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Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre  
Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



**Readings for the week of April 7, 2024**

**First Reading Acts 4:32-35**

**Epistle –1 John 1:1-2:2**

**Holy Gospel –John 20:19-31**

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**Cross website:**

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG)

**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 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.

### **Facing the Cross of Suffering**

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.”*

#### **-Romans 8:18-19**

It's the Easter season again; a time when we face the cross of suffering that Jesus endured and contemplate what great love God has for His creation. Suffering is relative. What I call “suffering” you may not. What I may have a hard time living with, you may not and vice versa. But what is not open to opinion is that all of us, Christian or not will face a good share of suffering in this life. It may be sickness, injury, the death of loved ones, the loss of our job or financial stability, whatever it may be, we will face suffering at one time or another. We also know that because we are Christians, our suffering will be even more challenging, because not only do we have to deal with the physical, emotion and material sufferings of this world, we must also face sufferings brought on by the spiritual world. We will be hated and persecuted by our unbelieving brothers and sisters in the name of whatever belief system they hold, simply because we love Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and because they have rejected the truth. And if that's not enough, we will be under constant attack from Satan and his demons for exactly the same reasons too. You see, Satan already has all the unbelievers right where he wants them. But that is not enough for him. He wants you and I under his control as well. And to that end, he attacks us with everything he has in his power in the form of every evil temptation and desire. He wants us to reject the truth and submit to him and he wants us dead. That is quite a bit for any one person to face.

Yet let me remind you here and now that Jesus faced the same suffering I just described from both man and Satan. How blessed we are to have a God who knows what we go through and the suffering we face and experience because He face it and experienced it Himself in the flesh of Jesus Christ. He understands how hard it is to push past our human emotions and deficiencies and stand on our faith through all our sufferings. And not only does He understand our suffering, He did something about it. He sacrificed Himself for us on the cross, taking away our sin and guilt, and nullifying sin, Satan, death and hell with His death and resurrection.

I said earlier that suffering was relative. Jesus faced all of our sufferings in His human nature and experienced them in the same way that we do. Then He took His suffering to an enormously greater level; one that we can never know. He took upon Himself the sins of the world; a task only He could have done. He was forsaken by the Father on the cross; He was crucified with all the hatred of man and in the awesome wrath of God. There is no suffering greater than that which Jesus faced and

experienced, and even in relative terms, our suffering was nothing compared to His. Unless we lose our faith, we will never know that kind suffering, thank God!

Even more than that, St. Paul reminds us that the sufferings we experience aren't even worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us. Paul is speaking of the joys of the heavenly kingdom; of being in the presence of God forever. St. Paul says all creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of God; meaning the events of the Last Day when the wheat and chaff are separated and believers will face no more suffering forever, and unbelievers will face indescribable suffering for all eternity. In facing the cross, suffering, persecution will come. When it does, cling to God words of blessed assurance and promise to us, "But the one that endures to the end will be saved. Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." 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.

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.

# **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332323924525750?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NR0E14bll5dz09> Meeting ID: 83332323924, Passcode: 525750



## Easy Meatloaf

### Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup dried bread crumbs
- salt and pepper to taste.
- ⅓ cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard

### Step

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan.
2. Combine ground beef, onion, milk, bread crumbs and egg in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper. Transfer into prepared loaf pan.
3. Mix ketchup, brown sugar, and mustard together in a small bowl until well combined; pour over meatloaf and spread it evenly over the top.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink in the center, about 1 hour.

### Religious Jokes

**1. Question:** What did Daniel tell his real estate agent? "

**Answer:** I'd prefer a house with no den

**2. Question:** Who in the Bible knew the most people?

**Answer:** Abraham knew a Lot.

**3. Question:** What's loved by Noah and also most meat-eaters?

**Answer:** Ham..

**4. Question:** Who in the Bible had the greatest business plans?

**Answer:** The prophets.

**5. Question:** Which minor prophet is well-known thanks to [cookies](#)?

**Answer:** Famous Amos..

**6. Question:** What do you call a prophet who's also a chef?

**Answer:** Habakkuk..

**7. Question:** When preparing for the Feast of Weeks, what did some disciples wonder?

**Answer:** How much is this going to (Pente)cost?"

**8. Question:** What's a miracle that can be done by a complainer?

**Answer:** Turning anything into *whine*.

### **Bible Trivia Questions**

**1.Question:** Why does God curse the Israelites to wander the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land?

