

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## S U M M E R , 2 0 1 0

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

This summer we will celebrate the 234<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our nation was born when our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. How will we celebrate? We may have a picnic with family and friends. We might attend a parade or a concert. Perhaps we will attend a baseball game. We may go to see fire works. Let us make worshiping God a part of our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. We love the United States of America. We pray and trust the Lord to extend peace to America. We can rejoice with America on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Rejoice with America and be glad for her, all you who love her. We who love America can rejoice in all the blessings God has given her and her citizens. The Lord has protected America from attacks by Al-Qaeda, Taliban, and other countries. We can be glad for all the believers who live in America. We can rejoice with all Christians who live in and worship God in America. We can rejoice in the freedoms of assembly, speech, and worship that we have in America.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech to assemble

and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”  
(Amendment I, the Constitution of the United States).

We can be glad that God has given America victory over most of her enemies. We can rejoice in all the children who were born in America and who live in her.

Rejoice greatly with America all you who mourn over her. We mourn because of the people who died in America. We mourn because of family members, friends, and fellow Christians who have died. We mourn because of the 52 million babies that have been killed in their mothers' wombs since the Roe v. Wade decision by the US Supreme Court in 1973. We mourn because of the law enforcement officers and service people who died defending us and our freedoms.

Our Lord can create praise on the believing mourners in America. Jesus can give physical and spiritual healing to believing Americans. Christ gives forgiveness of sins to all people who repent and believe in Him. Our Lord gives the assurance of eternal life in heaven and the hope of the resurrection of the body to all who believe in Him. God guides and restores comfort to American Christians. Jesus speaks peace to the people of America. God gives believing Americans spiritual and temporal peace. Our Lord can comfort all who mourn in America.

Your heart will rejoice. The Holy Spirit gave you His fruit of joy when you were baptized. When you see the blessings and comfort God gives America, your heart will rejoice. When our Lord comforts His people and you are comforted over America, your heart will rejoice. When God's people are nourished and carried in America, your heart will rejoice. When you see peace extended to America and the wealth of nations coming to her, your heart will rejoice. When people are baptized and converted in America, your heart will rejoice. Our Lord's power and providential care will be made known to you.

Let us celebrate the blessings and birthday of our country, the United States of America, this summer. Be glad in our freedoms of worship, assembly, speech, and press. Rejoice as you worship God. May God shed His grace and peace on America. May God bless and comfort America. May God bless you and your family this summer and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

## **WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **SUMMER WORSHIP TIME: 9:30 a.m.**

During the summer months and through the Labor Day weekend, our Worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning on Sunday, September 12, one Sunday worship service will be held at **10 a.m.** Sunday School classes will continue to be held during the worship service. Adult Bible Study will be held at 9 a.m.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

Sunday School classes will resume again in the fall, beginning Sunday, September 12, during the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

Sunday School classes are held for children 3 years old (by Dec. 1) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Youth in grades 6-12 meet for fellowship activities and Bible study throughout the school year.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6*

## **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! 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We need many HELPERS for Vacation Bible School. Typically we have about 150 children, with another 50 adults and young people helping. Prayerfully consider being a Class Leader/Helper for VBS. Our Class Leaders take the children from one station to another – crafts, Bible story, songs, snack, and recreation. Fill in the Help form included with this newsletter and place in the box provided on the table as you enter church or mail it to the church office. Class leaders who help all week at VBS do not pay the \$15 materials fee for their child/children. Any questions, see Chris or Pastor.

A REGISTRATION form for children going into Kindergarten (or 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2010) through Sixth grade is included with this newsletter.

OFFERINGS designated Vacation Bible School are a blessing when purchasing supplies for VBS. Envelopes are available in our offering envelope boxes.

**CHURCH  
FAMILY PICNIC**

Our ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC will be held here at church on **Sunday, August 1**, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs are provided. It is a great day of fellowship and food after our week long Vacation Bible School!

