

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

During this month of September, we focus on children returning to school. Our children at Cross of Christ return to Sunday School. Children at our Cross of Christ Christian Preschool begin or return to preschool. Kids attending K-12 return to school in their respective grades. We pray and hope that children and grandchildren attending school will learn helpful and useful knowledge. We trust that God will bless children with good knowledge that they learn.

Jesus teaches us in the gospels that believing children receive blessings from God. Children are the greatest in the Kingdom of God. Whoever welcomes a little child in Jesus' name welcomes Him. Christian childrens' angels in heaven always see the face of our Father in heaven. Believing, baptized children received all the blessings of Holy Baptism. God hears and answers their prayers. Believing children usually have believing parents. Christian kids humbly hear and believe God's Word.

Jesus made you a child of our heavenly Father by Holy Baptism. Baptism is a beautiful display of the gospel, because it visually demonstrates our complete dependence on God and His grace. Every Christian is a tiny child in the arms of Jesus. You entered the Kingdom of heaven when you were baptized. You entered the Kingdom of heaven by being born of water and the

Spirit. You became a citizen of the Kingdom of heaven by the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

You can become like a little child by repenting and trusting in our Lord. Repent means to change your mind, to turn around. Trust in Jesus to forgive your sins. You can live as a good citizen of the Kingdom of heaven by repentance and faith in Christ. Humble yourself by obeying Jesus' teachings.

Whoever welcomes a little child in Jesus' name welcomes Him. Let us welcome little children at Cross of Christ. We can welcome little children at worship, Sunday School, Preschool, coffee hours, meals, and activities. We can try to help little children to feel welcome and a part of our church family. When you welcome a child in Jesus' name, you welcome our Lord.

Christ encourages you to "change and become like little children." Jesus promises that God will bless you. You are the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. Fellow believers will welcome you in Jesus' name. Your angels in heaven always see the face of our Father in heaven. Praise and thank our Lord for the blessings of becoming like children.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

**FALL WORSHIP &
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Begins Sunday, September 7th:

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month. SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are held for children three years old through fifth grade at the same time as the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children are dismissed after the opening hymn.

A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP service is held the *first* Sunday of the month during the school year, with the exception of September. This month's Contemporary service will be held on Sunday, September 21, at 9:15 a.m. There will not be an 8:00 a.m. service or Adult Bible study on the Sundays when a Contemporary service is held. The Praise team will practice on Sunday, September 7th, at 11:30 a.m.

The YOUTH BIBLE GROUP meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All young people grades 6-12 are invited to meet for Bible Study and fellowship. Following is the September schedule.

September 7th 9:15 a.m.
September 21 10:15 a.m.
(following the Contemporary service)

A NEW MEMBER WELCOME will also be held on Sunday, September 7, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

All are welcome

*Ice Cream Social
Sunday, September 7th
11:30 a.m.*

*Subs, Veggies & dip,
Lots of Ice Cream &
Toppings*

Invite family and friends!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin a study of REVELATION Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., beginning September 7. God's revelation to John encourages Christians at every age. Key thoughts include the ultimate defeat of Satan and all the forces of evil; the confident hope believers have in their reigning Savior; and the final, glorious destiny of all those who trust in Jesus for salvation.

CONFIRMATION instruction, for young people in 7th and 8th grades, begins on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in having your child join the group, give Pastor Nelson a call.

The Sunday School teachers will host COFFEE HOUR in September – Sunday, September 16 - after the 10:30 a.m. service.
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**MEETINGS
AT A GLANCE**

Sunday School Teachers
Tues. Sept. 2 7 p.m.
Board of Evangelism
Tues. Sept. 2 7 p.m.
Board of Elders
Thurs. Sept. 4 7 p.m.
Church Council
Tues., Sept. 16 7 p.m.
Women's Outreach
Sat. Sept. 20 7 p.m.
Preschool Board
Tues. Sept. 22 7 p.m.

ADULT CHOIR

CHOIR rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 14, after the 10:30 a.m. service. People of all voices are needed. If you enjoy singing praises to God, please prayerfully consider singing in the Choir.

"I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me." (Psalm 13:6)

**OUT TO LUNCH
BUNCH**

YEARLY SCHEDULE

*1ST Sunday of the Month – 11:30 a.m.
Sign up on the Information Board
Or Call Ettie Ann: 248-349-2545*

Sept. 5 Applebees – New Hudson
Oct. 3 Karls Cabin – Plymouth
Nov. 7 Big Boy – South Lyon
Dec. 5 Alexanders – South Lyon
Jan. 2 Hirths – New Year's Brunch
Feb. 6 Deadwood – Northville
March 6 Chinese – Novi
April 3 Genittis – Northville
May 1 Riverbank – South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**
"Preschool With a Plus"

A limited number of openings remain in our afternoon three and four year old classes. Pass the word on to friends and family.

OPEN HOUSES will be held for those children registered on:

4am Mon. Sept. 8 9:30-10:30am
4pm Mon. Sept. 8 11:00am-Noon
3am Tues. Sept. 9 9:30-10:30am
3pm Tues. Sept. 9 11:00am-Noon

The FIRST DAYS of class are as follows:

Four Year Olds Wed., Sept. 10
Three Year Olds Thurs., Sept. 11

Morning classes meet from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Afternoon classes meet from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Consider a gift to the *Preschool Scholarship Fund* to provide tuition help for families with need.

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

We thank all who gave blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 15. Thank you to Amy & Rob Lockard for helping organize the event!

**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.

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

2008
Power Lab

We were blessed with about 150 children registered and another 50 adults and young people helping.

THANK YOU to our VBS Directors, Julie Mattison (music) and Bonnie & Ron Reichert (crafts), and our many teachers and helpers for their works of faith before, during, and after VBS! Also, thank you to Amy Deeds for coordinating VBS snacks, Janet Head and Sue Zimmerman for teaching the Bible lessons, and Chandler and Janelle Lach for handling recreation.

. . . .Pastor & Chris

The following also gave of their time and talent:

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| Martina Walrath | Lori Savanyu |
| Mari Shoemaker | Barb Vess |
| Dawn Lanczki | Karen Hantz |
| Sue Brown | Eric Hantz |
| Dawn Petz | Alyssa Petz |
| Emily Martin | Tracy Armstead |
| Tammy Lanam | Lyne Nelson |
| Kristen Bowman | Claudia Abrash |
| Myra Prueter | Patty Wadkins |
| Gary Albin | Edda Albin |
| Audrey Campbell | Kathy Goley |
| Onnalee Lach | Miranda Zabik |
| Tammy Wyman | Matthew Deeds |
| Clarice French | Doreen Echols |
| Denise Gerke | Deirdre Gerke |
| Amy Lockard | McKenna Nuttall |
| Meagan Ettinger | Carla Geelhood |
| Alex Geelhood | Jessie Evans |
| Kayla Evans | Shayla Blacklock |
| Alli Myers | Meggie Kluck |
| Erica Kula | |

The VBS offering (\$322.34) was sent to Active Faith.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

All ladies are invited to join our women's group as they plan upcoming events for the year on the third Saturday of the month – September 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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: crosslut@bignet.net

**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL FOR
LUTHERANS**

In order for us to continue to receive matching funds from Thrivent, we need to have three Thrivent policy holders to serve as Congregational Coordinators. Our congregation representatives are Chris Nelson, Carol Erb, and Rob Leiendecker. Due to Rob leaving our area, we are in need of a replacement. Chris is presently handling most of the tasks required, but we need to have three people in order to receive funds. Please call the church office if you can help us out in this area.

SPECIAL FUNDS

<i>Looking to donate to a special need? Consider the following funds</i>
Carpet Fund (Narthex)
Copier Fund
Debt Reduction
Garage Fund

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Church Bulletin Bloopers . . .

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

MEMBERSHIP

BAPTISMS

- + + Cullen Brooks Wessel
Child of Roger & Dena Abramowicz
July 12, 2008
- + + Mason John McHugh
Andrew & Hollianne McHugh
August 24, 2008

TRANSFER IN

- + + Ryan & Emily Schoenberg & Ella
From Grace, Redford, MI

TRANSFER OUT

- + + Paul Eminger & Megan
To Cross of Christ,
Bloomfield Hills, MI

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alec Chaklosh
- 4 Richard Benson
Myron Nims
- 5 Ryan Gates
Alexander Loukas
Andrew Loukas
- 7 David Gerke
Karin Wolski
- 8 Frank Huber
Jacquelyn Zimmerman
- 9 Emma Rancour
- 10 Steven Petsch
- 12 Lea Faust
Aidan Lockard
- 15 Steve Gorman
- 19 Matthew Deeds
- 21 Alexis Bowman
- 22 Tom Flook
Evan King
- 23 Melanie Hibbard
- 26 Evelyn Oliver
- 27 Kirsten Lanam
Ryan Stevenson
- 30 Julie Loukas

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Brent & Lisa Sterling
- 10 Myron & Jo Ann Nims
- 12 Jeff & Kristen Bowman
- 13 David & Carol Mielke
- 16 James & Angela Baker
- 17 Keith & Beverly Pixley
- 25 Mike & Marci Wasilko

MEMORIALS

+ + In memory of Lynn Nichols Zurek, a gift has been given for *Vacation Bible School* by Neil & Annie Nichols.

+ + In memory of Frederick C. Flood, on his 77th birthday, a gift has been given by Elizabeth Pompa.

+ + In memory of Dorothy Thate, a gift has been given to *VBS/Sunday School* by Keith & Beverly Pixley.

+ + In memory of Ruth Russell, John Boyle's sister, a gift has been given by Harold & Shirley Lorenz and Linda Gogwick.

AREA NEWS

CROP WALK for ACTIVE FAITH:

The 9th Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 14, benefiting Active Faith Community Services and the needy throughout this country and the world. Active Faith helps over 600 people monthly. Individual Walker/Sponsor envelopes can be picked up at Active Faith in advance of the Walk to collect pledges or walkers can simply register at the event at 1 p.m. on Sept. 14. You have the choice of walking 2.5 miles or 5 miles. The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.

YOUTH BASKETBALL – CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ANN ARBOR:

BOYS 4th-8th grades Sunday evening Basketball League.
\$100 per participant. Call 734-995-7343

GIRLS AND BOYS, ages 5-8 years old, Saturdays in September learn basketball basics. \$35 each.
Call 734-995-7343,

PARENTING CONFERENCE:

OakPointe Church, Novi

You are invited to a fun, fast-paced conference to give parents tools to create a home where everyone feels loved and affirmed. It's for parents and grandparents with children of all ages. The conference is Friday, November 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$49 per person. Register at www.familymatters.net. Call Sue Brock at OakPointe with questions:

248-912-0043.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS:

Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Paul Philp from Concordia Seminary would like to meet with prospective students of all ages at Concordia University on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 8:30am-5p.m. or St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. To set an appointment, contact Rev. Phil at philpp@csl.edu.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion	1 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	2 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 7:00pm Evangelism	3 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	4 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Elders	5 11:30am Out to Lunch – Applebees	6
7 8:00am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 9:15am Team Trinity Yth 10:30am Worship <i>New Member Welcome</i> 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Ice Cream Social 11:30am Praise Team	8 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	9 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	10 9:30am-2:30pm 1 st day of Preschool 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	11 9:30am-2:30pm 1 st day of Preschool 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	12	13
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