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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of Jan7, 2024

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Epistle – Romans 6:1 -11

Holy Gospel –Mark 1:4-11

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

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](https://www.shadowofthecrosslc.org)

Worship service livestream:

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

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

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow service.

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

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 11:00 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

"Seeing"

When I was a child I loved to draw. I humbly submit that after doing it for some length of time, I became good at it. But I never thought of my ability as any special gift. It just seemed to me that the only difference between what I did and what others, who said they wished they could draw like me, were able to do was “seeing”. I believed (and still do) that if a person could truly “see” an object, really observe it from all sides, he or she could draw it. But to truly see it, one must take the time to study it closely.

Therefore, I deduced that if I had a God-given talent, it wasn't the ability to draw; it was the ability to “see”; to see things the way they really are. I believe we all have this ability because of the dwelling of the Holy Spirit within us. I also believe that most people are unaware of it. As I grew older, I began to realize that my theory of “seeing” applied to more than just visual art. It applied to everything in life; especially the Word of God.

In the business world, they call this “seeing” **having a vision**; a specific plan and goal for what is to be accomplished. Further, it is then understanding innately what must be done to complete the task and doing it. Few of us use our ability; our gift from God in this arena; but the ones that do become captains of industry.

In the music world, “seeing” is accomplished through hearing. I have watched countless musicians duplicate a piece of music just by listening to it. It's said that such persons have developed an “ear” for music. They are able to separate and identify what each instrument is playing and then duplicate it on their instrument of choice. Few of us use our Holy Spirit driven “seeing” in this arena also; But the one's that do have produced stunningly brilliant music. In modern day, Stevie Wonder comes to mind. I believe that all of us have this ability to “see” but we don't use it because we aren't aware that it is there or we resist it. That is not to say that all of us can become big business moguls or concert pianists. It is to say that with close study we can become proficient in **any** endeavor.

This applies to the Word of God in that we all have the ability to truly know and have a deep, meaningful relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by close and careful study of His Word. I believe that we have been gifted with the ability to understand scripture and what God would have us do. The more we read it and the more we hear it preached and the more we study it, the easier it becomes to comprehend and believe. It is not because of anything we do, it is because of the Holy Spirit in us doing His sanctifying work and strengthening our faith and increasing in us our ability to “see” things the way they truly are.

It is my prayer that we all use our God-given ability to “see” to the Glory of God, for the betterment of the world and for the sake of our Lord and Savior. May God bless you and keep you! Amen.

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 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



**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL Online**

feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Lania 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



GREEN CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

INGREDIENTS

- **4 cups** cooked, shredded chicken
- **2 tbsp** taco seasoning
- **3 cups** mozzarella, shredded
- **3 cups** Monterey jack, shredded

- **1 cup** sour cream
- **10** corn tortillas
- **1 (28 oz) can** green enchilada sauce
 - 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 (12-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a large bowl combine shredded chicken, 2 cups of mozzarella and 2 cups of the Monterey jack cheese, sour cream and taco seasoning. Mix until well incorporated.
3. Wrap tortillas in a damp paper or tea towel and microwaves for 1 minute.
4. In a skillet, warm the enchilada sauce. Working with one tortilla at a time, dip it in the enchilada sauce until lightly coated. Scoop $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of the enchilada filling into the tortilla and roll tightly. arrange (see side down) in a 9X13 baking dish and repeat with remaining tortillas.
5. Pour remaining enchilada sauce over the prepared enchiladas followed by the remaining cheese.
6. Bake for 25 minutes, until cheese is bubbling.

Prep Time 20 min Cook Time 25 min Serves 6

Religious Jokes

Three pastors in the south were having lunch in a diner.

One said "Ya know, since summer started, I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away.

Another said "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away.

The third said, "I baptized all mine and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since" !!!

A pastor had noticed that one of the elderly women hadn't been to any service for a week. She was real faithful, and wouldn't miss a service for anything, so he got concerned. He visited her house one evening and knocked on the door. He heard the pitter patter of feet in the house, but no one answered. He left his business card on the door but had written on the back of it "Rev. 3:20", as a message to her.

The following Sunday he was pleased to see this woman back in church. He told her that he had been concerned because no one answered the door the other night when he was there. She didn't say a word but handed him back his card. He noticed that the "Rev. 3:20" was crossed out. But she had left a message for him on the back.

It read "Genesis 3:10."

A man walked into the office of a local church. He walked up to the receptionist, and in a loud voice demanded: "Take me to see the head hog." The receptionist replied indignantly: "Sir, I'll thank you not to refer to our pastor in such a way. Around here, we address our ministers with respect." The man replied, "Well I've come to donate 5 million dollars to the church".

"Excuse me sir", the receptionist replied, "Let me see if I can find the big fat pig for you.

There was a man trying to understand God, so he asked Him, "God, how long is a million years to you?"

God answered, "A million years is like a minute."

Then the man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars to you?"

God replied, "A million dollars is like a penny."

The man thought for a short time and asked, "God, will you give me a penny?"

"In a minute," God responded.

Bible Trivia Questions

1.Question: Which book did Jesus directly write?

Answer: None

2.Question: What was most likely the first of Paul's letters written?

Answer: 1 Thessalonians

3. Question: Which human author wrote the most words in the Bible?

Answer: Moses wrote 125,139 words.

4. Question: In which book of the Bible is this verse found? 'The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.'

Answer: John

5. Question: According to the Bible, who was the first murder victim?

Answer: Abel

LIFE

Getting by one day at a time.
My challenges and trials grows
So a new mountain I must climb.
And battle through the endless snow.
Every day struggles renew.
Life unique in an epic style.
Sleepless night turn my brain to stew,
Yet I find a reason to smile,
Whilst I find face challenges galore.
Sleepless nights through storms untamed.
And endless mountains to endure.
I do so with my love proclaimed.
Together we overcome strife.
Together we tackle this life.

By Aaron K Green

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

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

Please do not remove any of the books from the pulpit shelf. Pastor uses them.

Financial Information as December 15,2023. Actual Revenue \$118,975 Budget Revenue \$126,819 under Budget (**\$7844**)

******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.

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.

BodySoulSpirit will start taking Blood Pressure on the last Sunday of the month beginning January 2024 strictly confidential. More information to follow.

BodySoulSpirit Thirteen Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, January 15,2024
any questions contact **BodySoulSpirit** members Mary Rooker or Roderick McClure.

SOTC International Friendship Center Social activities meet weekly Thursdays
10AM -12NOON.

Tuesday Bible Study 11:00 am will start back Jan.9,2024.

PRAISE CHOIR: Meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday, in January at 5:30pm! All are welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR Meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

The Food Pantry. Please us help to fill up the food pantry. Place food donations in ESL Room across from stage in the gym.

BD. OF PROPERTIES are in need of help with the work around the building. They meet

on Mondays @ 6pm. Work night for Trustee 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday.

SOTC Family: We have great things going on in our Church kitchen; whenever you need cups, napkins, plates etc., they are in our kitchen for everyone to use, The Church does not have Kitchen Supplies in the budget, so we depend on donations. Ruth Palmer and the Women's League buy the supplies with your contributions. So, when you see a basket on the dessert table asking for donations or attending a meeting during the week and enjoying a warm cup of coffee, **Please THINK about the kitchen supplies basket and give monetary gift.**

Thank You, SOTC Women's League

SOTC COFFEE HOUR

Some like their coffee black.

Some like it sweet.

Some like cream with flavor to make their day complete.

Some like their favorite treats.

Some need cups, stirrers, creamer, + sweeteners to enjoy their coffee.

Some need napkins to wipe their mouths and hands.

Some need a plate for their favorite treats.

Some need foil or carry-out containers to take extras home.

Now we know what we like and need, so **Please consider a free-will donation for coffee and other kitchen supplies.**



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	No school Christmas break	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study postponed. SOTC Choir 7pm No school Christmas break	No school Christmas break	ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome No school Christmas break	No school Christmas break	10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom Noon properties cleanup.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	Pastor 11:00am BS 1:15 Unity meeting 5:30pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	7:00pm. Finance Meeting.	ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome		930 am coffee hour women's League meeting 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Jan 15, 2023, Martin Luther King Day and breakfast Day no school	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome 7:00p Leadership Council meeting.		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir		ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm 10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
28	29	30	31	1		
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. Youth Sunday		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7:00pm SOTC Choir				