

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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S U M M E R , 2 0 0 9

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

This summer we will celebrate United States Independence Day on July Fourth. We will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence by members of the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. On behalf of all citizens of the United States, the Continental Congress declared our independence from Great Britain. The United States of America has been an independent nation for 233 years. God be praised and thanked for 233 years of existence and independence for the United States of America.

This summer is a good time to remember and thank God for the blessings He has given the United States. God has chosen many people for His inheritance in the United States. The Lord looks down from heaven and sees our country and all mankind. The eyes of the Lord are on people who fear Him and hope in His unfailing love. The Lord is our help and our shield.

God has blessed the United States of America these past 233 years. God has blessed our armed forces with victories in wars and conflicts over our enemies. God has blessed our nation with courageous, faithful, good, righteous, and wise rulers.

God has blessed our country with freedom of worship. God has blessed our nation with freedoms of assembly, press, and speech. God has blessed the United States with abundant natural resources. God chose American believers for His inheritance. Millions of American citizens are members of Christian denominations. Over two million American citizens are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

You are a person God chose for His inheritance. God chose you in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. God chose you to be adopted as His child through faith in Jesus. God chose you and adopted you as His child when you were baptized. In Christ you have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. God chose you for His inheritance in heaven. God gave you new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade - kept in heaven for you. You will move into your inheritance on Judgment Day!

God looks down from heaven and sees all people on earth. God looks down and sees all people in the United States. The Lord looks down and sees you and your family. God knows what is happening in our nation. The Lord knows what is going on in your life and in your family's lives. God is omnipresent and omniscient.

Let us pray for our Lord's unfailing love to rest upon us and our nation. Our Lord hears and answers our prayer. Our Lord's unfailing love will rest upon us. Our Lord's unfailing love will rest upon the United States of America. Let us put our hope in the Lord. Our Lord will keep all the promises He makes in the Bible. Our Lord will save us and our nation because of His unfailing love.

Our Lord will fulfill all the promises He makes through His prophets and apostles. The Lord will be your help and your shield. Our Lord will deliver you from death and keep you alive in famine. When you fear Him, the eyes of the Lord will be on you. Our Lord will consider everything you do. The Lord will look down and see you. The Lord will bless the nation whose God is Him. Blessed are we whose God is the Lord. May God our Lord bless the United States of America!

May God bless you and your family this summer and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

SUMMER MEETINGS		
Elders	Thurs., June 4	7:00pm
Trustees	Mon., July 13	7:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Mark your calendars:

A Confirmation Parents' Meeting for fall instruction for 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wed., September 2, at 7 p.m.

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 13.

September through May

SUNDAYS

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.
	<i>(for children 3 yrs through fifth grade)</i>
ADULT BIBLE CLASS:	9:15 a.m.
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:	1 st & 3 rd Sundays
	<i>(for young people 6th-12th grades)</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Angie Baker	Dawn Lanczki
Kristen Bowman	Dawn Miller
Amy Deeds	Matt Nelson
Janelle Lach	Shari Stevenson
Onnalee Lach	Marci Wasilko

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

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

**FOPS - Families of
Preschoolers & Younger**

A social evening is being planned for families with young children on **Friday, May 29**, from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and getting to know other families in our church. *All are welcome!* Bring the whole family. Snacks will be provided. Sign up on the Information Board if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, call Rachel Zoeller at 248-207-5187.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We need many HELPERS for Vacation Bible School. Typically we have 150 - 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.

A REGISTRATION form for children going into Kindergarten through Sixth grade is included with this newsletter.

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, August 2**, 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!

**CROSS OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start! If you missed the registration date, it's not too late to sign up for fall classes. Spots are still available in our afternoon classes. Call the church/preschool office at 248-437-8810 for more information. Classes are held September through May for children three and four years old.

**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.)

*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

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

ACTIVE FAITH

Remember ACTIVE FAITH with your non-perishable food items. Suggestions: canned meats, cereal, box mac-n-cheese, paper products, etc. Any items are appreciated. Place in the box provided as you enter church.

MEMBERSHIP

BIRTHS:

+ + Ethan & Nolan Schoenberg
Twins of Ryan & Emily Schoenberg
April 28, 2009

+ + Jacob Ethan Kyler
Child of Jeff & Donna Kyler
May 21, 2009

BAPTISMS:

+ + Cameron James Precht
Child of Jacob & Samantha Precht
April 25, 2009

+ + Jacob Ethan Kyler
Child of Jeff & Donna Kyler
May 21, 2009

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to Jim Morrison and the Board of Evangelism for preparing the Spaghetti Dinner – a great meal and fellowship!

DEBT REDUCTION QUESTIONS

There is a great explanation by our Financial Secretary, Bruce Mach, of the Green Debt Reduction Envelopes in the *May Newsletter*. Check it out to get a better understanding. Extras are available on the Gathering Hall table or pull it up online.

CROSS OF CHRIST CONNECTIONS

Did you ever need an electrician, plumber, lawn maintenance, a baby sitter, an adult sitter, etc. and wonder who to call? Are you an electrician, plumber, have a lawn maintenance business? Would you like to baby sit, adult sit, be a personal shopper (for someone who can't shop), driver, baker, decorator, or seamstress?

Let's Connect!!

A sign up sheet is posted on the board. You can sign up your business, or your name for side jobs, your phone number (or business #), and what you would be available to do.

It's a great time for members and friends to help each other with services and extra money. Names and numbers will be available, and it's up to you to Connect! The following have already signed up.

Bill Hirth	Repair lawnmowers & small engines
Ettie Ann Hirth	Baker– rolls, cakes, etc.
Rose Eldridge	Adult sitting & baby sitting
Dana Hamlet	Werner Landscaping
Chuck Hamlet	Custom shelving & multiple services
Angie Baker	Cake decorating
Rich Miller	Photography, Video Editing, Taping

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

JULY 27 – 31, 2009
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

***Ages: Going into Kindergarten
(or 5 yrs. old by Dec. 1, 2009)
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 _____

CHILD'S AGE _____ 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 _____

Vacation Bible School

July 27 - 31, 2009

9 a.m. - Noon

For children going into Kindergarten (or 5 years old by Dec. 1)
through going into Sixth Grade
\$10 materials fee per child

Group's "**CROCODILE DOCK**" -
Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light

_____ 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 27,
(for about an hour.)

_____ I can assist the Song Leader at Music Time.

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

_____ I can help Decorate the week before VBS.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

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

Cross of Christ Rummage Sale June 4, 5, 6

Thursday (9am-6pm)

Friday (9am-3pm)

Saturday (10am-2pm)

We need your overflow, your extras, your used or unused stuff that you don't use or need any more. Go through your home and find resalable items and drop them off at the church May 30 – June 3.

These are the types of things we are looking for: clothing, household, small electronics (radios, laptops, clocks, iPods, mp3's), lawn and garden furniture. It must be in resalable condition. Clean and useable. We also could use your HELP for set-up, during the sale, and always for clean-up too. We need the most help during the sale, as we would like to show the community our fellowship and good service. We are looking forward to a good sale. If you can't give an exact day, we could still use your help. Any questions, ask Nancy Ulrich, Ettie Ann Hirth, or Chris Nelson.

We hope this is successful and turns out to be a profitable fundraiser. With your help it will! Thank you and see you all there.

---- Nancy Ulrich, Chairperson
248-767-0859

Please no old computers or monitors, or tv's. Also, nothing that is not in workable condition. We have no way of discarding these items, and they are not resalable.

**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**

4 William & Patricia Hicks
5 Dustin & Tammy
Wyman
6 Clarke & Linda
Schroeder
Scott & Martina Walrath
9 Bryan & Lynne Lach
13 Ronald & Bonnie
Reichert
16 Ken & Lyne Nelson
17 Bruce & Joy Mach
Kenneth & Susan Miller
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
6 Russell Duff
7 George Richardson
9 Nancy Marsh
11 Mark Cornellier
Joy Mach
14 Dawn Smutek
15 Suzanne Brown
Grant Neiswinter
Leslie Pratt
16 Mary Gilbert
Julie Mattison
17 Christopher
Stevenson Jr.
18 Douglas Byrum
Carla Geelhood
20 William Hirth
Ella Schoenberg
21 Michael Joseph Bugar
Bonnie Reichert
22 Karleen Duff
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
- 4 William Hicks
Grace Nelson
- 6 Michael Abrash
Samantha Bertera
Lorile Bugar
- 7 Ashley Laten
- 9 Eric Miller
Rachel Zoeller
- 10 Scott Duff
- 11 Jared Tura
- 12 Miette Laten
Jacob Precht
- 15 Brooke Bowman
- 17 Emily Martin
- 20 Sydney Baker
- 21 Sabra Evans
- 25 Jeff Bowman
- 26 Stacy Bertera
Adrienne Eckhout
Arveda Mach
- 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

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+ Indicates Holy Communion	1 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	2	3	4 9am-6pm Rummage Sale 7:00pm Elders	5 9am-3pm Rummage Sale	6 10am-2pm Rummage Sale
7 9:30am Worship	8 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers <i>Pastor</i>	9 <i>Nelson's</i>	10 <i>Vacation</i>	11 <i>Week</i>	12	13
14 9:30am Worship + (Rev. Krugler)	15 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship	22 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship +	29 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	30				

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5 9:30am Worship	6 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30am Worship +	13 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30am Worship	20 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship +	27 9am-Noon <i>V A C A</i> 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	28 9am-Noon <i>T I O N</i>	29 9am-Noon <i>B I B L E</i>	30 9am-Noon <i>S C H</i>	31 9am-Noon <i>O O L</i>	

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