

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

This month we celebrate the Day of Pentecost on May 27. We remember and celebrate that Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on His disciples. We can remember that Christ gave us the Holy Spirit when we were baptized.

On the day of Pentecost, our Lord's disciples were all together in one place in Jerusalem. A sound like the blowing of a great wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. The disciples saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak God's Word in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. The disciples spoke the wonders of God in at least sixteen different languages. The Counselor empowered the disciples to proclaim Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The Comforter enabled the disciples to proclaim Jesus' ascension into heaven and that He is both Lord and Christ.

Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on you when you were baptized. Christ poured out the Spirit on your children when they were baptized. The Apostle Peter said, *"repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."* (Acts 2:38, 39) Jesus gave you the forgiveness of sins He won for you on the cross. You received the gift of the Counselor by faith. The Comforter has been with you and in you ever since your Baptism. The Holy Spirit has been blessing you and your children in many ways through the years.

The Spirit helps you to proclaim Jesus' life to people. You can tell others that God accredited Jesus to the people of Israel by miracles, signs, and wonders. The Comforter encourages us to share with folks how our Lord healed people. You can tell people that Jesus healed you of your illnesses and injuries. You can share with others that our Lord has provided for you and for your family. You can share that Christ has calmed storms in your life.

The Holy Spirit helps you to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection to people. The Spirit gives you the words to say in that hour. The Comforter encourages you to share with others that Jesus was put to death by being nailed to the cross. The Holy Spirit helps you to tell people that you are reconciled to God by the death of Christ. The Spirit enables you to share with folks that Jesus took away the sin of the world and their sin. The Counselor guides you to tell people that Jesus saved you from hell and from your sins by His death. The Comforter encourages you to tell people that He redeemed you by His death. The Holy Spirit helps you to tell others that God returned Jesus' Spirit to His body. The Spirit enables you to tell folks that God freed Christ from death. The Counselor guides you to share with people that it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus because God used His almighty power to raise Him from the dead. The Comforter encourages you to tell people that God raised Christ to life.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Our WORSHIP services are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class is held at 9:15 a.m. (except for the first Sunday of the month). A Contemporary Worship Service is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Our next service is Sunday, May 6. Invite family and friends to join us. Sunday School is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. (Sign in on the table in the Gathering Hall.) Team Trinity Youth (grades 6-12) meet the first and third Sundays of the month from 5:30 - 7:00pm for Bible study, fellowship, or an activity.

We are in need of a SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendent for the 2007-08 school year. If you would like more information or can help out, please see Pastor Nelson.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Adult BIBLE STUDY as we continue the topic "*Science and the Savior.*" Explore the relationship between science, technology, and faith – how these relationships affect our culture – and how you can biblically respond.

CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to our Confirmands! We rejoice with Lillian Candela, Aidan Lockard, and Shelby Martin. May God bless them to be a blessing!

Lillian Marie Candela *Hebrews 13:5*
Aidan Christopher Lockard *John 3:16*
Shelby Jayne Martin *Luke 2: 11, 12*

TEAM TRINITY YOUTH

Watch the bulletin announcements for updates on meeting times in May for Youth Bible Group.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

2	Wed.	Evangelism	8:00pm
3	Thurs.	Elders	7:00pm
14	Mon.	Trustees	7:00pm
15	Tues.	Church Council	7:00pm
19	Sat.	Women's Outrch	10:00am

CONGREGATION MEETING

A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, after the 10:30 a.m. service to discuss reamortization of our current church mortgage.

FROM OUR TREASURER

Our monthly set expenses are about \$23,000 – which includes salaries, benefits, insurance, utilities, mortgage, District pledge, garage loan, and Active Faith. Additional expenses are incurred over the set expenses each month.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

"Preschool With a Plus"

We are nearing the end of another wonderful school year. The children are completing a *Transportation Theme* and look forward to learning about *Insects* and *Farm Animals* in May. Mother's and Father's Day gifts are always fun projects to do, as well. Every day, of course, they learn about Jesus!

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

Our Preschool children have been invited to sing at the Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday, May 6. We look forward to our Preschool families visiting!

We are continuing to register for Fall classes. We have openings available for both four and three year olds. Tell your friends and neighbors!

