



Cross Section



Senior Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I sincerely hope and pray your spiritual life is sound and healthy and growing in grace and knowledge of our Savior, Jesus. Most of you have made a conscious decision to grow in Christ through the personal spiritual disciplines of prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and service in the Kingdom. I commend you for this wise decision to take care of your spiritual needs. However, some of our members have wandered from those things which feed our spirit, and have forsaken the Lord's admonitions. May the Holy Spirit lead every member to actively strive to be fully devoted followers of Jesus.

The Church is a militant Church in this journey of life. WE are exhorted to fight a good fight. Jesus needs His people to actively take up the cross and follow Him into the battle for the souls of people for whom the Savior died. I pray that Cross of Christ would be a valiant Church in the battle raging all around us. We each need to ask ourselves, "Am I truly on the Lord's side?" May God enable us to faithfully continue forward in spite of any obstacles that might lie before us. May each of us resolve to finish our course fully engaged with the Lord's mission to save souls. This battle has eternal consequences. May the Spirit empower you to strive to complete this earthly journey in the words of Saint Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith!" May Jesus keep you growing in His grace.

Love in Jesus,
Pastor Jon

On November 11, 2007, at 11:15a.m. we will hold a special service recognizing our Veterans and those presently serving in the armed forces of the United States. As we join with our nation to remember and give thanks for those who served to defend our freedoms, we will lift thanks and praise to almighty God who has blessed us so richly. While war is never something to be sought or glorified, it is often a necessity in a broken sinful world. In this world of evil there will always be those who seek to control through violence. Thankfully, our nation has been blest with men and women willing to sacrifice to protect the freedoms and families we love. Most of us have not been present to thank those who fought and often died on our behalf. November 11th allows each of us the opportunity to express our appreciation by honoring those Veterans who will be present. Please invite others to attend, and encourage any Veterans you know to be present and allow us the privilege of thanking them personally. If you have information or pictures, please contact the church office ASAP. We would love to have a brief bio and picture to include in the bulletin. If you are unable to attend, please consider doing something tangible to express your appreciation. Let each of us resolve to demonstrate to our Veterans that we have not forgotten! We are proud of you! We thank God for you!

**Special
Veteran's
Day
Service**

**Sunday,
November
11th at
11:15**

NOVEMBER
2007

PRAYER FOCUS

*The LORD is my
light and my
salvation—whom
shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the
stronghold of my
life—of whom shall
I be afraid?*

Psalms 27:1

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS

- Canned Vegetables (green beans, peas)
- Canned Fruit (apple sauce, peaches, etc.)
- Canned soups, stews, spaghetti or meatballs (no home-canned foods)
- Potatoes (bagged, boxed, or canned)
- Boxed or canned pasta meals
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken
- Corn muffin and stuffing mixes
- Rice and/or dried beans
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pork and Beans
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Jell-O
- Cereal
- Baby Food
- Cake and Pie Crust Mixes
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

November, 2007 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 the support of the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

The Baldwin Center has served the community of Pontiac, Michigan since 1981. It is a human services agency that provides over 25 programs for families, youth, and senior citizens. Its mission is to feed, clothe, educate and empower the men, women, and children of the community.

During the month of November through Thanksgiving, there will be a collection of staples to supply the food distribution program at the Center. Items may be placed in the various containers earmarked for that purpose. Suggested items for holiday baskets are listed on the left.

Giving Tree

This year's gift program for underprivileged children will focus on stocking the Holiday Store at Baldwin Center. Needy families come to the Holiday Store to select gifts according to their requirements from the stocked shelves.

There will be no set dollar limit, and gifts are not to be wrapped. The deadline for bringing these items to Cross of Christ is Wednesday, December 12, 2007. A partial list of items is below. Mitten-shaped tags and guidelines will be available in the church narthex by early November.

Also, there will be several families at St. Paul Lutheran Church and International Center in Pontiac for whom gifts will be provided. These gifts will need to be wrapped. If you would like to sponsor one of these families, contact Verna Besancon at 248/253-0289 or servantvb@gmail.com.

