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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



First Reading Isaiah 58:3-9a
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Holy Gospel –Matthew 5:13-20

Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the Cross website:

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](https://www.shadowofthecrosslc.org)

Worship service livestream:

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

Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11:15 am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8482337828?pwd=SDEweUIQTVVOcWtkY3ZjNytNRHVwUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 233 7828 Passcode: 333179

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow 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.

“What God Has Promised”

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come *to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”* (1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ESV)

In the past 12 months, Shadow of the Cross has lost many, many members, family and friends. It is almost unbelievable when I sit and reflect on the number of people who have been called home in that time. And it seems unfair that we should have to bear so much sorrow in such a brief period. And when we don’t understand why this person or that person passed away when they did or in the manner that it happened, it makes it even worse. Even for us who are believers, even those of us who have faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, there is a point in which our grief overwhelms us.

At times like this, I remind you that God never promised that human beings would not die. Scripture clearly indicates that Christians too must pass through death to life. We learn that our bodies are actually dead right now because of sin (“The body is dead because of sin” Rom.8:10). And so Christians too must die. Through sin, death came into the world and spread to all of humanity. But God did not create human beings to die, but to live—to live forever and enjoy Him forever. Death was not part of our created nature but has been passed down to every human being since the fall of mankind into sin.

Now let me remind you what God has promised. The Scriptures teach that death is the separation of our eternal soul from our mortal bodies. Our bodies rest in the grave, awaiting the final day when soul and body shall be reunited. At the moment of death, our souls, and the souls of all those who die in faith, immediately are in the presence of Christ, and will enjoy His presence, peace and joy until the great day of the resurrection of all flesh. The sting of death and sense of God’s judgment are horrible punishments on those who have no faith in Christ as their Savior. For the Christian however, eternal life and joy follows death, for our Lord Jesus Christ is the One who walks with them through the “valley of the shadow of death”. All who believe and are baptized will be saved; they have a share in His victory over death. Christians, therefore, are able to see death not merely as an unfortunate reality to be endured, but as a defeated enemy. The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting are the sure and certain realities promised to all who remain faithful unto death.

It's okay to grieve the loss of a loved one. Our Lord wept at the tomb of His friend Lazarus. Grief has many dimensions and may seem unpredictable in its ebb and flow; yet in Christ we find strength along the way. We are not alone in this journey. Family and friends are God's gifts to help us bear the pain of loss, especially when it seems unbearable. What I am saying is we should face death as we face life—with our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus. We cling to the promises of His Word. We trust that no matter how our earthly lives may end, there is one thing which we can be absolutely certain of. We will pass from death to life, from earth to heaven, with our Lord. And there we will rejoin our loved ones and others who have gone before us trusting in Christ our Savior. One day all of us will stand with that great multitude of heaven. That is what God has promised. God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

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 9:45 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, Lainia 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.

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ROAST CHICKEN WITH CUMIN, PAPRIKA AND ALLSPICE

INGREDIENTS

- 1(6 lb) [roasting chickens](#)
- 2tablespoons [olive oil](#)
- 1 1/2teaspoons [ground cumin](#)
- 1teaspoon [garlic powder](#)
- 1teaspoon [onion powder](#)
- 1teaspoon [ground allspice](#)
- 1teaspoon [paprika](#)
- 1/2teaspoon [salt](#)
- 1/2teaspoon [ground black pepper](#)
- 1large [lemon](#), halved

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Rinse chicken; pat dry.
3. Place chicken on rack in large roasting pan.
4. Stir oil and next 7 ingredients in small bowl to form paste.
5. Rub spice paste all over chicken.
6. Roast chicken 1 hour.
7. Squeeze juice from lemon halves over chicken, place lemon halves inside main cavity.
8. Continue to roast until chicken is cooked through and thermometer inserted into thickest part of thigh registers 175, about 1 hour longer.
9. Transfer to platter, let stand 15 minutes. Ready 2hrs. 5min

Religious Jokes

A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN!

GOD IS WATCHING

When I went to a Christian school, I walked into the cafeteria and there on the table was a plate of fruit. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching."

Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a fellow student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

PRAYING FOR FOOD

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

DEAD O R ALIVE

"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!"

GOLF LOVER

The funeral directors of the mortuary where I am a receptionist were asked by a grieving family if they could place a golf club in the casket alongside their uncle, who had been an avid golfer.

"Of course," was the answer.

On the day of the funeral, as the pallbearers descended the steps toward the hearse, a loud rattling and rolling came from the coffin. "Sounds like a pinball machine," murmured one startled director.

Later a family member of the deceased came to the chapel office to apologize. At the last minute, they had decided to place in the casket, along with the club, a half-dozen golf balls.

Bible Trivia Questions

1.Question: Can you name a set of twin boys?

