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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

During this month of May, we celebrate **Mother's Day** on May 14 and the **Ascension of our Lord** on May 25. We honor our mothers on Mother's Day. We thank and praise God for the blessing of our mothers. We honor our Lord Jesus on Ascension Day. We praise and thank Christ for ascending into heaven. We worship our ascended Lord.

Forty days after Easter, Jesus led His disciples out to the vicinity of Bethany on the Mount of Olives. That was about two miles southeast of Jerusalem. Christ lifted up His hands and blessed them. Our Lord told His disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them; and that they would be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. While their Lord was blessing them, He was taken up into heaven. Jesus was taken up before their eyes and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Two angels stood beside the disciples and spoke with them.

You are Jesus' witnesses. You received the Holy Spirit and power when you were baptized. You will be your Lord's witnesses where He has planted you. You may be planting flowers soon. The flowers will bloom where you plant them. You can bloom where Jesus has planted you by being His witnesses. You can be Christ's

witnesses in South Lyon, New Hudson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Whitmore Lake, and Chelsea. You can be your Lord's witnesses in Michigan and the United States. You can be Jesus' witnesses to people of other cultures in the United States. You will be Christ's witnesses at church, at home, at school, at work, in your neighborhood, and in your community. Mothers, you can be witnesses for your Lord to your children. You can tell them the good news of Jesus. God be praised and thanked for Christian mothers who were Jesus' witnesses to us, their children! The Holy Spirit leads and empowers us to be Christ's witnesses where He has planted us.

Our Lord's ascension into heaven was a big step forward in our salvation history. Jesus has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us there. Christ will come back in the sky with a cloud. Angels will accompany our Lord when He comes again in glory.

Let us join together constantly in worship and fellowship. Let's make a commitment to one another to gather for worship and fellowship each Sunday. We can worship our risen and ascended Lord together. We can sing hymns, liturgy, and spiritual songs to Jesus. We can confess our sins and receive forgiveness of sins from our ascended Lord. We can hear and read Scripture lessons.

Let us pray for our mothers on Mother's Day. We can ask God to guide and bless all mothers in their vocations. We can ask God to help and strengthen Christian mothers to bring up their children in the Lord's instruction, training and love. *May God abundantly bless our mothers!*

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Pastor Terry Nelson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

A new YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will begin on Sunday, May 7, from 5:00-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served!

We are in need of a Sunday School Director. If you would like more information, please talk with Debra Blackwell or Pastor Nelson.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will continue through the summer months!

CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to our confirmands! We rejoice with Amanda Bertera, Kayla Evans, Nicole Hermann, Teddy Lockard, Adam Marsh, and Gus Much. May God bless them to be a blessing!

<i>Amanda Bertera</i>	<i>John 3:16</i>
<i>Kayla Evans</i>	<i>John 14:27</i>
<i>Nicole Hermann</i>	<i>John 8:12</i>
<i>Theodore Lockard</i>	<i>John 15:5</i>
<i>Adam Marsh</i>	<i>John 10:27-28</i>
<i>Angus Much</i>	<i>Rev. 2:10</i>

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

We are nearing the end of another wonderful school year. The children are enjoying a "Dinosaur" theme and will visit the Museum of Natural History in Ann Arbor the beginning of May. Mother's and Father's Day gifts are always fun projects to do, as well.

Thank you to all who ordered MORLEY candy! The sale raised \$1,000 for operating costs for the preschool.

We are continuing to register for Fall classes. We have a couple of openings in our afternoon classes for three and four year olds. Tell your friends and neighbors!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Women Growing Together"

Mercy, protection, blessing. These are the gifts that belong to everyone who loves God's name. By understanding the Biblical context in which God's names were first revealed, you will gain a more intimate knowledge of God.

Come join our Women's Bible Study as we study the names of God for five weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m., beginning May 2.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall (in the church sanctuary on May 2 only). Refreshments will be served. Women of all ages are invited. Be a friend and bring a friend. *Come grow with us!*

WORSHIP TIME SURVEY

Thank you to all who filled out a Worship Time Survey. A good response was received. The Elders will be determining summer worship times at their May meeting and inform the congregation soon after.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

A FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21. Invite friends and family to worship with you on May 21! A coffee hour will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service, hosted by Women's Outreach.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are very pleased with the response to the Church Photo Directory. Photography will take place on **May 1, May 2, and May 3**. There are still a few openings, so call the church office today if you haven't set your appointment. Ninety plus families have scheduled appointments. *Thank you to all of our "helpers" and to the Directory Committee!*

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Call the church office today, if you haven't yet signed up for the Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 7, following the 10:30 a.m. service. A delicious chicken dinner will be served, and a meaningful program, hosted by Team Trinity, will be presented.

WEB PAGE

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

Annual Flower Sale *Saturday, May 27* *8:30 a.m.* *Annuals & Perennials*

Worker Bees are needed to unload flowers on Friday, May 26, at 3 p.m. and to help out at the sale on Saturday, May 27. Sign up on the Information Center Board if you can help. *Plan on purchasing all of your favorite flowers at a great price!*

Matching funds are being applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. *(Call Nicole Harmon at 734-432-7777 for all of your financial planning needs.)*

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The "Out to Lunch Bunch" will meet at *Alexanders* Polish American Restaurant in South Lyon on Friday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. All are invited. Invite a friend! Call the church office if you haven't signed up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Fiesta"

Where kids are fired up about Jesus!
July 24 - 28, 2006

REGISTRATION for this summer's Vacation Bible School will begin in May. Forms will be available in the Gathering Hall and summer newsletters. You are also welcome to call the church office. There is a \$10 materials fee due at the time of registration for each child.

