

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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S U M M E R , 2 0 0 8

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

During the month of June we celebrate *Father's Day* on Sunday, June 15. We thank and praise God for the blessing of our fathers.

Fathers, you show love for your children. You love your kids. You demonstrate your love for your children by loving actions and words. You hold and hug your kids. You tell your children that you love them. You work hard to provide food, clothing, shelter, toys, education, recreation and spiritual growth for your kids. You pray with and for your children. You read the Bible and Bible story books to your kids. You worship God with your children. You teach your children about God and His love for them in Jesus. You sacrifice for your kids.

Before our Baptism or conversion we were powerless and ungodly. We were powerless to make ourselves righteous. We were powerless to do good works for God. We were powerless to be good Christian husbands and fathers, wives and mothers. We were powerless to love God and to love people. We were powerless to justify and to save ourselves. We were powerless to reconcile ourselves with God and to receive His grace. We were ungodly.

Because God loved you at just the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God sent Jesus to die for you at just the right time in His plan of salvation. God loved you by sending Christ to die for you on the cross. Jesus, the powerful and godly One, died for us powerless and ungodly people. Christ demonstrated the greatest love of all for you by dying for you on the cross. Jesus died "for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25)

Parents, you can show love to your children by telling them about God's love for them. Share with your kids how God loved them when Jesus died for them. Teach your children that they were justified by God and reconciled to Him by Jesus' death. Tell your kids that God's grace in Christ overflows to them. Share with your children that God loves them. Parents, let yourselves be instruments of God's love to your children. Parents, God has poured His love into you so that it will overflow to your children. God has poured out His love into your heart by the Holy Spirit whom He gave you in Holy Baptism. God loves you unconditionally and enables you to love your children unconditionally. God empowers you to love your kids with loving deeds. God helps you to speak loving words to your children. God provides for your needs and for your

children's needs. God hears and answers your prayers and your children's prayers. God enables you to read and speak His Word to your kids. God empowers you to bring your children with you to worship, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School. God helps you to bring your children up in the love, instruction, and training of the Lord. God forgives you when you fall short of loving your kids. God shows His love for you and for your children every day.

May God bless you and your family this month of June, 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 one worship service is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class do not meet during June, July, and August. The Contemporary worship service will start up again in September.

The following schedule will resume Sunday, September 7.

September through May

WORSHIP	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
	<i>(traditional service)</i>
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	9:15 a.m.
	<i>(first Sunday of the month)</i>
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	10:30 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:15 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. A praise team leads the congregation in singing contemporary music in an informal worship setting. The next Contemporary worship service will be held on Sunday, September 7.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom building for children ages 3 years through 5th grade during the school year. (The children are dismissed after the opening hymn from the worship service.)

TEAM TRINITY Bible Group meets a couple of times each month September through May for young people in 6th-12th grades.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:15 a.m., except for the first Sunday of the month, September through May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANK YOU to our dedicated Sunday School teachers who share their love for Jesus:

Angie Baker	Janelle Lach
Kristen Calder-Bowman	
Amy Deeds	Dawn Lanczki
Jessie Evans	Julie Mattison
Kayla Evans	Marci Wasilko

Special thanks to Amy Lockard for serving as our Sunday School Superintendent.

Thank you to Janelle Lach for providing Children's Church during the Contemporary services and leading the new Children's Choir, along with Kristen Bowman.

CONFIRMATION

Attention 2008 Confirmands: Please pick up a class photo of the Confirmation Class in the secretary's office.

Mark your calendars:

A Confirmation Parents' Meeting for fall instruction for 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wed., August 27, at 7 p.m.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Another preschool year has come to an end. We thank Janelle Rapson-Lach, Director & Teacher, for another great year. We also appreciate the hard work of our Aides: Kathy Goodenow, Kelly Nuttall, Julie Mattison, Kathy Saven, and Marci Wasilko. Kathy Saven is retiring after being with us for 16 years. We pray God's blessings on her and her husband, Don.

