



Cross Section

Senior Pastor's Message



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I sincerely hope and pray you are remaining strong in the Spirit through all these difficult days. We must continually rejoice in the Lord and give Him thanks for loving and caring for each of us. As Scripture tells us, "Let us not grow weary of well doing, for in due season we shall reap a reward, if we do not lose heart." God loves each of you and stands beside you through everything life brings to us. May we all use these days of Lent to further our relationship with the One who loves us most! Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I. The remainder of this article is a heartfelt thank you to the church family I am privileged to serve.

My thanks for the continual prayers and loving gifts given to our family.

My thanks to a church family so alive and generous in their prayers for our members and their loved ones. I cannot express in words the joyful and often tear-filled pride I feel when people thank me for the prayers, cards, visits, and calls received from members of Cross of Christ. Your compassionate hearts and loving response to the needs of others blesses this family of ours in more ways than we could count. Your love for Jesus is alive and shining.

I was recently moved to tears by two DVD's given to me by Debbie Lampkin, our "Video Specialist" at Cross of Christ. Debbie is the creative spark behind most of the video presentations seen around Cross of Christ.

The first DVD was our 2008 Christmas Concert. How I thank God for the talented and giving people at Cross of Christ. I stand in awe watching the amazing concert. I truly praise God for Bob Alexander and the hundreds of faithful servants who make this gift possible to our family and community. Jesus smile is certainly upon all who gave of themselves to bring glory to Him.

The Second DVD was a pure gift of love to Ryan Alexander and all who serve us in the military. I know thousands and thousands of prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace on behalf of those who serve, and their families, from the corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph. This DVD was tangible evidence of the love in the hearts of our members. Bob and Debbie Alexander personally delivered the DVD when they traveled to

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

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Seattle to welcome Ryan home. Their strong son was moved to tears while watching our welcome home gift. Ryan marveled that so many who did not really know him would give their time after services to produce this gift of love. How do I thank a church family so willing to give of themselves to bless others? Thank you just does not seem adequate... so I will stop typing and shed some tears of gratitude over you, my friends. I also must mention the love and effort Debbie Lampkin gave to this project. I hope you ask Debbie for a copy of the DVD.

Finally, I ask each of you to pray for the following young people who will be making their Confirmation on March 14, at 3:30p.m. at Cross of Christ: Callie Elliot, Dirk Greene, Andrew Nix, Rachel Scrimger, Blake Seelbinder, Carley Serowoky, and Andrew Settecetri. These young people will make the solemn promise to remain faithful to Jesus, suffering all, even death, rather than ever falling away. In these times, our youth need the prayers of their church family. I would also ask that you consider attending the service on March 14, at 3:30p.m., and give your loving support. We want our young people to know that their church family will always be ready to stand with them. God bless you all! May Jesus keep you growing in His grace.

Love in Jesus,
Pastor Jon

Youth Stewardship

People who live on a farm have many chores to do, and some of them aren't very pleasant. You can probably imagine some of them. There was a young girl named Donna who grew up on a farm and was very responsible. She rarely argued or complained about doing whatever chore was assigned her. She also took piano lessons and loved practicing and playing. Her mom wanted to encourage her, so she would sometimes give her daughter a choice; "Would you like to help clean out the barn or practice your piano lesson?"

Donna thought only a second. Cleaning the barn was a long, unpleasant job, and, in order for the trade to be fair, she'd have to practice three hours. Even to a girl who loves the piano, three hours at a stretch is no picnic. Still, for Donna, the decision was easy. Donna made beautiful music while her mom cleaned out the barn. When she played in her piano recital, she got lots of compliments. How many people appreciated a clean barn? (Mom and Dad and the cows, but who else?)

Jesus had a choice too. He wasn't forced to come to Earth, endure the scorn and humiliation of many, and die for our sins. He could have stayed in Heaven, surrounded by worshiping angels. For Him, though, the decision was easy. Out of love for us, He chose to live the perfect life in our place and suffer death so we won't have to.