*Cross of Christ*  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

*June 3, 4, and 5<sup>th</sup>*

Thursday (9 am – 6 pm)  
Friday (9 am – 3 pm)  
Saturday (10 am – 1 pm)

The church will be open until the sale from 9 am – 9 pm to drop off donations.

*Lots of help is needed. Come any time or call the office.*

**YOUR DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, OUTDOOR ITEMS, AND CLOTHING ARE NEEDED!!!**

We also need Hangers and Paper & Plastic Bags for our Sale. Place in church kitchen.

*Any questions call the church office*

**MAY MISSION**

Thank you to those who have given to our May Mission of supplying Rapid Deployment Kits (RDK's) to those serving in the military. You are welcome to still give to this mission outreach. Our Vacation Bible School offering will also be designated for this mission.

**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

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.

## 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. There is a list posted in the kitchen. (We do not qualify for Box Tops for Education, which is for grades K-12). Thank you for clipping. Many neat educational items for the classroom are earned with points accumulated from the labels.

## BABY COUPONS

MOMS, don't forget to check out the box of baby item coupons available on the box in the Gathering Hallway.

## TAB COLLECTION

We are continuing to collect can TABS for *Ronald McDonald House of Detroit*. The tabs are sold for scrap, and the money is used to purchase paper products. Place your tabs in the container provided in the church kitchen.

## CROSS OF CHRIST CONNECTIONS

Did you ever need an electrician, plumber, lawn maintenance, a baby sitter, adult sitter, piano teacher, etc. and wonder who to call? Add your name or business to the list on the Information Board or call the church office if you would like to advertise your services. A list will be published soon for easy reference at home. **The deadline to get your name on the published list is Sunday, June 13.**

## IN APPRECIATION

We thank the Lord for Joann Stolz and her years of service on our Altar Guild. May God continue to richly bless Joann, Don, and their family.

## NEEDED

One of our members is in need of a 3-wheel walker with a seat. If you have one, call Evelyn at 248-437-3702.

## MEMBERSHIP

### TRANSFER IN:

+ + Bill & Robin Linfield,  
Jordyn and Karson  
By Profession of Faith

### TRANSFER OUT:

+ + Kenneth C. Taber  
Released to another Lutheran  
congregation

## WEB PAGE

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

[www.crossofchristlutheran.org](http://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](mailto:crosslut@bignet.net).

*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

**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS**

1 Priscilla Byrum  
 2 Mark Earl  
 Nicole Eckhout  
 4 Bradley Miller  
 Corrine Onuskanich  
 6 Robert Petz  
 7 Amanda Hackbardt  
 9 Annie Nichols  
 10 Jen Gorman  
 13 Jennifer Besler  
 Nancy Cash  
 16 Thomas Hackbardt  
 17 Alyssa Petz  
 Devon Walrath  
 18 Scott Walrath  
 19 Janice Opfermann  
 20 Brian Flook  
 David Nelson  
 23 Peyton Sterling  
 26 Noah Petz  
 Jesse Precht  
 28 Carol Erb  
 Hailey Lanam  
 30 Leona Hart

**JUNE  
ANNIVERSARIES**

4 William & Patricia Hicks  
 5 Dustin & Tammy  
 Wyman  
 6 Clarke & Linda  
 Schroeder  
 Scott & Martina Walrath  
 9 Bryan & Lynne Lach  
 13 Ronald & Bonnie  
 Reichert  
 16 Ken & Lyne Nelson  
 17 Bruce & Joy Mach  
 Kenneth & Susan Miller  
 23 Robert & Carol Walrath  
 25 William & Diana Baker  
 Russell & Carol Erb  
 30 Michael & Claudia  
 Abrash

**JULY  
BIRTHDAYS**

1 Jean Boyle  
 Elsie Huber  
 2 Brandon Miller  
 Dawn Miller  
 Stephanie Petsch  
 5 Dana Faust  
 7 George Richardson  
 9 Nancy Marsh  
 11 Joy Mach  
 14 Dawn Smutek  
 15 Suzanne Brown  
 Grant Neiswinter  
 Leslie Pratt  
 16 Mary Gilbert  
 Julie Mattison  
 17 Christopher  
 Stevenson Jr.  
 18 Douglas Byrum  
 Carla Geelhood  
 20 William Hirth  
 Ella Schoenberg  
 21 Michael Joseph Bugar  
 Bonnie Reichert  
 22 Doreen Echols  
 Ruth Morofski  
 25 Rich Miller  
 27 Chaz Hamlet  
 28 Shelley Besler  
 29 Robert Petz, Jr.