The Preschool classes gave a generous year end gift to our teachers – new classroom chairs. The old ones were beginning to crack and break and will be a great addition to our school and church Sunday School!

We recently had our two-year Licensing inspection and passed with high marks.

We are continuing to enroll for Fall classes. Some openings remain in the morning three year old class and both afternoon classes for 3's and 4's. Call the church/preschool office for more information (248-437-0871).

The Preschool Board will be meeting in June. Watch for your post card.

CONGREGATION MEETING

A very positive Congregation meeting was held on Sunday, May 25. Reports by our Financial Secretary and Treasurer indicated that attendance has been significantly higher and giving is also up! Our President, William Hicks, encouraged our continued involvement and indicated a need on the Boards of Stewardship and Education. See Bill or Pastor if you can help out on these boards.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We need many HELPERS for Vacation Bible School. Typically we have 175 children, with another 50 adults and young people helping. Prayerfully consider being a Class Leader 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. Any questions, see Chris or Pastor.

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 PICNIC will be held here at church on Sunday, July 27, 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!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ettie Ann Hirth, Claudia Abrash and Women's Outreach for organizing the Mother's Day Tea. It was a beautiful event enjoyed by all!!

Thank you to the Board of Evangelism for hosting the delicious Continental Breakfast in May!

Thank you to Dana Hamlet for planting the beautiful flowers at the church entrance!

IN APPRECIATION:

Leslie Pratt would like to express her thanks for all of the cards, calls, and prayers during her recent surgery recovery.

TELEPHONE & ADDRESS DIRECTORY

An updated Telephone & Address Directory is available in your church mail box. Be sure to pick up your copy. Additional copies are available on the Gathering Hall table.

Keep your new Directory updated:

Change:

Mrs. Evelyn Mayer
25075 Meadowbrook Road
#236
Novi, MI 48375
Phone: 248-946-4213

ROOM FOR RENT:

One of our members has a room to rent. If interested, please call Mike at 313-530-7603.

MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFER IN:

+ + Grant & Karen Neiswinter
From Trinity, Oscoda, MI

MEMORIALS:

+ + In memory of Gladys Barnum, a gift has been given to *The Lutheran Hour* by Neil & Annie Nichols.

+ + In memory of Gladys Barnum, a gift has been given to *Debt Reduction* by Bill & Ettie Ann Hirth.

SPECIAL FUNDS

*Looking to donate to a special need?
Consider the following funds*

Carpet Fund (Narthex)
Copier Fund
Debt Reduction
Garage Fund

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 William & Patricia Hicks
5 Dustin & Tammy
Wyman
6 Scott & Martina Walrath
13 Ronald & Bonnie
Reichert
16 Ken & Lyne Nelson
17 Bruce & Joy Mach
Kenneth & Susan Miller
22 Alec & Thelma
Chaklosh
23 Robert & Carol Walrath
25 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
8 Marlene Mueller
9 Nancy Marsh
11 Mark Cornellier
Joy Mach
15 Suzanne Brown
Grant Neiswinter
Leslie Pratt
16 Mary Gilbert
Julie Mattison
17 Christopher
Stevenson Jr.
18 Douglas Byrum
Carla Geelhood
20 William Hirth
21 Michael Joseph Bugar
Bonnie Reichert
22 Doreen Echols
Ruth Morofski
24 Peter Loukas
25 Richard Miller
27 Chaz Hamlet
28 Shelley Besler
29 Robert Petz, Jr.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Mark & Betsy Cornellier
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
3 Lisa Pogarch
4 William Hicks
6 Michael Abrash
Samantha Bertera
7 Ashley King
9 Eric Miller
Rachel Zoeller
11 Jared Tura
12 Jacob Precht
17 Emily Martin
20 Sydney Baker
21 Sabra Evans
26 Stacy Bertera
Adrienne Eckhout
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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our willing obedience to Christ reveals the depth of our faith. Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, *The Cost of discipleship*, wrote "But the Christ Whom the Scriptures proclaim is in every word He utters One Who grants faith to those only who obey Him." He also said, "Obedience to the call of Jesus never lies within our power . . . the step into the situation where faith is possible is not an offer which we can make to Jesus but always His gracious offer to us." Only in our obedience through faith will God reveal His full nature to us. Oswald Chambers wrote, "We may read some things in the Bible every day for a year and they may mean nothing to us. Then, because we have been obedient to God in some small detail, we suddenly see what God means and His nature is instantly opened up to us!" In order to maintain an intimate relationship with Christ, we need to rely on God's strength so we will not disobey Him by acting or thinking in unacceptable ways. "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*" (Matthew 5:8)

The greatest motivating force for obedience is love and trust in the Lord that originates from God. Do our thoughts and actions reflect a love for the Lord? Rather than drifting and going through the motions of life, are we active in our service and obedience? Are we obedient in our giving? Are we faithfully responding to the needs of others? Oswald Chambers said, "The best measure of the spiritual life is not its ecstasies but its obedience." Richard Baxter wrote:

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day.

God's Word shares the promises of special blessings for those who are faithful and obedient to the Lord. We read in Deuteronomy 11:26-28:

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse – the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

With a desire for obedience springing from hearts of faith, trust, and thanksgiving, we can, with God's strength, please and obey Him.

AREA NEWS

We encourage our members to participate in a fund raising event for Kristina Rogers, hosted by Church of Christ in South Lyon. Kristina Rogers is a 32 year old mother of two, 7 and 2, who was admitted into the hospital in December with the flu, but ended up with the bacteria flesh eating disease. They have amputated both hands almost up to her elbows, as well as both legs up to her knees. She is still in the hospital. An article in the South Lyon Herald about Kristina can be found at southlyoncoc.org.

The fund raising event will take place on **June 14, 2008. A 5k Run/Walk Pledge-a-thon, Pancake Breakfast with the Kiwanis**, and a **Car Wash**. Flyers and pledge forms are available on the Gathering Hall table. For more information, contact Kymber Duncan at 810-397-1755.

Vacation Bible School

July 21-25, 2008

9 a.m. - Noon

(For children going into Kindergarten through going into Sixth Grade)

Group's "POWER LAB" - Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power!

_____ 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 21, for about an hour.

_____ I can help pass out Snacks to the children.

_____ I can assist the Song Leader at Music Time.

_____ I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.

_____ I can help with Decorating.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

We need commitments to plan for VBS!
We anticipate around 175 children will participate in this year's VBS.
Any questions, call the church office.

Place in box provided in Gathering Hall or mail to church office.

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

JULY 21 – 25, 2008
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

***Ages: Going into Kindergarten
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 \$10 Materials Fee is due with each registration.***

CHILD'S NAME _____

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 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School Teachers' Mtg	2 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30am Worship +	9 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:30am Worship	16 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	17	18	19 <i>Pastor</i>	20 <i>Nelson's</i>	21 <i>Vacation</i>
22 9:30am Worship + (Pastor Kinne)	23 <i>Pastor</i> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	24 <i>Nelson's</i>	25 <i>Vacation</i>	26	27 5:00pm Mayer Wedding Rehearsal	28 5:00pm Mayer Wedding
29 9:30am Worship + + Indicates Holy Communion	30 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers					

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20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bd. of Elders	21 9am-Noon V A C A T I O N 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	22 9am-Noon	23 9am-Noon B I B L E	24 9am-Noon S C H	25 9am-Noon O O L	26
27 9:30am Worship + 11:00am Church Family Picnic	28 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers <i>Pastor</i>	29 <i>Nelson's</i>	30 <i>Vacation</i>	31 <i>Week</i>		

AUGUST 2008

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24 / 31 9:30am Worship +	25 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	26	27 7:00pm Confirmation Parents' Mtg.	28	29	30

