

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER, 2010

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

As Christian parents, we want good things for our children. We want our children to be saved from their sins and from hell. We brought our children to the sacrament of Holy Baptism at a young age. We want our kids to know Jesus as the Truth.

We want our children to pray to the true Triune God. We want our kids to lead peaceful and quiet lives. We want our children to know and trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. We want our kids to do good deeds for God and for people. We want our children to be saved and to know the truth. Our congregation, through our ministry of Word and Sacraments, can help you and your children accomplish those goals in their lives. The Holy Spirit guides us in the Bible to pray for everyone. Requests are blessings for which we ask God. We make requests of our Father in Heaven in the Lord's Prayer.

*"Give us this day our daily bread . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us . . . lead us not into temptation. . . deliver us from evil."*

We express reverence for God in our prayers. We appeal to God to give people healing and other blessings. We thank God for salvation, truth, everyone, rulers, and all His blessings to us. The Counselor leads us to pray for all people

in authority that we may live peaceful and quiet lives. We can pray for our leaders in our personal and public prayers. We can pray for God to bless them and to give them wisdom in their governing. We can ask God to help them maintain righteousness and punish wickedness where they serve. God answering our prayers for people in authority helps us to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. We can live in all godliness by faith in God. We are holy by the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the Truth. Our loving God sincerely wants all people to be saved from our sins and from Hell. God sent Christ into the world to save all people. Jesus saved all by His life, death, and resurrection. Christ died and rose again for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. All people who believe in Jesus and are baptized are saved. God wants all to come to a knowledge of Jesus as the Truth. Jesus said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* Every word that Jesus speaks is the truth. Jesus is the one way to the Father and to eternal life in heaven.

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

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Terry Nelson*

## FALL WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

***Begins Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>:***

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
**10:00 a.m. Worship \***  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

(Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.)

***\*Note the new worship time, based on the spring survey results.***

### ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. We will study the Bible and "The New Answers DVD 1: *What do you really believe – and why does it matter to your life, your family, and your faith?*"

We live in a culture with more questions than ever -- questions that affect our acceptance of the Bible as authoritative and trustworthy. This DVD features easy-to-understand answers to some important questions of today. The questions include:

Is there really a God?  
Is natural selection the same thing as evolution?  
Doesn't Carbon-14 dating disprove the Bible?  
Why shouldn't Christians accept millions of years?  
Was there really a Noah's Ark and Flood?  
What really happened to the Dinosaurs?

The DVD contains stylized mini-interviews, featuring authors from best-selling books.

A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP service will be held the *first* Sunday of the month during the school year, beginning in October, tentatively set for 11:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are held for children three years old (by Dec. 1) through fifth grade at the same time as the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Children are dismissed after the opening hymn. We thank God for the service of our Sunday School teachers. If you would be available to help teach Sunday School in the fall, call Amy Lockard at 248-446-9598 or email her at: [dratar@comcast.net](mailto:dratar@comcast.net).

*All are welcome . . . .*

*Ice Cream Social  
Subs & Sundae Lunch  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. - after worship*

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

*Invite family and friends!*

The Sunday School teachers will host COFFEE HOUR in September – <b>Sunday, September 19</b> - after the 10:00 a.m. service.
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CONFIRMATION instruction, for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. A Confirmation Parents' meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 1 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.

## F O P S

Families of preschool children are meeting for BIBLE STUDY (*"Raising Christian Children"*) and fellowship. 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.

### MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . . . .

Confirmation Parents		
Wed., Sept. 1	7 p.m.	
Preschool Board		
Wed., Sept. 1	7:30 p.m.	
Board of Evangelism		
Tues. Sept. 7	7 p.m.	
Board of Trustees		
Mon., Sept. 13	7 p.m.	
Women's Outreach		
Sat., Sept. 18	10 a.m.	
Adult Choir Rehearsal		
Sun., Sept. 19	11 a.m.	
Church Council		
Tues., Sept. 21	7 p.m.	

### ADULT CHOIR

The ADULT CHOIR plans on singing once a month at our worship service. People of all voices are needed. If you enjoy singing praises to God, please prayerfully consider singing in the Choir. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, at 11:00 a.m.

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

## CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

*"Preschool With a Plus"*

We have a few openings left for three and four year olds. Pass the word on to friends and family. Call the church/preschool office with any questions: 248-437-8810.

OPEN HOUSES/Orientation will be held for those children registered on:

4am	Mon. Sept. 13	9:30-10:30am
4pm	Mon. Sept. 13	11:00am-Noon
3am	Tues. Sept. 14	9:30-10:30am
3pm	Tues. Sept. 14	11:00am-Noon

The FIRST DAYS of class are as follows:

The Monday-Wednesday classes begin on Wednesday, September 15.

The Tuesday-Thursday classes begin on Thursday, September 16.

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.

We are blessed to have our staff returning:

Janelle Lach, Teacher-Director  
Lynne Lach, Aide  
Julie Mattison, Aide  
Kelly Nuttall, Aide  
Marci Wasilko, Aide

The Preschool Board will meet on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

THANK YOU to Nancy Ulrich and Women's Outreach for organizing the Rummage Sale held in June. Thank you to all who donated items and gave of their time to help! We raised about \$1600 at the sale.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We were blessed with about 115 children enrolled and another 45 adults and young people helping. Our VBS offering went to provide Rapid Deployment Kits to our troops. (RDKs consist of a camouflage cover New Testament Bible, a Daily Devotional, and a pamphlet.

SPECIAL THANKS 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 & Janelle Lach for leading Recreation.

### Thank you to our many helpers:

Claudia Abrash  
Gary & Edda Albin  
Sue & Sarah Ash  
Denise Braun  
Audrey Campbell  
Julie & Lillian Candela  
Matthew Deeds  
Doreen Echols  
Carol Erb  
Clarice French  
Heather Gilbert  
Gretchen Gorman  
Grace Hoffman  
Bobby Huddleston

### Helpers continued:

Onnalee & Shealyn Lach  
Tammy Lanam  
Dawn, Zachary & Jacob Lanczki  
Robin Linfield  
Amy & Rosie Lockard  
Delynne & Jillian MacFarlane  
Emily Martin  
Andy & John Mattison  
Lyne Nelson  
Corrine Onuskanich  
Dawn & Alyssa Petz  
Lori Savanyu  
Patti Sprunger  
Nancy Ulrich  
Patty Wadkins  
Devon Walrath  
Sunghee Zimmermann

There are some VBS crafts supplies left over for sale which would be great for Girl Scout or Cub Scout troops. See Bonnie Reichert or Chris for more details.

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Our congregation designates our Mission offering to help St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church in Pontiac, a congregation which serves many in financial need. We are partnering with them to provide SCHOOL SUPPLIES for children in need. Place your donations in the box provided as you enter church. Suggested items are paper, pencils, crayons, etc.

Remember ACTIVE FAITH with your non-perishable food items. Active Faith is also doing a New Underwear COLLECTION for school children through mid-September. Also needed are gently-used BLANKETS. Place your donations in the box provided at the church entrance.

## AREA NEWS

You are invited to join in the Sharing Your Faith with Jews & Muslims half-day Conference at Cross of Christ Lutheran, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Registration fee: \$15. Registration forms are available on the Gathering Hall table.

CROP Hunger WALK will be held on Saturday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m. benefiting Active Faith Community Services and the needy throughout this country and the world. Individual Walker/Sponsor envelopes are available on the Gathering Hall table to collect pledges. We encourage our youth to also participate and make a difference in our community and the world!

### MOST MINISTRIES:

Each year, MOST Ministries' Dental Teams reach hundreds of people living in remote areas who do not have access to dental care. We presently have a need for dentists, oral surgeons, and dental assistants or hygienists for our 2011 Mexico Dental Team. Contact Debby at 734-994-7909 for more information.

Lutheran Home--Livonia will host a Memory Makers Marketplace on Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to enhance the lives of Alzheimer's residents. Admission is free. BBQ lunch for \$2. Call Sue at 734-425-4814 for more information.

## IN APPRECIATION

Andy & Gloria Schrom would like to thank everyone for the many cards, calls, prayers, and food given in love after the loss of their beloved son, Mick.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

4/4/10

+ + in memory of George & Violet Burkowski, a gift has been given by Adeline Burkowski.

4/25/10

+ + In memory of Esther Minnie Reinwand, a gift has been given by William & Earlene Reinwand.

5/16/10

+ + In memory of Esther Reinwand, a gift has been given by Marie Smith.

7/4/10

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

7/18/10

+ + In memory of her grandparents, Dewey & Doris Broyles, a gift has been given to VBS by Julie Mattison.

8/1/10

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

8/8/10

+ + In honor of 50 years of marriage, a gift has been given to the *Improvement Fund* by Gary & Edda Albin.

8/15/10

+ + In memory of Michael Schuett, gifts have been given to the *General Fund* by Mr. & Mrs. Warner Krause, Mr. & Mrs. Doig, and Mr. & Mrs. Lyszak.

8/15/10

+ + In memory of Michael Schuett, a gift has been given for *Funeral Dinners* by Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Smith.

