



THE CROSS CHRONICLES

JULY

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading- Exodus 16:2-15

Epistle- Ephesians 4:1-16

Holy Gospel- John 6:22-35

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

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<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 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays during the 11:00 service and the 2nd and 4th 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.

“Do Not Misunderstand”

~ Pastor Brian Dupre~

“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Leviticus 18:22 ESV

“If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.” Leviticus 20:13 NKJ

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ESV

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-19 ESV

We live in a world today that is all about relative truth; what you choose to believe is true for you and what I believe is true for me. The concept of absolute truth is dying. People simply don't want to believe that all of us are held accountable to the very same truth; that there is only one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to which we all are accountable in thought, word and deed.

That truth today is called intolerant, insensitive, narrow-minded and politically incorrect. Today, we

must be accepting of all lifestyles, regardless of how offensive, how abominable, or how immoral it is or be labeled as all of these things. And because this type of thought has permeated all sectors of society, a new “designer Christianity” has taken over. People believe that they can pick and choose what to believe from God’s Word based on whether or not it fits the lifestyle they choose to live.

But do not misunderstand; just because God has given us the ability to choose, doesn’t mean every choice we make is good, right and pleasing in His sight. If God says homosexuality is an abomination, who are we to say it isn’t? If God says the sexually immoral and others will not inherit the kingdom of heaven, who are we to ignore His warnings and continue as if God is lying or just kidding. And if we continue to do things that are forbidden by God with no intention of heeding His warnings or repenting, how dare we call ourselves Christians?

Some will say that since Jesus’ work of salvation is complete, we are no longer under the law. Therefore we do not have to abide by them. Those laws are no longer relevant. Do not misunderstand what “no longer under the law” means. It means we are no longer under the guilt of our sins that the law condemns us for. It means that for those of us who desire forgiveness shall have it in Christ Jesus.

Jesus came as our perfect sacrifice to make atonement for our sins, not to make the law irrelevant. He says Himself that not one iota of the law shall pass away until ALL is accomplished, meaning the entire work of salvation when ALL is restored to pre-fall condition as God created and intended it to be; and when ALL true believers are separated from ALL false and non-believers on the Last Day. Until that time, we are All accountable for everything mentioned in His revealed Word, that is displeasing in His sight. And we ALL will stand before God one day, either with Jesus as our defense attorney or without Him.

You may not like hearing that, but do not misunderstand; It is the truth; the absolute truth; for you and me and everyone else on this planet. Whether you believe it or not makes it none the less true. Do not misunderstand, I am not condemning

anyone for the choices they make. It is not mine to judge. But it is mine, as your shepherd in Jesus’ stead to warn. We all can live however we want to. But remember this; our thoughts, words and deeds and inactions have eternal and everlasting consequences. God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

2021 ALS WalkTeam “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 that are donated go to the ALS of Michigan. We keep it local so 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 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

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.



Movie night is Saturday, July 31. The doors open at 8:30 p.m and the movie starts at 9:00 pm or at dusk. The movie is: Space Jam: A New Legacy – Starring LeBron James. Bring your family and friends, we hope to see you there,

The Sunday School Dept. is having our first Sunday School Rally and we are so excited!! The rally is on September 12, 2021, 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. This rally is extended to our surrounding community, so we can share the love of Christ and tell how awesome He is. We will have carnival games, prizes, food and drinks. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. We will have flyers to pass out to the community. Maybe we are not ready yet to go to people’s homes but flyers can be put on community bulletin boards, stores, and give them to your friends & neighbors. *But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the*

children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14 (ESV)

We are so excited to announce that our 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWxzCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>
Meeting ID: 617 642 2508, **Passcode:** 648947



