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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Pentecost

First Reading Ezek. 2:1-5

Epistle –2 Cor. 12:1-10

Holy Gospel –Mark. 6:1-13

**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.

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

Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

Tuesday Bible Study is 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 - Thursday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you.

“Why Don’t People Read the Bible?”

Have you noticed that lots of people like to talk about Biblical issues; the end times especially? What is surprising however is that most of those talking don’t have a clue what they are talking about. It is obvious that they haven’t read the Bible; like the guy who keeps predicting the day the world will end. He has been wrong (of course) at least four times, and yet he keeps adjusting the dates and making new predictions. And what about the Chicago housewife who claimed she had received knowledge that portions of the world would be destroyed by a flood before dawn on December 21, 1954.

The question becomes, “Why don’t people read the Bible?” It’s a question I just don’t have an answer for. If they did read it, they would quickly realize how foolish they sound to those of us who have read the Bible and how foolish they must sound to God. Clearly the Bible tells us that no one, not even Jesus, knows when the last day will be, only God the Father. And just as clearly God promises in the Bible that He will not destroy the earth by flood ever again.

Some people think it’s funny that these people make public spectacles of themselves, making ridiculous predictions and spending thousands of dollars building useless things to “save themselves” from the end to come. I think it is sad. After all God gave us His Word so that we would have a sure and certain hope and comfort in dealing with this world. He gave us His Word so that there would be a visible means by which the Holy Spirit could create faith in us. He gave us His Word so that we could be enlightened and strengthened in that faith. And yet a good many of us, who call ourselves Christians, don’t even read it or know what’s in it. What was meant to be a great gift from God, has turned into the unwanted, unopened gift left under the Christmas tree, because so many of the “other gifts” of the world have captured our time and attention. Sad. Very sad. For many, the second greatest gift from God remains unopened.

Why don’t people read the Bible? I don’t know. I guess people prefer to have it explained to them rather than read it themselves. If that is true, no wonder there are so many false prophets/televangelists/opportunists making money taking advantage of the uninformed, ignorant masses. That might sound harsh, but if you choose not to educate yourself on something as important as your eternal salvation, then you are beyond foolish; especially when God Himself has given this blessed gift freely, from His heart and out of His great love for us. It is my hope and prayer that those who are reading this article have also made it a practice to read, study and inwardly digest God’s Word written in the Bible.

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.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online

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=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

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



Bourbon-BBQ Glazed Baby Back Ribs

Ingredients:

- 1 rack baby back pork ribs, outer membrane removed
- 4 ounces apple juice
- Reynolds Wrap® Aluminum Foil

Dry Rub:

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly cracked black pepper.
- ¼ tablespoon garlic powder
- ¼ tablespoon onion powder
- ¼ tablespoon ground coriander
- ¼ tablespoon dry mustard
- ⅛ tablespoon cayenne pepper

Directions

1. Combine all the ingredients for the dry rub in a small bowl and mix together well.
2. Tear a large enough piece of Reynolds Wrap® Aluminum Foil to place rack of ribs on it and be able to fully cover, meat side up. Evenly coat both sides of the ribs with the dry rub, pressing it in with your hands.
3. Fold up the sides of the foil to create a rim, and pour the apple juice in around the ribs. Fold the foil over the ribs and crimp it to create a tight seal. Tear off one more piece of large foil and wrap the whole thing again to ensure a tight seal.
4. Place the wrapped ribs in the fridge to marinate for 2 hours.
5. Preheat oven to 225 degrees F and cook ribs for about 4 hours. You should be able to easily pierce them with a fork, but they shouldn't be falling off the bone.
6. Combine all the BBQ sauce ingredients in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce to a simmer and allow the sauce to thicken and reduce by about a third, stirring occasionally.
7. Preheat grill to high heat. Cover the grill rack with Reynolds Wrap® Aluminum Foil. Place the cooked ribs meat side up on the grill and brush the top with a layer of sauce. Close grill until the sauce is mostly dried, about 5 minutes. Brush another layer of sauce on top and close grill for an additional 5 minutes. Remove ribs from grill and lightly brush with one more layer of sauce.
8. Cut the ribs into individual pieces and serve with extra sauce.
9. **Reynolds Kitchens Tip**
Use Reynolds Wrap(R) Aluminum Foil when grilling a rack of ribs to ensure they fall right off the bone.
Prep Time:15 mins Cook Time:4 hrs. 10 mins Total Time:4 hrs. 25 Mins

Religious Jokes

GOD IS WATCHING

When I went to a Christian school, I walked into the cafeteria and there on the table was a plate of fruit. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching."

Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a fellow student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

NECESSARY OBJECTS

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus.

Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."

RESPITE

During his fourth week of basic training, my grandson was able to make a brief phone call to me. He said he was attending church on base every week, which I was pleased to hear.

"Everyone goes to church here," he added. "It's the only place we don't get yelled at."

COMMANDMENTS

When I asked my friend if she was planning to attend church, she just shook her head. "I haven't gone in a long time," she said. "Besides, it's too late for me. I've probably already broken all seven commandments."

Bible Verses & Bible Trivia Questions

Q: Who said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word'? for eternal life.

A. Mary -Jesus' mother

Q 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?

A. Noah

Q. The author of which letter addresses the letter 'to the chosen lady and her children'?

A. 2 John

Q. Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.' Can you name this book?

A. Exodus

Q. In which book of the Bible is this verse found? 'They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.'

A. Jude

Q. Where in the Bible is this verse found? "There is no peace,' says my God, 'for the wicked.'"

A. Isaiah

Q. Which prophet saw a valley of bones come alive again?

A. Ezekiel

Q. Which man asked, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?'

A. Nicodemus

For What it's Worth

For What it's worth: it's never too late or, in my case too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, stop whenever you want. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. And hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again.

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

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 May 31, 2024. Actual Revenue \$ 247,585.00 Budget Revenue \$ \$255,161.00 under Budget **\$ (\$7,576.00)**

******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.

Vacation Bible School July 22 thru 26 2024 Vacation Bible School. We need volunteers, please see Barbara Profit if you can attend or help, 1 night or all 5 nights, 5pm-8pm. Dinner is served at 5pm. Volunteers needed for: Teachers- Adults and Children, Craft Leaders, Music leaders, Sports/Recreational Leaders, Kitchen Helpers, set up Team, Take Down Team, Clean up Team and Security Team. Please contact **Barbara Profit 313-516-8740** If you have any questions or want to sign up. Thank You.

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

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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.

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 audio upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in advance.

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

SOTC CHOIR and MEN'S CHOIR on summer break returning back Sept. 8, 2024 SOTC meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm and Men's 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.

Money Donated during coffee hour at the desert table is being using to buy kitchen supply.

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.

July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm meeting 6:00pm Trustee Meeting.			****4 of JULY**** 		10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM cleanup. Noon properties
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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