

THE CROSS CHRONICLES

JUNE



Readings for the week of June 12,2022

Trinity

First Reading Prov.8:1-4, 22-31

Epistle -Acts 2:14a, 22-36-

Holy Gospel –John 8:48-59

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

Where Do I Find Answers?

Matt. 21:22 *“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith.”* –ESV

Matt. 6:5-9 *“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”* –ESV

This may be the first devotion where the answer comes before the question. The answer is prayer. The question is where do I find the answers to today's challenges? Many of us with good intentions seek the answer to that question in all the wrong places. You may be surprised to find that the Bible is among the wrong places to seek that answer.

You see, the purpose of the Bible is not to show us how to solve our day to day issues, like what vocation does God have in mind for me or, what are the rules of dating or who is the person I should marry. That is not the purpose of the Bible and honest, fulfilling answers to these types of questions cannot be found there.

The purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to a broken, disenfranchised, sinful world. It is to reveal the love of God that comes through Jesus to us, for the creation and building of faith through the Holy Spirit. In other words, it is all about the reestablishment of the relationship between God and man. It is not about man's relationship to man or to the world. Does it talk about these things? Yes, but it purposely does not provide the useful, practical, day to day answers many of us seek in it. But that is why there is prayer. God clearly wants us to come to Him with all our issues; to seek Him first in all that troubles us and in all that we do. That is the purpose of prayer. Prayer is where we find the answers we seek. And God has promised in His divine Word that for those of us that pray in faith, our prayers will be answered. God will give us the comfort we seek.

We Pray: **Dear heavenly Father,**

In the stillness of our hearts and the quietness of ours thoughts, we come to You asking to hear our prayers, to grant us that which the heart desires and to comfort the troubling waters that cause us grief and pain. Create in us clean hearts and minds so that we may lay our burdens down before you in prayer and know that You shall remove them from us as You have promised. Grant us wisdom in all that we seek and do. In Jesus' name we pray, Lord hear our prayer, Amen.

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 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/83332323924525750?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROE14bll5dz09>

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



Pan-Fried Chicken Breast with Mushroom Gravy

Ingredients:

- 4 (5 ounce) chicken breasts
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- tablespoons olive oi1
- (8 ounce) package sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- ¾ cup water
- 1/4cup dry white wine
- 1 (1.25 ounce) envelope dry chicken gravy mix

Instructions:

Sprinkle both sides of the chicken breasts with onion powder, salt, and pepper.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side.

Add garlic and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms have released their liquid and are reduced in size, about 5 minutes.

Stir together water, white wine, and gravy packet in a small bowl and pour into the skillet.

Bring liquid to a simmer, cover, reduce heat to medium, and cook for 5 minutes. Turn chicken breasts and continue cooking until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 5 more minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

HOLY HUMOR

Q.: Who was the first person to download something from a cloud to two tablets?

A: Moses

Q: What was the first math problem in the Bible?

A: When God told Adam and Eve to, "Go forth and multiply!"

Q: How many people went on the Ark before Noah?

A: Three! Because it is written "And Noah went forth onto the Ark!"

Q: Who was the greatest financial planner in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's Daughter, because she went down to the Bank of the Nile and pulled out a profit.

Q: Who were the three people in the Bible without Fathers?

A: Adam, Jesus, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Q: Where is the first example of *cannibalism* in the Bible?

A: That would be 2 Kings ate one.

Q.: Who was the first person to throw down a tablet and break it because he was angry?

A.: Moses

Bible Trivia Questions

Question. Which celestial bodies did Joshua command to stay still?

Answer: The sun and moon

Question. Which Babylonian emperor let the Israelites return to their homeland?

Answer: Emperor Cyrus the Great

Question. What name was given to the Jewish ruling council that plotted Jesus' death?

Answer: The Sanhedrin

Question. What was Daniel's punishment for praying when it was not allowed?

Answer: He got thrown into a lion's den

Question. At what age did Sarah, the wife of Abraham, die?

Answer: 127

P e a c e .

**It does not mean to be in a place
where there is no noise. trouble
or hard work. it means to be in
the midst of those things and still
be calm in your heart.**

Poem by Maya Angelou

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to John Ballantine and Ellis Threadcraft II in the completion of their Confirmation Classes.

