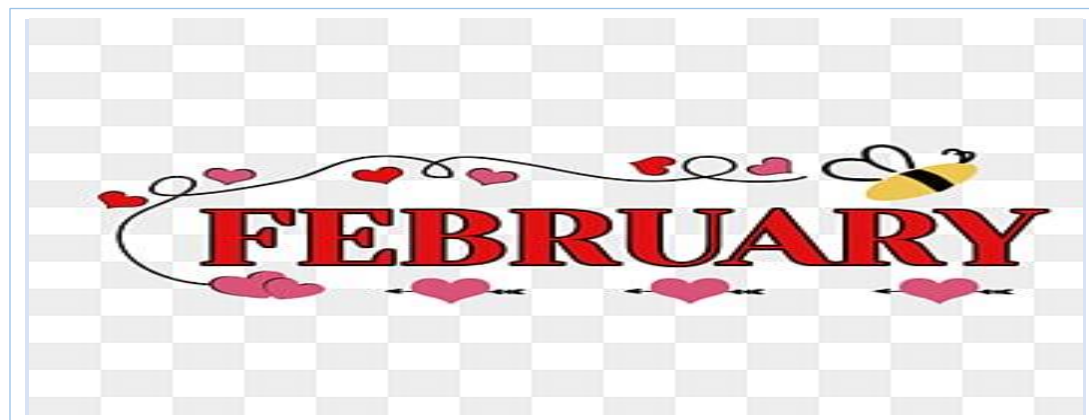


2/04/2024

Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Holy Gospel –Mark 1:29-39

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

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

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

Did you know that Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, falls on St. Valentines Day this year? There are two events that draw our American attention each February; the Super Bowl and St. Valentine’s Day; two man-made reasons to celebrate. Now I realize that most holidays or reasons to celebrate are man-made, but some people treat the Super Bowl as if it were bigger, more important, and more worthy of our time and attention than the two God-made reasons to celebrate; Christmas and Easter. And by comparison and not including the greeting card, jewelry, candy and flower industries, St. Valentine’s Day gets nowhere near the attention.

The truth is, St. Valentine ’s Day should get more recognition than it does; after all, it is in honor of one of God’s venerated servants. Maybe the reason it doesn’t is because we really don’t know much about St. Valentine. Maybe it’s because companies like Hallmark, Jared and Kay Jewelers, FTD Florists and Godiva chocolates have made us think it’s nothing more than a day to exchange gifts of love. Maybe that’s why St. Valentine has become nothing more in our minds than the patron saint of little candy hearts and flowers. His name has become synonymous with cut-out paper hearts and other greeting cards.

However, Saint Valentine was a real person and much more than we have made him out to be. He was a Roman priest, a Bishop of Interamna (Terni) and His name was Valentinius. He was martyred (murdered because of his faith) during the reign of Claudius II. He was arrested and imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding other Christians, who were at the time, being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Helping Christians avoid persecution or otherwise was a crime, punishable by death. But Claudius took a liking to him; that is until Valentinius tried to convert him to Christianity. That's when Valentinius was condemned to death. He was beaten, stoned, and then beheaded. The exact date of his martyrdom is not known, but estimated to be between 269 and 273 AD.

Valentinius is not the patron saint of anything, however he was our brother in Christ. What he did, he did out of love for fellow Christians and love for Christ. So it makes sense that if we would associate him with anything, it would be love. We share something else with him too; we are also saints, according to our inheritance in Christ. All believers are saints. We do not have to be martyred to be called saints; the only requirement is that we the faithful, endure in faith until the end.

Valentinius and you and I have much in common. We suffer and are persecuted for the sake of the Gospel just as he did and was. Some of us may even be imprisoned or murdered because we are Christians. So when we celebrate St. Valentine's Day, we

aren't celebrating Eros, (erotic love) like the world has taught us to believe. We are celebrating Agape, (unconditional love), the love of God for mankind. This day should not only be celebrated with hearts, candy, and flowers, but with songs of praise to The God who loves us unconditionally and who sent His Son to die for our sins, for our salvation and so that we might be able to show that same kind of love to one another. When we celebrate St. Valentine's day, we are really celebrating the love of God and the faith of the saints that keeps us and preserves us through all adversity, until all adversity is done away with when our Lord , Jesus Christ returns. Amen. God bless us 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.

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, Lainia Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church



**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL Online**

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 White Cake

- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ¾ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup milk

DIRECTION

Gather all ingredients.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9-inch square cake pan.
2. Cream sugar and butter together in a mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating briefly after each addition. Mix in vanilla.
3. Combine flour and baking powder in a separate bowl. Add to the wet ingredients and mix well. Add milk and stir until smooth.

Pour batter into the prepared cake pan.

Bake in the preheated oven until the top springs back when lightly touched, 30 to 40 minutes.

Remove it from the oven and cool completely. Enjoy!

Religious Jokes

The Sunday School teacher asks the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one student and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane.

"What is this?" she asked.

"Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says.

"Well... who's the fourth person?"

"That's Pontius, the pilot."

A man gets on an airplane and sees a nun praying fervently beside him.

"Are you afraid of flying?" he asks. "Flying, no. Crashing, yes."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, "Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?"

Tommy answered, "Well, it wasn't me."

Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommy's mother.

His mother said, "Look, my son's a good kid. If he says he didn't knock the wall down, he didn't knock the wall down."

More worried, the teacher called Tommy's father. He listened to her story and said, "Well, look, I don't want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and I'll take care of it."

A flood struck a town, and one man was stuck on his roof. He prayed, asking God to save him.

