

Shadow of the Cross
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Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

First Reading Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Holy Gospel – John 3:1-17

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Cross website:**

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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.

“Fads and Trends”

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” – 1 John 2:15-17 ESV

We’ve all heard the saying, “Don’t do as I say, do as I do”. That may be wisdom to much of the world, but to those of us who are Christian true believers, the wisdom of our Lord is “Do what I say AND do as I do.” Every year there is some crazy fad or trend that much of the world gets caught up in, whether it be some new social media site, pop star, song, book, religious philosophy, or some “must have” secular item. Over time, these things grow in fame and popularity and may even become idols to us; the subject of our worship and praise, which consume all of our time.

One of the most enduring trends is the wearing of a cross by those professing atheism, agnosticism, or some religion other than Christianity altogether, simply because it appears to be “cool”, or they like the way it looks, (or for some other ungodly reason). What these people don’t understand is the meaning behind the wearing of a cross. It is THE Christian symbol that designates wearers as one of Jesus’ own; that we belong to Him who created and redeemed us; that we share in His death and resurrection to newness of life; that we love the Triune God and the work of the Son above all else. The cross is a reminder of the suffering Jesus endured for our salvation. But for those who wear the cross cavalierly, thinking it nothing more than another piece of jewelry to add to their collection, they are mocking Christianity and the suffering Jesus experienced on the cross of Calvary. Galatians 6:7 warns us, “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that he will also reap.”

What has followed and has become just as popular though, is the wearing of the “sideways” cross: a necklace with an almost horizontal cross connected to it. Some say it symbolizes the Christian “taking up his cross” to follow Jesus. The problem is, that what Jesus meant was the Christian would have to bear the burdens that come along with following Him such as hatred by the world, scorn, and persecution. Where Jesus had a literal cross on which He bore the sins of the world, we have only a figurative cross that we cannot even take up ourselves without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Some say the sideways cross has no meaning at all; that it is just another cool piece of jewelry. The truth is EVERYTHING has a meaning, whether real, hidden or perceived. Where there is no universal meaning, people will begin to assign their own meanings. But when you take the cross and turn it sideways, you are obviously trying to convey some message; otherwise why do it? Think of the inverted cross; the cross turned upside down. The message it conveys is the opposite of which God intended it to convey. It is associated with paganism, black arts, demonology, and the occult. In the same way, turning the cross sideways conveys a different message than God intended

it to—to point the Way to the heavenly kingdom. Beware of the fads and trends of this world and remember, everything has a meaning. Jesus did not get caught up in such things and told us not to either. Instead, do as the Master said AND did. One final reminder; those wearing the sideways cross should beware of how God perceives it, regardless of how man perceives it or intended.

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 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, Lainya 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWYZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

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Pesto salmon with rice salad

Ingredients

- 4 Coles Australian Skin-On [Salmon](#) Portions
- 2/3 cup (180g) basil pesto
- 2 x 250g pkts Coles 7 Ancient Grain microwavable rice
- 2 carrots, peeled, cut into long matchsticks
- 200g snow peas, trimmed, thinly sliced lengthways

Step 1

Preheat grill on medium. Line a baking tray with foil. Lightly spray foil with olive oil spray. Place the **salmon**, skin-side down, on the prepared tray. Spread each piece of salmon with 1 tbs of **pesto**. Cook under the grill for 5 mins or until salmon is just cooked through.

Step 2

Meanwhile, heat **rice** following packet directions. Transfer to a large heatproof bowl. Add **carrot, snow peas** and half the remaining pesto. Toss to combine.

Step 3

Divide the rice mixture evenly among serving plates. Top with the salmon and drizzle with remaining pesto to serve.

15 min cook 4 servings

Religious Jokes

Crash Miracle Joke

A Rabbi and a Priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished, but, amazingly, neither of the clerics is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The Priest replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God." The Rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Morgen David wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then he hands the bottle to the priest. The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands the bottle back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest. The Priest asks, "Aren't you having any?" The Rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."

Family Bible Joke

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

God Help Me Joke

Man is walking next to a cliff when suddenly the earth gives away, he falls over the edge, yet manages to grab ahold of a plant growing out of the side of the cliff. Hanging hundreds of feet off the ground, he yells, "God, please help me" many times until there is a thunderous voice overhead that says, "do you believe in me?", "yes, yes", the man replies. "do you trust me?", the voice asks. "yes, yes, just please help, i cant hang here much longer". "Then let go" the voice commands... The man looks up and says, "is there anyone else up there I can talk to?"

