

CROSS OF CHRIST

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Dear Beloved Members & Friends,

Community service is a popular virtue today. Our public high schools teach community service as part of their curriculum. Community service is either encouraged or required in high schools. It looks good on job applications and on applications to colleges and universities. Some people fulfill their desire to help others by doing community service. The South Lyon Herald often publicizes individuals and groups that do community service.

The prophet Joshua encouraged the Israelites to serve the Lord. Joshua served as a leader and prophet for the nation of Israel. Joshua assembled all the tribes, elders, leaders, judges, and officials of Israel at Shechem. They presented themselves before God. Joshua spoke God's Word to the Israelites, and they listened. Joshua encouraged the Israelites to fear the Lord and to serve Him with all faithfulness. Joshua challenged the Israelites to choose to serve the Lord. The Israelites remembered and talked about the great signs the Lord had done for them. The Israelites promised to serve the Lord because He was their God. Joshua said, *"as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15b)

The Holy Spirit leads and empowers us to present ourselves before God, to hear His Word. We present ourselves before the Lord to hear and to read His Word by coming to church. On Communion Sundays, we present ourselves before our Lord to receive His Supper. Holy Communion is the new covenant

in Jesus' blood. We present ourselves before God to confess our sins and receive His forgiveness of our sins. We present ourselves before our Lord to pray to Him. We present ourselves to God to give offerings to Him. We present ourselves before our Lord to worship Him. Let us make a covenant with God to present ourselves before Him in public worship every Sunday for the rest of this year.

Let us choose this day whom we will serve. Let's choose not to serve the gods of family, friends, job, money, possessions, hobbies, sports, government, and politicians. Let us choose to serve the Lord. As for me and my household, we will continue to serve the Lord.

Jesus came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for you on the cross. Jesus said, *"the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."* Christ served you by giving His life as a ransom to God on Calvary. Jesus paid the ransom price in full for you to God when He shed His blood on the cross. God raised Christ from the dead and demonstrated that His ransom payment was acceptable to Him.

Let us and our households serve our Lord who died for us and was raised again!

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

FALL WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our fall worship and Christian education schedule will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 10**. The schedule will be as follows:

WORSHIP:	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will resume on September 10, at 9:30 a.m. We will continue our study of the book of Exodus. All people age eighteen and older are invited to attend this class. You will find your journey into this portion of God's written revelation fascinating and inspiring.

About the Study:

Some people think of God as remote and uninvolved in the affairs of this world. But Exodus shows God intimately involved in the lives of His people and powerfully directing the course of history. In addition to the exodus event, Exodus shows God:

1. Calling the nation of Israel into a covenant relationship with Himself;
2. Forgiving when the covenant was broken;
3. And giving His people detailed instructions in how they were to live and worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School begins September 10, at 10:30 a.m. for children ages preschool – fifth grade. The children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the opening hymn. On communion Sundays, the children will return to the sanctuary during the offering. On non-communion Sundays, the children will remain in the classroom building until their parents pick them up after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: A teacher is needed to alternate weeks with Amy Lockard for the 1 st and 2 nd grade Sunday School class, which will meet the same time as 10:30 a.m. worship. Please contact Angie Baker (248-486-6854) or Pastor Nelson. Substitute teachers and helpers are also needed.
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TEAM TRINITY:

Team Trinity (young people ages sixth grade-twelfth grade) can participate in the YOUTH BIBLE GROUP. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, beginning September 17, from 5:30-7:00pm. (Dinner will be served.) Fellowship activities may also be incorporated into those times.

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., beginning **September 12**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Women of all ages are invited. Be a friend and bring a friend. *Come grow with us!*

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

A CONFIRMATION PARENTS' meeting will be held Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. The day and time of this year's Confirmation class will be discussed and decided. All parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE . . .

Wed. Sept. 6	8:00pm	Evangelism
Sun. Sept. 10	11:45am	Contemp. Wor.
Mon. Sept. 11	7:00pm	Trustees
Sat. Sept. 16	10:00am	Women's Outr.
Tues. Sept. 19	7:00pm	Council

CHOIR

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social will be held here at church after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, **September 10**, the first Sunday back to the fall schedule. The event is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. *Please invite a friend!*

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

We are thankful for Janelle Rapson-Lach and her return as Director/Teacher for another school year!

