



Cross Section



Senior Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In spite of the daily gloom and doom from multiple media sources, the Word of God reminds us that God is still present with us. Jesus has not removed His loving and strengthening presence from His children. It's our Lord who taught us to pray, "give us this day our daily bread." It's Jesus who instructed us not to worry or stress over tomorrow. Take some time to watch the sparrows. God told us to consider the sparrows....not one of which is beyond His loving notice. Jesus reminded us that the same loving Father who cares for the sparrows, knows the number of hairs on your head, and all needs before we even ask, is constantly on watch for His children. Remember, we are the children of God! We are the reason God sent His Son into the world. The distant triumph song has not been muted. As scripture encourages us, "I will lift my eyes to the hills, from where my help comes. My help comes from the Lord, who made Heaven and earth. This may be the time for our testimony of trust in Jesus to loudly and boldly sound forth. Our dear brother in Christ, Bill Kube, even as his illness was destroying his earthly frame, never lost the joy of the Lord. Scripture was not simply pretty words from a book, but a call to faith in Jesus. How fitting for Bill to live and die proclaiming, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" So, instead of wringing our hands and wondering what we can do, try this for one year.

- Ten minutes each day reading through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Open your life to God's strengthening and encouraging words. Commit to growing in love for God your Savior.
- Ten minutes in prayer and meditation with your Savior. Open your life to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let God take the reins of your life each day. Make time to be still before God and listen to the voice of love and compassion. Jesus loves you!
- Actively pursue an area of service within the church. God gave you unique gifts and talents to be offered up to Him in service. Please do not wait for an invite. God has already called you into service. Our church family needs the active utilization of all of our gifts and abilities. We all receive the same twenty-four hour day.
- Finally, love your church. With all of our flaws and failures, we are still the precious body of Christ on the corner of Telegraph and Lone Pine. The hands, feet, and voice of Christ (that's us!) are to be used to bless, serve, encourage, and transform the world.

"Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we will reap a harvest, if we do not lose heart." May Jesus keep you joyfully growing in His grace.

Love in Jesus,
Pastor Jon

OCTOBER 2009

Save the Date!

Cross of Christ
Christmas
Concert

"The Light"

December 10th,
11th & 12th

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MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

October, 2009 Plate Offering Recipients

The plate offerings and mission envelope contributions for this month will be given to "The Future Is Now".

This effort is a 5-year plan of the Michigan District to raise \$13,000,000 for planting new churches, for supporting students who are preparing for professional church work, and for international mission ministries.

LWML Fall Rally

Lutheran Women in Mission from area churches will gather for an evening of fellowship and inspiration, and you are cordially invited.

Date: Friday, October 16, 2009
 Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Place: St. Augustine Lutheran Church
 5475 Livernois, Troy, MI
 Cost: \$6.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors)

The exact topic, speaker, and other pertinent details for the evening will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

Childcare will be available at a cost of \$1.00 per child.

For reservations and/or more information contact Pat Marion (248/332-4030) or Dorothy Wernecke (248/646-0726) by Sunday, October 11, 2009.

Tentative Future Plate Offering Recipients

November – LCFS, Lutheran Homes, Project Compassion

December – Haiti

January – Crossroads Pregnancy Center, Jews for Jesus

February – U.E.M.I. (John Peter's ministry in India)

March – POBLO

April – Youth & Katrina Relief Mission Trips

May – Touch One (Kodi's ministry in India)

Antique Show Mission Support

The charities, which will be supported from the proceeds of this year's show are:

- Seminary Students
- Detroit Urban Lutheran School
- Lutheran Child & Family Service
- Lutheran City Ministries
- Cross of Christ Youth Mission Trip

Christmas Gifts for the Needy

Current plans are to put gift items in shoeboxes and send them to Haiti for distribution to needy children there. Suggestions are (but not limited to): bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, first aid materials, school supplies, light weight outer clothing, underwear, shoes, small toys. More information will follow in future newsletters and bulletin articles.



(Mission News, Continued)

Angel Food Ministry

"Angel Foods" was started fifteen years ago by a married couple, who were pastors. When their congregation was heavily impacted by local plant closings in Georgia, they initiated a program whereby they packaged quality food items that were sold at a discount. The package was intended to provide sufficient food to feed a family of four for about one week. Since this ministry's inception, it has grown to feeding 500,000 families monthly in thirty-five states.

Orders for Angel Food packages occur on the dates specified below. Food packages are normally picked up on the 4th Saturday of every month. Food orders will be taken in the hallway adjacent to the doors leading into the Old Chapel. All food orders are pre-paid; cash, money orders, food stamps, and on-line payment by credit or debit cards are acceptable. Food is distributed within the Old Chapel area; make certain to bring laundry baskets, boxes or bags to carry the food. Any food not picked up between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm will be donated to a local food bank.

2009 Distribution Schedule

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Food Orders@	Food Orders @	Food Pick – Up @
6:30 – 8:30pm	9:00am - Noon	11:00am – 12:30pm
September 9	September 13	September 26
October 7	October 11	October 24
November 4	November 8	November 21
December 2	December 6	December 19

The program has the potential to offer hope and assistance to many in our area who are struggling financially. More information about the ministry, including how you can place an on-line food order, can be found at: <http://www.angelfoodministries.com>. Should you have any questions about the ministry, please contact Marlene & Greg Kehoe, phone:(248) 642 – 6342, e-mail: gregmar81@hotmail.com.

(See page 5 for more information on this ministry.)

Agencies That Can Help

Have you ever had someone ask where they or a friend or relative could find financial relief from utility bills, foreclosure, how to find a job or where to train for a new career? Well, there are many agencies that could help. It's just a matter of knowing how to reach them and then being patient as the agency is allowed to provide the help. Here is a list of resources that may help:

Assistance Agencies

Emergency food needs/ utilities/shelter

- Angel Food Ministries www.angelfoodsmnistry.com
- Baldwin Center, Pontiac 248-332-6101; meals, showers, clothing, tutoring
- Lighthouse Path, Pontiac 248-335-1950; empowerment programs for women and children
- Christ Church of Redford, 14350 Wormer, (313) 534-3462; 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am to 11:30am, walk in.
- Michigan 2 Hope, 1500 Southfield Rd., Southfield,(313)659-5070; call, leave a message and they will return your call (continued)



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



Recession Resources are available through the Public Library.

- File for Unemployment
- Find Affordable Health Insurance
- Find a New Job
- Keep Your Home
- Maintain or Repair Your Credit

Visit a library near you or
www.metronet.lib.mi.us/toughtimes

(Assistance Agencies, Continued)

- Redford Interfaith Relief, 19990 Beech Daily Rd, (313) 387-9802—to be eligible for assistance you will need a church reference from a Redford member. (St John Lutheran)
- St John Episcopal Church, Royal Oak, 248-546-1255, food pantry for Oakland Co.
- United Way, Pontiac, Phone 211-874-1621

Job Resources

- Michigan Works! 1-800-285-9675 www.michiganworks.org -Primary training and workforce development site, includes Michigan Talent Bank and No Worker Left Behind retraining program
- Michigan Jobs and Career Portal www.michigan.gov/careers
- Michigan Job Network—and other sources for job seekers www.mischiganjobnetwork.com
- Michigan Civil Service— State government jobs and employment information www.michigan.gov/mdcs
- Roth Innovative Employment Solutions, 30246 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI (hours- M_W_Th_F, 8am to 5pm) 734-513-4900 (testing, screening, search)
- “Take Charge” workshops at Walsh College. www.walshcollege.edu/takecharge
- United Way, Pontiac, 211-874-1621
- U.S. Federal Government U.S. Government job opportunities worldwide www.usajobs.gov
- Wayne Metro Community Action Center, 30650 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI (hours - M - F 8:30am, - 5pm) 734-728-3400

Jobless Benefits

- Unemployment Insurance Assistance; www.michigan.gov/uia; 1-866-500-0017
- MARVIN certification 1-866-638-3993
- COBRA Continuation Coverage; Help with premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA - www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html

Foreclosure Prevention Resources

- MSHDA Foreclosure Prevention Hotline—1-866-946-7432
- Homeowner’s HOPE Hotline—1-888-995-HOPE
- Lighthouse Emergency Center, Pontiac 248-920-6000, food, prescriptions, temp shelter, case mgmt
- Oakland County Housing Counseling—248-858-5402
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—Guide to avoiding foreclosure www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority - www.michigan.gov/mshda
- Michigan Attorney General Avoid Foreclosure Information—Home lending and Foreclosure rescue scams consumer alert. www.michigan.gov/ag
- Mortgage Bankers Association Foreclosure Prevention Resource Center www.homeloanlearningcenter.com

Cross of Christ has a Benevolence in place that provides assistance for individuals and family members of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church during emergency situations. Benevolent financial assistance is not provided on a continuing basis (weekly, monthly etc). Priority of response is given for housing, essential bills (gas, electrical and water) and medical crisis. Non-essentials (car payments, car repairs, phone bills etc.) are viewed case-by-case. Debt service payments (credit cards and loans) are not included in financial assistance. Financial counseling is provided.

If you are moved to Partner with the benevolence ministry, please contact Steve Peacock, Mary Lou Temple, Pastor Jon or Merl Terry. We would love to hear from you.

ANGEL FOODS

During this past year, Marlene and I learned a about ministry called 'Angel Foods' which was started fifteen years ago by a married couple who were pastors. When a number of their congregation members were impacted by local plant closings in Georgia, they began to offer, at a discount, a package of quality food. This package was intended to have sufficient food to feed a family of four about one week. Since this ministry's inception, it has now grown whereby it feeds over 500,000 families in thirty five states.

As this area (Greater Birmingham-Bloomfield) is now experiencing an historical down turn in the automotive industry with a large number of employees being laid off, Marlene and I decided to join the 40,000 existing volunteers who promote and distribute 'Angel Foods'. As host sites for this program are local churches, we got the support of Pastor Jon to pursue this program. During this past week, we were notified that our application to be a host site had been approved.

Unlike many other programs, this ministry has no income restrictions, is non-denominational and requires no qualifications to place a food order. A basic food package sells for \$30 with specialty packages selling in the \$20 - \$30 range. Food can be purchased on-line, or paid for with cash, money orders and food stamps. The food is distributed once a month (Fourth Saturday) with pre-paid orders being taken generally on the second Wednesday and Sunday of the month. Food can also be ordered for the subsequent month during the Saturday distribution date.

For the month of September, we'll be taking orders on Wednesday evening, September 9th, between 6:30 - 8:30pm, and again on Sunday morning between 9:00am to noon. Both the order taking and food distribution will occur at the north end of the church in the area just beside the Life Center (gymnasium).

By sending out this note, we wish to promote this program that has the potential to offer hope and assist many in our area to make ends meet during these difficult economic times. Whether or not you desire to participate in this program, no doubt there is someone you know that would benefit by the 'Angel Foods' ministry. So please forward this note to them. More information on this ministry can be found at: <http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>, along with on-line ordering information.

In addition to a brief history of the Angel Foods ministry, we've also placed the September food menu plus the ordering and distribution dates within your mailbox at church.

Should you have any questions about this ministry please either give us a call or contact us at our email address: gregmar81@hotmail.com

Greg & Marlene Kehoe
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Seminarian Sees Christ's Wonder

Blessings Dear Friends in the Gospel of Christ!

I am in week 1 of studies this quarter and already overwhelmed. My strength comes in looking back at how faithful and wonderful Christ is! Thank you for helping me to "see" how wonderful and faithful Christ is. Your monthly support seems to be multiplied by the Lord himself! I am amazed at how God provides!! Thank you for being so generous, kind and loving toward me and my family.

Blessings and Peace,
Mike Blodgett





Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

The 2010 Upward season is currently being planned. New this year, Cross of Christ and Redeemer Lutheran Church are partnering in the effort.

Participation goals include:

- 25 children whose parents are Cross of Christ members
- 65 non-Cross of Christ member children, who CLAIM a church affiliation
- To have 10 non-Cross of Christ member children, who are unchurched participate

How to help:

- Pray for the program and for volunteers to step up and assist.
- Grab some brochures and start distributing them. Registration closes November 23rd.
- Take a yard sign and put it up in your front yard.
- Ask local businesses if they would be willing to put up a posters and registration forms
- Grab a few Upward business cards to hand out to people you come in contact with.
- Volunteer to be a coach, ref, greeter, etc.....

If you are willing/able to help us, we sure would like to hear from you. You can contact us via the UpwardBasketball@BloomfieldCross.org email address or by contacting Jeff or Sue Grunewald.

Reconciliation Ministries' 25th Anniversary Celebration

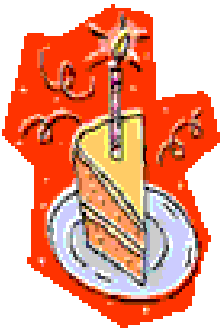
**Friday, October 23rd from 7.00 – 9.00pm
at Christ Community Church in Roseville.**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at a desert reception for a night of thanksgiving and testimonies for all that God has done in so many lives. Ministry founder, Jack Hickey, and former executive director, Tom Cole, will be sharing along with testimonies of men and women who have had their lives touched by Reconciliation Ministries through the years. Christ Community Church is located at 25410 Kelly Road. There is no charge to attend this celebration. A love offering will be taken to benefit the ministry. (Please note that this event has been rescheduled from September 25th.)

Dan Hitz, Director, LLPC, Reconciliation Ministries of Michigan, (586) 739-5114

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Markel	10/1	Mary Lou Temple	10/9	Zoe Viselli	10/21
Duane Turner	10/1	Sydney Lethemon	10/10	Jessica Turner	10/23
Melissa Cesal	10/2	Alex Valenti	10/10	Hermann Wurst	10/23
Andrew Kirschbaum	10/1	Pahul Yarlagadda	10/10	Owen Pifer	10/24
Carsten Ritter	10/2	Loree Frank	10/11	Wendy Scrimger	10/24
Andrew Johnson	10/3	Claire Fuhrman	10/12	Lucas Serowoky	10/24
Gunther Paeselt	10/3	Kathryn Krause	10/12	Pamela Grozdon	10/25
Christopher Schulte	10/3	Alfred Sherk	10/13	Erik Wright	10/25
Ryann Pifer	10/4	John Artemenko	10/14	Irene Burchill	10/26
Nathan Eckert	10/5	Luke Dionne	10/14	Melissa Duggins	10/26
Larry Krueger	10/6	Caleb Alexander	10/16	Rachel Knight	10/26
Shawn Mason	10/6	Kaitlyn Alexander	10/16	Aubrey Lee	10.26
Dennis Toth	10/6	Erin Marchione	10/16	Eugene Sumney	10/26
Lauren Artemenko	10/7	Cecile Myrold	10/16	Roberta Weidendorf	10/26
Matthew Artemenko	10/7	Valerie Eckert	10/17	Susie Allen	10/27
Jerry Everson	10/7	George LaPlata	10/17	Bill Staehlin	10/27
Laurie Barron	10/8	Stephanie Corker	10/18	Megan Loebli	10/28
Christian Curran	10/8	Doug LaFontaine	10/18	Madeleine Lorey	10/28
Diana Schwab	10/8	Jeane Lee	10/18	Lily Berlin	10/29
Heinz Wernecke	10/8	Ben Kozel	10/19	Linda Toth	10/29
Abbey Barron	10/9	Nicolas Skrzypczak	10/20	Hannah Ridenour	10/30
Valerie Swick	10/9	Jodie Turner	10/21	Michele Hein	10/31



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

Address Correction:

The Wiswall Family
39221 Woodward Ave. #809
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Member transfer out:

Denise Schons

Sick & Shut In

Mrs. Florence Arendt
Farmington Hills Inn
30350 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington, Michigan 48339

Mrs. ChlcE Burchill
5165 Clarendon Crest Street
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302

Kathleen Kaiser
Elizabeth Briarbank Assisted Living for Women
39315 Woodward
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 203-2728

Mrs. Ruth Korzon
1367 Club Drive
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302

Mr. Tom Labrenz
1779 Mansfield Road
Birmingham, Michigan 48009-7273

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Waterford, Michigan 48327

Mrs. Johanna Wurst
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Adams, New York 13606-3214

Doug Qultmeyer
(family member of Betty & Pastor Jon)
699 14th Street, #525
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Mr. and Mrs. Kelth A.. Waller (godson of
Betty and Pastor Jon) –serving in Germany
for 3 years; (child: Brayden)



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Laurie Barron	10/11/1975
Roy & Carlene Fanning	10/28/2006
Rich & Denise Gosselin	10/23/1993
Mark & Donna Halstead	10/28/2000
Ron & Jan Milz	10/15/1971
Kevin & Lindsey Rem	10/6/2001
John Wicker & Carol Schave	10/5/1985
Nicolas & Cecile Skrzypczak	10/10/1998
Christopher & Lissa Topham	10/9/2004
Ben & Kari Weaver	10/18/2008

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY
8:30 Worship
9:00 Classes & Sunday
School
10:30 Worship

MONDAY
10am Adult Bible Study
10 am Mom's Group

TUESDAY
7am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 am Women's Bible
Study
11:45 Primetimers
(10/6)

FRIDAY
6:00 Scrapbook Crop
(10/2)

SATURDAY
5:30 Worship

CALENDAR ON THE WEB!

Go to
[www.bloomfield
cross.org](http://www.bloomfieldcross.org) and
click on the
"Calendar" link to
the right side of
the home page.



PARISH NURSING: THE FLU SEASON

Dear Church Family Members,

Fall is here, and with it the upcoming flu season. I encourage you to get a flu shot this year; we are having a Flu Shot Clinic at church on Sunday, October 25th from 9 AM – noon in classroom 7. If you have Medicare Part B, HAP or Care Choices, the shot is free. Others will pay \$25; the pneumovax shot is \$50. No registration is necessary for the flu shot clinic, and your friends and neighbors are welcome. The H1N1 flu shot is not available yet; you'll need to contact your primary care doctor.

The flu and the common cold are both contagious respiratory illnesses caused by different types of viruses. Below are some of the differences...

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	rare	usually present
Aches	slight	usual, often severe
Chills	uncommon	fairly common
Tiredness	mild	moderate-severe
Sudden symptoms	appear gradually	can appear in 3-6 hrs.
Cough	hacking, productive cough	dry, unproductive
Sneeze	common	uncommon
Stuffy nose	common	uncommon
Sore throat	common	uncommon
Chest discomfort	mild-moderate	often severe
Headache	uncommon	common



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Each year about 36,000 Americans die of the flu; those at highest risk are the elderly and children under 2 years old. If you have chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma, heart or kidney disease or a weakened immune system, it's important to get the flu shot.

Here are some common sense good health habits to prevent the flu:

- Avoid close contact with others; stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice good health habits...get plenty of sleep; drink lots of fluids, eat nutritious food, and manage your stress.

Some over the counter antiviral medications (Tamiflu, Relenza, Symmetrel and Flumadine) may be taken within 12-24 hrs. from the onset of symptoms to reduce the severity of the flu. Over the counter medications such as analgesics, antihistamines, decongestants, cough suppressants and/or expectorants may treat the symptoms of the flu and colds, too. Always check with your pharmacist to make sure these meds are compatible with what you currently take. Antibiotics are generally NOT given for the flu or a cold, because they don't kill viruses. Your doctor may prescribe it to prevent a secondary bacterial infection, if you're at risk.

Have a healthy fall...and enjoy the beauty of the world God gave us!

Blessings in Jesus,
Mary Lou Temple RN
Parish Nurse