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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

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THE CROSS CHRONICLES

MARCH



Readings for the week of March, 13 2022

Lent

First Reading Jer. 26:8-15

Epistle – Phil. 3:17-4--1

Holy Gospel – Luke 13:31-35

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

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

and this link for secure electronic giving:

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.

FACE MASKS Even though Oakland County has cancelled the mask mandate for public schools and Concordia sometimes follows suit, SOTC will maintain our mandatory mask mandate during school hours through the end of the school year due to increased membership, events, and activities within the building.

LENT

Dear saints of Shadow of the Cross; the following are not my words, but the words of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as found on its website www.lcms.org . Since the season of Lent is upon us, I thought you might like to hear what our denomination says about this time in the church year:

The name "Lent" probably comes from the Old English word "lencten." It refers to spring when the days lengthen. Early Christians remembered with special devotions the 40 hours our Savior lay in the tomb. The period of commemoration was later lengthened to two weeks called Passiontide. Still later, it was expanded to the 40 non-Sundays before Easter. Sundays were never fast days, but "little Easters," so the season is actually 46 days long. The 40 days likely correspond to Jesus' 40 days of fasting recorded in Matthew's account of His temptation. It is a season for self-examination, repentance and growth in faith and grace. Lent is also a time of self-sacrifice. "Giving up" something for Lent then becomes an opportunity for work-righteous sacrifice instead of genuine fasting. From the perspective of LCMS, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. Scriptures themselves do not require this. However, if Christians want to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then they are certainly free to do so.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia--a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"--until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear. But the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Lent is here to remind us that the Fall of humanity opened a door through which this dreadful power entered and captured us, but the cross of Christ opened another door of grace and forgiveness that has set us free. Billions of people in our world are trapped in the first, but are unfortunately ignorant of the second.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord if billions in this world are ignorant that the cross of Christ opened the door to Your grace and forgiveness and has set us free from the dreadful power of sin, Satan, death and hell, then we have neglected Your great commission. Forgive us and renew us during this Lenten season so that we may sacrifice our time, treasure and talents for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth. Lead us to "Give up" our selfishness in favor of selflessness for the sake of those who do not know You, that they may taste and see the goodness of God in the salt and light of Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. God bless you all! –Pastor Dupre

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

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

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 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, 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6176422508?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

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



JUICY OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST WITH ALLSPICE

INGREDIENTS

- 3-4 Chicken Breasts
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon coriander
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 ½ teaspoons all spice powder (you can purchase this at any grocery stores, very inexpensive)
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika powder
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 shallots, mince and mash to a paste
- 2-3 cloves garlic, mince and mash to a paste

Instructions

In a mixing bowl: combine all dried ingredients, garlic, shallots and olive oil. Rub the chicken with the mixture, transfer to the fridge and let it marinate for 15 minutes.

Place the chicken skin sides up and pour in the remaining marinade juice , in a foil-lined large shallow baking pan, oven proof skillet, a cast iron skillet or similar alternative Roast the chicken at 450F for about 20 minutes or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center reads at least 165F.

HOLY HUMOR

Question: Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Answer: Adam he was first in the human race,

Question: Why did Noah have the punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?

Answer: They were using Fowl Language

Question: What did the paster say to a man with Twitter addiction?

Answer: Sorry, I don't Follow you

Question: What is the best way to get To Paradise?

Answer: Turn right and go straight.

Question: Where is a square dance class mentioned in the Bible?

Answer: In Jonah 4:11 that says, "There are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left."

Bible Trivia Questions

Question: How many books are in the New Testament?

Answer: 27

Question: What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?

Answer: Locusts

Question: Paul was shipwrecked on what island?

Answer: Malta

Question: What was Matthew?

Answer: Tax collector

Question: What tribe is Paul from?

Answer: Benjamin

The Miracle of Friendship

**A Miracle called friendship
Dwells within the heart
you don't know how it happens
or when it gets it's start
But the happiness it brings you,
Always gives a special lift
Then you realize that friendship
is one of God's most precious gifts!**

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!

CONGRATULATION

This year's SOTC Women of the Year is Heather Rooker. She will be honored at the 58th annual CLW Luncheon, March 15, 2022, at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center.

[Red Letter Bible Study starts March 6, 2022 in the gym at 10:00 am](#)

[Michael Faith will also be meeting on Thursday at 7:00 pm on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 848 2337 8288 Passcode: 333179

During Lent Season starting this Wednesday we will have dinner 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm so there will be time to cleanup before service start at 6:30 pm

March 9: Women's League March 16: Choir March 23: Parish Board of Education

March 30: Trustees April 6: Unity Group

Donations of desserts are welcome at any Wednesday service.

SOTC International Friendship Center 2022 social events for ladies!

March Theme Social Event: Origami Workshop - Kyoko and Takako

Paper for making origami sculpture will be supplied. Monday, March 21 9AM ESL Bible Study 10AM Social Activity ***No ESL program until after Easter***

Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive Our \$50,000.00 Actual Funds Received (as of 3/1/2022)
\$32,260.00 **Offerings are still welcomed for the roof/ac donations.**

March 2022

Calendar*pedia*
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

March is SOTC Anniversary Month		Shrove Tuesday 2pm Finance Com 5:00pm Pancakes 6:30 choir reh. 7:00pm Trustees' Meeting	5:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Ash Wed. Worship		LWML World Day of Prayer Luke 11:1	10:00am Adult Sunday School – Zoom 10:00 am Confirmation 1:30 Doris Korte Memorial
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Worship 10:00am Red Letter Bible Study/ Youth Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship w/communion 12pm Alter Guild Meeting 3:30pm-7:30pm	9:00am ESL Bible Study 10:00am ESL Social Activity 7:00pm Elders' Meeting	6:30pm Choir reh. 7:00pm Concordia School Board	5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Unity Min 6:30pm Lent Worship	7:00pm LWML Dev. Zoom h2h		9:30am Women's League 10:00am Cm. Mtg 10:00am Adult Sunday Sch Zoom 10:00am Confirmation
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