Following are the Aides for the 2006-07 school year:

4'sam & pm: Jan Helmker, Kathy Saven, Cathy Stein

3's am & pm: Marci Wasilko, Kelly Nuttall, Kathy Goodenow

OPEN HOUSES for children registered will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12, from 9:30am – Noon.

The FIRST DAYS of school will be September 13 and 14. Class sessions are held from 9:30–11:30 am and 12:30-2:30 pm.

A few openings remain in the afternoon three year old class. Pass the word.

The Preschool Board will honor its President, Donna Evans, who is stepping down from her position, at a dinner on Tuesday, September 18. We thank her for the many years and hours dedicated to the families of Cross of Christ Preschool!

The Preschool Board elected a new President, Mrs. Karen Hantz. Karen is a past preschool parent, member of Cross of Christ Church, and has served on our Board a few years. God bless her in her service to Him and His school.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - *Fiesta*

The Lord blessed us with 170 children registered and many young people and adults helping. We thank God for their works of faith and labors of love. It was a joy to teach the Gospel to His little ones.

SPECIAL THANKS to Debra Blackwell – Director & Music Leader; Bonnie & Ron Reichert – Crafts; Claudia Abrash – Decorating & Photos; Lisa Reece & Lisa Pogarch – Bible Stories; Amy Deeds – Snack; Chandler Lach – Recreation.

THANK YOU to all who taught and helped at Vacation Bible School!

TEACHERS:

Marci Wasilko, Jan Helmker, Angie Baker, Patty Wadkins, Julie Mattison, Kelly Nuttall, Kathy Goodenow, Kirsten Winkel, Lisa Blackwell, and Jan Moser.

CRAFT PREPARATION:

(Mrs. Reichert thanks you too!)

Carla Geelhood, Julie Candela, Clarice French, Louise Rucker, Julie Loukas, Patty Wadkins, and Lisa Pogarch.

HELPERS:

Hannah Dushane, Leslie Blackwell, Amy Lockard, Sue & Jackie Zimmerman, Samantha Smith, Emily & Shelby Martin, Pam Sieting, Clarice French, Doreen Echols, Gary & Edda Albin, Allison & Kristen Altenberger, Lillian Candela, Shea McQuinn, Claire Nuttall, Shelly & Tom Berry, Catie LaChance, Shaylah Blacklock, Alli Myers, Lindsey Wadkins, Nikki Hughes, and Justin Allen.

Our VBS OFFERING in the amount of \$1061.53 will be shared with two Lutheran Congregations impacted by Katrina.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has appointed William Hicks President of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Gary Albin Vice President. We thank and praise God for their willingness to serve.

We wish God's blessings on the Blackwell family and their move to Macomb, Michigan. Thank you to Jim Wadkins for his service as Vice President. He will now be serving as one of our Sunday School teachers.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The PHOTO Directories have arrived! Pick up your copy on the table in the Gathering Hall as you enter church. The directories are filed alphabetically. One copy is available for each family photographed.

The Directory program provided a free directory for each family photographed. We purchased additional directories to provide to new members as they join in coming years. If you were not photographed and would like a copy, they are available for \$5.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP COMMITTEE

A Contemporary Worship Committee has formed to explore the possibility of adding contemporary worship at Cross of Christ. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 10, at 11:45 a.m. All are invited to participate.

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

SEPT.	Sunday School Teachers (Sept. 17 only)
OCT.	Altar Guild
NOV.	Preschool Board
DECEMBER	Board of Elders

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. We have donated over six gallons in the last two years. Remember . . . together we can make a difference. Place your tabs in the container provided in the kitchen. *Thanks!*

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.)

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS

Strength and weight training classes are starting up again in the fall with Kindsey, certified personal trainer. Classes will be held on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**, beginning **September 20**. Bring exercise ball, weights, and/or resistance bands with you to class. If you have any questions, give Kindsey a call at 248-943-2985. *Hope to see you there!*

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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WOMEN'S OUTREACH

APPRAISAL FAIR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"Are treasures hidden in your house? Are you curious about the value of your valuables?"
Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will help residents discover how much family heirlooms or treasured antiques are worth with a verbal appraisal of approximate value at our Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair. Your carry-in items for evaluation may include furniture, jewelry, glass, porcelain, pottery, silver, dolls, toys, and other memorabilia. The entry fee is \$2 at the door. The appraisal fee is \$6 per item/ 2 items for \$10. Appointment recommended. Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment call the church office at 248-437-8810.

HELP is needed the day of the Fair. Please sign up on the Information Board.

COOKBOOK

The 2006 COOKBOOK will be the 2007 Cookbook. Thanks for all the recipes, especially ladies turning in a lot, as the more the better. However, there are a few procrastinators that still have a chance. If you have some favorite Christmas recipes, get them in; we could also use more favorite main dishes. Thanks to Leslie Pratt and my daughter for helping with the typing. In early spring, I will need a few ladies for proofreading. Until that time, get those recipes copied and turned in. (A basket is available on the table in the Gathering Hall.)

- - - - *Ettie Ann*

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The date is set for our Annual Holiday Bazaar – **Saturday, November 4th**. 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch to begin again!

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 welcomed to bring a friend

We always have a great time right to the end!

- - - *Ettie Ann*

Our first Lunch Bunch will begin Friday, October 6, at South Lyon's Fortuna Inn.

AREA NEWS

Lutheran Activities Organization (LAO) – *Detroit Metro Congregations* - is sponsoring a FALL BIKE RIDE at Kensington on October 7. The type of ride you desire will be available. JUST SHOW UP. (A vehicle permit for the day - \$4 - is required.)

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY invites you to participate in the Sunday Night YOUTH BASKETBALL League Sept. 24 – Oct. 29. for 3rd-8th grade. Cost is \$100. Call 734-995-7436. Applications available in church office.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alec Chaklosh
4 Richard Benson
Myron Nims
5 Ryan Gates
Alexander Loukas
Andrew Loukas
7 Karin Wolski
8 Frank Huber
Emma Zabik
Jacquelyn Zimmerman
9 Emma Rancour
11 Gregg Orlandi
12 Lea Faust
Aidan Lockard
14 Dan Cabadas
15 Steve Gorman
18 Jason LaPerna
19 Matthew Deeds
Stephen Offenborn
22 Tom Flook
Evan King
23 Derek Aho
Melanie Hibbard
26 Evelyn Oliver
29 Kimberly Zecman
30 Julie Loukas

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Brent & Lisa Sterling
10 Myron & Jo Ann Nims
13 David & Carol Mielke
16 David & Sharon Arvo
James & Angela Baker
17 Keith & Beverly Pixley
25 David & Cathy Eckhout
Mike & Marci Wasilko

DEADLINE for information for the
OCTOBER Newsletter will be **Sunday,**
September 24, 2006.

With Thanks:

Dear Cross of Christ Family,

Thank you for the beautiful mantle clock and gift of money. We appreciate your kind words and best wishes for our family. We enjoyed the reception very much and thank all who attended to wish us well. A special thank you to those who planned, prepared, and served. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring Christian family. Cross of Christ will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Love,

Paul & Debra, Leslie & Lisa Blackwell

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

+ + In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Marion & Bernadine Fletcher, a gift has been given by Gary & Nancy Cash.

+ + In memory of Lawrence Norkooli, a gift has been given by Judith Washburn.

+ + In memory of their daughter, Lynn N. Zurek, a gift has been given to Vacation Bible School by Neil & Annie Nichols.

+ + In memory of Vogal Emery, a gift has been given by the Burt and Root families.

+ + 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.

MEMBERSHIP

CALLED HOME:

+ + Vogal M. Emery
August 11, 2006

TRANSFER OUT:

+ + Dorothy Matson
To Christ our Savior, Livonia

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion					1	2
3 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	4 Labor Day	5	6 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Evangelism	7 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	8	9
10 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + 10:30am Sunday School 11:45am Contem Wor Mtg 11:45am Ice Cream Soc.	11 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	12 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	13	14 6:30-8:30pm Cub Scouts	15	16 10:00am Women's <i>Outreach</i>
17 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour 3:00pm Circuit Forum 5:30-7:00pm Team Trinity	18 5:30 & 6:30pm <i>Weight Watchers</i>	19 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council	20 6:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Choir	21	22 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	23 4:00pm Snell Wedding
24 8:00am Worship + 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:30am Worship + <i>(Ford Baptism)</i> 10:30am Sunday School	25 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	26 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	27 6:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Choir	28	29 Set up <i>Fair</i>	30 10am-3pm Appraisal Fair