One-Dish Ground Turkey Sweet Potato Skillet

Ingredients

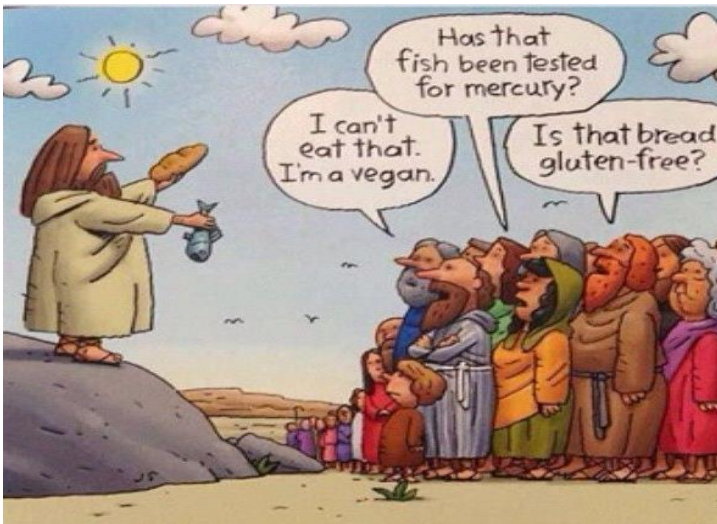
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups chopped fresh kale
- Dash crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
- Minced fresh mint, optional

Directions: In a large skillet, cook turkey, onion, shallot and garlic over medium heat until turkey is no longer pink and vegetables are tender, 8-10 minutes, breaking up turkey into crumbles; drain. Add tomato paste; cook and stir 1 minute longer.

Add sweet potato, broth, smoked paprika, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, until sweet potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add kale and red pepper flakes; cook and stir until kale is wilted, about 2 minutes. Serve with avocado and if desired, mint.

If you have any delicious summer dishes you would like to share please email them to the church office and it will be in the Newsletter

HOLY HUMOR



SPRITUAL ONE LINERS

- *Never give the devil a ride - he will always want to drive.
- * A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.
- * Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- * Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- * He who angers you controls you.
- * Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- * Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

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

Elder Roderick McClure or Pastor Dupre, Thank you.

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

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How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?

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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 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!

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS – Roof/AC

Jeanette Adams	Herschel and Angie Hembree	Ruth Palmer
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Nancy Faith	Roddy McClure	Daniel and Connie Strausberg
Barbara Hatcher	Patricia Melton	Charleen Woodfield

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

LCMS Youth Gathering.....The LCMS Youth Gathering is a major event that brings together 25,000+ Lutheran youth and adults every three years, and next year's Gathering is going to be in Houston, Texas. This event is open to all youth who will be age 14-19 as of July 9, 2022, which typically means that if you are finishing grade 7-11 right now, you probably qualify to attend.

SHADOW OF THE CROSS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29 – Assist with Worship Service

Sunday, October 31 – Assist with Worship Service

TBD: Fund-raising Schedule for National Youth Gathering–July 9-13, 2022

Houston, Texas

TBD: Meetings – with other Lutheran Churches

COURT OF CONCORDIA

HONOR ROLL 2021

This is the final report for Concordia's Court of Concordia appeal. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity towards our school! The annual campaign ended Friday, July 31, and we want to share the good news of the total amount contributed: **\$26,902.00**

This school year was very unusual with all the health and safety protocols put in place. Our parents, students, and staff stepped up to the task, and the school stayed open for person to person learning all year. Thank you for all the prayers on our behalf. God truly blessed Concordia throughout the year.

Now we are looking forward to another year of ministry to students and families. We are planning to purchase new chrome books for our students, not one for each, but enough to share. And our 5th thru 8th grade science teacher, Mrs. Schwaegerle, is moving along with her coding classes; students may even get to pilot little drones in the classroom. In addition, we will have new hymn books for chapel services. In addition, we received a grant to increase the time the LSEM Resource Room teacher will be in our buildings.

A great deal of these new activities and materials is due to the generosity of our financial supporters. Once more we thank you and ask God's blessings for you.

Honor Roll

Anonymous	Mac, Dahlia, & Micahela Hill	Jean Pichan
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