



Cross Section

Senior Pastor's Message



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is Risen! And all God's children responded, "He is Risen, indeed, alleluia!" I greet each of you with the reminder that Easter is once again upon us. On March 23, 2008, Christ followers all over the face of the earth will lift the glad refrain and proclaim the eternal truth, Jesus is Risen! The marginal, the doubters, the faithful, the seekers, the prodigals, all who have even a smattering of knowledge about Jesus will pause to remember, He is Risen! The eternal hope of mankind has been realized in the person of Jesus the Lord of lords! The love in God's heart that caused Him to become one of us, the love in God's heart that caused Him to take our sins upon Himself, the love that stood fast against all persecution, betrayal, brutality, and crucifixion, the love in God's heart that held Him to the cross until the work of our redemption was accomplished, the death He died for us all, and finally, and joyfully, the Resurrection of our God and Lord from the bonds of death.

At Christmas we talked about the difference between joy and happiness, remembering that happiness is based on happenings, circumstances, and joy is grounded in the Lord. While happiness comes and goes, joy remains solidly fixed because it is in the Lord. So why, you may ask, do we greet one another on Easter by saying, "Happy Easter."

Why? Because the circumstances of Jesus eternal existence as God almighty, and His entrance in time and space to redeem us, followed by His glorious resurrection and triumphant return to the glory of Heaven are all absolutely true and unchanging circumstances. In light of all that Jesus has accomplished for each of us, and in light of the glory of eternity in Heaven with God, how could we better express what being a follower of Jesus is than to loudly and joyfully greet one another with the words:

HAPPY EASTER!!! Christ is Risen, indeed, alleluia!!!

I look forward to our annual celebration on March 23, 2008, a truly happy occasion for each of us who bears the Name of Jesus. God bless and keep you growing in His grace.

Love in Jesus,
Pastor Jon

P.S. We have a new face in the office at Cross of Christ, our good friend, Jerry Everson. Nancy Wilkie has cut-back on her hours, as she studies to be a Yoga instructor. Our need for a volunteer ministry coordinator to fill the hours led us to our beloved brother, Jerry. Please direct your needs, concerns, or questions on ministry involvement or ministry personal needs to Jerry. He will be at the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9-3p.m. Please pray this part-time position will bless both Jerry and Cross of Christ.

MARCH 2008

PRAYER FOCUS

**"and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."
*Romans 1: 4-5***

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To be held at 8:15 and 10:30

Bagels, donuts and coffee will be served

Parish Nursing: Stem Cell Research

Dear Church Family Members,

Many people are confused about stem cell research. Don't we want to cure diseases like spinal cord problems, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and diabetes? Who could possibly disagree with that? Unfortunately, the media doesn't differentiate between the ORIGIN of the stem cells that are used.

Pro-life Christians object to taking stem cells from tiny embryos (blastocysts), because in doing so, a tiny human life is destroyed. They ARE in favor of stem cell research that uses adult stem cells.

Embryonic stem cells have NEVER successfully cured any diseases, while adult stem cells have treated and cured over 70 diseases. Most of the embryonic stem cells are taken from leftover frozen embryos from fertility clinics. In other words, a couple had many eggs fertilized but implanted only some into the woman's uterus in hopes of having a baby. They chose to donate the "leftover" ones for scientific research.

The following chart and Myths about Stem Cell Research should explain important differences between embryonic and adult stem cell research. (Brochures about stem cell research and cloning are available on the blood pressure table in the narthex. Help yourself!)

An article in the January 2007 Lutheran Witness called "The Stem Sell" written by Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, further explains the stem cell debate. Check out their website at lutheransforlife.org

Good News!! In November of 2007, scientists devised a process to create embryonic stem cells WITHOUT destroying human life. Called "direct reprogramming", this process causes adult stem cells to revert to their embryonic form. This appears to solve the ethical problem, but there are scientists who believe embryonic stem cell research should still move forward.

My editorial comment... Life is a precious gift from God, and in the words of Dr. Seuss, "A Person's a Person no Matter how Small". :-) We were all blastocysts at one time!!

Blessings in Jesus,
Mary Lou Temple RN, Parish Nurse

Lifeline Screening at Cross of Christ

LifeLine Screening will come to Cross of Christ on Tuesday, March 4th from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Get an ultrasound of your carotid arteries, abdominal aorta and foot/leg arteries to see if you are at risk for stroke or another serious problem. Call 1-800-324-1851 to make an appointment; there is a fee. For more information, check out the website: www.lifelinescreening.com

A Blood Drive will be held in the chapel from noon to 6 PM on Maunday Thursday, March 20th. Come and give the gift of life! Blood donations drop around the holidays, so there is a great need. Tell your friends and co-workers. See Mary Lou Temple to sign up.

Free colon cancer screening (stool occult blood test) sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will be offered on Sunday, March 9th. Pick up a kit and instructions in the narthex. Results will be sent to you confidentially.



**"The
Passion"**

Will be shown
following the
Maundy
Thursday
Worship
service on
(March
20th) in the
chapel theater

Myths About Stem Cell Research

Stem cells come only from embryos.

They also come from germ cells (5-9 week old fetus), blastocyst (5-7 day old embryo), umbilical cord blood, placentas, amniotic fluid, adult tissues and organs (bone marrow, fat from liposuction, and nasal epithelium)

The church is against stem cell research.

Ethical concerns differ with the source of stem cells. Embryonic stem cells destroys an early human life.

Adult stem cells have been used successfully to treat/cure almost 100 diseases, such as leukemia, Hodgkin's Disease, damaged tissue after a heart attack, anemia, lymphomas, sickle cell disease, genetic diseases etc.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research has the most promise for treatment of diseases.

Embryonic stem cells are more flexible, but harder to control; they can cause tumor formation. Currently, no federal funds can be used for embryonic stem cell research. Pres. Bush mandated this in 2001, stating that only current stem cell lines could be used. Private labs can do embryonic stem cell research in the United States.

Therapeutic and Reproductive Cloning are different.

Therapeutic cloning – using embryonic stem cells to treat diseases
Reproductive cloning – allowing baby to be born as an identical twin

Both are same; only difference is level of development. There s only one kind of cloning; it is done for 2 different reasons. One is to destroy and harvest the cells; the other is to give life to an identical twin of the cloned person.

Egg harvesting after “super-ovulation” 35% of women have complications; three deaths have occurred in Great Britain; future fertility problems may also occur.

Stem Cell Research—What's All the Hype?

Adult

- **Obtained from:** adult bone marrow, tissues and organs, liposuction fat, nasal epithelium, umbilical cord blood, placenta, amniotic fluid
- **Advantages:** flexible, already somewhat specialized, no rejection problems, don't form tumors, no harm to donors
- **Disadvantages:** limited quantity, finite, may be more difficult to form into other tissue types
- **Diseases treated:** over 60 (including leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, lymphomas, sickle cell disease, genetic disease)

Embryonic

- **Obtained from:** germ cells from 5-9 week old fetus, miscarriages, aborted fetuses, left-over embryos from fertility clinics
- **Advantages:** more flexible, immortal, available
- **Disadvantages:** rejection problems, form tumors, destroys a life
- **Diseases treated:** none

Cloning = SNCT (somatic nuclear cell transplant) (asexual reproduction)

- remove nucleus from an egg cell
- transfer nucleus from somatic (skin) cell of a person into egg
- stimulate egg to divide; would grow into baby (identical twin of donor) if allowed to mature

Therapeutic vs. Reproductive cloning

- **Therapeutic** – stem cells removed from 5 day old embryo (blastocyst) for research purposes; embryo dies
- **Reproductive** – same blastocyst implanted into woman's uterus, allowed to mature and be born (has not yet been done)

There is only one kind of cloning; the only difference is level of development of embryo/baby.





MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

March, 2008 Plate Offering Recipients

Beginning with this new fiscal year, 100% of the plate offerings will be for mission support. This month's offerings have been designated for this summer's trips to Haiti. Receipts from July – December, 2007 have been expensed as follows.

- July: TEAM Ministry Detroit \$4,211.74
- August: Reconciliation Ministries \$2, 863.58
- September: U.E.M.I. (India) \$4,561.05
- October:
 - LWML (Luth. Women in Mission) \$1,574.42
 - Ft. Wayne Sem. Food Bank \$787.71
 - St. Louis Sem. Food Bank \$878.71
- November: Baldwin Warming Center Pontiac \$3,879.37
- December: POBLO (Muslim Min.) \$5,442.00

Each ministry expressed sincere thanks for our support.

Katrina Relief Mission Trip

The dates for this year's trip will be announced once key construction workers have been identified. The need is still very great. For more information, and or to volunteer, please contact Ruth LaFontaine at 248/539-8405 or lafonatinedoug@aol.com.

Haiti Mission Trip This Summer

Diane & Ed Stanke and Linda & Dennis Toth will serve as coordinators for the mission trip to Haiti. Dates will be June 30 - July 8, 2008 and July 7-July 15, 2008. Teams will be limited to a maximum of 15 people per week. The minimum age for a team member will be 16. Teens younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Attendance at pre-trip meetings will be mandatory for all participants. These meetings will focus on team building and planning for an effective ministry during the short stay in Haiti. Activities being considered are: Vacation Bible School, construction assistance, having a sewing class for women, and sponsoring a medical clinic if medical personnel are able to be a part of the team. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. During the March and April worship services, there will be a mission moment, a short testimony given by those who have been on previous trips.

A View of the Work in Haiti

Other churches sponsor mission trips to Haiti. Their observations are much like those Cross of Christ team members have experienced. Some of their comments follow.

- "As always, we were overwhelmed by the physical and spiritual needs in Haiti. Both physical and spiritual food are in great need."
- "Much has changed in the past 18 years—our churches have grown, the number of souls saved has increased, and our work has expanded, etc. — but life in Haiti remains difficult and hard for the vast majority of citizens there. Yet, in the midst of it all, I still come away amazed at the dedication and joy of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Haiti. I always get more from them than they get from me."
- "We ran 2 days of VBS with 90 kids from the surrounding area. Turn the music up loud and they will come!!!! That is what Leonard did as he drove through the streets. Songs were sung, games were played, crafts were made and snacks were given out!!! Our teenagers were impressed at how appreciative the children were for everything offered them!!"
- "We also stopped by the Children's Hospital to help be Jesus' Arms to the little ones, bring some music into their day and play a little with the toddlers!! What a JOY it is to be God's Servant in this way!!"



CROSS OF CHRIST

Katrina Relief Mission Trip 2008

TO EITHER
CAMP BILOXI, MS or
CAMP RESTORE, LA

TRIP DATES—TO BE DETERMINED (LATE WINTER OR SPRING)

Right now we need two things:

- Skilled workers from the building trades: licensed contractors, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, heating and cooling, dry walling, etc. We will build our team(s) around the skilled workers, and choose our date based on their availability.
- Donations of frequent flyer miles from members. We would like to fly down and rent a couple vehicles at the airport for transportation.

To Volunteer and/or for information contact:

Ruth & Doug LaFontaine
lafontainedoug@aol.com
 Home phone (248) 539-8405
 Cell phone (248) 935-7231



MEMBER RECEIVES VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Things God Left Undone

The wisdom of God is shown in that He left the world unfinished that we might have the interest and delight in taking the raw material and putting the world together.

He left the oil in the trap rock, the aluminum in the clay, the paper in the pulp, the electricity in the clouds.

He left the forests unfelled, the mountains unsurveyed, the canals undug, the tunnels unbored.

He left the fields unplowed and unplanted.

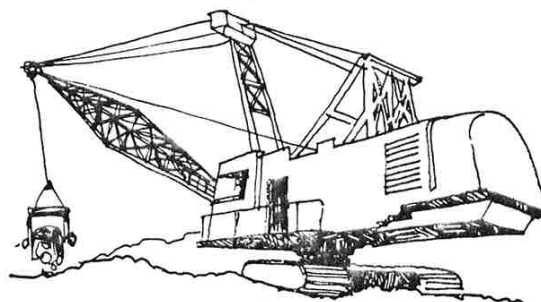
He left the music unwritten, the poetry undreamed, and the dramas unplayed.

He left inventions unapplied and cities unbuild.

He left mind and character unperfected, that we might really be the children of God—created in His own image, with inherent powers to take the raw materials and put the old world together.

Isn't it wonderful that we can use our abilities in the completion of the work that God left undone?

- Author Unknown



Congratulations to Cross of Christ member, Ruth Lafontaine, who received volunteer of the year award for her work at the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac.

The Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic originated in 1997, has grown into a fully operational medical clinic, dental clinic and pharmacy, and sees 150–200 patients a month.

To find out more about the clinic, please see their web site at www.garyburnsteinclinic.org.



WELCOME HOME ELEANOR

In light of the serious problems many parents and Grandparents experience with difficult teenager behaviors, I pass this advertisement along to let you know that while some kids look “different”, Jesus is still at work.

We call ourselves WELCOME HOME ELEANOR. Josh Tuerk, David Boone, Dylan Mitchell, Branden Brown, Dan Hinkle, and Jonathan Plummer. That's us.

Through our unique brand of music we hope to show our people out there that we are different and serve a purpose; a purpose to serve the Lord, reaching out to those in need and showing the love of God.

Not to mention playing some good hardcore/metal/2-steppin material. Through contrasting and complimentary vocals, Dylan Mitchell and Branden Brown (keys) get the job done while putting mad bread on the table. Guitarists Dan and Jonathan add harmonic melodies and breakdowns that will reach out to your soul and throw it into the pits. Backing them up is David Boone, taking the bass for a walk. And last, but certainly not least, Josh Tuerk teaches the drums a lesson they won't soon forget.

Most importantly, we hope to bring the good news to you. Talk to us if you want to know more about what Jesus Christ has done for all of us. W. H. E.

Psalm 150:

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary,
praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

I hope this advertisement made you smile and gave you hope. I know I was really pleased and proud to read it. You see, my Grandson is the drummer for this band. And, while their music “drives me up a wall”, I know that the hearts of these teenagers is right with the Lord.

Blessings,
Merl Terry

**New
Member
Classes**

**begin on
March 19th
at 6:30pm
in
classroom**

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Dear Pastor,

Your generous donation of \$1040 to POBLO International in 2007 has been a great blessing to us. We value your partnership with us as fellow workers in the Kingdom of God, to share in the harvest. Without your financial gift, it would not be possible for us to continue to share the saving message of Jesus Christ with Muslims and others. Please continue to remember POBLO International Ministries in your prayers. We always have many needs and realize the Lord is in control of supplying them. Thank you for asking Him to mercifully look upon us with favor, as we pray and trust He will do the same for you.

May the Lord bless you and your church community, as you continue to faithfully serve Him and His people.

In His Service,
 Rev. Farrukh Khan, Director of Development

Dear Reverend Reusch and Members of the Cross of Christ Family,

During this Lenten season my thoughts turn to sacrifices. Included among these are the sacrifices our families make so their children can attend Detroit Urban Lutheran School and the sacrifices so many of our friends make through their donations that help to fund this educational ministry. Thank you for featuring Detroit Urban as a beneficiary to your annual Antique Show and for the sacrifices you continue to make to support our school!

I appreciate the fact that you and your congregation have come to recognize the role of Detroit Urban Lutheran School within the city of Detroit. Not only does Detroit Urban provide a quality Christian education in our community, but it is also a mission outreach for our church. It is, in fact, one of the most effective outreach efforts of the Lutheran church in the city of Detroit today!

