

8/07/2022

Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of August 07,2022

Pentecost

First Reading Gen.15:1-6

Epistle -Heb. 11:1-16

Holy Gospel –Luke 12:22-34

Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the

Cross website:

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

Worship service livestream:

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

Sunday Worship Service is at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion will be every Sunday.

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the service.

Pastor Dupre’s Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

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

“Why Don’t People Read the Bible?”

Have you noticed that lots of people like to talk about Biblical issues; the end times especially? What is surprising however is that most of those talking don’t have a clue what they are talking about. It is obvious that they haven’t read the Bible; like the guy who keeps predicting the day the world will end. He has been wrong (of course) four times, and yet he keeps adjusting the dates and making new predictions. And what about the cult in Florida and the man in the Netherlands, both who have built life-sized replicas of Noah’s ark, in case God sends another great flood upon the earth?

The question becomes, “Why don’t people read the Bible?” It’s a question I just don’t have an answer for. If they did read it, they would quickly realize how foolish they sound to those of us who have read the Bible and how foolish they must sound to God. Clearly the Bible tells us that no one, not even Jesus, knows when the last day will be, only God the Father. And just as clearly God promises in the Bible that He will not destroy the earth by flood ever again. Some people think it’s funny that these people make public spectacles of themselves, making ridiculous predictions and spending thousands of dollars building useless things to “save themselves” from the end to come. I think it is sad. After all God gave us His Word so that we would have a sure and certain hope and comfort in dealing with this world. He gave us His word so that there would be a visible means by which the Holy Spirit could create faith in us. He gave us His Word so that we could be enlightened and strengthened in that faith. And yet a good many of us, who call ourselves Christians, don’t even read it or know what’s in it. What was meant to be a great gift from God, has turned into the unwanted, unopened gift left under the Christmas tree, because so many of the “other gifts” of the world have captured our time and attention. Sad. Very sad. For many, the second greatest gift from God remains unopened.

Why don’t people read the Bible? I don’t know. I do know there are many who have no interest in what it says whatsoever. But for those who do, I guess they prefer to have it explained to them rather than read it themselves. If that is true, no wonder there are so many false prophets/televangelists/opportunists making money taking advantage of the uninformed, ignorant masses. That might sound harsh, but if you choose not to educate yourself on something as important as your eternal salvation, then you are beyond foolish; especially when God Himself has given this blessed gift freely, from His heart and out of His great love for us. It is my hope and prayer that those who are reading this article have also made it a practice to read, study and inwardly digest God’s Word written in the Bible.

God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

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.



Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue 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/83332323924?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXXZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

Meeting ID: 83332323924, **Passcode:** 525750



Grandma's Famous Salmon Cakes

Ingredients:

1 (14.75 ounce) can salmon, drained and flaked

2 large eggs, beaten 1 small onion, diced

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

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Directions

1. **Step 1** Pick through salmon to remove any bones or large pieces of skin.
 2. **Step 2** Beat eggs in a mixing bowl. Stir in salmon, onion, and black pepper. Mix thoroughly.
 3. **Step 3** Shape salmon mixture into eight 2-ounce patties.
 4. **Step 4** Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Fry patties until crispy and golden brown on the outsides, about 5 minutes per side; work in batches if necessary to avoid crowding the pan.
- **Prep:**
 - 10 mins **Cook:** 20 mins **Total:** 30 mins **Servings:** 4 Yield: 8 salmon cake

RELIGIOUS JOKES

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean, and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by, and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing, and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

Bible Trivia Questions

Question. Who was the father of Zerubbabel?

Answer: Shealtiel Ezra 3:2

Question. What was the first feast the Israelites celebrated in the newly rebuilt temple during the reign of King Cyrus?

Answer: Feast of Tabernacles Ezra 3:4

Question. What form of compensation did the Israelites use to pay for supplies and skilled craftsman when rebuilding the temple during the reign of King Cyrus?

Answer: Food, wine and olive oil Ezra 3:7

Question: How old were the Levites who were put in charge of the rebuilding of the temple?

Answer: 20 years and older Ezra 3:8

Question: Who supervised the workers rebuilding the temple of God during the reign of King Cyrus?

Answer: Jeshua, Kadmiel and the family of Henadad Ezra 3:8

Just You And Me

I love the presence of people everywhere
Association
Beautiful smiles
Kind words
Love in the air
But I could do without it
As long as there's me and you
You make my life worth living
I breathe because I know you need me to
Ridiculous how you've got this hold on me
Truth is
I know you know you do
But you don't take advantage of it
In fact you ignore this power of yours
You could have me to yourself
But you give me room to explore
Problem is I don't use it
I'm perfectly ok being all yours
Because I'll be fixed for life
As long as there's always
You and me

By Portia Lane

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 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!

