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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of July 2,2023

Pentecost

First Reading Jer.28:5-9

Epistle – Romans 7:1-13

Holy Gospel –Matt. 10:34-42

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

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

Worship service livestream:

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

Sunday Services begin at 9:45 am. Holy Communion will be every Sunday.

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.

“Go Joyfully”

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.” (Luke 10:1-12 ESV)

Do you know that you are ambassadors for Christ? You have been called to Christ by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the Good News; to the life, ministry, crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Son of God, just as the twelve had been called by Christ Himself. You are set apart for the proclamation of the Gospel to a world that hates you because it hates the One that sent you. I say it this way to you that it should be no surprise that people refuse to listen when you speak of the kingdom of God. It should be no surprise that they turn a deaf ear at the mere mention of the name “Jesus Christ”. It should be no surprise that they mock you for believing in things unseen and trusting in a God that always appears to be absent in the face of danger and tragedy. Nevertheless, go joyfully.

We have a mission, to share with those who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. We don't have to go searching for the lost, they are all around us and God will present us with opportunities for us to be witnesses. But when those opportunities arise, we should go joyfully headlong into it, without hesitation, trusting that the Holy Spirit will give us the words. Even so, don't be surprised or dismayed or upset when those whom you approach with so much enthusiasm, reject you with an equal amount of disdain. Remember, conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit, not yours or mine. Even Jesus, God Himself, was rejected by the hard-hearted. If He could not reach everyone, how much less should we expect of ourselves? But that should not even be a part of our thought process. Some will listen, some won't...so what? We have no control over that. Our mission is simply to introduce the Gospel, not force it down narrow-minded throats. Go Joyfully. Introduce the Good News; if they listen, welcome them and pray for them because you have been a blessing in their lives and the kingdom of God has come near them. If they do not listen, Jesus tells us to shake the dust from our feet and move on. You are doing what you have been sent to do. Go joyfully!

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.



Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 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/83332323924?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWYZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

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



Air Fryer BBQ Baby Back Ribs

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 pounds baby back pork ribs.
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon granulated onion
- ¼ teaspoon Greek seasoning (Optional)
- ⅓ cup barbeque sauce

Directions

1. Preheat an air fryer to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Strip membrane from the back of ribs. Cut ribs into 4 equal portions.
3. Combine brown sugar, white sugar, sweet paprika, smoked paprika, granulated garlic, pepper, cumin, onion, and Greek seasoning in a small bowl. Rub spice mixture all over ribs. Place ribs in the air fryer basket.
4. Cook ribs in the preheated air fryer for 30 minutes, turning once halfway. Brush with barbeque sauce, then air-fry for 5 more minutes.

Prep Time: 5 mins **Cook Time:** 35 mins **Total Time:** 40 mins **Servings:**4

KIVIMAKI'S GRIZZLY BEAR BEANS

Ingredients:

28 oz Bush's Brown Sugar Hickory Beans
22 oz Bush's Grillin Beans
15 oz Hormel Mild Chili with Beans
4 tablespoons Heinz Chili Sauce
4 teaspoons Cinnamon Sugar
4 teaspoons Olive Oil
3 teaspoons Rufus Teague BBQ Touch O' Heat
2 teaspoons Himalia Sea Salt
2 teaspoons Cracked Pepper and Garlic
2 teaspoons Oregano
1/2 cup Catsup

Directions

Combine all ingredients heat and serve.

Religious Jokes

THIS WEATHER IS HELL

Howard dies and waits in line for judgment. He notices that some souls go right into heaven, while Satan throws others into a burning pit. But every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, the devil tosses it aside. Curious, Howard asks Satan, "Excuse me, but why are you tossing them aside instead of flinging them into hell with the others?" "They're from Seattle," Satan replies. "They're too wet to burn."

ONE WISH

An angel appears at a faculty meeting and tells the dean, "In return for your unselfish and exemplary behavior, the Lord will reward you with your choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty." "Give me infinite wisdom!" declares the dean, without hesitation. "Done!" says the angel before disappearing in a cloud of smoke. All heads now turn to the dean, who sits surrounded by a faint halo of light. "Well," says a colleague, "say something brilliant." The dean stands and, with the poise of Socrates, opines, "I should have taken the money."

HOUSE CALL

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbor, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mom! "she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he brought his girlfriend."

