

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of November 6, 2022

First Reading Rev.7: 9-17

Epistle –1 John 3: 1-3

Holy Gospel –Matt. 5: 1-12

Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the
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

"The Last Time We Talked."

The last time we talked, was my work all in vain? Lord, I tried to bring people near. "Although many you sow, not many will grow" You said, "He who has ears, let him hear."

The last time we talked you talked of the tongue and warned of the mouth and its smiles. "It's not what goes in, that causes the sin, but what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

The last time we talked, Lord I struggled with life and what I wanted to be. Then like a leader You led, You spoke and You said, "Take up your cross, follow Me."

Dear friends, as this is the month of thanksgiving, I wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude for your kindness and generosity that you have shown me and I wanted to say something meaningful that described the joy that has been my pastorate here at Shadow of the Cross. You all have made it a wonderful experience for me and my family.

The poem above tells a little about what I have learned since returning to Michigan. First, do not be discouraged! God is going to make things happen when He's ready despite my best efforts to "speed them up." I wish I could say there was more but God used me to merge four churches the last 6 years. Some did not stay and were not fully convinced mergers could work. Yet, I've learned that it is not about me. I can't make anyone listen to God's Word nor make them stay where they are uncomfortable. All I can do is faithfully preach and teach the Gospel in its purity and allow the Holy Spirit to do the rest. I am happy to do just that and thankful God has given me this opportunity.

Second, it is wise and scriptural to be very careful what comes out of the mouth. Once it's out you can't take it back. And although Christians are very forgiving, it's probably better not to cause a reason to need forgiveness. I have prayed for wisdom and discernment when you have approached me for spiritual advice, but I am far from perfect. If I have offended anyone, I am sorry. Please accept my apology and know that I am truly grateful for all the patience and forgiveness you've already given me.

Third, when I realized what God had in store for me when I returned to Michigan, I felt a little overwhelmed and inadequately prepared to serve you. But our God is an **awesome** God! He knew exactly what He was doing in placing me at Berea, Faith and SOTC. The church staff, especially my office assistants, the elders and the president and vice president of the congregation helped me out of jams and laughed at my jokes, but not at my mistakes. And you, the congregation; because of your patience, kindness and acceptance of me as your pastor, I have grown confident in the Lord's calling. Thank you for everything you've done; even if it was nothing more than a kind word or two in passing. I appreciate it. It has been an honor and pleasure serving you. I pray God's continual blessings upon you all! Happy Thanksgiving! -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, 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.

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Grandma Leone's Fruit Cake

Ingredients

- 3 cups water
- 1 ½ cups raisins
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 ½ tablespoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 pound pecan halves
- 1 tablespoon
all-purpose flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 ½ cups canola oil
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups candied fruit

Directions

- **Step 1**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two 8x8-inch baking pans.

- **Step 2**

Bring water and raisins to a boil in a saucepan; cook until raisins are plump, about 2 minutes. Drain and cool raisins, reserve raisin water.

- **Step 3**

Mix 3 cups flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a bowl. Place pecans and 2 tablespoons flour in a resealable plastic bag; close and shake bag until pecans are coated. Pour pecans into a colander and shake off excess flour.

- **Step 4**

Whisk sugar, oil, eggs, and cooled raisin water together in a bowl; fold in candied fruit. Stir flour mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, into sugar mixture until fully incorporated, fold in raisins and pecans. Fill the prepared pans a little over half full.

- **Step 5**

Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes. Lower temperature to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C); bake until a knife inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, about 1 more hour.

Cook's Note:

You can also use one large Bundt(R) pan. I usually buy disposable aluminum pans of varying sizes and give as gifts. I have at times used 10 to 15 mini tins, serves 2!

Prep: 30 mins **Cook:** 1 hr. 40 mins **Total:** 2 hrs. 10 mins **Servings:** 20 **Yield:** 20 servings

Religious Jokes

CIRCUS COMES TO CHURCH

When my son, William, was young, we belonged to a small country church. On Communion Day, deacons would pass around the "bread and juice." One Sunday, we attended a church out of town that was more formal. What our church called

bread and juice, this one referred to as elements, a word William didn't understand. As Communion began, the pastor said, "If the deacons will come forward, the elements will pass among us." William was suddenly excited, and I didn't know why. Then he leaned toward me, whispering something that caused me to burst out laughing. With all eyes on us, I took him by the hand, and we made a hasty exit. All the way to the car, he protested. "Mom, we're going to miss the circus. The pastor said the elephants were going to pass among us!"

LET US CUSS

Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn't run. "It'll run," said Gary. "But you have to curse at it to get it started." The minister was shocked. "I have not uttered a curse in 30 years." "Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you."

A BIRD NAMED MOSES

A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

THE END IS NIGH-ER THAN YOU THOUGHT

A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!" A passing driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, 'Bridge Out' instead?"

AND THE LORD SEPARATED HIS PAPER FROM HIS PLASTICS

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ. "What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so, she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R." One boy blurted, "Recycle!"

BLESSED ARE THE RED-NECKED

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor. “I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?” “I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday.”

UN-INTELLIGENT DESIGN

We were making leaflets for a local church, and the client wanted a logo designed with Earth being shielded by the hand of God. I sent the client a proof. Shortly thereafter, I got a call. Client: The hand looks too human. Please use a hand that looks more like God’s.

THE ONE ABOUT THE FISHERMAN AND THE ANGEL

Three guys are fishing when an angel appears. The first guy says, “I’ve suffered from back pain for years. Can you help me?” The angel touches the man’s back, and he feels instant relief. The second guy points to his thick glasses and begs for a cure for his poor eyesight. When the angel tosses the lenses into the lake, the man gains 20/20 vision. As the angel turns to the third fellow, he instantly recoils and screams, “Don’t touch me! I’m on disability!”

Bible Trivia Questions

Q. Which book in the Bible contains in the verse, “It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.”?

A. They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.” **1 Peter 1:12 (NLT)**

Q. In which book in the Bible mentions a war in heaven?

A. “**And there was war in heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.” **Revelation 12:7-8 (KJV)**

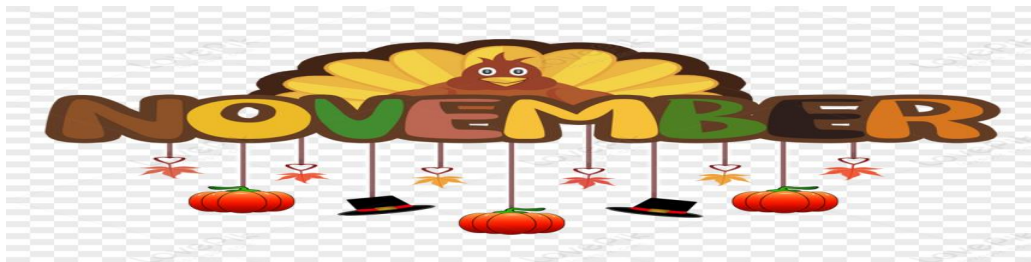
Q. Of whom does David say, “Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women”?

A. “I grieve for you, **Jonathan** my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.” [*2 Samuel 1:26 \(NIV\)*](#)

Q. What is the only unforgivable sin mentioned in the Bible?

A. “Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, **but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven**; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” [*Mark 3:28-29 \(NIV\)*](#)

“And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, **but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.**” [*Luke 12:10 \(NIV\)*](#)



A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

**It's cold outside, but it's warm in my heart,
And the gray fall sky is His work at art,
Laden and low, quiet, and still,
November is welcome, and my eyes
drink their fill**

**Of brown-gray grass and red- orange leaves,
Of pavement winding the through the strong,
Stately trees,
Down the hill, past the barn, pass the
The house with bright candles in each
windowpane.**

**Now I step inside; oh it's warm! Oh, that smell!
Hot turkey roasting, potatoes done well!
Sweet, spicy eider, and warm winter wine
Cranberry sauce - Oh! - the flavors - divine!
The smiles and hugs are so warm and sweet.
In this cold gray November, a Thanksgiving treat.
I do love it all and am so thankful: yes,
For this lovely season...I am truly blessed.**

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

Financial Information as of 10/28/2022

YTD Revenue \$94,176 Budgeted Revenue \$106,072 Under Budget (\$11,896)

****ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS****

Some of you may not be aware but SOTC has an easy and convenient way to make one time or recurring donations to the church on our website. You can use a credit card, checking or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. Its super easy! If you have questions, contact the office.

Visually Impaired Bible Study for November is on Friday 11/18/2022.

Dear all,

Holidays are fast approaching! I will be out of town for Thanksgiving, so instead of a Thanksgiving Eve service, I want to suggest having a service of thanksgiving on the Sunday before the holiday (**November 20**) followed by a potluck thanksgiving meal. I will contribute at least 1 turkey.

Also, there will be 3 mid-week Advent Services this year, **November 30** (Hope), **December 7** (Peace), **December 14** (Joy). The services will be at SOTC at noon with a soup and salad luncheon following.

Christmas Eve is on a Saturday so the Candlelight service will be at 7:00 pm and **Christmas Day** at the regular time of 9:45 am. **New Year's Eve** 7:00 pm, **New Year's Day** 9:45 am

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Rummage sale was a huge success! We were BLESSED with over 25 volunteers, approximately 400 dedicated hours of fellowship and raised over \$2,500 going towards three SOTC Committees: Woman's League, Community, & Body & Soul. Thank to everyone who donated items, you made this event possible!

Grateful for our volunteers: Aiden, Annie, Arlene, Barbara, Carol, Charlestine, Cheryle, Dawn, Deborah, Dorothy, Felicia, Heather, Joyce, Kathy, Keetha, Kim, Martha, Mary, Nancy, Pat, Pastor, Ron, Roddy, Ruth, Sam, Sandy, & to all the DONORS! Apologizes if missed anyone, utilized the signup sheets.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, if we can get this much support again, my vote would be to add a spring rummage sale 😊

Blessings, Heather Rooker

PRAISE CHOIR REORGANIZATION: Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at 6pm! All are welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR: Meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

 **Free English as a Second Language Class has been postponed until further notice.**

Announcing the SOTC Women's Weekly Bible Study, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, every Thursday. Will be postpone Jan.2023.

The Food Pantry is all most completely empty. Please help to fill it. Place food donations on stage in the gym. Soon we will have a box in the narthex for cash donations.

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN 2022 HOUSEHOLDS ENROLLED FOR SOTC:

For the 2022 Holiday Gift Exchange, SOTC has been enrolled 7 families, representing 22 children! Our largest group to date.

If anyone is interested in fulfilling any "Wishlist's", please visit the Gifts for All God's Children website @ giftsforallgodschildren.org and choose "Get Involved" or "Donate" We pray that all the children sponsored by SOTC and all the families of GFAGC be blessed with the Fullness of God for the holidays and every day

Respectfully Submitted, Laina Burk and Barbara Hatcher, GFAGC

SOTC Women's League

Saturday, November 12, 2022 – League Meeting 9:30 Coffee, 10:00 meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 – Women’s Christmas Dinner 5:30pm meet, 6:00pm
Dinner Served \$20.00 per person... Please pay Nancy Engling

DeLuca’s Restaurant – 27424 Warren Rd at Inkster Rd. Gift Exchange - \$15.00 limit

January 14,2023 League Meeting 9:30am, coffee10:00am Meeting

NOVEMBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:30 Pastor's Bible Study w/Lunch 7pm SOTC Choir All Saints Day	9am-12:30pm Auburn Hills-safeTALK All Souls Day	9:00 Women's Bible Study postpone Restart JAN.2023		10am-3pm Craft & Vendor show@ Christ Our Savior 10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom .Noon properties cleanup.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	11:30 Pastor's BibleS w/Lunch 1:15 Unity meeting 7pm SOTC Choir 7:00pm.SchoolBd LowerS. VOTE	7:00pm. Finance Meeting.	9:00 Women's Bible Study postpone Restart JAN.2023 USMC 248 B'day	Karen & Jeff Fisher Wedding Veterans Day	9:30 Womens League 10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	11	2	3
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