & Bill Hirth, and our Elders for providing the delicious Easter breakfast this year.

Thank you to our Brass Ensemble (Ron, Matt, and Adam Reichert, Bob Martin, and Myra Prueter) for enhancing our Easter worship services.

Thank you to our Sunday School children, lead by Sunghee Zimmermann and Sandy Subotich, for providing special music at our Easter service.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be hosted on Sunday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m. by Church Council.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to keep a list of our congregation's EMAIL addresses for communication purposes. It will be helpful for board members and youth activities. Send us an email or fill out the form and place in the box provided in the Fellowship hallway.

FUNERAL LUNCHESES

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with funeral lunches. If you would like to help, the categories needing volunteers are:

Set up before the funeral
Food donations
Help at the funeral luncheon
Clean up at the luncheon

We appreciate all who have volunteered in the past and look forward to others who might wish to help. If you can help in one of these areas, please call Annie Nichols at 248-437-9599 or Chris Nelson in the church office at 248-437-8810. Thanks again,
Annie Nichols & Louise Rucker
Co-Chairpersons

MEMORIAL

+ + In memory of George & Violet Burkowski, a gift has been given by Adeline Burkowski.

IN APPRECIATION:

Doreen Echol's sister, JoAnne Jahner, would like to thank us for the many prayers. God answers our prayers!

Vacation Bible School July 26-30, 2010

9am - Noon

For children going into Kindergarten
through
Going into 6th Grade

High Seas Expedition

Exploring the Mighty Love of God

Plan your summer vacations and activities around VBS! Our children will learn that God's Word is true; God's Word is comforting; God's Word is surprising; God's Word is life-changing; and God's Word is for everyone!

As always, many volunteers will be needed to make VBS a successful outreach to our community! Fill in the "HELP" form included with this newsletter and place it in the box provided in the Gathering Hall or mail it to the church office. REGISTRATION forms will be available soon.

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:

crosslut@bignet.net

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

2nd ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale is set for **June 3, 4, and 5** (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). You may bring in your donations beginning Friday, May 28th. Due to our preschool being in session, we do not have a place to store your things before then. Thanks to Nancy Ulrich for taking charge of the sale. However, one person cannot do it alone, so help would be appreciated! There will be a sign-up sheet for workers in May.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Women's Outreach would like to send care packages to those special people serving in our military. If you have a loved one serving, give the name and photo to Chris in the church office.

PRAYER SHAWLS are available for those ill or shut in. See Ettie Ann or Chris if you would like to give a prayer shawl to a friend or family member.

CROSS OF CHRIST CONNECTIONS

Did you ever need an electrician, plumber, lawn maintenance, a baby sitter, an adult sitter, etc. and wonder who to call? Add your name to the list on the Information Board if you would like to advertise your services. We will publish the list some time in May so that you will have it at home for easy reference.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Laura Shank
- 2 Carol Walrath
- 3 Rachel Byrum
- 6 Michelle Conrad
- 9 Charley Hall
Bruce Mach
- 10 Ron Miller
- 11 Andrew Mattison
- 14 Carol Hermann
James Bedard
Shari Stevenson
Aaron Zoeller
- 15 Chandler Lach
- 18 Janet Gorman
Scott Lanam
Lyne Nelson
- 19 Jeff Hantz
- 21 Jacob Kyler
Zachary Wasilko
- 22 Carol Nelson
- 23 Nicole Hermann
- 25 Helen Perttunen
Ryan Schoenberg
Michaela Vanderhaeghen
- 27 Karen Neiswinter
- 29 Shealyn Lach
Shelby Martin
Evelyn Mayer
- 30 Blake Evans

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Jim & Sue Zimmerman
- 11 Charles & Amy Deeds
- 15 Donald & Joann Stolz
- 21 Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth
- 25 Steve & Dianne Klamik
- 29 Alan & Janelle Lach

FLOWER CHART

Sign up for those important dates in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. or in memory of loved ones in the hallway near the kitchen. Vases are available for \$16 each and may be taken home after worship. Checks are made out to "Cross of Christ" – designated "Altar Flowers."

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

A new program is beginning called Thrivent Choice which will enable Thrivent members to direct charitable gifts (*Choice Dollars*) to the congregation or Lutheran school of their choice, based on the amount of products they own. This program will replace the *Care in Congregations* and *GivingPlus* programs which have provided funds for our congregation and preschool throughout the years. More information will be provided about Thrivent Choice in the months ahead.