Congratulations

1. College Graduates: Colin Barnes; Summer Boxley; Charles McCants III
2. Attending College: Raymond Chambliss 111, Kaitlyn Harris, Denzel Devezin, Kenyae McAdoo, Sheryl Ramesh, Aiden Rooker, Jonathan Sanchez, Maxx Smith, Marllis Whitt, Alexis Williams
3. High School Graduates: Tomira Cheers, Tonia Cheers, Marco Goodson, Myles Harris, Nala Sparks-Jones, Christopher Sanchez
4. Attending High School: Chase Bomar, Aja Burk, Alayna Cheers, Mylan Holley, Hannah Leshuk, Nathaniel Rooker, Morgan Wesley
5. Elementary/Middle School: Erin Ballantine, John Ballantine, Keion Bradley, Kourtney Gooden, Jamila Grant, Jaeda Major, Jewel Major, Rayden McConnell, Sharron Ramesh, Gabrielle Rose, Nathan Taylor, Ellis Threadcraft II

Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive Our \$50,000.00 Actual Funds Received (as of 5/24/2022) \$35,884.65. **Offerings are still welcomed for the roof/ac donations.**

Diaper Collection from Mother's Day 5/8/2022 thru Father's Day 6/19/2022. All sizes are needed, cloth and disposable diapers. The collection will benefit the CLW and AAA Pregnancy Center 32080 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 425-8060.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2022

International Women Tea Party

Time Door open 1:30 pm program begin 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Please support the ESL ministry in Michigan by planning to attend this event. Ticket prices will be provided when made available. This is a family friendly event: women, men and children are welcome to come and enjoy both food and entertainment

International Women Tea Party

Location 1100 Lone Pine Rd Bloomfield Hills Mi 48302

COURT OF CONCORDIA

HONOR ROLL 2022

Thank you to the donors listed below who have already given financial support to Concordia through our Court of Concordia campaign. Every year we publish this "Honor Roll" several times to give public appreciation to those donors. We will continue to add the names of supporters throughout the campaign until it ends, July 31, 2022.

For many years St. Paul's and Hosanna Tabor's students began the day with all the students reciting the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the cross. When Concordia was formed, we continued that and added the recitation of the school's mission statement. Listening to young children say those words with confidence and trust reminds us again that Concordia teaches students what they need for this life as well as well as for eternal life in heaven.

With your previous donations and some additional financing we were able to provide enough Chrome books so that each student has one to use in class. That is such a blessing for us. Students who struggle with a subject can use special computer programs that help them practice and improve. Students who are sick at home can keep up with their classwork through Google classroom. Students can research many topics for essays and projects using their individual interests right in the classroom. Much of this is due to the gifts from last year's Court of Concordia. Thank you.

This coming year we plan to improve our coding classes. Mrs. Schwaegerle is taking classes to learn more, and she will be a part of Tech21, a series of workshops for teachers who are helping implement more technology in their schools. Additional software and licenses for student use of the computers will be purchased. Thank you for your current donations to help with this.

If you have not yet donated to the campaign, please consider how you are able to help the students and families of Concordia. Our school theme for this year is **In. All. Things.** God is present in our lives in everything we do. And we are blessed with the financial support from every donor.

If you would like to donate to the Court of Concordia online, please go to our website, www.concordials.org and click on the Court of Concordia event at the bottom of the home page. You may also drop off your donation in the school office or call Michelle or Gwen at 313-937-2233, and charge a donation over the phone.

To date we have collected \$9,725.48

Current Honor Roll

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Jeanette Adams
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Rev. Dr. David & Janet Stechholz
Bill and Robin Ward
Terry Ward (in memory of Ernest Ward)

June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
No Sunday Bible Study in June, returning in July.	Donations still accepted for A/C & Roof Repairs.	No Tuesday Bible Study after 6/7/22 will resume in the fall.		School Picnic @ Elementary Campus, during school hours.	7:00pm 8 th grade Graduation @ Middle School Campus.	10:00am Sunday School Adults–Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost. 9:45am Worship w/communion & Confirmation. After 9:30am	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	11:30am Bible Study w/Zoom. 2:00pm. Finance.	Last Day of School, 8:30am-10:30am held at Elementary Campus. 7:00pm. Finance			10:00am Sunday School Adults–Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Trinity Sunday. 9:45am Worship w/communion & new members welcomed. After church Awards Sunday		Pastor vacation until 6/29. 7:00p Concordia School Board–Zoom.		7:00p Leadership Council meeting.		10:00am Sunday School Adult–Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day! Juneteenth Day! 9:45am Worship w/communion. Women serve breakfast.		2:00pm. Finance.				7am 12 th Annual Golf Outing @ Whispering Willows in Liv. 10:00am Sunday School Adult–Zoom.
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:45am Worship w/communion. Congregational Meeting.			Pastor in office.			