## MEMBERSHIP

### BAPTISM:

- + + Faith Elizabeth Nelson  
Child of Aaron & Christina Nelson  
August 15, 2010

### CALLED HOME:

- + + Michael Craig Schuett  
July 29, 2010
- + + Bertha Johnston  
August 17, 2010

## WEB PAGE

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

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The Calendar and Newsletter are available each month on this web site. Also, if you would prefer this newsletter be emailed to you, email us:

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Our congregation has decided to no longer mail out newsletters.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to keep a list of our congregation's EMAIL addresses for communication purposes. It will be helpful for board members and youth activities. Send us an email or fill out the form and place in the box provided in the Fellowship hallway.

*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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### **Why We Struggle in Giving**

Jesus gave us all His one and only Son (John 3:16). Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our first-fruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for who God is and what He has done and continues to do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

Spiritual problems. People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They acknowledge God as the owner with their lips, but not with their hearts and actions.

Financial problems. The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, it is difficult to give.

Compartmentalization. We divide our lives into competing parts. If we disconnect God from the managing of our money, He is not in control, and we are prone to hoard money rather than give it.

Limited Vision. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organization, we will give generously.

Limited Relationships. People give more when they are connected to the church through relationships.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in Him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

## **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.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHESES**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with funeral lunches. If you would like to help, the categories needing volunteers are:

Set up before the funeral  
Food donations  
Help at the funeral luncheon  
Clean up at the luncheon

We appreciate all who have volunteered in the past and look forward to others who might wish to help. If you can help in one of these areas, please call Annie Nichols at 248-437-9599 or Chris Nelson in the church office at 248-437-8810.

Thanks again,  
Annie Nichols & Louise Rucker  
Co-Chairpersons

## **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.

## **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.
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## WOMEN'S OUTREACH

WOMEN'S OUTREACH will meet Saturday, September 18, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room to plan activities or special "fun" dates for our church.

### INFO-RALLY

The Women's Outreach Group will be sponsoring an "Info-Rally" Lunch in October. Many people have expressed that they are not sure of the purpose of the Boards and groups at Cross of Christ. To help clarify this, there will be a short presentation after the church service on **October 3rd**, offering a description of all the Boards, groups, and other service opportunities at Cross of Christ. The presentation will be followed by a delicious lunch and desserts. Please plan on attending this great event.

There are thoughts of having a CHRISTMAS SALE. Many of us have Christmas decorations that we don't use any more. Christmas items, well used or very nice, do not sell well at rummage sales. But if we have Christmas decorations ONLY just before the Christmas holiday, some of our loved, unused decorations can become another's decorations. There will be discussions about this event at our meeting.

More food for thought . . . a MEAL & MOVIE NIGHT or FOOD & FILM NIGHT. We now have a beautiful new TV in the Fellowship Hall and maybe we could plan a cheap (but fun) night out – dinner and the theater!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 at 10 A.M. will be our first meeting. We gladly welcome all ladies. If you are new (or old) in the congregation and would like to meet more ladies, come to our meeting. If you have ideas or suggestions for the year, come to our meeting. Hope to see some new, smiling faces on the 18<sup>th</sup>! - - - *Ettie Ann*

### **LUNCH BUNCH:**

For the last ten years the first Friday of the month has been "Lunch Bunch" day. It's for the ladies and the men, singles and couples. The men sit at one end of the table and do their "man talk" and the ladies sit quietly at the other end. We meet at a different restaurant each month. There used to be 8-16 enjoying lunch. However, the last few years, the group has gotten smaller.

We will continue this year. A restaurant will be selected and it will be printed in the bulletin, and there will be a sign-up sheet on the board. You must sign up or call Ettie Ann or Chris. October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first lunch, and it will be at Genitti's Restaurant on Main Street in Northville at 11:30 a.m. They do special lunch reservations for 15 or more, so we need at least 15. Everyone is welcome –family and friends too!

*(Ettie Ann Hirth – 248-349-2545)*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>+ Indicates Holy Communion</b>			<b>1</b> 7:00pm Confirmation Parents' Meeting 7:30pm Preschool Board	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  9:30am* Worship  *Summer Worship Time	<b>6</b>  <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>7</b>  7:00pm Evangelism	<b>8</b>  4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>9</b>  6:30-8:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  9:00am Adult Bible Class <b>10:00am Worship +</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am ICE CREAM SOCIAL	<b>13</b> 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	<b>14</b> 9:30-Noon Preschool Open Houses	<b>15</b> 9:30am-2:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Preschool  4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>16</b> 9:30am-2:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Preschool	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  10:00am Women's Outreach
<b>19</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class <b>10:00am Worship</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School Teachers	<b>20</b> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	<b>21</b>  7:00pm Church Council	<b>22</b>  4:00-5:30pm Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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