PRAYING FOR HEARING

Sam shows up at a revival meeting, seeking help. "I need you to pray for my hearing," he tells the preacher. The preacher puts his fingers on Sam's ears and prays and prays. When he's done, he asks, "How's your hearing now?" "I don't know," says Sam. "I don't go to court till next Tuesday."

Bible Trivia Questions

Q. How many words are in the shortest verse in the Bible?

A. Two. "Jesus wept." (John 11:35)

Q. What book in the Bible doesn't mention God by name?

A. The book of Esther.

Q. How many languages has the bible been translated into?

A. 1200

Q. What so-called mythological creature is mentioned in the Bible?

A. Unicorns, in the King James translation. (Isaiah 34:7).

Q. What is the last word in the Bible?

A. Amen. (Revelation 22:21)

Q. At the time of the census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of the Numbers, Which of the twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest?

A. Manasseh

Q. Which tribe of Israel looked after the religious aspects of life?

A. Levi

Q. How many divisions and sections does the bible have?

A. 2 and 8

Morning Dove

*In my hand I hold a Dove
that represents our Lords love.
God the Father, God the Son
God the Holy Spirit Three in one.*

*Release the Dove and let it soar.
like our Spirit at deaths door.
Follow the Light of the Lord*

*Think of Jesus on Christmas Morning
starting his journey to Calvary.*

*Giving us the Greatest Gift of all.
Communion we celebrate,
now take My Body and My Blood
this I do to show you my Love.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit
Three in One.
Let the Spirit fly above,
like a Morning Dove*

*Seeing the Light like a Sunset.
Brilliant colors all around
then I see my Fathers Face,
feel his arms in a warm embrace.
I'm in my Heavenly Home at last.*

*Ruth L. Palmer
6/12/05*

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 June 15,2023

YTD Revenue \$266,593 Budgeted Revenue \$ 298,376 Under Budget (\$31,783)

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

You can use a credit card, or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ 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.

The Board of Elders invite guests to fill in the welcome cards on the back of the pews.

Please place them in the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

Concordia School looking for 3rd and 4th grade teacher contact Pat Schultz Principal 313-937-2233

Free ESL Classes everyone welcome come often or when you can. Friendship

Social/Sewing Class Meets Thursdays 10am-12pm Hand Sewing and Basic Machine Sewing at Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 20805 Middlebelt Rd, Farmington Hills, MI · (248) 474-0675

SOTC International Friendship Center

Our ESL sewing program is need of fabric, trims, notions and gently used pillowcases Please consider donating:

We will have a donation in the narthex under the altar flower chart. The sewing mentors thank you for your anticipated support.

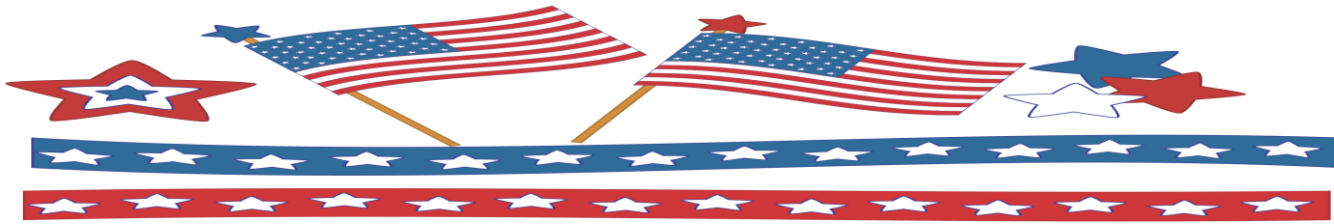
PRAISE CHOIR Meet on the 2nd Tuesday, in July at 5:30 pm.

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

Money Donated during coffee hour at the desert 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

July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						10:00am Sunday School Adults– Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm meeting 6:00pm Trustees Meeting.	INDEPENDENCE DAY 				10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 1000am Prayer Journey. Noon properties cleanup.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir Sch board meet 7pm elem campus	7:00pm. Finance Meeting. Annual Summer Social Rotary Park 6-8pm			10:00am Sunday School Adult– Zoom Noon properties cleanup.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:45am Worship w/communion Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study		7:00p Leadership Council meeting.		10:00am Sunday School Adult– Zoom. Noon 1000am Prayer Journey properties cleanup.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:45am Worship w/communion Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study		10:30 visually Impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday School Adult– Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
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Youth Sunday 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible						