



THE CROSS CHRONICLES

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

The Baptism of our Lord

Old Testament Reading- Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle- Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel- Mark 14:1-15:47

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Dear Congregation members and friends, **Saturday worship service is** at 5:00 pm. with communion every Saturday. Sunday worship service is at 9:45 am with communion on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays served in self-serve individual containers to limit contact. While observing the restrictions imposed because of COVID-19, we are still practicing social distancing. Please wear masks unless under special circumstances for medical reasons you are unable. Please do not come to church if you have a fever, other flu like symptoms or if you have been around someone who has tested positive for the Corona Virus in the past two weeks.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service for those who aren't in attendance can watch. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you.

Pastor Dupre's Tuesday Bible Study has been suspended during the Lenten season. Bible study will resume on April 13.

LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services are at 6:30 p.m. Palm Sunday service is at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 3, NO SERVICE

Easter Sunday service 7:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.

Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church's 2nd Anniversary is Sunday, April 18. In celebration of our SOTC 2nd Anniversary, along with our guest pastor, Rev. James Turner; we will be giving out a catered box lunch (Beef brisket or turkey sandwiches) and other delicious items. There will be a nice PowerPoint in the gym that you are welcome to watch while eating your meal or you may have your meal to go. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, we need a head count for the meal and your preference in sandwich. Deadline to sign-up is April 11, 2021. Hope to see you there!!

The Children's Message

You could be the person SOTC is looking for to deliver the Children's message each Sunday. It should be no longer than 5 mins. If that sounds like something you feel moved to do please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Dupre for more information.

LENT~ Pastor Brian Dupre

Dear saints of Shadow of the Cross; the following are not my words, but the words of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as found on its website www.lcms.org. Since the season of Lent is upon us, I thought you might like to hear what our denomination says about this time in the church year:

The name "Lent" probably comes from the Old English word "lencten." It refers to spring when the days lengthen. Early Christians remembered with special devotions the 40 hours our Savior lay in the tomb. The period of commemoration was later lengthened to two weeks called Passiontide. Still later, it was expanded to the 40 non-Sundays before Easter. Sundays were never fast days, but "little Easters," so the season is actually 46 days long. The 40 days likely correspond to Jesus' 40 days of fasting recorded in Matthew's account of His temptation. It is a season for self-examination, repentance and growth in faith and grace. Lent is also a time of self-sacrifice. "Giving up" something for Lent then becomes an opportunity for work-righteous sacrifice instead of genuine fasting. From the perspective of LCMS, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. Scriptures themselves do not require this. However, if Christians want to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then they are certainly free to do so.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia--a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"--until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear. But the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter

were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Lent is here to remind us that the Fall of humanity opened a door through which this dreadful power entered and captured us, but the cross of Christ opened another door of grace and forgiveness that has set us free. Billions of people in our world are trapped in the first, but are unfortunately ignorant of the second.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord if billions in this world are ignorant that the cross of Christ opened the door to Your grace and forgiveness and has set us free from the dreadful power of sin, Satan, death and hell, then we have neglected Your great commission. Forgive us and renew us during this Lenten season so that we may sacrifice our time, treasure and talents for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth. Lead us to "Give up" our selfishness in favor of selflessness for the sake of those who do not know You, that they may taste and see the goodness of God in the salt and light of Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

God bless you all! –Pastor Dupre

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

John 12:13 NIV





The LWML Michigan District is rolling out a new program designed to offer CONNECTION in a time when people are feeling UNconnected.

This new Heart to Heart Sister Zoom Hang-out is a place for women of different cultures and backgrounds in the Michigan District LCMS to come together to share their faith journey while hearing other women share their story and be lifted up by prayer and devotion time. If you know of someone you would like to invite or are interested in joining yourself please contact Nancy Reeves to be added to the Zoom call at reevesnan68@gmail.com

Our kick-off event is Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Subsequent events will be held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Getting To Know Your Neighbors~

February's neighbor: My name is Nala Emani Sparks Jones and I'm the President of SOTC's Youth Group. I'm currently in the 11th grade and I attend Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

This year my team and I have many things planned for the Youth Group. Some of our main goals this year are: raise enough money for us to attend NYC in 2022, organize a teen group retreat (summer of 2021), create bonds within the youth group, and to be helpful in any way we can within the church. As we are becoming older we want to be able to grow more in Christ and to serve him as well.

SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.

The National Youth Gathering

The LCMS Youth Gathering is an event held every three years for youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song, and service. The Gathering provides young people an

opportunity to learn more about God, Christianity, and their Lutheran identity. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO. The next Gathering takes place July 9-13, 2022, in Houston, TX. For more information you may contact Heather Rooker or Barbara Hatcher.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Youth Fellowship Dearborn Ham/Meats Fundraiser. There has been a change in the delivery date. They will be delivered on Monday, March 29. You can pick Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please call the office for more information.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online

Greetings from the Sunday School. The Youth Sunday school is held on the Zoom platform Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. We have had a lot of support from the youth as well as adults, all are welcome to join us. The lessons are available to pick up from the church during the week. We also put the lesson on line. We have a very inter- active class. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6176422508?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXXZCU1NROE14bll5dz09>

Meeting ID: 617 642 2508, **Passcode:** 648947

Concordia Lutheran School ~ Pat Schultz, Principal

Subject: GOOD RULES TO LIVE BY
School children between the age of 9 and 15 were asked to come up with one piece of good advice to share with their classes. Teachers pooled together the best examples that their students shared that day. (cont.)

- 1.) Never trust a dog to watch your food for you. Patrick age 10
2. When your dad is mad and ask you “Do I look stupid?” don’t answer him. Michael age 14
3. Never tell your mom that her diet’s not working. Rochelle age 14
4. Stay away from prunes. Randy age 9
5. Never pee on a fence, unless you first make sure it is not an electric fence. Robert age 13
6. When dressed as a cowgirl, never squat down with your spurs on. Noronha age 13
7. Don’t pull dads finger, even when he tells you to. Emily age 10
- 8.) When your mom is mad at your dad ... don’t let her brush your hair. Taylia age 11
9. Never allow your three year old brother into the same room as your school assignment. Traci age 14
10. Don’t sneeze in front of mom, when you are eating crackers. Michael age 12
11. Never hold a dust buster in one hand and try holding your cat in the other. Kyoyo age 9
12. Puppies still have bad breath, even after eating one tic tac each. Andrew 9
13. You can’t hide broccoli or any other vegetables in your milk glass. Amir age 9
14. Don’t wear polka dot underwear, under a white dress. Kellie age 11
15. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a pet pony. Naomi age 15
16. Using a red felt marker instead of lipstick, really makes your mom mad. Lauren age 9
17. Don’t pick on your sister, especially when she is holding a baseball bat. Joel 10
18. The best time to show your parents a bad grade on your report card, is when your mom is on the phone. Aleysha age 13
19. Never come home from church and try to baptise your cat. Eileen age 8
20. Every time you use magic markers on your little sister’s face, you are going to get a spanking. Aria age 7.



Quicker Chicken and Dumplings

- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ⅛ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon dried parsley
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons lime juice



Directions

Instructions Checklist

Step 1. In a small bowl, mix together salt, black pepper, cayenne, paprika, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, onion powder, thyme and parsley. Sprinkle spice mixture generously on both sides of chicken breasts.

Step 2. Heat butter and olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium heat. Saute chicken until golden brown, about 6 minutes on each side. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons garlic powder and lime juice. Cook 5 minutes more, stirring frequently to coat evenly with sauce.

Holy Humor

“**What’s wrong, Bubba?**” asked the pastor. “I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?” “I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday.

How can I get to Heaven?....."If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" a

teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class. "No!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?" Again the answer was, "No!" "Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Cass Corridor Donations.....

During these difficult times dealing with COVID-19 and more people out of work, we are in need of donations. Please bring clothing, toiletries, and potted meat items and put them in the labeled container in the Narthex. For more information see Jackie Banks or Pastor Dupre, Thank you.

A Message from the CDC on Covid-19

precautions: (updated regularly)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> Get the facts about Coronavirus

Take steps to care for yourself and help protect others in your home and community. There is a lot of valuable information on the CDC.gov website. Information on: Cleaning & Disinfecting, Schools & Child Care, Colleges & Universities, Businesses & Workplaces, Worker Safety & Support, Parks & Recreational Facilities, Gatherings & Community Events' Health Equity, Tribal Communities and more. Check them out!

Here is what you should know about the virus's symptoms and what you should do if you experience them. The main symptoms often appear similar to the flu: fever over 100.5 degrees; a worsening cough; tiredness; loss of sense of smell; sore throat. In more severe cases, shortness of breath, chest pains, and pneumonia will be apparent."

Remember, that it's important to take precautions to protect not only your health and safety, but also the health and safety of others. Follow CDC guidelines. Stay in your home if you can. If you must go out, wear a mask, don gloves, and stay at least 6 feet away from others. However, note that thrusts of a sneeze with a fan or wind gust, the virus droplets can travel up to 20 feet. Wash hands often for 20 seconds. Clean surfaces with a disinfectant.

Stay safe so to keep others safe, we are our brother's keeper. Over the years that question has been asked numerous times. To that question, many today would respond with firm conviction, "Yes, Cain, you are your brother's keeper, and not only you, but each one of us is our brother's keeper."

Publisher's note: If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Ava's email

sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com or Dawn's email sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20th of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 Elders' Meeting	7:00 Trustees' Meeting Dr. Seuss' Birthday – Read Across America	6:30 Lent Worship			11:00 Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 Worship w/communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45 Worship w/communion		7:00 Concordia School Board – Zoom	6:30 Lent Worship Finance Meet			11:00 Sunday School - Zoom 5:00 Worship w/communion
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks ahead 1 hour 9:45 Worship School Emphasis			6:30 Lent Worship			11:00 Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 Worship w/communion
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45 Worship w/communion						11:00 Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 Worship w/communion
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Palm Sunday 9:45 Worship				Maundy Thursday 6:30 Worship	Good Friday 6:30 Worship	