You, too, have choices. Sometimes God asks you to make beautiful music: sometimes He asks you to clean out the barn. How do you respond? Do you eagerly take up the easy task, but complain and try to get out of the unpleasant one? For example, isn't it more fun to join your friends at the carwash to raise money for your mission trip than to mow the lawn of your elderly neighbor by yourself with no benefit to you other than his thanks?

Jesus knows us so well! (He ought to - He made us!) He knew we like to be noticed and commended for our good deeds. That's why He said this: "*Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men. . . if you do, you will have no reward from your Father in Heaven. . [but] your father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you*" (Matthew 6:1-4). What can be better than that?



MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

March, 2009 Plate Offering Recipients

This month's offerings have been designated for Touch One, Jhansi and Vijhay Kodi's mission efforts in India. Their mission is to share the gospel with the poor in India by providing medical clinics, education and job training. For more information, contact them at jhansikodi@hotmail.com or 248-388-3967.

Save the Date

On Saturday morning, April 4, 2009, Cross of Christ members and friends will have the opportunity to participate in packaging meals for "Kids Against Hunger". About 35 other churches in the greater Detroit area will also take part in this effort. See page 6 for more information.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Mission Trip

After four years since the worst natural disaster in U.S. history hit the coast of Mississippi and Louisiana, there is still much work to be done. Camp Restore, a Christ-centered ministry of the Southern District Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Recovery Assistance, is in need of able-bodied volunteers willing to help reconstruct and repair homes and churches in the New Orleans area. This will be Cross of Christ's



third visit to the area. Key to the success of this mission is the availability of skilled tradesmen who will lead teams of four to five workers. This mission will be one week in late May or early June. Please contact Ruth and Doug LaFontaine at 248-935-7231 or lafontainedoug@aol.com if you are interested in this effort to help our neighbors to the south.

Haiti Mission Trip

This year's trip is scheduled to be a construction/VBS trip this summer from July 4 - July 11. If you cannot go but want to help, there are many jobs to be done here at Cross of Christ. It is truly a team effort. We ask that you pray about your possible involvement and listen for God's message to you.

For more information, please contact the team leaders:

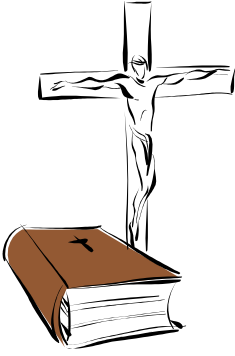
- Linda and Dennis Toth - 248-338-3606 delitoth@att.net
- Diane & Ed Stanke - 248-505-7298 dekbmr@aol.com
- Kip Ewing - kip@kipewing.com

Local Mission Opportunity

On the third Saturday of each month, a group of volunteers distributes clothing, blankets, etc. to the needy – many of them homeless - in Detroit. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Sharon Yarlagadda.

India Mission Trip

U.E.M.I invites interested persons to join them on short-term mission trips to India each January. It is not too early to think about the 2010 trip. For more information, contact Pastor Jim.



Dear Friends in Christ:

God's peace to you today! Our family is healthy and doing well in Fort Wayne. We have survived snow, ice and flooding – much like the weather you have endured. So much for the “mild” Fort Wayne winters. However, we’ve only had one power outage that lasted 5 days. The Lord blessed us with great friends (with warm houses) and a generator, so we made it through just fine.

Michael has just finished classes for the quarter and is looking forward to a short respite before spring classes begin. He is also getting ready for a 3 week “foreign study” at the seminary in Riga, Latvia in May/June. The Lutheran church is being re-born in Latvia after communism tried to wipe out Christianity in the region where many Pastors and believers were killed for their faith. Please keep the Lutheran Church in Latvia in your prayers as they build up the Kingdom in Christ's name.

Thank you again for your faithful support. We look forward to worshipping with you soon.

