

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

Education is a valuable commodity in our world today. Millions of dollars are spent each year to educate children and young people in the United States. Children are taught important skills at schools and in homes. Children are taught to read, to write, to speak, and to use computers. Students are taught English, history, math, science and social studies. Young people are taught knowledge and skills that they can use on jobs. Education can help students to become good and productive citizens of Michigan and the United States.

God is the Source of wisdom. Wisdom is given to people through God's Word, the Bible. Wisdom is given to people by the fear of the Lord. Wisdom is a spiritual gift given by God to His people. People demonstrate wisdom in governing, in understanding human nature in history, in literature and in proverbs. Because you are a believer in God, you can show wisdom by your good life and by good works done in humility. You do good deeds that come from wisdom. You can humbly pray to God. You can humbly honor and love your parents, spouse, children, and grandchildren. You can humbly look out for the interests of others.

Wisdom that comes from heaven has godly characteristics. Wisdom teaches sexual decency in actions and words. Wisdom encourages us to live at peace with each other. Wisdom guides us to be polite and thoughtful with one another. Wisdom encourages us to have pity on and help each other. Wisdom teaches us to be loving and kind to one another. Wisdom guides us to welcome both poor and rich people at worship services. Wisdom leads us to be sincere with people we meet each day.

The Holy Spirit guides us to pray for wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all, without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5) When you think you are lacking wisdom, ask God for it. God will generously give His wisdom to you. God's wisdom will help you in every circumstance.

The wisdom from heaven is humble. God gives grace to His humble people. Grace is God's undeserved good favor to people, for Jesus' sake. God saved us by grace through faith in Christ. God gave us grace when Jesus was crucified. God justified us by His grace when Christ was crucified.

God gives us grace-gifts. God gives us the grace gifts of evangelist, pastor, teacher, service, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, and hospitality. You trust in God to save you because of Jesus and His life, death, and resurrection, and not because of your good works. God gives the grace of salvation and the forgiveness of sins to you. You humbly receive God's grace by faith.

God will give you wisdom. God will help you to live a good life. God will guide and strengthen you to do good deeds in humility. God will help you to be pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, merciful, fruitful, impartial and sincere. God will lead you to be humble. Praise and thank God for the wisdom that comes from heaven.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Pastor Terry Nelson

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Board of Evangelism
Tues. Sept. 1 7 p.m.
Confirmation Parents
Wed., Sept. 2 7 p.m.
Board of Elders
Thurs. Sept. 3 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees
Mon., Sept. 14 7 p.m.
Church Council
Tues., Sept. 15 7 p.m.
Women's Outreach
Sat. Sept. 19 10 a.m.

FALL WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Begins Sunday, September 13th:

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
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 (by Dec. 1) 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 (due to the Labor Day weekend). This month's Contemporary service will be held on Sunday, September 20, 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 13th, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

The YOUTH BIBLE GROUP will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:30 a.m. All young people in grades 6-12 are invited to meet for Bible Study and fellowship.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will begin a study of the book of Galatians on Sunday, September 13, at 9:15 a.m.

“Which would you prefer – slavery or freedom?” If asked this question, most people would undoubtedly respond, “Freedom.” Unfortunately, many people today equate freedom with “personal choice” or “do your own thing” without regard for God’s Word. With Christian freedom comes responsibility – to God and for others. God continues to speak to us through Galatians concerning freedom from sin and death Christ won for us on the cross; how our slavery to Christ provides us true freedom; and ways we can live as people whom Christ has freed from the curse of the Law through the power of the Gospel.

Join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

CONFIRMATION instruction, for young people in 7th and 8th grades, begins on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. A Confirmation Parents meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in having your child join the group but can’t attend the meeting, give Pastor Nelson a call.

The ADULT CHOIR will sing on Sunday, September 13, at 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)

All are welcome

*Ice Cream Social
Sunday, September 13th
11:30 a.m.*

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

Invite family and friends!

The Sunday School teachers will host COFFEE HOUR in September – **Sunday, September 20** - after the 10:30 a.m. service.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

FALL SCHEDULE

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

Sept. 4	Applebees – New Hudson
Oct. 2	Genittis – Northville
Nov. 6	Lucas Coney Island-SLyon
Dec. 4	South Lyon Hotel

Men and women welcome for good food and fellowship!

Mark your calendars: A Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Friday, September 18, from 2-8 p.m. Contact Amy Lockard at 248-446-9598 or dratar@comcast.net for more information.

**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. 14	9:30-10:30am
4pm	Mon. Sept. 14	11:00am-Noon
3am	Tues. Sept. 15	9:30-10:30am
3pm	Tues. Sept. 15	11:00am-Noon

The FIRST DAYS of class are as follows:

Four Year Olds	Wed., Sept. 16
Three Year Olds	Thurs., Sept. 17

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.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL
FOR LUTHERANS
GIVINGPLUS PROGRAM**

Cross of Christ Christian Preschool is now participating in the Thrivent Financial GIVING PLUS Program which provides \$1 for every \$2 contributed to our school by a Thrivent policy holder, up to \$300 per year. (Forms are available in the church office.)

RUMMAGE SALE:

THANK YOU to Nancy Ulrich and Ettie Ann Hirth for organizing the Rummage Sale held in June. Thank you to all who gave of their time to help!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS gave a matching gift in the amount of \$820, added to the \$1400 raised, for a total of \$2220.

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL** **2009
Crocodile Dock**

We were blessed with about 136 children registered and another 57 adults and young people helping. Our VBS offering went to "Operation Kid-to-Kid," which offers comfort and aid to children who've lost everything to disasters such as floods, fires, and tornadoes, and points them to Christ.

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 for teaching the Bible Lessons, and Lynne Lach for leading Recreation. The following also gave of their time and talent:

Lori Savanyu	Sue Ash
Patty Sprunger	Dana Waters
Lillian Candela	Onnalee Lach
Jessica Evans	Abby Pelon
Erica Kula	Erica Kula
Amy Lockard	Sue Brown
Dawn Lanczki	Alyssa Petz
RosieLockard	GloriaVanderhaeghen
Travis Miller	Grace Hoffman
Tracy Armstead	Shelby Martin
Devon Walrath	Jacob Lanczki
Martina Walrath	Patty Wadkins
Dawn Petz	Zach Lanczki
Sue Zimmerman	Tammy Lanam
Emily Noyes	Tayler Dailey
Janelle Lach	Andy Mattison
John Mattison	Austin Lanam
Doreen Echols	Clairce French
Gary Albin	Edda Albin
Nancy Ulrich	Carol Erb
Lyne Nelson	Matthew Deeds
Carla Geelhood	Jennie Besler
Shelley Besler	Julie Candela
Deirdre Gerke	Louise Rucker
Claudia Abrash	Audrey Campbell
Kristen Bowman	

Thank you again,
From *Pastor & Chris*

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 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
- 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

Please inform the church office of any missing dates or errors.

MEMORIAL

+ + In memory of Lynn Nichols Zurek, a gift has been given to VBS by Neil & Annie Nichols.

MEMBERSHIP

BIRTHS:

- + + Peyton Adison Sterling
Child of Brent & Lisa Sterling
June 23, 2009
- + + Philip John Zoeller
Child of Aaron & Rachel Zoeller
August 10, 2009

BAPTISMS:

- + + Anthony Dennis Ditto
Child of Dean & Debbie Ditto
June 7, 2009
- + + Ashlee Joe Buddenberg &
Zoe Marie Buddenberg
Children of Bradley & Katee Buddenberg
June 28, 2009
- + + Mackenzie Ann Cody
Child of Justin & Christy Cody
June 28, 2009
- + + Peyton Adison Sterling
Child of Brent & Lisa Sterling
July 12, 2009
- + + Ethan Riley Schoenberg &
Nolan Harper Schoenberg
Children of Ryan & Emily Schoenberg
July 19, 2009
- + + Blake Alan Russell
Child of Jon & Angela Russell
August 2, 2009

Looking to donate to a special need?

Consider the following Funds:

- Snow Blower
- Gutters & Heat Tape
- Cement Work Fund
- Pew Candle Holders
- Debt Reduction
- Garage Fund
- Carpet Fund
- Copier Fund

CROSS OF CHRIST CONNECTIONS

Remember to check out the Information Board for a list of members who can provide a needed service for you. Following are some of the services you can find: baking, cake decorating, nurse's aide, photographer & video editing, custom shelving, lawn maintenance & landscaping, auto body repair & painting, small engine repair – lawnmowers, baby sitting & adult assisting. Sign up yourself and/or business on the Information Board.

It's up to you to Connect!

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

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.

THANK YOU

The Board of Trustees and congregation thank James & Carole Bedard and Bedard Shade Tree Company for all of the beautiful work done with the church landscaping, tree trimming, and tree removal.

ALTAR FLOWERS

DATES are available in September and October to sign up for ALTAR FLOWERS. A vase of flowers is purchased in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions for \$16 and may be taken home after the worship services.

AREA NEWS

CONCORDIA University, Ann Arbor, is hosting a LABOR DAY FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL on Monday, September 7. The carnival begins at noon and goes into the evening. Activities include an inflatable game, 18 foot slide, basketball shootout, carnival games, face-painting, dunk tank, pony rides, live bands, and entertainment. Admission is \$10 for 10 year olds and older; \$5 for children under 10.

WITNESSING WORKSHOP:

The Board of Evangelism at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville, invites you to join them for a powerful workshop from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 10, 2009. "Equipping to Share" is a workshop developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries to strengthen and encourage us for today's witnessing challenges. Call Margo in the church office at 248-349-3140 to sign up. No cost!

A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY-LIFETIME OF LOVE: Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience that teaches couples how to communicate more effectively and build closeness and intimacy within the marriage relationship. A weekend is planned for October 16-18 in Auburn Hills. Contact Larry & Liz Grupe at 586-566-1525 or call 1-800-235-1010.

CROP WALK for ACTIVE FAITH:

The 10th Annual **CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on Sunday, September 13, 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. 13. You have the choice of walking 2.5 miles or 5 miles. The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Active Faith Community Services. We encourage our youth to also participate and make a difference in our community and the world!

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

Summer's ending . . . September's beginning. Cross of Christ will no longer be a quiet place from Sunday to Sunday. Preschool begins, boards meet, etc., and our little church will again be alive from Sunday to Sunday.

Women's Outreach will begin our season on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH at 10 A.M. We would be so happy to see some new faces among the regulars in our little group. We will be planning our calendar for the year. We do have an event planned for **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18** – after church. It will be called “**OKTOBERFEST.**” Every fall we hear the word Oktoberfest, but did you know

Oktoberfest is a 16 day festival that occurred in Munich on October 18, 1810. It originally was a great horserace to commemorate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. It became a yearly event but was cancelled in 1810 due to the Napoleonic war. In 1835 for the first time, a parade was organized to commemorate Oktoberfest, and this then became the yearly event. However, through the years this too was cancelled a number of times for various reasons, but became reorganized in the late 1800's. The festival has grown to include parades, carnivals, crafts, music, food and beer and is now celebrated throughout Germany and the U.S. It is the largest “Volksfest” (people's fair) in the world.

Come SATURDAY, SEPT. 19TH to help with the planning of the “OKTOBERFEST.” The last couple of years we have given baby showers to several new moms-to-be. Recently, we began welcoming new babies to our congregation with a gift basket. What a blessing to welcome so many new babies! This is one of the nice things we can do because of our money making activities. This past February we hosted a “Souper Bowl” lunch. In February and April, we had Valentine and Easter bake sales. In March we celebrated with a “Chocolate Extravaganza,” and in May we had a lunch with the Petticoat Ladies. June was the big money maker – the Rummage Sale. Each event was a joy and fun to do. Thanks to all who helped and/or attended these events!

We were able to purchase 30 more chairs, and now we have 100 beige buff chairs and even though they don't stand out, they really look good! Our next project is to purchase pew candles. They will attach to the pews down the center aisle (every other pew) and will look lovely at Christmas, weddings, etc. Little fund raisers can add up to purchase the “extras” for our church. It seems only ladies can do fund raisers, so it's up to us!

Come to the meeting SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH at 10 A.M. and help plan our calendar for the year. Also, we have prayer shawls and need ladies to visit our shut-ins with a shawl. We have lots of decisions to make, but will stay focused and be finished by 11:30 a.m.

See you on the 19th,
Ettie Ann Hirth

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion		1 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Evangelism	2 7:00pm Confirmation Parents Meeting	3 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Elders	4 11:30am Out to Lunch – Applebees/ New Hudson	5
6 9:30am Worship (Zoeller Baptism)	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	9 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	10	11	12
13 8:00am Worship + 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 9:30am Youth Bible Stdy 10:30am Worship + (Adult Choir sings) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Praise Team 11:30am ICE CREAM SOCIAL	14 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	15 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses 7:00pm Church Council	16 9:30am-2:30pm 1 st day of Preschool 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	17 9:30am-2:30pm 1 st day of Preschool 6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	18 2:00-8:00pm Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE	19 10:00am Women's Outreach
20 <i>No 8:00 a.m. service</i> 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School Teachers	21 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	22 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	23 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	24	25	26
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