

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER, 2006

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

We celebrate *Reformation Day* on Tuesday, October 31. We will observe Reformation Day on Sunday, October 29 in our worship services. We will remember and celebrate Martin Luther and the Reformation. The Reformation and Martin Luther are worthy of remembrance and celebration.

Martin Luther believed and taught that justification by grace through faith was the central teaching of the Bible. This Bible teaching impacted Martin Luther personally. Luther had tried to become righteous in God's sight by keeping His laws recorded in Scripture and by obeying man-made laws. Martin attempted 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 Bible doctrine of justification by faith. The Counselor taught Martin that no person can be justified in God's sight by observing the law. Luther learned about a righteousness from God apart from law which came through faith in Jesus Christ alone. The Comforter taught Martin Luther that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

The Holy Spirit reveals in the Gospel that this righteousness from God comes to you through faith in Jesus. *"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."* (Rom. 3:22) You receive this wonderful gift of righteousness from God through faith in Christ. This righteousness from God is yours as long as you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

You are justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ. God declared you righteous when Jesus was on the cross on Good Friday. God pronounced you "not guilty" for your sins when Christ was crucified. God's grace motivated Him to justify you. Jesus redeemed you by shedding His blood on the cross. You were redeemed from sin and the curse of the law with the precious blood of Christ.

Martin Luther formulated the Reformation Lutheran principle "faith alone." In his explanation to the Second Article, Luther confessed his faith in his Lord Jesus. Martin preached and taught that no person can be justified in God's sight by observing the law. Luther proclaimed a righteousness from God apart from law which came through faith in Christ alone. Martin Luther preached, taught and wrote that a person is justified by faith alone apart from observing the law. Let us celebrate and remember what Martin Luther and God have done during this Reformation month.

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.
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5th 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 from 5:30-7:00pm for young people in 6th-12th grades.

Our TEAM TRINITY YOUTH BIBLE GROUP will get together from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 1**, at the home of Brent & Lisa Sterling. Dinner will be served. (Brent & Lisa live at 2948 Pheasant Run E. Dr., Wixom.) Phone: 248-444-0936. Maps are available on the Gathering Hall table. If you would like to host the Team Trinity youth at your home on the first or third Sunday of the month, call Matt & Kindsey (248-943-2985). *You don't have to be a youth parent to host.* Meetings will be held at church on Sundays not sponsored. Another option: consider hosting a youth meal at church.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED:

SUNDAY SCHOOL substitute teachers and helpers are needed. Please contact Angie Baker (248-486-6854) or Pastor Nelson if you can help out.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION is held on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. for 7th and 8th grade students. Call the church office for more information.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Class resumed their study of the book of *Exodus*.

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 continue our study of the names of God on **Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Women of all ages are invited. Be a friend and bring a friend. *Come grow with us!*

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . .

Wed.	Oct. 4	8:00pm	Evangelism
Thurs.	Oct. 5	7:00pm	Elders
Mon.	Oct. 9	7:00pm	Trustees
Thurs.	Oct. 12	7:00pm	PS Board
Sun.	Oct. 15	Noon	Contemp. Worship Comm.
Tues.	Oct. 17	7:00pm	Church Council
Sat.	Oct. 21	10:00am	Women's Outreach

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The year is off to a great start. . . with many new faces and many familiar ones, as well. We have an excellent enrollment number of 79 students 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 safety, with a special visit from Trooper Edwards & Bucklebear. One of our Lyon Township firemen will stop by in October to talk with the children.

The next Preschool Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m.

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 shoe box). **BROCHURES are available on the table in the Gathering Hall.** Suggested items are listed in the brochure. (They also ask for a \$5 donation per box to cover shipping. - 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 12.**

A recipient of one of our Christmas boxes 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 was 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

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. People of all voices are needed. If you enjoy singing to God, please prayerfully consider singing in our Choir. "*I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me.*" (Psalm 13:6)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP COMMITTEE

A Contemporary Worship Committee has been meeting to explore the possibility of adding contemporary worship at Cross of Christ. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, **October 15**, at Noon. All are invited to participate.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE OCTOBER– DECEMBER, 2006 *First & Third Sundays*

OCT.	Altar Guild
NOV.	Preschool Board
DEC.	Board of Elders

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Meijer Community Rewards program is continuing to generate funds for our church! If you shop at Meijer and have not yet registered for this program, please consider doing so. Every time you shop at Meijer, you can earn up to 4% cash back for our church. These contributions cost you nothing when you use your Meijer Card (the card is not a credit card). Go online at Meijer.com/rewards or pick up an application in the church office. (Our church code # is 925537.)

THANK YOU

We thank Don Stolz for his many years of service as Chairman of the Stewardship Board. We thank the Lord for all of his works of faith and labors of love.

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
- 19 Bonnie Tura
- 20 Arlean Adams
Jessica Evans
Janelle Rapson-Lach
- 22 Adam Marsh
- 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

DEADLINE for information for the
NOVEMBER Newsletter will be **Sunday,**
October 22, 2006.

