

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## OCTOBER, 2007

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

We will celebrate *Reformation Day* on Wednesday, October 31. We will also observe Reformation Day on Sunday, October 28. We will celebrate and observe that Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. This action of Luther was an important milestone of the Reformation.

Martin Luther struggled with how he received this righteousness from God. Luther had tried to become righteous in God's sight by keeping God's laws and by obeying man-made laws. Martin tried to observe the law by entering an Augustinian monastery, praying, studying Scripture, fasting, agonizing over his sins, and not sleeping.

The Holy Spirit enlightened Martin Luther through his study of the Bible. Through Luther's study of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, the Spirit revealed the Biblical doctrine of justification by faith. The Counselor taught Martin that this righteousness from God does not come by people observing the law. Luther learned that this righteousness from God had been revealed by the Prophets and came to all who believed. The Comforter taught Martin Luther that all have sinned and are justified freely by God's grace. The Holy Spirit taught Luther that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law. Martin Luther taught justification by grace through faith as the central doctrine of the Bible.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus to all who believe in Him. God declared you righteous when Christ was crucified. God proclaimed you not guilty for your sins. You received this righteousness from God through faith in Christ. God credits your faith to you as righteousness. You are justified by faith in Jesus and not by observing the law.

God justified you through the redemption that came by Jesus. Redemption is the condition of freedom Christ paid for you by His blood shed on the cross. A family member can pay bail for someone accused of committing a crime. When the bail is paid, the prisoner is set free from the county jail. Jesus set you free from the prison of sin by paying the full price for your sins on the cross. You are free from imprisonment to sin. You are redeemed. God raised Christ from the dead and demonstrated that His redemption payment was sufficient.

The Apostle Paul and Martin Luther clearly teach us where this righteousness comes from and how we receive it. Praise and thank God for His Word and Sacraments! Thank and praise the Lord for Martin Luther and the Reformation! The Lord be praised and thanked for this righteousness from God through faith in Jesus.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Terry Nelson*

## FALL WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our fall worship and Christian education schedule is as follows:

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

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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades for Bible Study and fellowship.  
... 10:30 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of month) – Oct. 7  
... 11:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of month) – Oct. 21

HELP is needed to co-teach the 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class, Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We also need SUBS for each of the classes. Contact Amy Lockard at 248-446-9598 or Pastor Nelson.
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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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., except for the first Sunday of the month. Join us for the study *The Quest for Spirituality*. Explore the relationship between science, technology, and faith – how this relationship affects our culture – and how you can biblically respond.

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.

## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . .

Tues. Oct. 2	7:00pm	Evangelism
Thurs. Oct. 4	7:00pm	Elders
Mon. Oct. 8	7:00pm	Trustees
Tues. Oct. 16	7:00pm	Church Council

## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

*“Preschool With a Plus”*

The year is off to a great start. . . with many new faces and many familiar ones, as well. We have 74 children enrolled in preschool this year.

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 children have been learning about “senses” and look forward to a field trip to *Health Exploration Station* in Canton in October.

The Preschool Board will meet the beginning of November.

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*Gifts to our Preschool Scholarship Fund are welcome to give families with financial need the opportunity to attend our school.*

## 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; some are still being made. 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE . . . .

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Congregation is again reaching out to needy children in desperate situations around the world through "Operation Christmas Child." Please fill your own box (plastic or **standard-size** shoe box). **BROCHURES will be available on the table in the Gathering Hall in October.** Suggested items are listed in the brochure. (They also ask for a **\$7** donation per box to cover shipping and expenses. Cash or checks made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" may be placed inside the box on top of the items.) **FILLED BOXES ARE DUE BACK TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.**

A recipient of one of our Christmas boxes in 2005 sent this letter to Cross of Christ member, Shelley Besler:

*Dear Shelley,  
My name is Elisabeth. I am the first born of my family. I live in Lome, the capital town of TOGO (small country in West Africa between Ghana and Benin.) I were very glad when I received the things in the Christmax box. I enjoy learning and reading about Jesus. We are all Moslems in our family before I received Jesus as my Savior. For that reason, I want you to pray very much for my junior brothers to have also Jesus in their life. I will be so glad to see you by face or by photo you and your sister.*

