

6/04/2023

Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre  
Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



### Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

**First Reading** Gen.1:1-2:4a

**Epistle** –Acts 2:14a,22-36

**Holy Gospel** –Matt.28:16-20

**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.

## Wounded by the Church

Several years ago, I read an article of the same title as this newsletter. It talked about the many reasons people no longer attend church. Most of the reasons dealt with some deep-rooted physical or emotional hurt caused by someone or something inside of the Christian church. The article went on to say how pervasive this type of thing has become and that more and more people were being “wounded by the church.”

At that time, I knew there could be such things going on, but I didn’t think it was the epidemic the article made it out to be. That is until I started ministering to the regulars at Beef O Brady’s Irish Pub in Lubbock, TX, shortly after having read that article. What I had found there was truly disappointing and supported the assertions I had read about. People were hurt and had deep emotional scars left by someone(s) calling themselves Christians, but not living out that claim. It caused my “mini congregation” to think of the word “Christian” to be synonymous with “hypocrite”. During this time I found two different categories in which their pain and suffering fell; abused and neglected.

The abused wounds were caused by Catholic and Protestant church leader’s improper sexual advances, misuse of funds, or misuse their authority. And the wounds were deepened when no one took responsibility for those actions, were never held accountable for those actions, or were treated with a “you need to get over it” attitude. Hence the church and the people therein, in the minds of the abused, was no better, no holier, and no different than anyone or anything else.

The neglected wounds were caused by a bureaucratic, cold, callous, impersonal world, which carried over into the Christian congregations. People are desperate to be noticed and cared for. Churches are the one place people look to, sometimes unrealistically, for personal, emotional, and psychological care. They look for compassion, understanding and forgiveness, and very rarely did they receive any of the above. Instead, they received judgment, criticism, gossip and rejection; all delivered with a “holier than thou” attitude.

It was easy to see that my “mini congregation” had been wounded badly by unprofessional, uncaring, hypocrites who took advantage of them and exploited their weaknesses. Unfortunately, I discovered that the article I read was right and maybe understated as well. So, what now? Understanding that there is a problem is important, but what is the next step? How do we treat the wounds that have cut so many so deeply?

The answer is to give the victims what they came to the church to receive in the first place; kindness, understanding, compassion, and Christian love and concern for our neighbors. The answer is for us to be the faithful Christian leaders God has called us to be instead of the self-serving, disingenuous, creatures this world has allowed us to become. But even after we treat these wounds, some may not return to the church. This is where repentance, confession, and prayer come in. God’s house is a house of love

and compassion. EVERYONE is welcome in God's house, regardless of what they look like or where they come from. None of us are any better than anyone else. We as Christians are here to serve God and each other, not ourselves. And we must take our service seriously. Maybe someday when we stop just saying those words and actually commit to them, the wounding will stop. 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.



### **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=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NR0E14bll5dz09>

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



## **Simple Beef Short Ribs**

**Ingredients:** new

- 1 pound beef short ribs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, sliced.
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle stout beer
- 1 cup beef stock

### **Instructions:**

- Season ribs with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour until coated; shake off excess.
- Heat olive oil and butter in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook ribs until browned, about 5 minutes per side. Remove ribs and set aside.
- Add onion and garlic to the skillet; cook and stir until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Return ribs to the skillet. Pour in beer while scraping the browned bits of food off the bottom of the pan. Pour in beef stock.
- Cover and simmer over low heat until ribs are very tender, about 2 hours.

If your ribs are very fatty (which most tend to be), you can let the sauce cool and skim the fat off the top before serving.

### **This is why I became homeless (Humor only)**

- I was going to be a tightrope walker, but I couldn't toe the line.
- I was going to be a fireman, but my career went up in flames.
- I was going to be a pilot, but I couldn't land the job.
- I was going to be a foot and mouth doctor, but I didn't pursue it tooth and nail.
- I was going to be butcher, but they told me I had to be a cut above.
- I was going to be a lumberjack, but I got axed.
- They told me I could be a violinist, but they were just stringing me along.
- I was going to be a saxophone player, but I blew it.
- I was going to level roads, but I didn't make the grade.
- I was going to be a swimming pool lifeguard, but I washed out.

- I was going to be an electrician, but the results were shocking.
- I was going to be an architect, but I couldn't draw the line.
- I was going to be a drag racer, but I couldn't make the rubber meet the road.
- I was going to be a bungee jumper, but my dreams came crashing down.
- I was going to be a police officer, but I was guilty of arrested development.
- I was going to study anatomy, but I couldn't get ahead, afoot, and abreast of things.
- I was going to be an earthquake chaser, but I was always standing on shaky ground
- I was going to be a veterinarian, but I couldn't make heads or tails of things, so I flipped a coin.
- I was going to catch salmon in Alaska, but something about it seemed fishy.
- I was going to be a convict advocate, but the thought escaped me.
- I was going to make mittens, but it didn't fit me hand in glove.
- I was going to be a cheese maker, but I didn't want to be the grater for it.
- I was going to plant almond trees, but it seemed to be a seedy business.
- I was going to be a carpenter, but I didn't nail it.
- I was going to work in a glue factory, but I didn't stick to it.
- I was going to be a pastry thief, but I forgot to take the cake.
- I was going to be a chiropractor, but I couldn't put my back into it.
- I was going to be a neurologist, but I didn't have the nerve.

And that is why I became homeless!

## Bible Trivia Questions

**Q.** What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

**A.** "John 11:35 Jesus wept..."

**Q** Why did Jesus' weep in that verse?

**A.** "Because his friend Lazarus died."

**Q** What four books tell about Jesus' life on Earth?

**A.** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

**Q** What was most likely the first of Paul's letters written?

**A1** Thessalonians.

**Q.** As Isaac was dying and blind, who suggested that Jacob should steal Esau's birthright?

**A.** Rebekah...

## Why Me?

If you have to ask **Why me?**  
When you're feeling really blue,  
When the world has turned against you  
And you don't know what to do,  
When it pours colossal raindrops  
And the road's a winding mess,  
And you're feeling more confused.  
Than you ever could express,

When the saddened sun won't shine,  
When the stars will not align,  
When you'd rather be  
Inside your bed,  
The covers pulled.  
Above your head,  
When life is something  
That you dread.  
And you have to ask **Why me?...**

Then when the world seems right and true.  
When rain has left a gentle dew.  
When you feel happy being you,  
Please ask yourself, **Why me** then, too.

**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 April 30,2023

Actual Revenue \$231,816 Budget Revenue \$259,612 Under Budget  
(\$27,796)

### **\*\*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.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2-SUNDAY JUNE 4:** MICHIGAN DISTRICT JUNIOR HIGH GATHERING—  
Bavarian Inn Lodge

**Sunday, June 11**—EDUCATIONAL/SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS—After Service: Program and Lunch.

**SHADOW OF THE CROSS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

College Graduates: Joseph Sanchez—May 13, 2023

High School Graduates: Aja Burk, Alayna Cheers, Nathaniel Rooker, Morgan Wesley

Middle School Promotions: Jewel Major, Sharron Ramesh

Other Young Adults/Students: John Ballantine, Chase Bomar, Tomira Cheers, Tonia Cheers, Kourtney Gooden, Marco Goodson, Kaitlynn Harris, Myles Harris, Jaeda Major, Sheryl Ramesh, Aiden Rooker, Christopher Sanchez, Jonathan Sanchez, Maxx Smith, Nala Sparks-Jones, Nathan Taylor, Ellis Threadcraft, Marllis Whitt

**SCHOLARSHIP TOPIC: FUTURE AND HOPE” – Due: June 30, 2023**

1. College Students: (a) 300 words+(b)2 or more Bible verses;(c) \$200-\$500
2. High School Grads-(a)250 words+(b)2 or more Bible verses;(c) \$100-\$200
3. High Sch. Students-(a)200 words+(b)1 or more Bible verses;(c) \$75-\$150
4. Middle School/Elem. (100 words+(b) 1 or more Bible verses;(c) \$25-\$50

**Concordia School** looking for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th grade teacher contact Pat Schultz Principal 313-937-2233

**2023 SUMMER CAMP STAFF** Camp Concordia,13400 Pinewood St., Cowen, Mich.  
[www.campconcordia.org/employment](http://www.campconcordia.org/employment). May26-June10 Training, June 12-Aug.5 Sessions.  
Get paid well.

**LWML Convention** June 22-25, 2023, 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial, Celebrate the Lord of the Nation, Psalm 33:12-13, Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**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.

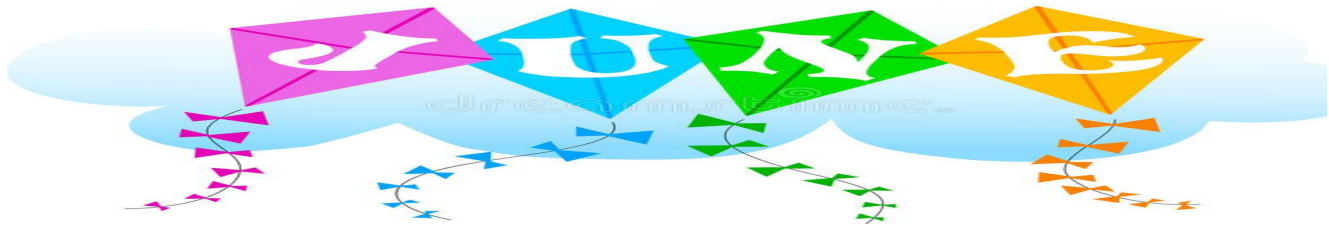
**PRAISE CHOIR** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

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

**The Food Pantry** Please shop from our summer pantry grocery list on the bulletin board or see Dawn for list.



**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
				1	2	3
						10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM  Noon properties cleanup.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm meeting 6:00pm Trustee Meeting.	Pastor 11:30am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	Last day school			10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. Scholarship award after service		Pastor 11:30am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	Flag Day  7pm. Finance meeting	7:00pm Leadership Mtg.		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom Noon properties cleanup.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>FATHER DAY</b> 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Juneteenth	Pastor 11:30am Bible Study  7pm SOTC Choir	First Day Summer	10:30 Visually impaired B Study		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. Congregation meeting aft service		Pastor 11:30am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir				