



## THE CROSS CHRONICLES

# OCTOBER



**Readings for the week of October 3, 2021**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading- Genesis 2:18-25**

**Epistle- Hebrews 2:1-13**

**Holy Gospel- Mark 10:2-16**

**Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the Cross**

**website: <http://stpaulsfarmington.com/>**

**and this link for secure electronic giving:**

**<http://stpaulsfarmington.com/give-st-pauls/>**

**Worship service livestream:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>**

**Sunday services are 8:30 a.m., and 11:00 am.**

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study has begun and it is at 10:00 am.

**Holy Communion** will be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the 11:00 service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 8:30 am service.

**COVID-19** restrictions have been lifted in the state and also here at SOTC. Social distancing and mask are still respected however they are not required. We ask if you have not been vaccinated please wear your masks. 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. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

“What is Important”

*“ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call---one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:1-6*

October is here; the month when we celebrate the Reformation. This is a great opportunity to speak to you about what is and isn't important when it comes to worship. The text above talks about maintaining unity; about remaining one in Spirit and in faith with allegiance to THE one God. It tells us to always focus on the main thing; what we have in common; namely our love for and faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. And it tells us to be patient, humble and gentle; to bear with one another in love. These were Paul's words of wisdom to the church at Ephesus, but he could have just as easily been talking to the church at the corner of 8 mile and Middlebelt.

We are always in danger of thinking that the way we worship in our congregation is the **ONLY** right way to worship, and that every other congregation, whether LCMS or not, have somehow gotten it wrong. But scripture tells us what God pleasing worship is so that there is no misunderstanding. God's Word must be taught and preached in its purity. The distinction between and proper use of Law and Gospel must be maintained. Worship must be Christ-centered. We are to worship from the heart in humility and with reverence to the Triune God, with songs and instruments, with voices

raised and hands lifted; or with hands folded with silence in traditional liturgy as well. We all have preferences but the style of worship just doesn't matter as long as our worship is from the heart, Christ centered, with God's Word and Sacraments, practiced in good order and led by the one God has ordained to lead.

And the one that God has chosen for that purpose must remain set apart, not lording over his congregation, but remembering the sanctity of the divine office and behaving in accordance.

Paul tells us in no uncertain terms that we as Christians are one in faith. He is telling us to focus on that one unique commonality; that Christ has come into the world to die for our sins; that salvation is given by grace through faith in Christ; that grace is indeed for all; and we desire for people who do not know Christ to come to know Him and receive His forgiveness by faith in Him. But instead of united in Christ, we're too often divided by our own personal definitions of what worship is and isn't; Yes even here in the LCMS. We're divided by our preferences instead of submitting to the truth that ALL Christ-centered praise and prayer, with the elements listed above, are worship. We must come to the truth that our LCMS neighbors worshipping God, the Father Son and Holy Spirit, in a different manner than we do; with different songs or different hymnals, makes them no less Lutheran than we are. They are not wrong, merely different.

God bless you all! –Pastor Dupre

### **To our SOTC family;**

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, kindness, sympathy, compassion and support you gave to us at the time we needed it most, at the time of the deaths of our great nephew and our mother. Your expression of love was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Thank you and God's blessings to you all.

-Rev. Brian & Margo Dupre

### **2021 ALS Walk .....Team “Marc’s Muscles”**

SOTC we are gearing up for our 2021 ALS Walk to defeat ALS. We walk in memory of Ava Davis' son and Lexus Giddings father Marcus Davis. We walk and raise funds to support people that are fighting this terrible disease today. The funds are donated go to the ALS of Michigan. We keep it

local to support our “People with ALS” (PALS). The funds help to purchase their medical equipment, like computers that assist them to communicate after they have lost their ability to speak and electric wheel chairs when they can no longer walk, and so much more. **The date is October 2, registration is at 10:30 am and the walk will begin at 11:00 a.m.** Due to COVID-19 we will not be walking at the Detroit Zoo as we had in the past but prayerfully we will next year. It will be **a virtual walk again this year and we will be walking around Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church** (lets pray for good weather again). Below you will find the link to register on line and/or donate for Marc's Muscles. Register as a walker or just support in spirit.

- [http://webmi.alsa.org/goto/Marcs\\_Muscles](http://webmi.alsa.org/goto/Marcs_Muscles)

or you can see Ava Davis, Myita Davis, Barbara Profit or call the church office. We hope to see you there!

### **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 SOTC International Friendship Cen. ESL**

If you know of others looking for an opportunity to study using their native language Bibles while practicing ESL, please give them information about the Tuesday, 11:30 study. At 12:30, we are enjoying social opportunities.

It is our hope to move into our dedicated space this summer so that we can begin the Saturday program.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the International Friendship Center and the ESL ministry. Please share this information with others. Margo ministry.



Sunday school is back and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

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



### Sugared Sweet Potatoes

**1 (28 ounce) can sweet potatoes with liquid**  
**¼ cup (1/2 stick) butter melted**  
**1 packed brown sugar**  
**2 eggs beaten**  
**½ cup chopped nuts**  
**In a mixing bowl beat yams, butter, brown sugar, eggs and cinnamon until fluffy. Cover with paper towel and microwave on High for 5 minutes. Turn once during cooking. Top with nuts. Serves 4 to 6.**

### HUMOR

- \* What do you get when you cross a high chair and a bird? A stool pigeon.
- \* What bow can't be tied? A rainbow
- \* What goes all over the world but doesn't move? The Highway!
- \* What jump higher than a house? Anything house can't jump!
- \* Why did the bungy jumper take a vacation? Because he was at the end of his rope.

