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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of June 2, 2024

First Reading Deut. 5:12-15

Epistle –2 Cor. 4: 5-12

Holy Gospel –Mark 2:23-28

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

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: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 am 1-425-436-6395 dial 34164 #

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

Two Precious Gifts”

“In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.” John 16:23 ESV

How many of us, if given a brand new Mercedes Benz by our parents, would lock it up and drive it only to church on Sundays? How many of us if our inheritance included a sprawling estate on an island paradise, would reject it or use it sparingly as if we didn't really appreciate the gift? If I had to guess, probably not many of us, including myself, would treat these things given to us out of love by our parents like that.

The truth is we believers in Christ as our resurrected Lord and Savior have been given two precious gifts, far more valuable than any Mercedes Benz and we will inherit mansions greater than all the earthly estates combined. We have been given the gift of prayer and we stand to inherit everlasting life with Christ in Zion, the true paradise. Yet how do we treat these precious gifts? Do we use them and treat them as if they are irreplaceable? Or do we put them on the shelf or in the filing cabinet, hiding them from the world, using them sparingly, because we don't hold them in our hearts as precious and irreplaceable?

I bring this up only so that each of us may examine ourselves. As I said in a recent sermon, God has given every believer in Christ an “Open Invitation” to come and talk with Him through prayer, anytime, anywhere about anything. Do we really take advantage of that great opportunity? God has promised to hear the prayers of those who love and trust in Him and to respond. The verse above tells us that whatever we ask of the Father in Jesus' name, will be given to us. Now if we are foolish enough to waste our prayers asking God for mansions and Mercedes, when forgiveness, healing, salvation and fellowship with our Savior are still on the table and have not been requested, then we truly have a misguided concept of who God is and what His promise of fulfilling our prayers means. If a car or a house mean more to you than a loving relationship with the Father and the Son and more than our eternal salvation, then I hope you are happy with those temporary things; because they will not last. If you think I'm wrong, see you on the Last Day...uh no, I won't!

The precious gift of prayer should not be locked up in our garages with a sign saying “Sundays Only”. What a shallow, cavalier, disrespectful and spiteful way to treat something that God has given out of love for our own benefit. God loves us and wants to have a Father-child relationship with us. He is not obligated to love us, He certainly does not owe it to us, and we certainly did nothing to deserve His love. He gives this gift because HE desires to be our Father and our God. The promise of the precious gift of everlasting life should not be packed away, where it cannot be shared with others, so that they may come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and share in the gift themselves. But if you are foolish enough to believe that the promise of everlasting is replaceable; then tell me, with what?

Prayer and everlasting life. My friends, God through Christ Jesus, has provided us with everything we need for now and the for world to come in these in these two precious gifts. Pray always and tell everyone of the promise of life everlasting that Jesus won for all believers. This is how we use these two precious gifts and how we show God that we truly appreciate the grace, love, mercy and blessings that comes to us through them. Houses and cars will crumble and rust away and will lose their value. But these two precious gifts of God will never perish and will never be less than precious. God bless you all as we head into summertime! - 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWXZCU1NR0E14bll5dz09>

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



30-Minute Crispy Breaded Chicken Breast Cutlets

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups (90 g) panko crumbs
- 2 tablespoons [chopped parsley](#)
- 2 tablespoons (30 g) grated Parmesan cheese.
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon granulated garlic or garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper, or ground black pepper
- 2 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 1½ pounds total, sliced into cutlets.
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Put two shallow bowls or pie plates on your work surface. Put the panko, parsley, and Parmesan in one plate and stir to

combine. Crack the eggs into the other plate, then add the garlic powder, salt and cayenne and whisk until blended.

- Dip the chicken into the egg mixture, turning to coat on both sides. **Tip:** To keep your hands clean, use a pair of tongs or a fork to handle the chicken.
- Transfer the chicken to the panko mixture, turning it over to coat both sides with the crumbs. Nudge and press additional crumbs onto any bare spots. At this point, cook the chicken immediately, or arrange in one layer on a sheet pan, cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours ahead.
- Heat a large (preferably 12-inch) nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until a drop of water sizzles and immediately evaporates. Add a generous layer of olive oil (start with 2-3 tablespoons). Add the chicken breasts and cook until golden brown on one side, about 3 minutes. Gently turn the chicken over with a spatula and cook another 2 minutes. **Note:** If your pan isn't large enough to hold all the chicken without crowding, fry in two batches, two breasts at a time, adding more olive oil as needed.
- Transfer the chicken to a rimmed baking sheet. Place in the preheated oven and bake 10 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through.
- Place the hot chicken on a platter. Top with the greens and shave some Parmesan over with a vegetable peeler (or just use more grated cheese). Squeeze the lemon wedges over the chicken and serve.

Prep Time 15minutes mins **Cook Time** 15minutes mins **Total Time** 30 mins.

Religious Jokes

War

- A Dutchman in Amsterdam felt that he needed to confess, so he went to his Priest.
"Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. During WWII, I hid a Jewish man in my attic."
"Well," answered the Priest, "That's not a sin."
"But I made him pay me 20 gulden for each week he stayed." The Dutchman said.
The Priest replied, "I admit that wasn't good, but you did it for a good cause."
The Dutchman exclaimed "Oh thank you Father; that eases my mind. Father, I have one more question."
"What is it son?" ask the priest.
The Dutchman whispered, "Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

Revival

- After the revival had concluded, the three pastors were discussing the results with one another.
- The Methodist minister said, "The revival worked out great for us! We gained four new families."
- The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."
- The Presbyterian pastor said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our 10 biggest troublemakers!"

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his

mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear,"

A kindergarten teacher was walking around her classroom while her students drew pictures. One little girl was scribbling so intently that the teacher asked what she was drawing. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of Jesus." The teacher said, "Oh honey, nobody really knows for sure what Jesus looked like." The little girl, without missing a beat, responded, "They will in a minute."

Late one night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" The preacher said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer said, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."

Bible Trivia Questions

How many times did Balaam beat his donkey before the Lord opened his eyes?

3, 5, 7, 1

A. "Balaam beat his donkey three times before God opened his eyes and allowed him to hear his donkey speak.

Reference: [Numbers Chapter 22](#)

Q Who was the king of the Amorites?

Moab, Oboth, Sihon, Og

A. Sihon was the king of the Amorites.

Reference: [Numbers 21:21](#)

Q How long is the Festival of Shelters?

1 day, 7 days, 2 weeks, 1 month

A. The festival of shelters was to last for seven days.

Reference: [Numbers 29:12](#)

Q What is the western boundary of the land of Canaan as told by God?

Red Seas, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Hor, Jordan River

A. The western boundary was defined by the Mediterranean Sea.

Reference: Numbers 34:6

Q. Who was trying to gain favor with King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) while he was plotting to kill Mordecai?

Haman, Abraham, Esther, Queen Vashti

A. Haman wanted Mordecai killed because he would not bow or pay homage to him.

Reference: Esther 3:6

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich. who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret. and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes. and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays”

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 05/22/24 Actual Revenue 236,149 Budget Revenue \$248,366 under Budget (\$10,237)

******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.

New Office Days Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm.

BodySoulSpirit Blood Pressure is taken the last Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

Prayer Journey: new time 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 am 1-425-436-6395 dial 34164 # no longer zoom dial up.

City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts

Margo Dupre has two artworks on loan to the City of Farmington Hills for two years: 2024 - 2025. Please visit the city hall main floor at 31555 W. Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake anytime over the next two years to view.

The Scholarship Awards will take place after service on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Please join us as we recognize our college graduates and all our young S.O.T.C. Scholars.