Gift Suggestions

***No Stuffed Animals**

***Please Include Batteries if Needed**

Infants and Toddlers (ages 0-5)

Boys clothes (pants and tops) sizes 3, 4, 5,6 , Girls clothes (sizes 3, 5, 6-6x)

Boys (ages 6-12)

Boys clothes (sizes 6-14) tops & pants, socks, trucks, Legos, Lincoln Logs, Action Figurines, Sports Balls, Train Sets, Matchbox Toys, Hand-held Games

Girls (ages 6-12)

Girls clothes (sizes 6X, 7-8, 12-14) tops/pants, socks, underwear, dishes, Barbie & Ken Accessories & Clothes, Dolls, Easy Bake Ovens, Lite-Brite Sets, Sleds, Art Sets

All Boys and Girls

Videos, Puzzles & Games, Book Sets, Backpacks, Stockings for Stuffing

Teen Boys

Models, Sports Equipment, Wallets, Radios, CD Players & CD's, Watches, Handheld Games, Underwear (Men size Small), Sports Balls, Coats & Jackets, Backpacks, Fleece Throws, Skate-boards, **No Hockey Sticks** Clothes: Socks, Hats, Gloves, Boys clothes (sizes: Boys 14-16, Mens Sm, Med, Lg, XLG), Boom boxes, bulk movie passes, gift certificates, games

Teen Girls

Make-up Kits, Jewelry Boxes, Jewelry-Watches, Hair Accessories, Porcelain Dolls, Hair Dryers, Toiletries, Underwear-Small, Jackets, Bath Sets, Backpacks, Fleece Throws, PJ's & slippers, Teen craft items, Girls Clothes (sizes: S, M, L, XL), Boom boxes, bulk movie passes, gift certificates, games

General Items

Coloring Books, Wrapping paper, tags and scotch tape, Books for ages 0-5 years and 6-12 years, Christmas cards, Games, Toothbrushes-all ages, Toothpaste, Fleece Wraps

Veterans Day Sunday November 11, 2007

At the 11:15 AM Sunday Service on this day we would like to recognize all of our Members who served in the United States Armed Forces.

To update the Church Records would all Veterans Please e-mail or turn the following information into the office.

Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

Area of Service _____

Misc. Info.: _____



UPWARD REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING!!

The final deadline for registering for Upward is quickly approaching. Officially the deadline is November 6th. However, in order to give people as much time as necessary to sign up and a chance to invite friends and neighbors, we will accept registrations through November 15th.

We have passed the early registration deadline and registration is on the light side. So, we really hope people are planning to send in their forms soon! The good news is...of the registration forms we have received, there already are children from "Beyond Our Walls"!

We have been asked a number of times, 'Why are the registration dates so early?' There are a couple of reasons for the early deadline. First, the deadline allows time for us to process the registration forms and get uniforms ordered. The Upward organization sends us a kit specific for each child. This kit includes their uniform, any optional items they purchased, and other assorted items. Second, the deadline also gives us a chance to hold evaluation nights and, using that information, form teams. These evaluations are necessary in order for the teams to be balanced. Finally, once we know how many children we have registered in the program, it will give us time to recruit the volunteers we need this year. For these reasons, we really cannot accept late registrations after November 15th.

A quick note of thanks to Marilyn Nix, Diann Richards, Sue Grunewald, and Deb Concannon who have been very busy during the last few weeks. They coordinated the distribution of registration brochures, placed Upward posters in various businesses, advertised in local papers, and secured radio advertisements. They really have been trying to "Reach Beyond Our Walls".

Another group we want to thank is the Upward Prayer Ministry. This is a group of about 25 people that have been praying for the Upward program. Currently their #1 prayer item is that God would move parents and children to sign up for the program and give us the opportunity to minister to them. This prayer team will eventually be praying for 100 days once the program really gets underway. The goal being that each child is prayed for during each of those days.

So...get those registration forms in! We are convinced the children and their parents will really enjoy the program once they experience it.

Jeff Grunewald

2008 Haiti Mission Trip Dates:

First team:
June 30th -
July 8th

Second team:
July 7th -
July 15th

Please get your
passports if
you're planning
on going!