**In Christ,
Michael, Alison, Michala & William Blodgett**

Dear Cross of Christ,

Please forgive the tardiness of this letter. Anne and I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting us through your Antique Show. We are humbled, honored, and extremely grateful for your generous support of seminary students. The money you gave us is a big help in paying tuition costs. I am sure you are aware of the rising cost of Seminary, so your support is both very helpful and timely.

I know I have said this before in other letters, but Cross of Christ is a marvelous testimony of generosity. You all are a church that focuses not only on the ministry that happens in your own neighborhood, but you also impact the church as a whole. Amie and I are truly blessed by your gifts and ministry. Thank you very much.

May God continue to work through you to reach lives for Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Ryan & Amie Winningham

THANKOFFERINGS AND MEMORIALS

TO THE GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND: In memory of Jane Lindh by Elizabeth Light;
In memory of Frank Boergert by Merl & Trudy Terry

TO THE BENEVOLENCE FUND: In memory of Jane Lindh by John & Wanda Hilgendorf, the Primetimers, In loving memory of Hildegard Stanley by John & Wanda Hilgendorf; In memory of Dot Koss by Russ & Lillian Marley

TO THE COLLEGE CARE BOX MINISTRY: Offering of thanks by Ken & ChiCe Burchill

TO THE NARTHEX STAINED GLASS FUND: In loving memory of Robert & Delores VanNorman by their children; offering of thanks by Charlene Jagow; In honor of their mother, Bettye Kelsey by the Kelsey kids

THE SEMINARY FUND: In memory of Shirley Holland by Russ & Lillian Marley

TO THE MISSION FUND: (specifically India & Haiti)-offering of thanks by Tom & Betty Daykin

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Parish Nursing: Disposing of Unwanted Medication

Dear Church Family Members,

Here's some interesting tips for disposing of unused or expired meds...I learned this from the local Parish Nurse Network.

Unused medication and over the counter medicines are best incinerated rather than flushed down the toilet or sink or put in the trash. Trace amounts of drugs can be found in the water we drink.

Call the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Center Recovery Authority at 248-288-5150. They are located at 991 Coolidge, Troy, MI. Their hours are 7:30 AM – 4 PM; they accept and dispose of drugs.

According to state law, pharmacies are no longer able to accept unused drugs for disposal.

World Medical Relief at 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit 48026, accepts prescription medications to donate for their international medical programs. Call 313-866-5333 for more information. (World Medical Relief has donated medical supplies for one of our trips to Haiti.)

In absence of a drop-off location, you can mix the drugs with water to dissolve them; then mix with kitty litter or coffee grounds and dispose in the trash.

We will have a Blood Drive at Cross of Christ on Sunday, March 22nd in the Family Life Center from 8 AM – 1 PM. Donating blood save lives. I encourage past donors to sign up at the Welcome Center.

If you're unsure if you're eligible to donate or are a first time donor, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or call the Red Cross at 1-877-835-5736. We all expect blood to be available if and when we need it; this only happens because people like us are willing to donate. See me if you have any questions/concerns about the process.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland will again offer FREE colon cancer screening kits to our members and friends. Come to the Welcome Center in March to pick up your kit/instructions. The kits must be returned to the hospital by April 10, 2009 for processing. You will be notified by mail of your results.

God bless you all,

Spring will be here soon!

Mary Lou Temple, RN
Parish Nurse



Blood Drive

Sunday, March
22nd

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Cross of Christ
Family Life Center



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

Kids Against Hunger™

A program of Feeding Children International

Cross of Christ, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Kids Against Hunger are joining forces to make a bigger impact and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On April 4th, partner with volunteers from Cross of Christ and Thrivent Financial members and representatives to package food for Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit organization with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. *Why do they need your help?* You, along with other volunteers, package the food that they send out! Each meal is a highly nutritious rice-soy casserole fortified with 21 essential vitamins and minerals, dehydrated vegetables, and chicken flavoring. This protein and nutrient-rich meals reverses the starvation process and improves physical health as well as the child's mental capacity to learn.