Answer: Jacob and Esau

2. Question: Which book of The Bible is full of wise sayings? For example, " a wise son makes his father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother"

Answer: Proverbs

3. Question: Who made a bronze snake?

Answer: Moses

4. Question: Who was Joseph's younger brother?

Answer: Benjamin

5. Question: Who was known as the Wise King?

Answer: Solomon

THIS IS MY WISH FOR YOU

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten you being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 Bless

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Information as of January 17, 2023

Yd Revenue \$165,360 Budget Revenue \$179,160 Under Budget (\$13,800)

******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.

Maxine Hardman was called home Jan 31,2023 by her Lord Jesus Christ. I have no further information at this moment. Please keep her daughter Tasha and the Hardman family in your prayers

We are suspending our live streaming until we can get the proper equipment/work out the visual and audio problems that are preventing us from putting out a high-quality product. Once that is done, we will resume live streaming.

Chili Cook off February 7,2023 Admission \$5.00 sample different chilis and to buy a bowl the cost is \$5.00 a bowl. Time 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

WOMENS LEAGUE Feb.11, 2023 9:30am, meeting 10am

Invitation to all Women: Saturday, February 18, 2023, 9:30am – 3:00pm at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48207. This year's Retreat is focused on understanding Biblical ways to handle hardships. We will introduce you to "Overcoming Life's Sorrows, learning from Jeremiah" written by Dr. R. Reed Lessing, A Survivor's Guide for Exiles in Despair. Our speaker is Pat Maier. Agenda: 9:30 Registration, Refreshments 10:00 Welcome, Opening Prayer, Introductions 10:15 Pat Maier-Workshop-Prayer of Lament 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Pat Maier-Workshop-Lettering 1:45 Post Retreat Studies 2:00 Closing Worship. Registration \$25 per person, limited capacity, includes welcome refreshments & lunch. By Mail: Pay by cash or check to: Carol Schiller 1034 Eastover Dr. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Checks payable to **Historic Trinity Lutheran Church**, include your name, address, telephone, Email, Home Church. Still have questions? Please contact Carol Schiller (cschillero4@comcast.net)

Craft Night: Feb.28,2023 Tuesday 6pm – 8pm All Proceeds Benefit Sanctum House \$40 ea.at sanctumhouse.org (snacks &Beverages Included) location Shadow of the Cross 20805 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills,

World Day of Prayer is March 11,2023 at Shadow of the Cross 20805 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills, Program, and lunch afterward.

The Council of Lutheran Women's 59th Annual Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Street, Livonia.

Congratulations to Joyce Hilpert Women of the Year!

Spring Rummage Sale April (27-29)2023, set up 26th, Save the date & your treasures. Start to Drop off treasures, April 12, between 10-1pm M-F, and have someone to help you unload.

Donate t-Shirt Anyone have a St. Paul's or Greenfield Peace t-shirt they no longer use? If willing to donate, please bring to church office. Thank you.

Senior High School Youth Gathering-Michigan District, LCMS Anchored in Hope. June 25-28, 2023, at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. Please contact Heather Rooker if you or your child are interested in attending.

PRAISE CHOIR REORGANIZATION: Meet 1st and 2nd Tuesday, at 6pm! February all welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR Meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

The Food Pantry is low on peanut butter, mashed potatoes and can fruit. Please help us to refill it. Place food donations in ESL Room across from stage in the gym.

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.



FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Ground Hog Day		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom . Noon properties cleanup.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm	Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am 1:15 Unity meeting 7pm SOTC Choir Chili cookoff 5:30pm-7:00pm	7:00pm Finance meeting			Women League 9:30am coffee. Meeting 10:00am 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		6:00pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am Valentine's DAY		7:00p Leadership Council meeting		Women Retreat 9:30am-3:00pm 10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Presidents Day	Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am 7pm SOTC Choir	Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
26	27	28		1		
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom		Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am Craft Night 6pm-8pm 6pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir				

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Newsflash: Best Practices Conference in Phoenix, AZ

“Closed Church Doors No More- The Multi-Ethnic Church Restart”

This session will be presented by Cynthia Khan (Executive Director for Community Engagement, POBLO International), Amira Mina (Counselor for HCB Counseling and Missionary), and Jon Vollrath (Pastor and Board Secretary, POBLO International).

Pastor Vollrath will explain the transformation of a closed Metro Detroit congregation into an active counseling center at a site that provides multi-ethnic services and ministries with multi-lingual opportunities to study God’s Word.

Are Christian counseling centers really needed? **Yes!**

One out of four Americans suffers from a diagnosable mental health disorder. Forty-two percent of Gen Z’ers suffer from a diagnosable mental health disorder, with one-third admitting to contemplating suicide at some point. Demand for effective counseling is at an all-time high.

Cynthia will explain how new cross-cultural concepts are implemented at the site. Fifteen percent of our population is foreign-born and greatly appreciative of assistance and caring relationships. Amira will share how the counseling center is an effective outreach and business model.

If you are attending 2023 Best Practices, Phoenix, please join us for this session on February 17th from 2 to 3 pm.

Please share this with your pastors or friends attending Best Practices.

You will also learn how to start this ministry in your own mission field and how POBLO International and Hope Care and Beyond (HCB) Counseling can assist.

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