Soon, a rowboat came by. The rower yelled, "Jump, I can save you."

The man replied, "No, I prayed, and God will save me."

Later, a motorboat came along. The motorboat operator yelled, "Get in, quick."

Again, the man on the roof said, "No, it's fine. God is going to save him."

A helicopter flew over and dropped a rope ladder onto the roof. Again, the man said no, that God would save him.

The waters rose, and soon the man was at heaven's pearly gates. He saw God at the entrance and said, "What happened? I prayed and trusted you would save me."

God said, "Well, I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

Bible Trivia Questions

1.Question: In what year was the King James version of the Bible first published?

Answer 1611

2. 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

3. Question Who preached the first sermon on the Day of Pentecost?

Answer: Peter

4.Question: Even though one of the meanings of my name is 'rest,' I probably didn't get much rest while spending some time afloat. Who am I?

Answer: Noah

5. Question: What type of plant did God provide for Jonah to sit under after he left the city of Nineveh?

Answer: A gourd

6. Question: An elderly woman talking to her pregnant cousin said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear.'

Answer: Elizabeth

Overcoming

In life, there will be people who hurt you.
Spend more time with those who love you.

You will make mistakes.

Mistakes are ammunition
against future catastrophes.

You may have regrets.

Unless you can get time back,
focus on happiness now.

You may lose people you love.

Pour that love on people who need it.

You will bump against obstacles to your goals.

Obstacles are challenges
that sharpen your motivation and resolve.

You may have worries that hold you back.

Every fear you overcome
makes you stronger and better.

You are overcoming.

By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com

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 January 17, 2024. Actual Revenue \$144,564
Budget Revenue \$151,283 under Budget (\$6719)

******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. It's 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.

Pastor bible study on Tuesday 11:00am postponed until April 2,2024 after Easter.

Strove Tuesday 2/13/24 5.30pm pancakes hosted by the Elders.

February 14- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday service at SOTC

During Lent Season will be share with St John Church starting Wednesday

February 21 – First week in Lent service 12:00 pm at ST John Church

February 28 - Second week in Lent service 12:00 pm at SOTC

March 6 - Third week in Lent service 12:00 pm at ST John Church

March 13 - Fourth week in Lent service 12:00 pm at SOTC

March 20 - Fifth week in Lent service 12:00 pm at ST John Church

St John Lutheran Church 4950 Oakman Blvd, Detroit MI 48204

Church number 313-933-9360

March 28 – Maundy Thursday service 6:00 pm at SOTC

March 29 – Good Friday service 6:00 pm at SOTC

Easter Sunday March 31- 7:00am Worship w/communion Breakfast after service.
The second service begins at 9:45am Worship w/communion.

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

SOTC FISH FRY DINNER Friday February 16th, March 1st and March 15th \$13
Whiting or Catfish side Cole Slaw, Spaghetti Bread and Cake. * Dine-In 5:00
pm to 8:00 pm or carry out taking orders in advance Contact Church Office at
248-474-0675 Monday – Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm or Barbara Profit 313-516-
8740.

The Council of Lutheran Women will be celebrating 60 years of ministry at their
Annual Luncheon which includes honoring our Women of the Year on Tuesday,
March 19, 2024, at The Mirage Banquet Center in Clinton Township. This year we
are offering three ways for member organizations, women’s groups and
individuals to support our funding efforts for 2024.

Forms on table in narthex.

BodySoulSpirit are taking Blood Pressure on the last Sunday of the month
strictly confidential after Church service.

Cathleen Flinchum and Gloria Marchand are still collecting bottles and cans
this time for audio upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in
advance.

PRAISE CHOIR: Meet on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday, in February 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.**

Andrea Ballantine plays in the second violin sections for two orchestras and invites you to attend a concert! **Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra:** at Royal Oak Middle School, Tickets are \$20 (13+), \$15 student and seniors, and free for 12 and under.

www.royaloakorchestra.com. This season's concerts are on March 15 and May 10.

The Redford Civic Symphony, 3pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian, 27475 5 Mile Rd, Livonia.. All concerts are FREE admission, with goodwill donation requested.

www.redfordsymphony.org. Concerts this season are March 10, and May 19. Concert locations change so please check the website.

City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts

In addition to Margo Dupre having two artworks on loan to the City of Farmington Hills for two years: 2024 -2025. Please visit the city hall main floor on Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake anytime over the next two years to view. There will be a solo exhibition of more artwork on display starting:

March 11 - May 3 - Margo Dupre - Mixed Media Caprock Art - Traditional & Non-Traditional Artworks Rooted in West Texas - People's Choice Winner for the Public Arts Program. More information to come regarding opening reception.

FEBRUARY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome Ground Hog Day		10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom . 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	Pastor Bible Study 11:00 Unity meeting 5:30pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome		10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom 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.		Pastor Bible Study 11:00 am Postponed 5:30pm Paise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir Strove Tuesday 5.30pm	Ash Wednesday 6:00pmSOTC 7:00pm Finance meeting Valentine's DAY	ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome 7:00pm Leadership meeting	FISH FRY 5PM TO 8PM	10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultZoom. Noon properties cleanup.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Presidents Day	Pastor Bible Study 11:00 am Postponed 7:00 pm SOTC Choir	Lent service 12:00pm St.John	ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome 10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultZoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties cleanup.
25	26	27	28	29		
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom		Pastor Bible Study 11:00 am Postponed 7pm SOTC Choir	Lent service 12:00pm SOTC			