*I am in a Bible School in Lome because God choose me to work to him. If you want to write to me, you can use French more than English. But if you don't know nothing about French, you can use English to me. Thanks you for your understanding.*

*Elisabeth*

ACTIVE FAITH: <i>Adopt a family through Active Faith for the Christmas holiday. Contact Lisa at 248-437-9790 if you can help out or have questions. Families will be assigned beginning November 1.</i>
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### PANCAKE BRUNCH

On Sunday, October 14, a PANCAKE BRUNCH will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service, hosted by the Board of Evangelism. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Invite a friend!

### THANK YOU

We thank Rob & Darlene Leiendecker for their years of service at Cross of Christ (Rob served as an Elder, as Co-Chair of the Board of Evangelism, and as a member of our Choir. Darlene served as Congregational Secretary on the Church Council and was active with the Board of Evangelism and Women's Outreach.) We will miss them as they move to their new home in Grand Blanc.

We also thank Bob Walrath for his many years of service on the Board of Trustees. He spent many hours keeping the church tractors in good operating condition and organizing the garage (even commuting from Rose City). He and Carol are now residing in Rose City.

We thank the Lord for all of their works of faith and labors of love!

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Sue Zimmerman and family would like to thank you for the cards, prayers, concerns, and condolences expressed to her family after the loss of Sue's mom.

## WOMEN'S OUTREACH

We are busy preparing for our upcoming APPRAISAL FAIR, to be held on Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. You can help us by:

- Looking for a few *treasures* to have appraised (one item for \$6; two for \$10; \$2 admission).
- Signing up on the Information Center Board to help a few hours at the fair escorting customers, taking tickets, etc.
- Passing out flyers to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. (Flyers are available on the table as you enter church.)

## *Cross of Christ Cook Books for Sale! - - \$7 each*

Pick up a number of copies to give as Christmas or birthday gifts. Be sure to get one for yourself. Make some of those special dishes you have enjoyed at Cross of Christ potlucks and dinners, made by our members.

### NEEDED

Robert & Karin Wolski are looking for a handyman to paint their barn. Give Karin a call at 248-437-2650.

### ACTIVE FATH

Cross of Christ has pledged each year to give \$250 per month to help Active Faith, along with other churches in our community, feed and clothe those in need in South Lyon. Any gifts given, designated *Active Faith*, help meet that pledge each month.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE OCT , 2007 – MAY, 2008 *First & Third Sundays*

OCT.	Altar Guild
NOV.	Preschool Board
DECEMBER	Board of Elders
JANUARY	Board of Trustees
FEBRUARY	Board of Evangelism
MARCH	Team Trinity
APRIL	Women's Outreach
MAY	Church Council

### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A new member welcome will be held on Sunday, October 30, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us in welcoming our new members!

### FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

*THANK YOU* to all who donated passing dishes for funerals in recent months and helped at the funeral luncheons. We appreciate your kind and thoughtful donations. Anyone wishing to help in the future can be added to our LIST by contacting Annie Nichols at 248-437-9599 (if you are not already on the list).

***You can help a family  
during their time of need too!***

### THRIVENT West Oakland County Chapter

WHAT: All Pro DAD EVENT at Ford Field  
WHEN: December 8, 2007 – ½ day event

Thrivent members will be allowed to pre-register before the general public.

Contact: Ed Smith (248-624-6433) or  
[ejsmith3@yahoo.com](mailto:ejsmith3@yahoo.com)

Dads and kids will spend a few hours in the afternoon learning from the Detroit Lions team and All Pro Dads about being an All star Dad.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Rose Hall  
Eric Hantz  
3 Ettie Ann Hirth  
Drake Lockard  
4 Skylar LaPerna  
5 Thomas Harman  
9 Clarice French  
Jerry Geelhood  
Ernest Johnston  
10 Ray Brown  
Mike Walrath  
11 Carol Mielke  
12 Keith Pixley  
Pam Sieting  
15 Alexander Geelhood  
Neil Nichols  
16 Adam & Eric Walrath  
18 Ed Baughman  
19 Bonnie Tura  
20 Jessica Evans  
Janelle Rapson-Lach  
21 Warner Krause  
22 Tammy Lanam  
Adam Marsh  
23 Austin Gerke  
24 David Mielke  
25 Alan Lach  
26 Donna Evans  
Florence Hall  
27 Angela Baker  
Mary Pogarch  
28 Sherry Bugar  
29 Edda Albin  
Charles Deeds  
Tricia Evans  
30 Brendan Zabik  
31 Deanna Abrash  
William Baker

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jeff & Nancy Marsh  
Jim & Patty Wadkins  
5 George & Hazel Richardson  
7 Robert & Jeannine Hosbach  
8 Robert & Dawn Petz  
9 Jeffery & Karen Hantz  
10 Charles & Dana Hamlet  
12 John & Jean Boyle  
17 David & Denise Gerke  
25 Robert & Colleen Martin  
Richard & Dawn Miller  
James & Barbara Morrison

*Let the church office know of any dates missing or incorrect. Thank you!*

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## MEMBERSHIP

### BAPTISM:

+ + Grace Olivia Nelson  
August 4, 2007  
Child of Aaron & Christina Nelson

### TRANSFER IN:

+ + Mark & Betsy Cornellier  
From Shepherd of the Lakes,  
Brighton

## MEMORIALS

+ + In memory of Gil Schroeder, gifts have been given by Lyne Nelson and Audrey Campbell (*to Debt Reduction*).

## AREA NEWS

The Lutheran Activities Organization (LAOUS.com) BIKE RIDING will be held at Kensington on Saturday, October 6. Go to <http://www.laous.com/biking.htm> today for more information!

# STEWARDSHIP

## Financial Counsel from God's Word

Dear Members,

Money plays an important part in all our lives. Much of life revolves around money. We can use it for good, or we can choose to use it as a tool for immoral and/or improper purposes. In God's Word, we find many references to money and possessions. In fact, it is one of the most discussed topics in Scripture. For example, Jesus said, *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."* (Matthew 6:24) He also said, *"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"* (Luke 16:11)

In an effort to help us all follow God's principles in the handling of the money that He has entrusted to us, we are offering the following:

- There will be a three-week sermon series beginning Sunday, **October 7**, that discusses money and faith issues.
- Also, beginning on Sunday, October 7, we will be offering a three-week Bible study.

We hope and pray that you will avail yourselves of all the opportunities being offered by our church to grow as God-pleasing stewards of your money. Money is a gift from God, and, by God's grace, we can use it in ways that give Him honor and praise.

*Pastor Terry Nelson*

*Are Treasures Hidden in your House? Are you Curious about the Value of these Items?*



# Second Annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair

*Furniture, Jewelry, Glass, Porcelain, Pottery, Silver, Dolls, Toys, Memorabilia*

Saturday, October 13, 2007  
9 AM – 2 PM

Hosted by **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**  
*24155 Griswold Rd. (corner of 10 Mile & Griswold) • South Lyon*

## *Professional Evaluations by:*

*Darlene Hines, ISA CAPP-USPAP*

- *Certified Member, International Society of Appraisers*
- *Board of Directors, International Society of Appraisers*
- *Invited Guest "Antiques Roadshow" July 2007*

*Mavis Mealy*

- *Co-owner Old Visions Antiques*
- *Trained by International Society of Appraisers*
- *Work includes PAX TV's Appraisal Fair & Gibraltar Antique Appraisal Fair*

*Betty Trybuski, GIA ISA*

- *Owner Suburban Appraisal Services since 1996*
- *Accredited, International Society of Appraisers*
- *Gemological Institute of America*

*Admission: \$2 at door*

*Appraisal Fee: \$6 per item • 2 items for \$10*

*Verbal appraisal of approximate value*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>+ Indicates Holy Communion</b>	<b>1</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Bd. of Evangelism	<b>3</b> 4-5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b> 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Elders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Team Trinity Yth. 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4-5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b> 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Appraisal Fair Set Up	<b>13</b> <i>APPRAISAL FAIR 9am-2pm</i>
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