God's richest blessings to you this Lenten season May our Lord and Savior fill your heart with hope, your spirit with joy, and your life with peace as you reflect on His Sacrifice that provides all of us with the free gift of eternal life.

In His Service,
 Roy D. Siefker, Principal

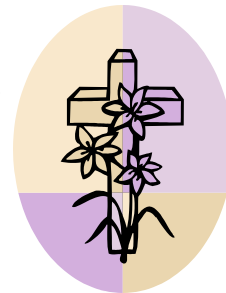
Dear Friends,

The Baldwin Center is grateful to you for the *generous* donation of \$3,879.37. Thank you for your interest and support in The Baldwin Center programs. Your donation has helped our many neighbors in need.

Food Service has had a busy season handing out 567 food baskets to the families of Pontiac! We collect canned goods and non-perishable food items year round for baskets. If you would like to organize a drive please contact Sylvia Wheeling. The Holiday Store was a success, handing out gifts to over 1,000 individuals thanks to the items we received from many generous donors! Counseling and Adult Services is busy with new Healthy Living courses and helping clients with utilities and rent. Baldwin Early Learning Center is getting ready for Sesame Street Live and making projects to keep themselves busy during the cold months. On February 25, After-School Youth Programs will start up again, and we need tutors! Contact Deneen Davis if you are interested in volunteering. The Baldwin Center Golf Outing will be held Monday, June 9 at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion. For more information check our website or contact Barbara Pote.

We could not accomplish as much as we do without the help and support of our great volunteers and donors. Thank you for helping us continue to be present in the lives of so many children and adults, families and individuals in need. Please visit us at our website www.baldwincenter.org for up to date information on The Baldwin Center.

Thank you,
 Cara Rayner, Executive Director



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Dear Donors,

Thank you so much for your gift of money to our food bank at the Seminary. It has been such a blessing to us and the people in charge are great at stocking the gifts. Thank you for helping so many.

**In Christ,
 The Tim Behnke Family**



A Modern Survival Story

Little Noah Markham was one of the tiniest victims of Hurricane Katrina. When the levees broke, Noah was trapped in a flooded New Orleans hospital. It took 10 police officers using flat-bottomed boats to rescue him.

It is an amazing story, but what makes it even more incredible is the fact that—on the day Noah was rescued—he had not yet been born. And no, he was not living in his mother's womb. Instead, young Noah was living in a canister of liquid nitrogen. He was, in fact, a frozen embryo—a human being at the embryonic stage of life.

On January 16, 2007, 16 months after a policeman grabbed Noah's home away from home—the canister—he was born.

As Robert George and Christopher Tollefsen observe in their new book, *Embryo*, if the police had abandoned that canister of liquid nitrogen, "Noah, sadly, would have perished before having the opportunity to meet his loving family." And so would more than 1,400 other embryos.

Noah, whose parents named him after another flood survivor, is a joyful reminder that embryos are members of the human family—members who are fully human at a very early age. Noah's life may have begun in an unorthodox manner. But after the doctors implanted him in his mother's womb, his life was that of a typical embryo: He somersaulted into the fetal stage, and then the infant stage. A few days ago, Noah celebrated his first birthday. God willing, he will grow into a toddler, a teenager, a young man—and in time, an old man.

In telling Noah's story, a web log called *All American Blogger* said the embryo who **became** Noah was rescued and defrosted: wrong. As an embryo, Noah was *already* Noah.

As any embryologist would tell you, human embryos are not a part of an organism, like a heart, a kidney, or a skin cell, George and Tollefsen point out. "Nor are they a disorganized aggregate, a mere clump of cells awaiting some magical transformation. Rather, a human embryo is a whole living member of the species *Homo Sapiens*—a human being—in the earliest stage of his or her natural development."

It is important that we understand this, because the lives of many other Noahs are at stake. Too many scientists want people like Noah put to death even before they have a chance to be born; they want to create, and then sacrifice, these young lives in the name of biomedical research—or for profit. In order to do this, they will attempt to convince Americans that people like the embryonic Noah are not fully human—and thus, not worthy of protection in law. And they will want our taxes to pay for their diabolical research.

This is why you and I must tell our neighbors not only about the promising breakthroughs in adult stem-cell research, which does not destroy human lives, but also about the full humanity of the human embryo. Because they are fully human, they are worthy of full moral respect. You do not need to make religious arguments: the scientific arguments will do just fine.

BreakPoint Commentaries, by Chuck Colson, 1/24/2008
<http://www.breakpoint.org>

GOD IS PRO LIFE

Have you seen the Pro Life Bulletin Board just outside Room B? At the very top of the board are the very appropriate words "God is Pro Life". In January for Right to Life Sunday we were privileged to have Tim Stickel, Executive Director, from Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills as our guest speaker. But, do we confine our learning process on the issues of life to the month of January? God calls us to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death. In the months to follow you will find an article regarding Life in each Cross Section, to help you grow in your knowledge of this important ministry. This month I would like to share with you a poem written by an unknown author. It will touch your heart and make you weep for all the unborn babies lost to the holocaust of abortion. To join us for the fight for life here at Cross o Christ please call Mary Lou Temple at 248-626-4076 or Betty Daykin at 586-268-3909.

A Baby's Cry...

Mommy keep me safe, Mommy keep me warm...
 And with all your love, Mommy, help me to form...
 I'm six weeks old today, and a birthday gift to me
 Is a pair of bright blue eyes, so that one day I may see.
 I've already got my arms, I've got my pudgy nose...
 And at the end of my feet are funny things,
 I think they call them toes.

I'm looking forward to life, Mommy,
 with stories of fairy tales,
 soft Teddy bears and laughter,
 big hugs and flying kites with long tails.

Where are you going, I wonder today?
 On a bus so very far away!
 Mommy, why are you lying down,
 ...being pushed on four wheels?
 This doesn't normally happen,
 how funny this really feels.

Banging through the doors, all the people in green.
 If they HURT you mother, Mother, you just Scream!
 Please don't go to sleep Mommy,
 please don't leave me alone.
 MOMMY... I'M SCARED,
 I want to go home!!

Mother what's happening, I'm starting to CRY!
 Run, quick, mother...I don't want to DIE!

They are killing me Mommy.
 they are pulling me apart...
 My arms, my legs,
 and now they are cutting my heart.

Goodbye Mommy, oh, Mommy goodbye
 Thank you for trying, but I won't see the sky...
 I won't see the birds or the grass or the trees...
 I won't sing sweet songs or bounce on your knees.

I won't hear the stories of our family's glorious past...
 My future is gone, it ended so FAST.

I love you dear Mommy, dear Mommy, I REALLY DO!
 BUT, I REALLY HOPED, MOMMY, THAT YOU WOULD HAVE LOVED ME TOO !!?!?

(Author Unknown)



Reminder: The deadline for the Cross Section is the 10th of the preceding month. Submit your information via email to newsletter@bloomfieldcross.org



LIBRARY CORNER

The library has lots of resources to make the approaching March break more enjoyable. *The Preschooler's Busy Book* has loads of games, easy crafts, kitchen fun and even Easter egg decorating ideas. Some of the ideas, especially the arts and crafts, are suitable for primary school kids too. *The Camphouse Caper* is a videotape in the Gospel According to St. Bernard series presenting the biblical truth "Obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." *The Kid's Book of Bible Activities* is for children who enjoy word puzzles, codes, mazes hidden pictures and such quiet entertainments. *The Colorado Kidnapping* and *The Chicago Adventure* is from The Sugar Creek Gang adventure series. These books, originally written in the 40's and 50's, were updated in the late 90's for a new generation of Christian kids. Or should you be musically inclined, how about *Songs Kids Love to Sing* (55 Sunday School Favorites), useful for some family fun if you're familiar with the tunes, as this book only provides the lyrics.

Since Easter is in March this year. The library is offering *An Easter Carol*, a Veggie Tales Videotape with the message that Easter is about much more than candy and eggs. *He's Risen! He's Alive!* and *The Week That Led to Easter* are Arch picture story books for children ages 5-9. *You Can Change the World* by Jill Johnstone is a combination of geography picture book and prayer guide for spreading the gospel to all corners of the earth. *Celebration Centers* has ideas for Sunday school teachers or parents looking for something special for imparting Christian beliefs to their children.

Easter-themed books for adults include *Six Hours One Friday* and *He Did This For You* by Max Lucado and *The Passion of Jesus Christ* by John Piper. *He Did This For You* is a short but powerful parable of the gospel message and includes interpretation. *Six Hours One Friday* teaches the truths, "My life is not futile, my failure is not fatal and my death is not final. Attach your soul to these boulders and no wave is big enough to wash you under" p.174. *The Passion of Jesus Christ* examines fifty reasons or purposes for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Each one is a short reading suitable for daily study. Some may surprise you such as "...to give marriage its deepest meaning" while others are more familiar such as "...for the forgiveness of our sins or "...to show his own love for us". Thank you, donors, for providing such a wonderful and varied selection of resources for your library and everyone's benefit!

Blessings to all of you for Easter and beyond,
Heather Sherk

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

John & Verna Besancon
3/22/1974
Arthur & Bettye Kelsey
3/30/1951
Christ & Edith Micha
3/11/1995
Heinz & Dorothy Wernecke
3/3/1945



MOM-TO-MOM SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH 2008

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Admission Fee \$1

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
(NW corner of Telegraph & Lone Pine)

For further information,
visit our website at www.bloomfieldcross.org,
e-mail Mom2Mom@bloomfieldcross.org,
or call Sue (248)375-2332



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

TRANSFERRED

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Karl & Shirley Kreft

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of Lois Casey)
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Living
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Royal Oak, MI 48073
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Kathleen Kaiser
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Living for Women
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Mrs. Jane Lindh
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West Bloomfield, Michigan
48322-1843

Mrs. Mary Rakolta
1800 Rathmore Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
48304-2145

Lillian Spellicy (Lillian is
mother of Doug LaFontaine)
c/o SunRise of Bloomfield
Hills
2080 South Telegraph Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
48302

Mr. and Mrs. Robert
(Delores) VanNorman
8610 Perry Lake Road
Clarkston, Michigan 48348-
2955

Mrs. Betty Wright
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Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
48304

Johanna Wurst
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2303

St. Ann Meade Nursing Home
(Elaine Krueger works here-
Jon & Pastor Steve do
worship services on Tuesday)
16106 West Twelve Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48076
(248) 557-1221

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Doug Quitmeyer
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Chen	3/1	Ardis Greene	3/12	Ryan Krause	3/22
Andrea Daly	3/1	Arthur Kelsey	3/12	David Robb	3/22
Sarah Kalusniak	3/1	Lily Abraam	3/13	McKenna Plunkett	3/23
Robert Simmonds	3/1	Hugh Simmonds	3/13	Anthony Valente	3/23
Florence Arendt	3/2	Kenzie Guettler	3/14	Kyle Myrold	3/24
Jennifer Valente	3/2	Kelly Kopin	3/14	Nicole Walter	3/24
Katerina Milz	3/3	Jill Larive	3/14	Gordon Anderson	3/25
Mary Schwab	3/3	Elise Marchione	3/14	John Hilgendorf	3/26
Brendon Duggins	3/4	Stephanie Weeks	3/15	Maryse Richards	3/26
Chloe Gilcher	3/4	Mark Halstead	3/16	Steven Wilson	3/26
Dylan Gilcher	3/4	Stephanie Boergert	3/17	Ellen Markel	3/27
Max Hammarlund	3/5	Morgan Chen	3/17	Mike Ruprich	3/27
Tracy Krause	3/5	Molly Duggins	3/17	Julie Schulte	3/27
Gary Poteete	3/6	Pam Poteete	3/17	Marilyn Nix	3/28
Laura Artemenko	3/7	Rolf Weeks	3/17	Gordon Nyquist	3/28
Ron Bereznicki	3/7	JoAnn Johnson	3/18	Michael Smith	3/28
Sean Kubit-Miller	3/7	Erik Bolda	3/19	Lyndsie Kehoe	3/29
Warran Lindh	3/8	Kim Kuehl	3/19	Ronald Rae	3/29
Lillian Marley	3/9	Christina Bergstrom	3/20	Richard Scott	3/29
Andrew Settecerra	3/9	Sharon Manthey	3/20	Steve Grafe	3/30
Harold Stieg	3/9	Erik Alexander	3/21	Kelly O'Connell	3/30
Sarah Dameron	3/11	Kelly Fink	3/21	Austin Marchione	3/31
Robert Dowbenko	3/11	Nicholas Scott	3/21	Brian Ulmer	3/31
Karen Miller	3/11	Brian Fish	3/22	Bradley Zewatsky	3/31

MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8:15 Worship
9:45 SonLight City
(cancelled Easter Sun.)
9:45 Worship
11:15 Worship

MONDAYS

10am Adult Bible Study

TUESDAYS

7am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 am Adult Bible Study
11:45 Primetimers (3/4)
12 pm Intern'l Friends
5:45pm Prayer Time
7pm Volleyball

WEDNESDAYS

10 Mom's Group
4:45-4C's
5:30-Dinner
6:30-Classes

THURSDAYS

12:30 Int'l Friends
3/20 7:00 Maunday
Thursday Worship

FRIDAYS

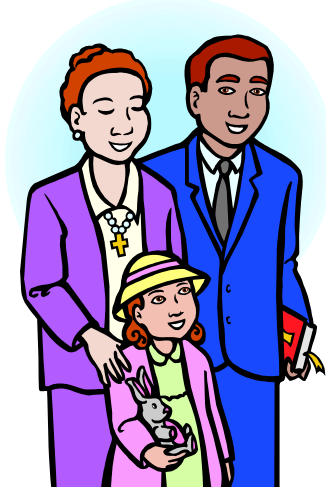
3/7 6:00 Scrapbook Crop
3/21 1PM & 7PM -Good
Friday Worship

SATURDAY

5:30 Worship (cancelled
3/22)

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“THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME”

Obedience has become an almost ignored concept. Some parents believe that requiring obedience from their children stifles their creative and emotional development. Many couples remove the word “obey” from the vows that brides give to their grooms. To expect employees to obey their employers is certainly not acceptable.

To God, however, obedience is not only acceptable, it is required. Disobedience to God is what is known as sin. And sin separates. Sin separates us from God and from each other. Sin prevents us from living the abundant life that Christ came to give us (John 10:10). On the other hand, obedience is proof of love: *“If you love Me, you will obey what I command,”* Jesus says (John 14:15).

Unfortunately, as sinful beings, we are unable to obey our Lord’s commands fully. Even the great apostle Paul struggled with this reality. He confessed, *“I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out”* (Romans 7:18). As he relates his dilemma — the dilemma all Christians face — he asks, *“Who will rescue me from this body of death?”* (For as surely as day follows night, death follows disobedience) He answers exultantly, *“Thanks be to God— through Jesus Christ our Lord!”* (Romans 7:24-25)

Jesus has lived the perfect life in our place. Jesus willingly emptied Himself, made Himself nothing, *“and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name”* (Philippians 2:7-9).

Jesus did what we cannot do. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, dead and buried, would not stay there! Jesus has risen! He is exalted to the highest place! He has given us His Spirit, the Counselor, Who lives with us and in us (John 14:16-17), to sanctify us for obedience to our Father and service to others. This Spirit equips and enables us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and all His gifts. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Why Is Easter So Early This Year?

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above, Easter can actually be only one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

Here’s the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!