A sign up sheet will be posted in May to help at VBS! Many helpers are needed.

SPECIAL THANKS

THANK YOU to James & Carole Bedard for providing and spreading the mulch in the front flower beds. The landscaping looks beautiful!

THANK YOU to Mike & Sherry Bugar, Ettie Ann Hirth, and the Board of Elders for preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast.

THANK YOU to Ettie Ann Hirth in advance for preparing the chicken dinner for the Memorial Day Tribute.

THANK YOU to Matt Reichert for donating additional memory for the Treasurer's church computer. It's been a great help.

THANKS to Bob, Scott & Mike Walrath for moving some of the garage items and to Bob for the new tractor seat.

SPRING CLEAN UP

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Saturday, May 13
Beginning at 8 a.m.

Plan on joining our annual Spring Clean Up. *Many hands make light work!* Help keep our church building and grounds beautiful. Come for as long as you are able. Bring along any cleaning supplies, rags, pails, garden tools, rakes, etc.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

COOKBOOK UPDATE:

We have 100 great recipes and thanks to those who have taken time to print them. Now I'm pleading to the procrastinators. Pick up forms today. I need the recipes by **June 1st**. If 20 people would turn in 10 recipes, the goal of 300 would make our Cookbook a success!

ROLLS! ROLLS! ROLLS!

Eight ladies around the table measuring and kneading yeast dough was fun. We baked two pans of rolls, which I made earlier and everyone enjoyed a hot buttered roll. Everyone took their rolls home to bake. From 9-11, they had a lesson and a product and an enjoyable morning. It was fun, and I'd do it again if someone wants to get a few ladies together. - - - *Ettie Ann*

Note of Thanks:

Dear Cross of Christ family:

How wonderful to feel so close to all of you. You are part of my extended family.

I wish to thank Pastor Nelson for his hospital visits, phone calls, and cards; and for today when he is coming to give me communion.

A big thank you to all of you who have called and sent cards.

I am well on my way to recovery now. I hope to be in church soon. Until then, love and blessings to all of you.

Marie Smith

ACTIVE FAITH

CROP WALK
Sun., May 21, 2006

For those of you who have participated in past years, we hope you will join us once again to raise money for Church World Services and to directly benefit Active Faith Community Services of South Lyon. CROP Walk is a non-denominational fund raising activity of CWS which allows them to fund their grass roots activities around the world. At the same time we benefit locally in that **25%** of the total funds raised will be given to Active Faith.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: A prayer service will be held at McHattie Park, South Lyon, on Thursday, May 4, at noon.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Laura Shank
2 Carol Walrath
3 Erica Barnes
Rachel Byrum
6 Michael Brown
Michelle Conrad
9 Charley Hall
Bruce Mach
10 Ron Miller
11 Andrew Mattison
14 Carol Hermann
James Bedard
15 Chandler Lach
18 Janet Gorman
Lyne Nelson
David Schultz
19 Jeff Hantz
Albert Massoll
21 Zachary Wasilko
22 Carol Nelson
23 Nicole Hermann
25 Rachel Gremel
Helen Perttunen
Krista Schlacht
Michaela Vanderhaeghen
26 Cailyn Grieshaber
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

PRAYER LIST:

*Family of Dora Blaha
(Shelley & Jennie Besler's grandmother)
Hospital: Rich Schultz
Nursing Home: Mildred Reece
Home: Clara Brooks, Dar Dirks,
Joann Nims, Marjorie Saner,
Marie Smith*

MEMBERSHIP

CALLED HOME:

+ + Francine W. Henrikson
April 11, 2006

TRANSFER IN:

+ + Heather Grieshaber
From Immanuel, Freeport, IL

TRANSFER OUT:

+ + Dwight & Marlene Miller
Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, GA

MEMORIALS

+ + In memory of Leonard Haack, gifts have been given by Evelyn Herald; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Manzel; Mr. & Mrs. William Hartwig; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ireland; and Mr. & Mrs. Roland Goodfellow; and to *Debt Reduction* by Elaine Cash.

+ + In memory of Leonard Haack, a gift has been given to the *Funeral Luncheon Fund* by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weaver.

+ + In memory of Shirley Beksä, a dear sister and aunt, a gift has been given by Clara Petrill, Laura Kimmell, and Connie Ulrich.

+ + In memory of Fran Henrikson, a gift has been given by Shirley Fischer and Judith Wollach.

+ + In memory of Francine Henrikson, a gift has 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.



Youth News!
May

Team Trinity youth group (6th-12th 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 25th. All \$15 camp fees are due on Sunday, June 11th...even your friends!

Memorial Day Tribute is Sunday, May 7th after 10:30 Worship service. We are so thrilled with the participation...we hope everyone enjoys this fellowship together!



Sunday School's last day will be Sunday, May 21st! Sunday School will resume in the fall on Sunday, September 10th **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 7th through 12th are invited to their own Youth Bible Group! Our kick-off night will be Sunday, May 7th from 5pm – 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Come hungry - We're having pizza! If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please let me know and I will get the information to you.

FIESTA! 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 24th – July 28th. VBS is for children ages 4 to 6th grades.

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

FYI for Youth...Church Etiquette.

Gathering Hall – for conversation fellowship (talk to friends & church family!)

Narthex – for collecting your church mail (quiet!)

Sanctuary – for worship (always keep quiet-people in prayer!)

Think Spring!

In Christ,

Debra Blackwell
Youth Director