PANCAKE BRUNCH

On Sunday, October 15, 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! (A free-will donation will be received.)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jeff & Nancy Marsh
Jim & Patty Wadkins
- 4 Richard & Beverly Schultz
- 5 George & Hazel Richardson
- 7 Robert & Jeannine Hosbach
- 8 Robert & Dawn Petz
- 9 Jeffery & Karen Hantz
- 12 John & Jean Boyle
- 15 Terry & Karen Jones
- 25 Robert & Colleen Martin
Richard & Dawn Miller
James & Barbara Morrison

Did you Know

*Our monthly mortgage payment is
\$4,489.00.*

(This will be rising slightly with an increase
in our interest rate.)

LADIES' EXERCISE

LADIES' EXERCISE is held on **Wednesdays** from **6-7 p.m.** Bring along weights, resistance bands, and exercise ball (if you have them). *All ladies are welcome!* If you have any questions, contact Kindsey Nelson (248-943-2985).

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

PHOTO DIRECTORIES: If your family was photographed for our Church Directory, please pick up your copy on the table in the Gathering Hall as you enter church. The directories are filed alphabetically.

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:

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MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFERS IN:

- + Kenneth & Susan Miller,
Brandon & Travis
From Guardian Lutheran - Dearborn
- + Ed Baughman
From St. Paul Lutheran, Northville

TRANSFER OUT:

- + Matthew Reichert
To St. John's, New Boston, MI

BAPTISM:

- + Lucas Michael Ford
Child of Timothy & Stacy Ford
September 24, 2006

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

+ + In memory of Vogal Emery, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Marie Smith.

+ + In memory of Vogal Emery, a gift has been given by Rudy Glotzhober, Bob Glotzhober, and Rev. Rod & Bonnie Zwonitzer.

+ + In honor of their wedding anniversary, a gift has been given by Keith & Beverly Pixley.

+ + In memory of Roland & Ann Shoemaker, a gift has been given by the Shoemaker Trust.

+ + In memory of Rev. Dr. Edward A. Westcott, Jr., a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Evelyn Mayer.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

*Cross of Christ Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 4th
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

Continue making those special hand-made items to donate to our Bazaar. Also, if you know a CRAFTER, or would like a table yourself, call Sherry at 248-348-1956, to receive an application. Tables rent for **\$35**.

VOLUNTEERS will be needed to help out the day of the Bazaar at the various tables – Bake Sale, Craft, Lunch, Never-Been-Used. Start gathering those NEVER-BEEN-USED items for the sale.

Pick up a HOLIDAY BAZAAR FLYER in your mailbox this morning. Others are available on the Gathering Hall table. We will need lots of helpers and donations. Fill in the flyer and return in the box provided (or place in the secretary's office).

LUNCH BUNCH to begin again – Friday, October 6 – Fortuna Inn- South Lyon

*First Friday of the month will be the date
We'll meet at 11:30 – don't be late.*

*A local restaurant will be the place
Do come with a smile on your face.*

*Food and fellowship makes it a fun occasion
The newsletter each month will tell the
location.*

*If transportation is a problem – don't fret.
Someone will get you there you can bet!*

*There will be a sign up sheet in the
Gathering Hall*

Or give Ettie Ann or Chris a call.

You're welcome to bring a friend

*We always have a great time right to the
end! - - - Ettie Ann*

CHARITY MOTORS

If you have an extra vehicle you have been considering donating, please call Charity Motors Car Donation Program and tell them you want to donate your vehicle and designate the proceeds to *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*. You will receive a tax deduction while helping our church.

Call Charity Motors at 313-255-1000.

Tap into God's Rich Supply

Our lives are busy ones. Schedules dictate our days, and the cares of the world fill our thoughts. Many times we come to the end of the day weary and unfulfilled. The demands on our time, our energy, and our pocketbooks drag us down. We feel we have expended all and have no more to give – of ourselves or our resources. We forget that we have a God of limitless supply!

On Sundays, **October 1, October 8, and October 15**, we will be participating in a stewardship emphasis called **Tap into God's Rich Supply**. Too often we look at the small picture and see only what is possible for us to give or to accomplish. God's Word tells us that He is our Provider and that His resources are without limit. *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Let's learn for the first time or be reminded again of how abundantly God pours out His gifts on us. Let us learn to look to Him and **tap into God's rich supply** so that we might be His instruments in accomplishing His will on earth.

Let us pray, too, that all of us may meet together in the Lord's house for worship and for Bible study on these three Sundays and every Sunday! The themes for each Sunday are as follows:

Sunday, October 1	"Tap into God's Rich Supply of Love and Grace"
Sunday, October 8	"Tap into God's Rich Supply through a Relationship with His Son"
Sunday, October 15 Commitment Sunday	"Tap into God's Rich Supply of His Sanctifying Power"

Please bring your **commitment form** to church on **Commitment Sunday, October 15**, or return it to the church office at your convenience.

May you continue to recognize and thank God for His compassions that never fail and praise Him for His faithfulness.

In Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

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+ Indicates Holy Communion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour 5:30-7pm Youth Bible Grp	2 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	3 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	4 4-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Evangelism	5 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Elders	6	7
8 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School	9 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	10 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	11 4-5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Choir	12 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Preschool Board	13	14
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