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



This letter comes as a result of our Prayer Chains love for those they hold up to Jesus every day. Prayers and action go together –

Dear Cross of Christ Lutheran Church,

I want to thank your church for all you have been doing for me throughout my illness. All of the prayers, gifts and encouragement have been so important to me and I am very grateful. The check donation was unbelievable to me and will be very helpful and used carefully. I have a hard time believing I deserve such help from you but know it is also a gift from God. I am improving as you hear from Diane (Stanke) and am doing my best to take things one day at a time as you suggest. This experience has shown me just how much we take for granted and how we do need to rely on God and not ourselves. Thanks again and God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Jinny Poirier

Dear Pastor Jon and Our Bothers and Sisters at Cross of Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous offering to Reconciliation Ministries. It is a tremendous blessing. Thank you for partnering with us as we reach out with Christ's love to those who are trapped in the pain of sexual sin and emotional bondage. Please let us know whenever Reconciliation Ministries can help you in any way.

**In Christ's Love,
Dan Hertz, Director Reconciliation Ministries**

Dear Pastor Reusch:

Lutheran City Ministries is thankful for your prayers and the prayers of Cross of Christ. Your congregation has supported LCM in a marvelous way. We continue to be grateful for your care and for all the ways you have shared with this ministry over the years.

Would you please add these Lutheran City Ministries to your weekly prayers?

- The "Family of God" a storefront ministry to the homeless, battered and mentally challenged.
- The girls in the "Preteen Girls Institute" (An after school program)
- The Boys and Girls Music Education Ministry
- The parents and guardians of these children.
- The clothing closets
- The Food Pantries
- Nazareth, Charity, Mt. Calvary, St. John, and Peace Churches
- The Gospel outreach of these churches in these communities.
- The LCM Lay Leaders and Pastors.
- Please give Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the work he is doing through LCM.

Again, we thank you for the many times God has blessed us through your church. We look forward to your continued support with thanksgiving. As all of us continue in sharing the good news of Jesus with the needy, the hopeless, the unchurched and the uncommitted, may the Lord bless and keep us.

Sincerely,
Mary Smith, Development Director, Lutheran City Ministries, Inc.

Thank you to all of you who baked, or otherwise donated, wonderfully delectable treats for us to sell in the Country Store during the Antique Show! And, a VERY BIG "thank you" to Carolyn Kapusta & Shirley Beeman for their endless support & MANY MANY hours of volunteering. We made a GREAT team!! Our rough total fundraising effort yielded \$1,136.

Blessings to you all,
Cyndy Ross (Miller)

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Parish Nursing: Avoiding Colds and Flu

Dear Fellow Members,

The following is a letter that a local parish nurse shared with her congregation; it highlights how we can avoid the cold and flu season.

If you are ill, especially coughing, sneezing or running a fever...please stay home and take care of yourself.

Coughing and sneezing spreads germs approximately 12 feet! The droplets pass colds, flu and other bacterial/viral infections to others. Those near you breathe in the droplets and can become sick.

When a cough or sneeze comes on, do not cough straight out into the air or into your hands; the germs stay on your hands, so wash them as soon as possible.

Flu/cold viruses can live for days on hard surfaces such as doorknobs, faucets or countertops.

Tissues can contain some of the viruses, but also can contaminate your hands. Use 2 tissues and dispose of them properly. Carry a small bottle of alcohol-based sanitizer and use on your hands after you cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands frequently!!

People are most contagious before or when they begin to come down with cold symptoms...runny nose, scratchy throat, congestion etc.

Don't use the same eating or drinking utensils as another person.

Decongestants can raise your blood pressure. Check with your doctor before taking them.

Colds last 7-10 days. If you still feel ill after 5 days, call your doctor.

Flu symptoms are generally more severe than the common cold and come on quickly; they include fever, severe muscle aches/fatigue, and headache.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be given by the Visiting Nurses Association at church on Sunday November 4th from 10 AM until noon. No reservations are necessary. Cost is \$25 unless you have Medicare; pneumonia shots are \$35. This could prevent severe illness or even death. Take care of yourself and your loved ones!