\* Question: True or False: How many animals did Moses take on the ark two of everything.

Answer: False: Noah built the ark

\* Question: How many books of the Bible are in Ladies names

.Answer: Two Ruth and Esther

\* Question: What is the ten longest book in the Bible?

Answer: Jeremiah, Genesis, Psalms, Ezekiel, Exodus ,Isaiah, Numbers ,Deuteronomy , Second Chronicles and First Samuel

\* Question: How many times The Ten Commandments is found in the Bible?

Answer: Two time Exodus and Deuteronomy

\* Question: Where do you find the Lord's Prayer in the Bible?

Answer: Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11: 2-4

\* Question:

**Mask Mandate:** Oakland County health officials are requiring masks for students and staff in all preschools and K-12 public schools regardless of vaccination status.

On Tuesday, the Oakland County Health Division issued an emergency health order with immediate effect that will impact about 210,000 students across 28 public school districts and 22 charter schools academies. The order also applies to daycare centers and vocational schools.

**A Message from the CDC on Covid-19 precautions:** (updated regularly) click link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> COVID Data Tracker

Find maps and charts tracking cases, deaths, and trends of COVID-19 in the United States, updated daily by 8 pm ET.

New Vaccination and Case Trends tab displays trends in people receiving at least 1 dose of vaccine and being fully vaccinated along with trends in cases, by age group. Users can now filter all maps on County View tab to display only metropolitan counties or only non-metropolitan counties

### COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

An interpretive summary of this week's data  
 COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review Thumbnail

How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?  
COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review Thumbnail  
Your Community. Stay up to date on the latest data  
in your community at the state and county level.  
**County View** Track cases, deaths, hospitalizations,  
and more for your community.  
Community Profile Report  
View key indicators for all regions, states, core-  
based statistical areas, and counties across the US.  
Community Profile Report - Forecasting  
See expectations for case increases or decreases for  
your state and across the US

**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 Veronica's email  
[sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's  
email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com)  
Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the  
20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's  
publication. Thank you and Blessings!

### **Youth Shoe's With Fundraiser**

SOTC Youth is collecting new/gently used  
footwear till the end of November.  
Any SIZE, Any GENDER, and Any  
SEASON! Please bring to church and put in  
the designated bin near the office or we are  
happy to arrange pick-ups!  
THANK YOU ALL for your support, SOTC  
Youth has collected 138 items, as of Sunday,  
9/26/21.

We have a long way to go to reach goal of  
2,500 pair to earn \$1,000 towards National  
Youth Gathering, but with your support  
anything is possible.

Our Youth will need to raise over \$14,000 to  
cover costs of those currently interested in  
going to the National Youth Gathering next  
summer, so we are grateful for all your  
support!!!

### **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Shadow of the Cross Truck or Treat**

Come join in the SPOOKTACULAR event  
FREE TO ALL: Treats, Hay Ride, & Craft Station 1pm-3pm Shadow of the Cross parking lot [20805 Middlebelt Rd, Farmington Hills, Mi 48336](#) Please join in the fun, decorate your vehicle and spread smiles. Collecting treat donations, bin near office.

### **Youth and Woman's League Fall Garage Sale**

**Thursday, November 4th      9am -5pm      Friday, November 5th      9am -5pm**

**Saturday, November 6th      9am -1pm**

**Please drop off your items to Monday-Friday 9am-2pm or any Sunday before or after service. If possible, please hold off bringing in large items till Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please place items "neatly" on the stage, we need to be respectful of the school children and teachers that use the gym. Volunteers needed to make this a success. Your time is greatly appreciated, please sign your name and number to the volunteer list located on the red hutch, back of church. We are thankful the Woman's League will be**

**working the kitchen, so please drop in and support both committees - donate items, drop in for lunch, fellowship, and shop. . Contact Heather Rooker with any questions.**

**Regarding the Pledge.....** You can make your pledge in as many payments as you like but please have them paid by the end of this year. The weather is going to start getting bad and we would like to have the work done. Thank you for your pledges!!

**Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive September 21,2021 Report THANK YOU!!**

1. Total amount of pledges: \$16,070.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal.
2. Actual Funds Received (as of 9/21/21): \$13,785.00

**PLEDGE COMMITMENTS – Roof/AC**

Jeanette Adams	Herschel and Angie	John Rousseau
George and Kay Barnes	Hembree	Lola Sample
Carole Boulware	Joyce Hilpert	Diane Smith
John Burhop	Robb Howell	Felicia Smith
Brenda Clavon	Bob and Mary Jo Keller	Ronald and Carol Smolka
Ava Davis	James and Dawn Kivimaki	Joe and Sandy Soukup
Pastor and Margo Dupre	Russ and Lindsay	Norma Speier
Doug Eiben	Lapworth	Dorothy Tankard
Shirley Eiben	Ann Little	Ellis Threadcraft
Herb and Nancy Engling	Sharon Martin	Daniel and Connie
Timothy and Clare Engling	Dorothy McClure	Strausberg
Merlin Fields	Roddy McClure	William & Robin Ward
Nancy Faith	Patricia Melton	Chester & Linda
Veronica Green	Ruth Palmer	Wilcoxson
Barbara Hatcher	Mary Rooker	Charleen Woodfield
	Steve and Heather Rooker	

This list will be updated as pledges come in. Thank you!



**OCTOBER 2021 - HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

Michael Adams	10/9	Karyn Donal	10/18
Margo Dupre	10/12	Lisa Chisolm	10/20
Dana Green	10/15	Kenneth Korte	10/21
Melodie Burmeister	10/18	Lainia Burk	10/27
		Jeanette Adams	10/31