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"JUST A MINUTE

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty-seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it.
Give account if I abuse it.
Just a tiny little minute."

by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

This is a plea for a gathering of "prayer warriors".

This group is for those who want to gather in Jesus' name, to pray for the needs of the; Pastor, Leaders (on our national, state, county, and municipal levels), our church, our congregational family and friends.

This is for a group of warriors not in name only; we want those who trust in our Lord and see or acknowledge the needs of all.

This is for those who know how to pray and those who are new to praying individually or in a group.

This is for those who have heavy hearts from daily living.

This is for those open to continue to learn about Christ and the Bible.

Warriors are those who are an elected leadership position or in a non-elected voted position, members or non-members. The only requirement is the love of God! And those who know God as one's personal Savior. Come let us gather together for prayer and growth in our knowledge of Christ.

Prayer changes everything! 2nd and 4th Saturday 11:15 am to 11:45 am Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381768247?pwd=UmFtZU9LTlVJLT05ZYjhjWnVTL3ZkUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 8176 8247 Passcode: 206708

Merlin Fields

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Rally 8/13/2022 11:00AM TO 2:00PM School Supplies, food and fun

Financial Information as of July 26, 2022, YTD Revenue \$21,965 Budgeted Revenue \$27,413 Under Budget \$5,448 Roof/AC Funds Goal \$50,000 Funds Received \$37,133.64

*****ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS******

Some of you may not be aware but SOTC has an easy and convenient way to make one time or recurring donations to the church on our website. You can use a credit card, checking or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. Its super easy! If you have questions, contact the office.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2022

International Women Tea Party

Time Door open 1:00 pm program begin 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Please support the ESL ministry in Michigan by planning to attend this event. Ticket prices \$10 and \$15 at the door.

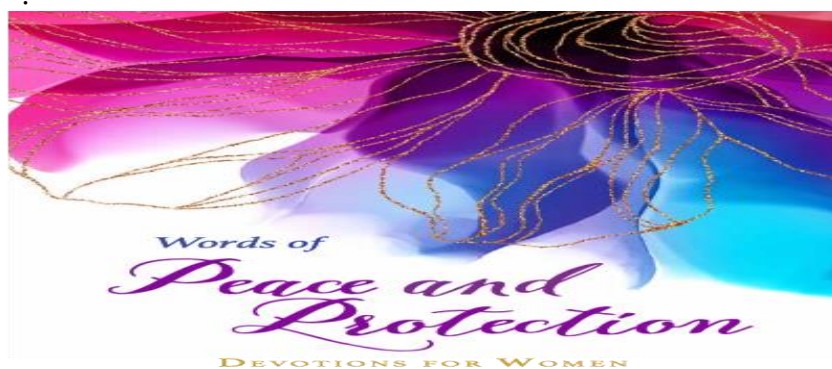
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FEEL FREE TO DRESS IN ETHNIC ATTIRE!

This is a family friendly event: women, men and children are welcome to come and enjoy both food and entertainment.

Location : Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 1100 Lone Pine Rd Bloomfield Hills Mi 48302

Church Picnic date is August 28,2022. Need people to help plan the event. Looking for people to setup and clean up after event all help is needed it.



If you're or your women groups are looking for a Fall 2022 study, you may want to consider this book. I am a contributing author for this collaborative collection of 52 devotions-by 52 Christian women, bound in this beautiful book, Words of Peace and Protection, published by Concordia Publishing House.

Set for a September release, it's already available for pre-order via Amazon.

God's Blessing to all, Margo Dupre

Lainia and Aja Burk would like thank our SOTC family for your prayers and support for our attendance @ the National Youth Gathering in Houston. It was an awesome experience being a seed amongst 20,000 worshipping and growing in the God's Word. In All Things Col 1:15-20.

BD. OF PROPERTIES are in need of help with the work around the building. They meet on Mondays @ 6pm. Work night for Trustee 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday.

Our food pantry is in need of more non-perishable food. Please do not give expired items.

CLW Fall general meeting Monday September 26, 2022 @ TBA



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Donations still accepted for A/C & Roof Repairs. No Tuesday Bible	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	2:00pm. Finance.				10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom. Noon properties cleanup.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.			7:00pm. Finance Meeting.			10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom 11:15am Prayer Journey. Sunday School Rally 11am to 2:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		2:00pm. Finance. Registration Day @ Elementary campus 2-7pm		Classroom visits w/Parents. 7:00p Leadership Council meeting.		10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultZoom. Noon properties cleanup.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.			First Day of School	First full day school. 10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultZoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey Noon properties cleanup. 2-5pm MI Int'l Women's Tea
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9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday Schide church&picnic.		2:00pm. Finance.				
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