Blessings in Jesus,
Mary Lou Temple RN
Parish Nurse

On behalf of all of the Everson family, I want to thank each and everyone of you kind souls who offered words, thoughts, prayers and cards of compassion, sympathy, love and support on the passing of my Mother, Mary Elizabeth Everson.

Truly, this has been a living example of being part of the Body of Christ. We never know when it will be our turn to offer support TO others, or when the tables are turned and we are receiving support FROM others. In a way, it is like a relay race with the baton being passed from one to another. In a race, we know the sequence of the runners, in the Game of Life, only our Lord knows the sequence of events. Thank you, Cross of Christ!

**Blessings to all,
Jerry Everson**

Flu & Pneumonia Shots

**Sunday,
November 4th
10:00–12:00**

**\$25—Flu
\$35—Pneumonia**





Free Home Security Assessment to C of C Members

With school starting back up, many homes lose their primary security system....their kids. An unoccupied home is usually the most inviting for daytime burglaries.

If you would like an assessment of your home's security, along with recommendations, Greg Moore, a Cross of Christ member, is willing to do so free of charge to other C of C members.

To take advantage of this great service, visit the web site of his business (www.two-brothers.org) or call him at 248-860-2973.

LIBRARY CORNER

Thanksgiving holidays are just around the corner. Need wholesome entertainment for the little ones while mom or grandma is busy cooking turkey? How about *God's Wacky Animals*, a very funny musical video which reminds kids about God's love and plan for their lives. Another option is "Esther the Girl Who Became Queen" from the *Veggie Tales* series or *The Kingdom of Heaven*, a collection of animated Biblical parables about the Kingdom of Heaven, which won an award for excellence. For older children and adults there is *Charlton Heston Presents the Bible*. This set of travelogue style video tapes was filmed at such sacred sites as Mt. Sinai, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho and Gethsemane. Since the library is highlighting travel, here's something different for your listening enjoyment...*God Hears My Song*, a CD of musical Bible verses in African languages and musical styles, produced by Lutheran Bible Translators. There are two audio tape choices; "Selected Psalms", from the *Charlton Heston Presents the Word* series, and *It's Not About Me* by Max Lucado, an audio book on cassette tapes, especially useful for anyone who is having difficulty keeping up with the chapter readings from *It's Not About Me* on Fellowship Fridays.

The library has recently received donations of numerous reference books. These include *Family Guide to the Bible*, the *Lion Encyclopedia of the Bible* and *Great People of the Bible and How They Lived*, all published by Reader's Digest. Also donated are *Smith's Bible Dictionary*, *The Golden Bible Atlas* (with relief maps in full color), *Hammond's Atlas of Bible Lands* and *A Theology of the New Testament*. Other reference/research style books include *Josh McDowell Answers Five Tough Questions* (eg. Is the Bible completely reliable? What should I believe about evolution?), *Facing Death and the Life After* by Dr. Billy Graham and *Welcome Holy Spirit* by pastor/evangelist Benny Hinn.

If you are interested in any of these recent additions to the library they can be found on the table in front of the library window for the month of November. Please remember to sign them out in the sign-out book located above the return baskets. Also, to our library's donors, please know that you are appreciated!

Heather Sherk

Community Organized Vacations

Over the past 10 years, a series of community based vacations have been organized to coincide with the school breaks.

For 2008, a ski trip to Summit County, Colorado is planned between February 17 - 23 (Presidents Week) which includes round trip air, 6 nights of lodging and 5 days of lift tickets.

During Spring break between March 22 - 29, a cruise is planned of the Western Caribbean aboard the Carnival ship, 'Glory'. This trip also includes round trip air, 7 day cruise and ground transportation to Port Canaveral.