**Answer:** Because the Israelites vote down Moses as their leader.

**2.Question:** Why does the prophet Nathan rebuke David?

**Answer:** David commits adultery with Bathsheba.

**3. Question:** What event triggers the division of Israel into two kingdoms?

**Answer:** Rehoboam wants the tribe of Judah to secede from the twelve tribes.

**4.Question:** Who is Elisha?

**Answer:** Elijah's apprentice and successor

**5. Question:** Which Jewish festival results from the events in Esther?

**Answer:** Purim

# When Is That Golden Moment?

When the scale tells me I've not gained a pound  
When my glasses or phone or keys have been found,  
When the cop pulls me over but spares me the ticket  
When my ice cream cone drips and I get to lick it,  
When I read the obituaries and don't know a soul,  
When the car just ahead of me pays for my toll,  
When my pants can fit without sucking my gut in  
When I'm on the dance floor and a man asks to cut in,  
When it's time for a movie and I get to choose it,  
When I cut out the coupon and remember to use it.

Everyone understands the worth  
Of a big celebration: a marriage, a birth  
But [moments of joy](#), too many to mention  
Brighten each day, when we just pay attention.

*By Eileen Hession*

**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

**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 February 29, 2024.** Actual Revenue \$173,485 Budget Revenue \$185,156 under Budget (\$11,671)

**\*\*\*\*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](http://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.

**Farmington 's** Leah Hodge of Farmington United has encountered many obstacles throughout her gymnastics journey. From multiple injuries and sickness to the long and difficult road of recovery, these challenges led her to believe her gymnastics career should come to a close. Leah recovered claimed top individual honors in Division 1, gymnastics high school. [States of Michigan tournament Congratulation from her Grandparent Mr. and Mrs. Hodge.](#)

**LWML Wayne Oak Hills** zone rally will be held at SOTC Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 to noon in combine with the Greater Detroit Zone after rally there will be a Continental Breakfast.

**Our Fifth Anniversary Celebration is Sunday April 21, 2024.** Worship, Meal by Women's League, Program. Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Kasper, LCMS. Unity Ministry is making a memory book, fund raiser, for our 5th Anniversary. Ads may be purchased for the book, Full page ad \$75.00, 1/2 page ad \$50.00, and 1/4 page ad \$25.00, and 10.00 Patrons name in book.

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

**LWML TEA** on May 4. More information later

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

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.royaloakorchestra.com). This season concerts May 10.

**The Redford Civic Symphony,** 3pm at Covenant Community Church of Redford 25800 Student, Redford. All concerts are FREE admission, with goodwill donation requested. [www.redfordsymphony.org](http://www.redfordsymphony.org). Concerts this season May 19. Concert locations change so please check the website.

**PRAISE CHOIR Meet** 2<sup>nd</sup>& 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday, in April at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

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

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

**BD. OF PROPERTIES** in need of help with the work around the building. Our

cleanup day is on May 11.

**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.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<a href="#"><u>SOTC Fifth Anniversary celebration April 21, 2024</u></a>		Pastor Bible Stdy 11: am. 7pm SOTC Choir				Women League's Meeting 9:00am 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom Noon properties cleanup.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. Bible Study 11:00am	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm meeting 6:00pm Trustee Meeting.	Pastor Bible Stdy 11: am. 1:15 Unity meeting 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	7:00pm. Finance Meeting.			Lwml Wayne Oak Hill zone 9am to Noon 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Noon properties
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday Bible School. 11:00 am.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		7:00p Leadership Council meeting		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. 12pm properties cleanup
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study. <a href="#"><u>SOTC Fifth Anniversary</u></a>		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir		10:30 Visually impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom Earth Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
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