

5/07/2023

Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre  
Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



**Readings for the week of May 7, 2023**

**First Reading** Acts.6:1-9; 7:2a,51-60

**Epistle** –1 Peter 2:2-10

**Holy Gospel** –John 14:1-14

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

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG)

**and this link for secure electronic giving:**

**Worship service livestream:**

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

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

**Prayer Journey:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Luke 6:39 – “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?”**

On the Today Show several years ago Meredith Viera interviewed Andrew Morton, the author of a book titled “Tom Cruise; The Unauthorized Biography”. In the book, the author named Cruise as the second in command in the hierarchy of the Church of Scientology; a claim which Cruise denies, although he admits he believes in and belongs to it.

Although the book, which has been banned in the United Kingdom due to its libel laws, Morton mentioned something in the book which is true from a Christian’s perspective. He said that because of Cruise’s star power, he is a dangerous person. I don’t mean physically dangerous, Tom comes up to my shoulder, and I’m a short person. He had to stand on a milk crate to kiss Katie Holmes. Okay, I’m just kidding, but the truth is Morton is right; Cruise is potentially very dangerous.

How so? Tom is loved and idolized by many, many people because of his acting career. Celebrities carry an aura that is alluring and attractive to people. They have the ability to convince people of things others cannot. They have the ability to influence and sway impressionable minds. Undoubtedly some have joined the church of Scientology simply because Cruise is a part of it and is an active advocate.

Yet Scientology denies the existence of the triune God, denies the existence of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and claims man is basically good and therefore has no need for a savior. It claims there is a supreme being; but his/her characteristics are unknown. Therefore there is no reason to worship it; and members can choose to worship or not in whatever manner they choose. It says there is no such thing as absolute truth and the only truth is whatever is your experience to be true.

My friends, I don’t know whether Tom Cruise is second in command in the church of Scientology, and I don’t care. But what I do care about is you and about the truth. And **if** he is using his star power to influence people to join Scientology, then I have the responsibility to tell you that he is false prophet, one of which Jesus warned us about. And in that respect he is very dangerous. But we Christians are blessed with the truth in the Word of God. It is our shield and our sure defense against all that is unrighteous. It is the source by which we measure everything else against, not the other way around.

Can the blind lead the blind? Yes.... Straight into the pit...the pit called hell. You can follow him there or you can pray that you are not swayed by such evil. You see, we cannot speak knowledgeably on that which we don’t know. I don’t know Tom Cruise and I am not accusing him of anything. And Tom Cruise sadly doesn’t know God or the love of God that is found in Christ Jesus. That means he is spiritually blind. And rather than condemn him, I’d rather pray for him, that the Holy Spirit work on his heart and reveal to him the goodness, grace and love of the one and only true and living God Almighty.

We pray: **Everlasting Father, we pray this day that you reach out to those who are lost in the worship of false gods and pagan religions, including all those involved in Scientology, and bring them into the true knowledge of You through the work of the Holy Spirit for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and for the furtherance of Your kingdom on earth, In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

## 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.



### JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online

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, 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWYZCU1NROE14bll5dz09>

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



## ALLSPICE SPICE CAKE

### Ingredients:

- 2 1/3 cups flour
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons [McCormick® Ground Allspice](#)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons [McCormick® Ground Cinnamon](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon [McCormick® Ground Ginger](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons [McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract](#)
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

### **Instructions:**

- Preheat oven to 350°F. For the Cake, mix flour, sugars, allspice, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Add eggs, milk, oil and vanilla; beat with electric mixer on low speed just until ingredients are moistened. Beat on high speed 2 minutes.
  - Stir in raisins and walnuts. Pour into greased and floured 10-cup Bundt pan.
  - Bake 55 minutes or until sides of cake pull away from pan. Cool in pan 20 minutes. Invert cake onto wire rack. Cool completely.
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- Meanwhile, for the Caramel Glaze, mix brown sugar, butter, cream and salt in 2-quart saucepan. Bring to boil on medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low. Stir in confectioners' sugar and vanilla until well blended and smooth. Simmer 1 minute. Remove from heat. Cool slightly before spooning over cooled cake. Let stand until glaze is set.

## HOLY HUMOR

**Q. What time of day was Adam created?**

**A.** "Just a little before Eve.

**Q What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?**

**A. "The hostess with the Moses."**

**Q What type of lights did Noah have on the Ark?**

**A. Floodlights.**

**Q. Why is Abraham considered the smartest person in the Bible?**

**A. He knew a Lot.**

**Q. Which area of the Promised Land was especially wealthy?**

**A. The area around the Jordan where the banks kept overflowing.**

## Bible Trivia Questions

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

**Answer** The Sanhedrin

The Sanhedrin consisted of either twenty-three or seventy-one elders appointed to sit as a tribunal.

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

**Answer** 127

Sarah was 90 years old when she conceived and bore her son Isaac, and she died at the age of 127.