MEMBERSHIP

BY PROF. OF FAITH:

- + + Corrine Onuskanich
By Profession of Faith

CALLED HOME:

- + + Minnie Esther Reinwand
April 3, 2010

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

Debt Fund, Garage Fund,
Cement Work Fund,
New Roof Fund, Carpet Fund,
Gutters and Heat Tape Fund,
Improved Sound System

Vacation Bible School

July 26 - 30, 2010

9 a.m. - Noon

For children going into Kindergarten (or 5 years old by Dec. 1)
through going into Sixth Grade
\$15 materials fee per child

Group's **High Seas Expedition**

Exploring the Mighty Love of God

_____ I can help prepare crafts at home before VBS.

_____ I can be a Class Assistant the week of VBS.

_____ I can help at the Registration Table on Monday, July 26,
(for about an hour.)

_____ I can assist the Song Leader at Music Time.

_____ I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.

_____ I can help Decorate before VBS.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

It may be early, but we need commitments to plan for VBS!
We anticipate around 150 children will participate in this year's VBS.
Any questions, call the church office.

Place in box provided on Gathering Hall table or
mail to church office.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE SOON. Call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God Wants Us to Be Generous

Is enough ever enough? Doesn't the acquisition of one thing often lead to the desire for another? It's our nature to hoard and accumulate and look out for ourselves. In order to feel secure, to feel valued, we stockpile as much as we can. We live with the attitude that more is not only better, it's necessary.

In contrast, God is a generous God. God's character is to give. All that we are, have, and hope to be are gifts from God. If it weren't for the generosity of God, we wouldn't have anything. God gives and keeps on giving.

God delights in giving us, His children, His good gifts. He wants us to have that Joy also, so he implores us to be generous as well. It was with *"overflowing joy"* that the Macedonian Christians, although in extreme poverty, gave even beyond their means (Corinthians 8:1-4). Giving generously, even sacrificially, was possible for them and is for us as well because we are the Lord's; we know He will provide for our needs and develop His Christ-like spirit through our giving.

Jesus said, *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"* (2 Corinthians 9:6). This principle is so true in our giving. When we give generously, we will receive much. We get back more than we give. Our blessings may not come in the form of more money, but we will most certainly receive God's peace and joy along with greater faith. In the book of Proverbs, Solomon wrote, *"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"* (Proverbs 11: 24-25).

As you plan what you will give to the Lord, trust in God's promise which He promised through Paul, *"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

Cross of Christ 2010 "MAY MISSION"

The National Commander of the American Legion recently wrote an article entitled "Today's Warriors Need us More Than Ever." Their project this year is to supply that need. Our military does a good job equipping deployed troops to get the job done and to protect them physically, but how can their minds, their hearts, and their souls be protected while in the midst of battle? The only way is through the Word of God. They need to raise funds to help Military Ministries (a division of Campus Crusade for Christ) supply military chaplains with Rapid Deployment Kits (RDKs) which consist of a camouflage cover New Testament Bible, a Daily Devotional, and a pamphlet. Military chaplains are requesting these by the thousands each month.

Each KIT costs \$3.25. Would you be willing to help reach these young men and women with God's Word – that they are prepared spiritually for the challenges of military life? Chaplains stationed around the country and through the world are urgently requesting RDKs. In addition to reaching new recruits, many chaplains who are reassigned to new areas are discovering that the troops now under their care have not had access to these Kits, and they are placing orders to meet the tremendous need. If you would like to help, place your donation of \$3.25 (or more) in an envelope marked "MAY MISSION" and place in the collection plate.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE:

I am helping save lives from cancer by taking part in the *Relay for Life*, and I'm hoping you will support my efforts with a donation. The *Relay for Life* is a life-changing event that gives people across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. It raises much-needed funds and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer.

Use my personal web page to make a secure, tax-deductible online donation
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Carla.Geelhood>

Carla Geelhood, Cross of Christ member

ACTIVE FAITH

Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food items for Active Faith throughout the year. Donations are welcome in the box provided as you enter church. Our church has pledged \$250 per month to Active Faith. Your monetary donations are also appreciated.

ACTIVE FAITH 13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

You are invited to the Golf Outing at Tanglewood Golf Course on July 19th. Active Faith is committed to helping families in need in our community. In June, 2008 the number of families served was 198 and in June, 2009 it had increased to 267. Call 248-437-9790 or email: active info@activefaithcs.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No 8:00 a.m. service in May						1
2 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	3 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	4 7:00pm Board of Evangelism	5	6 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm FOPS	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School	10 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	11 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	12	13 6:00pm FOPS	14	15 10:00am Women's Outreach
16 10:30am Worship (Dr. Heckert –guest pastor) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour	17 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 6:00pm Youth Roller Skating	18 7:00pm Church Council	19	20 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm FOPS	21	22
23 9:30am Worship + 10:30am Bd. of Elders	24 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	25 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	26 Preschool Picnic	27 Preschool Picnic 6:00pm FOPS	28 <i>Bring in Rummage Sale items</i>	29 <i>Bring in Rummage Sale items</i>
30 9:30am Worship + <i>Bring in Rummage Sale items</i>	31 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i>					+ Indicates Holy Communion