Anyone can participate that is age six or above! Bring your friends!

What: A unique volunteer opportunity and learning experience that allows kids (and adults) to help other kids

Where: The Cross of Christ Light Center

When: April 4th 2009

There will be two shifts:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Please note:

You may sign up for both shifts but lunch will NOT be provided.

Childcare will be available for children too young to participate. Please let us know if you need childcare when you sign up.

The Kids Against Hunger network currently includes over 30 food packaging satellites across the United States and one in Canada and delivers food to over 40 countries.

40,000 children die every day from malnutrition, starvation and hunger related diseases

So what's the solution?

*The solution is a revolutionary food package that has been developed by some of the world's leading food scientists at Cargill, Pillsbury, General Mills and ADM. This one package provides six nutritionally-complete servings to feed starving children around the world as well as the hungry here at home, and all for the low cost of **23 cents per serving**. To learn more please visit: feedingchildren.org.*

*As a member owned organization, **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** offers the unique capability to provide financial solutions to its members as well as seeking out meaningful volunteer opportunities. This is what separates Thrivent Financial for Lutherans from other financial services organizations. Your efforts will make a huge impact in the lives of others . . . maybe even you own! To learn more please visit: www.thrivent.com.*

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Let's thrive:

To my Christian family,

Last September I became delusional, weak and generally ill and was admitted into the hospital. The end result of my stay there was the prognosis that the current transplanted kidney with which I have been blessed for the past 18 years is now itself failing. Ellen and I have spent a great deal of time and money executing all of the required tests and diagnostics required before being allowed onto the list for possible cadaver donors. At the present time, for someone with my blood type (O) it is estimated to take approximately 4-5 years for a kidney to become available for me. When I was waiting for my first kidney, I was told the wait should be around 2 1/2 to 3 years. Because of the closeness of the match, I allowed to pass over 200 people on the list and I received this kidney in one year. Who knows, God's plan may be something like my first experience. If not, I have a number of challenges awaiting me.

To ensure the very best success for me, which includes either avoiding dialysis II together or at least minimizing the amount of time I would be required to dialyze and receiving an organ with the very best potential for longevity, my doctors have recommended I attempt to find a living donor. A kidney provided by a living donor who matches me within guidelines has the potential of providing me 20–25 years of serviceable life and maybe more. There is less potential for organ rejection and the overall performance of the organ is superior to a cadaver donor.

If you are over 21 years of age, I am asking you to consider being tested to determine if you and I are tissue matches. If so, then your consideration to determine if you believe God is moving you to possibly donate one of your kidneys to me. The donor's age may have a play on whether that individual could donate to me or not. Therefore it is suggested that we allow my medical team determine the viability of possible donors.

If you do not know me well, I can tell you that to my detriment, I am a prideful and arrogant man. I have always prided myself on my independence and my ability to succeed with little or no help. I do not make this request lightly. Even though everything I have read tells me that the living donor has virtually no added risk to their existence after donating, I personally don't know if I would be willing to give a perfectly good organ for someone to use, at least not while I was still alive. Understand what I am saying. I am asking you all to do what I'm not sure I could. What I am trusting is that first, God has made himself clear to me and He has told me to make this request. Second, I am counting on a few of you to be led by the spirit and your spiritual gift of compassion and service to be tested and finally, that one of you will match and have peace and God given inclination to simply give me one of your kidneys. Not so impossible, but most assuredly, unlikely.

Please take a moment to contemplate this request. My earthly future may depend on you.

The only thing I can offer you is a hearty and heartfelt thank you. If you have any questions regarding anything related to any of this, please feel free to call or visit any time.