Jonah and the Whale Joke

A young girl and her teacher are arguing about whether humans can be swallowed by whales. Her teacher says that it's impossible for whales to swallow humans because whales have small throats. The little girl says, "How can this be? Jonah got swallowed by a whale." The teacher says, "That's not even a true story." The girl says, "When I go to heaven, I'll ask him." The teacher says, "What if Jonah didn't go to heaven?" The girl says, "Then you ask him."

Where Is Jesus Joke

A catholic schoolteacher was teaching a lesson one morning and asked his students where Jesus was. "Yes Susie" he said as he called on Susie whose hand was raised. "He's in heaven!" She shouted with pride. He called on Steven who said "He was in his heart" The only boy left with his hand raised with had the most unusual answer "He's in my bathroom!" Everyone had a puzzled look on his/her face. "Yeah!" Said the boy.. "My father bangs on the door every morning saying 'Jesus Christ, ya still in there?'"

Bible Trivia Questions

Question: What does Paul say may “abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment?”

Answer: Love

Question: What does Simon Peter do for a living before he becomes an apostle?

Answer: He was a fisherman.

Question: Who is Stephen in Acts of the Apostles?

Answer: The first Christian martyr

Question: When Christians observe Palm Sunday, what biblical narrative are they celebrating?

Answer: Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem before his death

Question: Which Gospel is most concerned with the mystery and identity of the person of Jesus?

Answer: John

Recipe for a House of Love

A home made from love
Is what God intends
Filled with all of our family
Love is not blind nor pretends.

The recipe is simple
The ingredients are clear
Keeping God close is essential
For love to be near.

Start with some laughter,
Don’t forget to pray,
Mix in a few smiles
And God will make clear the way.

If Jesus Came To Your House

by Lois Blanchard Eades

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two -
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have him there -
That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder - if the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up it's usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books your read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.

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 ~~print~~ ~~Thank You~~ ~~Flags!~~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Information as of February 15,2023

YTD Revenue \$191,433 Budgeted Revenue \$205,455 Under Budget (\$14,022)

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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.

Saturday, March 11,2023 SOTC– WL is hosting the LWML-Wayne Oak Zone World Day of Prayer Service 9:30am Program and Box Lunch following service. Sign up on Church Table by March 5, 2023.

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, after April 12, between 10-1pm M-F, and have someone to help you unload.

PRAISE CHOIR Meet 1st and 2nd Tuesday, in March at 5:30 pm! All are 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.

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 is interested in attending.

Pastor bible study on Tuesday 11:30am postponed until April 11,2023 after Easter.

Concordia Lutheran School Annual Dinner/Auction has been changed to Sunday October 29,2023.

During Lent Season starting Wednesday we will have a meal after the noon service.

Evening Service we will have a meal before service.

March 15 - Third week in Lent service 12 noon

March 22 - Fourth week in Lent service 7:00 pm

March 29 - Fifth week in Lent service 12 noon



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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March is. SOTC Anniversary Month			12:00pm Lent. Worship lunch after service			10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom .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 stdy 11:30am Postponed until 4/11 5:30pm praise choir 7pm sotc choir Dine to donate 5:00pm -7:00pm Culver's school	5:30pmUnityMin 5:00pm- 6:30pm dinner 7:00pm Lent Worship 7:00pm. Finance Meeting.			World day of prayer 9:30am 10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Concordia News:
Carol Davis, Kindergarten teacher



Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

We are 100 days smarter! The Kindergarten students recently celebrated the 100th day of school. We discussed all the things they have learned since they started school. We also talked about the many things they can do now that they could not do before.

The students proudly wore their 100 days hats as we began activities for the day. We learned how to build a structure with a solid foundation and how to extend our foundation to create bigger structures. The students were able to build structures using 100 cups. We used 100 fruit loops to write to 100.

1We are learning about Moses. We learned about how God saved his life as a baby and how he grew up in the King's palace. The children are excited to see Moses as an adult. We learned about the 10 plagues and how Moses led God's people out from Egypt. Once God delivered them from Egypt, he continued to provide for them in the wilderness. The children eagerly shared how God takes care of them every day!

1The students have started studying words and taking a spelling test each week. Each day we complete spelling practice that helps us remember our words. The students are also beginning to read books independently. As we are learning new and more difficult things, we remind ourselves of what Philippians 4:13 says:

"We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength."





Concordia's Open House
for the 2023/2024 School Year



Sunday, March 12 at the elementary campus
from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Be sure to share with your family and friends!

Let's bring everyone to Concordia!!

Who are we? **WE ARE THE KNIGHTS**