**JULY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

15 Pat & Janet Gorman  
 17 Bob & Tammy Smith  
 21 Michael & Deanna  
 Sieting  
 24 Cy & Jan Opfermann  
 31 Pastor & Chris Nelson

**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**

2 Luke Geelhood  
 4 William Hicks  
 Jack Leckner  
 Grace Nelson  
 6 Michael Abrash  
 Lorile Bugar  
 7 Ashley Laten  
 9 Eric Miller  
 Rachel Zoeller  
 10 Scott Duff  
 Philip Zoeller  
 11 Jared Tura  
 12 Miette Laten  
 Jacob Precht  
 15 Brooke Bowman  
 17 Emily Martin  
 20 Sydney Baker  
 21 Sabra Evans  
 25 Jeff Bowman  
 26 Adrienne Eckhout  
 Arveda Mach  
 28 James Baker  
 John Boyle  
 30 Pat Gorman

**AUGUST  
ANNIVERSARIES**

2 Andrew & Gloria  
 Schrom  
 3 Matthew & Kindsey  
 Nelson  
 4 Michael & Dana Faust  
 6 Aaron & Christina  
 Nelson  
 12 Tom & Jan Flook  
 17 Aaron & Rachel Zoeller  
 20 Gary & Edda Albin  
 Mike & Michelle Conrad  
 22 Charles & Rose Hall  
 27 Bruce & Julie Mattison  
 29 John & Julie Candela  
 30 John & Dawn Lanczki  
 31 Frank & Elsie Huber

## 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

*Parents who help the whole week do not pay the materials fee.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Come join us at  
Vacation Bible School!**

**JULY 26 – 30, 2010**  
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

***Ages: Going into Kindergarten  
(or 5 yrs. old by Dec. 1, 2010)  
through  
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 \$15 Materials Fee is due with each registration***

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CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# JUNE 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion		1	2	3 9am-6pm Rummage Sale	4 9am-3pm Rummage Sale	5 10am-1pm Rummage Bag Sale
6  9:30am Worship	7  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	8	9	10	11	12
13  9:30am Worship +	14  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	15  7:00pm Church Council	16	17	18	19
20  9:30am Worship	21  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	22  <i>Pastor</i>	23  <i>Nelson's</i>	24  <i>Vacation</i>	25  <i>Week</i>	26
27  9:30am Worship +  (Rev. Krugler)	28  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	29	30			

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<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>  9:30am Worship	<b>5</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  9:30am Worship +	<b>12</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers  7:00pm Trustees	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  9:30am Worship 10:30am Bd. of Elders	<b>19</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  9:30am Worship +	<b>26</b> 9am-Noon  <b>V A C A</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>27</b> 9am-Noon  <b>T I O N</b>	<b>28</b> 9am-Noon  <b>B I B L E</b>	<b>29</b> 9am-Noon  <b>S C H</b>	<b>30</b> 9am-Noon  <b>O O L</b>	<b>31</b>

# AUGUST 2010

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<b>1</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b>  10:45am Church Family Picnic	<b>2</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers  <i>Pastor</i>	<b>3</b>    <i>Nelson's</i>	<b>4</b>    <i>Vacation</i>	<b>5</b>    <i>Week</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>9:30am Worship +</b> (Rev. Azzam)	<b>9</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>  <b>9:30am Worship +</b> (Rev. Krugler)	<b>23</b>  5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>9:30am Worship +</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