**Question: When exactly did the Jews celebrate Passover?**

**Answer:** 14th-day of the 1st month

Though things have changed a bit, the Jews still celebrate Passover to commemorate their exodus from slavery in Egypt.

**Question How long did Enoch live?**

**Answer:** 430 years

Enoch was ordained a priest by Adam at the age of 25, blessed at 65, and lived another 365 years before his demise.0

**Question: What kind of spirit possessed the girl in Philippi?**

**Answer:** Spirit of divination

Paul met the Philippi girl possessed by a spirit of divination and commanded the spirit to leave her in the name of Jesus. Acts.16:16-34

## **Journey of life...**

Do not undermine your own worth.

By comparing yourself with others

It is because we are different.

that each of us is special.

Do not set your goals by what

other people deem important.

Only you know what is best for you.

Do not take for granted

The things closest to your heart.

Cling to them as you would to your life,

For without them, life is meaningless.

Do not let your life slip through your  
fingers by living in the past nor the future.

By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Do not give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really

over until the moment you stop

trying. It is a fragile thread

that binds us to each other.

Do not be afraid to encounter risks.

It is by taking chances that we learn to be brave.

Do not shut out love from your life

by saying it is impossible to find.

The quickest way to receive love

is to give love;

The fastest way to lose love

is to hold it too tightly.

In addition,

the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Do not dismiss your dreams,

as to be without dreams is to be without hope,

to be without hope,

is to be without purpose.

Do not run through life so fast

that you forget not only where you have been

but also where you are going.

Life is not a race,  
but a journey to be savoured  
all the way.  
Anonymous

**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](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com)

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Financial Information as of March 31, 2023** Actual Revenue \$208,520 Budget Revenue \$233,473 Under Budget 24,953)

### **\*\*ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS\*\***

You can use a credit card, or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ [www.shadowofthecrosslc.org](http://www.shadowofthecrosslc.org) and click on donate in the upper right corner. Please write checks to church in black or blue ink. Do not make cross-outs on checks. These are not acceptable to the credit union. Have any questions, contact the office.

**Shadow of the Cross is now live streaming** the Church Services again please join us.

**PRAISE CHOIR Meet** 2nd and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

**SOTC CHOIR** Meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!!!

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

**May 6, 2023, Spring Cleaning** from 9am to 1pm in and outside the church please join us and bring the supplies you need. Lunch will be served afterward. If it rains, then May 13,2023.

**Lutheran Special Education Ministries** is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at **Concordia** Lutheran School in **Redford** MI. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

**Money Donated** during coffee hour at the table is being using to buy kitchen supply.

**Concordia Lutheran\_School** Annual Dinner/Auction Sunday October 29,2023, "March Forth Knights" Held 3:30pm at Hellenic Cultural Center, Westland, MI. Tickets sold in CLS Office 313-937-2233





2023

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday               | Thursday                          | Friday    | Saturday   |
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|  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                | <b>4</b>                          | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   |
|  | Bd of properties<br>6p meeting<br>Elders 7pm<br>meeting6:00pm<br>Trustee<br>Meeting. | Pastor11:30am<br>Bible Study<br>7pm SOTC Choir                            |                         |                                   |           | 10:00am Adult Sunday<br>School ZOOM<br>SPRING CLEANING IN AND<br>OUT CHURCH 9AM TO 1PM<br>properties cleanup.<br>Lunch after   |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>               | <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>  |
| . 9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br>Zoom.                      |  | Pastor11:30am<br>Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Praise<br>Choir<br>7pm SOTC Choir | 7pm. Finance<br>meeting |                                   |           | Women League 9:30am<br>coffee hour at 10:00am<br>meeting & potluck<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>Adults Zoom<br>11:15am Prayer Journey<br>zoom<br>Noon properties cleanup. |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>               | <b>18</b>                         | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>Mother's Day</b><br>9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br>Zoom. |  | Pastor11:30am<br>Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Praise<br>Choir<br>7pm SOTC Choir |                         | 7:00pm<br>Leadership Mtg.         |           | 10:00am Sunday<br>School Adults Zoom<br>Noon properties<br>cleanup.  |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>               | <b>25</b>                         | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>  |
| . 9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br>Zoom.                      |  | Pastor11:30am<br>Bible Study<br>7pm SOTC Choir                            |                         | 10:30 Visually<br>impaired BStudy |           | 10:00am Sunday<br>School Adults Zoom<br>11:15am Prayer<br>Journey zoom<br>Noon properties<br>cleanup.  |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>               |                                   |           |  |
| . 9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br>Zoom.                      | <b>MEMORIAL<br/>DAY</b>  | Pastor11:30am<br>Bible Study<br>7pm SOTC Choir                            |                         |                                   |           |  |

**Free ESL Classes**  
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**Everyone Welcome**  
**Come often or when you can**

**Friendship Social / Sewing Class**  
**Meets Thursdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Starting Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**Hand Sewing and Basic Machine Sewing**

**For more information contact:**  
**Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church International**  
**Friendship Center**  
**20805 Middlebelt Rd,**  
**Farmington Hills, MI 48336**  
**248-474-0675**