FLEA MARKET

A Flea Market will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We are inviting members, family, and friends to rent tables for \$10 each. Each table is responsible for their own set-up and clean-up of items. We will need *donations* of "never been used and gently used items" for tables hosted by Cross of Christ. **(No clothing please.)** We will also have a Bake Sale and need your *donations of baked goods!* SIGN UP on the Information Center Board today to rent a table.

Please deliver Never Been Used and Gently Used Items Monday, April 23 through Thursday, April 26, only. Feel Free to price your items. Baked Goods may be brought in on Friday, April 27, or **early** Saturday morning. *Please price your treats!*

SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 5th
Beginning at 9 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.

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Cross of Christ's annual Flower Sale will be held earlier in May this year - Saturday, May 12 – just in time for Mother's Day! *Mark your calendars and plan on purchasing your annuals and perennials at a great price at Cross of Christ!* HELP is needed to unload flowers on Friday and also the day of the sale.

COFFEE HOUR

COFFEE HOUR will be hosted in May by Church Council. There are no coffee hours during the summer months.

ACTIVE FAITH

CROP WALK
Sun., May 20, 2007

Registration is at 1 p.m. at Active Faith.

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.

NAME TAGS

We encourage our members to wear the name tags on Sunday mornings provided in their mail boxes. (Most members have been provided a name tag. Please inform Chris if you are in need of one.) We thank the Board of Evangelism for providing our new name tags. Visitors will be invited to wear a disposable name tag, provided on the table as you enter.

MEMORIAL

+ + In memory of Susan Heaney, a gift has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Warner Krause.

THANK YOU

. to Mike & Sherry Bugar, Ettie Ann Hirth, and the Elders for preparing the delicious Easter Breakfast!

. to the Walrath family and their Cub Scout troop for picking up sticks on the church property.

. to Ettie Ann Hirth and Team Trinity Youth for providing the Bake Sales!

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
Shari Stevenson
- 15 Chandler Lach
- 18 Janet Gorman
Lyne Nelson
- 19 Jeff Hantz
Albert Massoll
- 21 Zachary Wasilko
- 22 Carol Nelson
- 23 Nicole Hermann
- 25 Rachel Gremel
Helen Perttunen
Krista Schlacht
Michaela Vanderhaeghen
- 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

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 at crosslut@bignet.net.

BIG BOY CARD

Check your church mail box for a punch card made available to you from *Big Boy* in South Lyon. Once the card is punched, Cross of Christ receives \$3.

Vacation Bible School
July 23 - 27, 2007
9 a.m. - Noon

Group's "Avalanche Ranch" -
A wild ride through God's Word

- 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 23.
- I can help pass out Snacks to the children.
- I can help lead Songs at Music time.
- I can help with Bible Story telling.
- I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.
- I can help with recreation.

It may be early, but we need commitments to plan for VBS! We anticipate 200 children will participate in this year's VBS.

Mail to the church office or return in the box provided in the Gathering Hall.

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Group's Avalanche Ranch -
A Wild Ride Through
God's Word*

July 23-27, 2007
Ages four years
To going into sixth grade

Plan your summer vacations and camps around our VBS. Remember, we will need many helpers to provide this outreach to our community! Fill in the *Help* sheet above and mail or drop off at church. REGISTRATION forms are available for the children on the table as you enter church.

*Come join us at
Vacation Bible School!*

JULY 23 - 27, 2007
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 NUMBER _____

CHILD CAN BE RELEASED TO (*other than parent*) _____

PARENTS= CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT _____

Flea market



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Saturday, April 28, 2007
9:00 - 1:00



**Donations to the church of “never been used or
gently used items” are welcome the week of April
22.**

(No clothing please)

**Each table is responsible for their own set up
and clean up.**

Free Admission

MAY 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion		1	2 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Evangelism	3 7:00pm Board of Elders	4	5 9:00am Spring Clean Up
6 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship <i>(Preschool Sings)</i> 10:30am Worship (Baptism) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour	7 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	8	9 7:00pm Choir	10	11	12 8:30am Flower Sale
13 Mother's Day 8:00am Worship + 9:15am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School	14 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	15 7:00pm Church Council	16 7:00pm Choir	17	18	19 10:00am Women's Outreach
20 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship (New Member Welcome) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour	21 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	22	23 7:00pm Choir	24	25	26
27 Pentecost Sunday 8:00am Worship + 10:30am Worship +	28 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i>	29	30	31		