Due to our growth and family participation, this group is able to some very competitive package rates. For further information, go to GK-Adventures.com, or call Greg Kehoe at (248) 642 - 6342.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

NEW MEMBER

Timothy Pearl and daughters:
Kelsey, age 12
Riley, age 9
Megan, age 7
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Sylvan Lake, MI 48320
612-720-4272 (cell)

Noreen Rosin
26827 Lowery St.
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734-968-5310

Phillip & Tracy Krause and children: Ryan, age 10,
Kathryn, age 6
30526 N. Greenbriar Rd.
Franklin, MI 48025
248-865-8607

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48335-3440

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West Bloomfield, 7005
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CALENDAR ON THE WEB!

Go to
www.bloomfieldcross.org and
click on the
"Calendar" link to
the right side of
the home page.

NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8:15 Worship
9:45 SonLight City
9:45 Worship
11:15 Worship

MONDAYS

10am Adult Bible Study

TUESDAYS

7am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 am Adult Bible Study
11:45 Primitimers
(11/6)
12 pm Intern'l Friends
5:45pm Prayer Time
7pm Volleyball

WEDNESDAYS

4:45—4C's
5:30—Dinner
6:30—Classes

THURSDAYS

12:30 Int'l Friends

FRIDAYS

6:00—Scrapbooking
(11/2)

SATURDAY

5:30 Worship

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Bivens	11/1	Dorothy Wernecke	11/14	Kathie Ridenour	11/22
Patricia Anderson	11/3	Karen Gilcher	11/16	Bill Fuhrman	11/23
Jennifer Dudley	11/4	Kimberly LaFontaine	11/16	Donna Halstead	11/24
Carmen Jones	11/4	Alison Miller	11/17	Paula Behr	11/26
Madison Melcher	11/4	Dianne Ruprich	11/17	Jeff Saracsan	11/26
Stephanie Melcher	11/5	Cynthia Settecerrri	11/17	Larry DeYoung	11/27
Jordan Grafe	11/6	Lucas Dishinger	11/18	Tracey Fish	11/27
Drew Marchione	11/7	Tom Duggins	11/18	Perry Greene	11/29
Jake Cichon	11/8	Jeff Grunewald	11/18	Caleb Nyquist	11/29
Rachel Ollila	11/8	Jane Robb	11/18	Carrie Elliott	11/30
Cyndy Kirschbaum	11/9	Callie Elliott	11/19	Bill Grafe	11/30
Christopher Myrold	11/9	Zachary Loebel	11/19	Timothy Pearl	11/30
Nick Guettler	11/10	Cody Wolfrom	11/19		
Ardene Hammarlund	11/10	Tabitha Budaj	11/20		
Karen Myrold	11/10	Lisa Dudley	11/20		
Chris Elliott	11/13	Matthieu Skrzypczak	11/20		
Ruth LaFontaine	11/13	Kendra Kretzschmer	11/21		
Ann Wernecke	11/13	Christopher Kuhlman	11/21		



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Andrew & Christina Bergstrom
11/28/1998
Gordon & Jennifer DeBrincat
11/30/2002
Arthur & Valerie Eckert
11/7/1998
Bob & Edith Harrison
11/22/1989

Don & Jane Lozen
11/25/2006
Keith & Heather Ollila
11/29/2002
Dan & Christie Santiago
11/1/2003
Don & Gladys Ulmer
11/15/1946



Showing our Gratitude

God gives us His love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through *His* Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of His bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make Him comfortable, run errands for Him, offer our best food, and give Him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to His Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give Him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all His gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

Blessings on your Thanksgiving season!



**Reaching Beyond
Our Walls**

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“Each of us is given his own gift.”

“You have a divine spark. An uncommon call to an uncommon life. So much for the excuse, ‘I don’t have anything to offer.’ Did the apostle Paul say, ‘some of us’ or ‘a few of us’? No....’each of us’ Enough of this self-deprecating ‘I can’t do anything.’

And enough of its arrogant opposite: ‘I have to do everything.’ No, you don’t! You’re not God’s solution to society, but a solution in society. Imitate Paul, who said, ‘Our goal is to stay within the boundaries of God’s plan for us.’ (II Corinthians 10:13) Don’t worry about skills you don’t have. Don’t covet strengths others do have. Just extract your uniqueness.”

~Please consider serving in one or more of our church ministries.