The theme for this year's Martin C. Hatcher Essay is "Using Technology in God's World". Essay requirements are as follows:

College (a)250 words or more and(b) 2 or more Bible verses

High School(a) 200 words or more and(b) 2 Bible verses

Other Scholars (a) 150 words or more and (b)1 Bible verse

Essays are due by June 30, 2024. Congratulations to all our honorees.

Prizes range from \$50 to \$400. Contact Lainia Wallace or Barbara Hatcher
Dear S.O.T.C Family and Friends,

With grateful hearts the Unity Ministry will donate \$2500 to the General Fund. We will also be contributing 3 gifts of \$100 to outreach programs: Gifts for All God's Children, Peace Lutheran Food Bank, and the SOTC Scholarship Awards. Thank you to all who participated and celebrated our 5-year anniversary with us. God's Blessings to you all.

congregation meeting Sunday June 23,2024 after service.

Celebrate Minnie Brooks 44 years of Music Ministry, at Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church 17500 James Couzens Highway, Detroit, Michigan 48235. Sunday, June 23,2024 at 4:00pm. Minnie Brooks will be recognized for her devoted ministry with tributes, awards, and gifts. Favorite music selections will be performed by choirs she has directed, and special guests.

Contributions to a monetary gift can be made out to: Outer Drive Faith Music Ministry and delivered to the church.

2024 Summer Camp for Michigan LCMS Children at Camp Concordia, a Lutheran camp. Located 30 minutes north of Grand Rapids, MI. This experience is with trained cabin leaders, lifeguards, and program leaders. Weekly experiences include meals, swimming, archery, canoeing, campfire devotions, cookouts, Bible adventures and more all wrapped around a

Christ-centered message. Get more information at www.campconcordia.org. Camp Concordia, 13400 Pinewood St., Gowen, MI 49326, Phone 616-754-3785.

Goodfellow Dolls are here to be dressed. If you would like to make an outfit by sewing, knitting, or crocheting, see Flo Morris. Must be back by August 30.

Motto "No child without a Christmas."

2024 Lutheran Adult Gathering registration is now open, for October 11-13, 2024, at the Grand Hotel 286 Grand Ave. Mackinac Island, MI 49757. Since 1981 this gathering brings together believer to this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for 2024 is "New Beginnings IN HIS PRESENCE", based on Revelation 21:5. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel. The Grand Hotel beckons guests to a time where the old world meets new charm.

Experience the tradition of Afternoon Tea in the Parlor, dress up for dinner, dance to the sounds of a live orchestra, and sit in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch. Registration is \$50.00 per person and includes ferry to the island. Register at <https://michigandistrict.org/Lutheran-adult-gathering-registration/>. Lodging reservations are made separately and include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and tips. A limited number of rooms are available on Thursday and Sunday nights for those wishing to extend their stay.

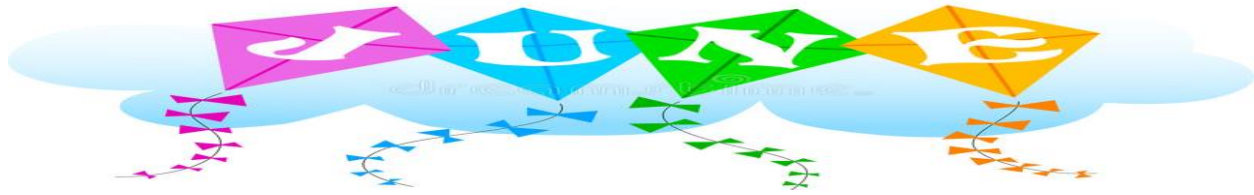
Cathleen Flinchum and Gloria Marchand are still collecting bottles and cans this time for Video upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in advance.

PRAISE CHOIR: Meet on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday, in June at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR June 9, 2024 last Sunday they will sing before summer break SOTC and MEN'S CHOIR returning back Sept. 8, 2024 SOTC meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm. **MEN'S CHOIR** Sunday right after church.

The Food Pantry. Please us help to fill up the food pantry. Place food donations in 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM Noon properties cleanup.
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