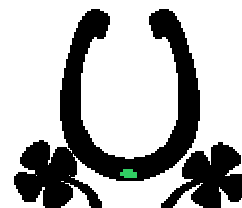
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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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





Vicar to Continue Studies, Focus On Social Issues

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

Winter quarter is nearly over down here. So far, fourth year has turned about to the most interesting year here. The experience of vicarage left me with numerous questions regarding the work of ministry. Much of the theology I'd been taught during my first two years now has a context. However, there is so much more to know about God's work in the world and what our place in His plan is. Unfortunately, the more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know. It is probably that way for many academic fields, but when it comes to Christian theology I think it is on a much larger scale than many realize. When you look at the work of God throughout history, from the very beginning at Creation, down to the modern day, and even beyond to the Last Days, you see God acting on a grand scale. God acts in mighty and powerful ways to shape the course of history and to demonstrate His grace to His people. However, when you look at individual events you see God doing tiny, seemingly minor things and yet they too bear great significance and they also show the power and grace of God.

Many of the things I've been studying have shown me that there are things we as Lutherans do quite well, but there are some things we do not do so well. We are very good at talking about the sin of the world and our own sin. We are very good at leading sinful people to Christ where they can receive the forgiveness only He can give. We are not so good at helping to instruct and show people what it means to live as people who have been baptized into the body of Christ. It's because of this that I have decided to continue on here in the graduate program, working towards another degree that will allow me to explore this issue in more depth before I take a call to be a parish minister. There are many ethical questions I have been delving into and I have been examining what Scripture has to say regarding many of the social issues that exist in our world today. Much of what Scripture tells us affects not just our spiritual lives and our relationship with God, but also our relationship to other people and how we are to interact with those around us. I hope to use this opportunity to benefit not just the parish I will be at, but the church as a whole. One of the ethics professors here at the seminary has taken an interest in me as well and has taken me under his wing. He'll be showing me much of how he does his research and reasoning as well as meeting many of the people he works with in Synod as well as in the government who deal with these sorts of issues. I am very excited to be a part of all of this and I pray that God will put me somewhere in His church where this will benefit His people.

I continue to read the newsletters I get and generally know how things are going with you. The economy has hurt everyone, but all of you in the Detroit-area are suffering more than most. I pray that our Gracious Lord will shower mercy upon all of you so that you may all be able to provide for yourselves and for your families during this time of trial. I also pray that you seek Him out with all of your worries and concerns and allow Him to His love in your lives through His comforting Word and the care of those around us. I also offer prayers of thanks for all you. In spite of these hardships, you have joyfully continued to support me in my studies and preparation for the holy ministry. I am both humbled and grateful for your gifts. I have come to see all of you as another way in which the Lord has been watching over me and guiding me in His service. My study and future ministry will be made possible in part because of your generosity and for that I thank you.

Yours in faith,
Richard Davenport

Money Corner for Teens: Stewardship?

A few years ago, while speaking to a very prominent businessman in our church, I suggested that our church must be good stewards of God's money. It was alarming to see the expression on his face. I had seen a similar expression on the face of a deer once, when I shined my headlights in its face on a dark night.

He questioned me "what do you mean—good stewards?" That's when I realized that not everyone, including educated adults, understand what a steward does or is.

Stewards or Stewardesses can be found on airplanes, and you may have heard of Wine Stewards who work for some fine restaurants. But, what does a steward really do? Who are these stewards anyway?

The fact is, all of God's people are Stewards— Stewards of God's.

You see, a Steward is a manager; a manager who takes care of someone else's business or possessions. Jesus tells of a man who trusted his employees with some of his money in Luke 19:13. These workers were to be good stewards of their boss's or master's money while he was away from the business.

God looks at us in the same manner. When He gives us money and possessions, he expects that we will manage it as well as possible; take care of it; be wise about how it is used. Remember, 1Corinthians 4:2, "It is required that stewards be found faithful."

Jesus tells us the full story in Matt 25 where the "Master" entrusts three of his servants each with a different amount of money while he went to another town. Two of the servants wisely invested his money while one simply hid the money in the ground and did not use it to produce more. When the master returned, he told the two who had made a profit on his money that they were good and gave them higher positions. However, the servant who didn't manage his money properly was scolded and thrown out of the master's home.

The master expected his Stewards to manage his money to the best of their ability; just as God expects the same of us.

God gives us choices of how to use His money; Save it, Spend it, Give it away. And He gives us the Bible to help us make our decisions on how it should be managed. You see, the money that you earn, or are given as an allowance or gift, belongs to God...just like everything else in this world. All God says is, handle it well. He doesn't want you to give it all back to Him. However, out of love, when you give to God, be sure you give a gift that honors Him and pleases you.

God loves you—not the money you may have in your possession. Here's a thought for your memory bank: God doesn't need money. He already has all the money in the world. God loves you and wants you to demonstrate your love for Him. The next time you talk about money, or clothes or food or a possession, why not say "God's money, God's clothes or God's food" instead of "my money, my clothes and my stuff". I think that God would like that.



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Blood Drive

Sunday, March 22nd
8 AM - 1 PM

Cross of Christ
Lutheran Church
Family Life Center

Sign up at the Welcome Center in the
Church Narthex

Give the Gift of Life!!

FREE COLON CANCER SCREENING

in March

(sponsored by St. Joseph
Mercy Hospital)



Pick up your kit and
instructions at the
Welcome Center

Confidential results
will be mailed to you

March is Colon Cancer
Awareness Month!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS



New Member

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Address Change

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Transferred Out

- The Nyquist family
- Erin and Randy Spencer

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member of Betty & Pastor
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Mr. and Mrs. Keith A.
Waller (godson of Betty
and Pastor Jon) –serving
in Germany for 3 years
(child: Brayden)



MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

9:00 Worship
9:00 Sunday School &
Classes
10:45 Worship

MONDAY

10am Adult Bible Study
10am Moms w/young
Children

TUESDAY

7am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 am Adult Bible Study
11:45 Primetimers (3/3)
5:45pm Prayer Time

WEDNESDAY

5:00 4C's
6:30—Classes

FRIDAY

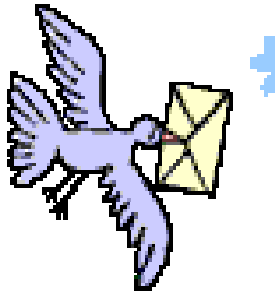
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SATURDAY

5:30 Worship

CALENDAR ON THE WEB!

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"Calendar" link to
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CHURCH ENVELOPES

Have you ever questioned what the printing on your Church contribution envelope really means?

Well unless you write-in a specific purpose that differs from what is printed on the envelope that you hand to an usher or place in the offering plate, here is how the money is directed:

White Envelopes = used as designated (General Fund, Mortgage Reduction, Benevolence, Missions or any combination of the four). If you don't check a specific item, money is directed to the General Fund to pay for the cost of operating the Church.

Love Offering envelopes = used to help support Cross of Christ Seminary Students who are studying to become ministers in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Church Year Envelopes: All contributions go to the General Fund

Advent
Christmas
Ash Wednesday
Lent
Maundy Thursday
Easter
Thanksgiving

Benevolence Offering envelopes = provide relief for individuals and family members of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church during emergency situations

Mission Offering envelopes = all money, including loose money in the offering plates is donated each month to a Mission specified by our church. If a specific Mission is written in by a member, that Mission will receive the contribution.

In recent years, many people have opted to have their regular monthly gifts withdrawn automatically from their savings or checking account. While this may not be your choice, it does have advantages.

For us members, it is easy to get started, simply call the church office and fill out a form. As we are moved to give additional gifts, such as to Missions, Benevolence, Seminary support or Memorials, we can write a check for a specific purpose.

For our Church, monthly withdrawal of gifts enable simplified budgeting and annual forecasting. It also provides continuation of contributions during vacation periods and other times when members may be away.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please call or write Merl Terry at terrycrown@comcast.net or 248-895-8102



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