

1/05/2025

Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre  
Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



**Readings for the week of Jan 5, 2025**

**First Reading 1 Kings 3:4-15**

**Epistle – Ephesian: 1:3-14**

**Holy Gospel – Luke 2:40-52**

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

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395 dial 341-364 #

**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 – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:00 am.

## **“Wisdom Without Knowledge”**

“Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

-Hosea 4:1,6

Let me begin by saying; thank you Lord God for bringing us to the beginning of another year, with the opportunity to renew our faith and refresh our spirit! Have you noticed that more and more people are putting their faith and trust in things which they have no knowledge of at all? Have you noticed that they are beginning to speak boldly about things which are speculative at best? Have you heard these people speak wisdom without knowledge? I have; over and over again.

The one of the wildest was that the world would end December 21, 2012 based on the cycle of the Mayan calendar. Now have you noticed that we are all still here and the world is still intact 12 years later almost to the day? It's not because of some miscalculation; and it is not by happenstance that we are still here; it is by grand design.

You see, what the prophet Hosea warned Israel about in the passage above is the same sin many today are guilty of. Where Israel rejected the Law and faith in and had no knowledge of God, we too are guilty of these things and we have carried it a step farther. Many of us who have no knowledge of God, His Word, His Son, or His promises speak about them as if we do. We talk about things that only God can bring about as if Mayans, Martians, or even mankind had such power. That is wisdom without knowledge...ignorance, stupidity, and foolishness. The truth is there is no wisdom without knowledge. We cannot be wise in the ways of anything that we have not put time and effort to gain and retain knowledge of.

Yet we have a modern day cult that has built a life-sized version of Noah's Ark to take refuge in when the next great flood covers the earth. In Genesis 9:11 God tells us never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth. We have all sorts of predictions of the day the world will end. Matthew 24:36 says, “But concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”

We have people who believe homosexuality is merely an “alternative lifestyle” instead of the abomination that God says it is in Leviticus 18:22. All of these sins are wisdom without knowledge...ignorance, stupidity, and foolishness. Psalm 111:10 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding.” Proverbs 10:14 says, “The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the fool brings ruin near.” That means that there cannot even exist the beginning of wisdom without the fear (knowledge, love, faith and reverence) of the Lord. Likewise, only the wise seek knowledge. Therefore, there is no wisdom without knowledge, and knowledge embraced.

So, let's call wisdom without knowledge what it is; deception from the great deceiver whose only purpose is to separate us from faith in and knowledge of God; to despise and reject His Law, Word and promises. Let Hosea's warning to Israel be a warning to us all. And let us agree that when we hear our brothers and sisters speaking wisdom without knowledge, that we not let

them live in ignorance and deception but point them to the truth that has come into the world in Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

-Pastor Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

### SOTC Zoom Account

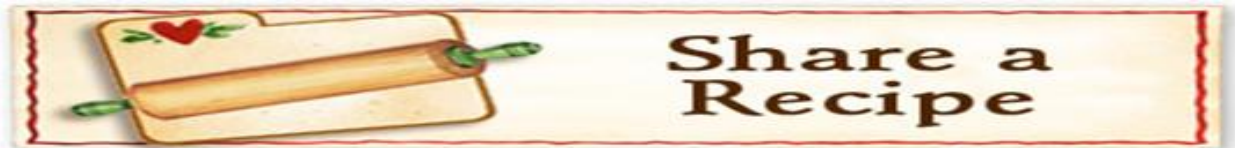
Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.

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=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROE14bll5dz09> Meeting ID: 83332323924, Passcode: 525750



## Ranch Buffalo Wings

### INGREDIENTS

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- **½ cup Butter Melted**
- **¼ cup Hot Sauce**
- **3 Tablespoons White Vinegar**
- **Chicken Wings or Drumettes 24**
- **2 Tablespoons Hidden Valley Original ranch seasoning Salad**
- **dressing mix saker cup**

## Steps (2)

- **THIS RECIPE IS AIR FRYER-FRIENDLY**

Simply reduce the cooking time and temperature on your air fryer as shown here. \*

- **Timing**

Set air fryer timer for half the cooking time of a conventional oven. Add extra time for doneness if needed.

- **Temperature**

Reduce regular oven temperature by 25° to 50° (not going below 350°) on your air fryer. If food is getting too dark, reduce by another 25°.

- \* Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

In a small bowl, whisk together butter, hot sauce and vinegar. Dip drumettes in butter mixture; arrange in single layer in large baking pan. Sprinkle with ranch seasoning. Bake until chicken is browned and an internal temperature of 165°F has been reached, about 30 to 40 minutes. Serve hot with celery and Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressing, for dipping.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Prep Time 5 min Cook Time 35 min 6 to 8 servings

## Religious Jokes

### 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 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."

**There was once a little worm** who lived in an apple and heard some rumors that there would be a flood to wipe out all life. He was scared until he heard that there was a man named Noah who was building a massive ark to save all the animals though. So the worm gets in his little apple and starts rolling it. He rolls through deserts and grasslands, mountains and valleys, over rivers and cities alike, and after many weeks of travel he finally saw the ark in the distance. He rolled up to Noah in his little apple, and ran right into his ankle to get his attention. Noah looked down at the worm in the apple and picked him up, asking him "what would you like friend?" to which the worm replied "I heard there was going to be a flood and I wanted a spot on your boat." but Noah just nodded his head and said "Sorry little guy, we only take animals in pears, not apples."

**During an ecumenical assembly, a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"**

**The Methodists** prayed in a corner. **The Baptists** wondered where they could find water. **The Quakers** quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings. **The Lutherans** posted a notice on the door announcing the fire was evil. **The Roman Catholics** passed the plate to cover the cost of the damage. **The Jews** posted symbols on the door in hopes the fire would pass. The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!" The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!" The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out. The Christian Scientists denied that there was a fire. **The Presbyterians** appointed a chairperson to form a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report. ... The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

## Bible Verses & Bible Trivia Questions

**Q: Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?**

**A.** His Sister Miriam

[Exodus 2:4](#)

**Q Who would have nothing to do with the author of 3 John?**

**A.** Diotrefes

[3 John 1:9](#)

**Q. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner?**

**A.** Epaphras

[Philemon 1:23](#)

**Q . James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results?**

**A.** Elijah

[James 5:13-18](#)

**Q. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers?**

**A.** Children

[1 John 1](#)

**Q. What does Solomon say about sin?**

**A** That no one does not sin

[Ecclesiastes 7:20](#)

**Q. Who pretended to be mad to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy king?**

**A** David

[1 Samuel 21:13](#)

## Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns  
As every one of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure comes about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow\_\_  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out\_\_  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit\_\_  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit,

For all the sad words of tongue or pen  
The saddest are these: "It might have been?"

~ John Greenleaf Whittier ~  
1807-1892

**Publisher's note:** If you have information, prayer requests, 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 11/30/24** YTD Revenues Received \$99,454.00 and Budgeted Expenses \$140,060.00.

### **\*\*\*\*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](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 on the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

**Pastor Bible Study** 11:00 am Tuesday Bible Study postpone and will start back up Jan.14,2025.

**BodySoulSpirit** Blood Pressure is taken on the 4th Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

**BodySoulSpirit** is planning a Martin Luther King Breakfast, on January 20, 2024, headed by Roddy and Dorothy McClure. More information to follow.

### **January 26,2025 Congregation meeting after service.**

**Officers** will be installed on January 26, 2025.

1 Congregation Secretary Linda Wilcoxson

5 Board of Elders George Barnes, Jim Kivimaki, Roderick McClure, Doug Eiben, John Rosseau

1 Board of Finance Sharon Martin

1 Board of Trustees/Properties Charles McCants

4 Parish Board of Education Ava Davis, Roderick McClure, Lainya Burk, Villada



**Pastor Bible Study** 11:00 am Tuesday Bible Study postpone. until January 14,2025

**"SAFE FOR ALL" LINE DANCE CLASS** Taught by Sydney Rose Burwell, Semi-retired Registered Nurse (RN). The line dance class was postpone November 19,2024 and will be returned to the regular scheduled Tuesday, January 21st 2025, 12:45pm to 1:45pm. It costs \$2.00.

**Andrea Ballantine plays in two orchestras** and invites you to attend!

Redford Civic Symphony concerts are FREE! Mark your calendars for concert on dates are, Mar 9, May 18, and the outdoor concert on June 24 at St James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, [www.redfordsymphony.org](http://www.redfordsymphony.org)

Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra is the winner of the Detroit Music Award for Best Outstanding Community Orchestra in 2020 and 2022! All ROSO concerts are at Royal Oak Middle School (Dondero Auditorium). Other concert dates are Mar 14, and May 9. [www.royaloakorchestra.com](http://www.royaloakorchestra.com)

**10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy** on Saturday will be postponed in January.

**Kroger's Community Rewards Program.** Each must enroll individually. Once you have enrolled, every time you use your Kroger card, a portion of the money is rebated to SOTC ever so often in the form of a check payable to SOTC.

We have been assigned the following NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number:

**QA495**

To enroll login to <http://www.kroger.com> and then search by either Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church or by our NPO QA495 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account requiring some basic information, a valid email address and a Kroger rewards card.

**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 on Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake anytime over the next two years.

**Margo Dupre:** Hello church, I am excited and thankful to God that I have been invited along with my fellow Concordia Publishing House authors to participate as a speaker this coming year at the BEST Practices Ministry conference in Arizona during February 2025. My topic is " Christian Intentionality in a Chaotic World".

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with both church professionals and lay workers supporting their work in the ministry. It is a true gift as it is fully complimentary to all participants (meals, shuttling, speakers, snacks, activities, and registration).

I really hope to see you there at my session or at the CPH store. God bless you during this holiday season. If you're interested in attending, check out information below :<https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/>

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

**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 January at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

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

**MEN'S CHOIR** Sunday right after church.

**Please shop for our pantry grocery list on the bulletin board or see Dawn for the list. We are very in need of groceries.**

**Money Donated** during coffee hour at the desert table is being used to buy kitchen supplies.

**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.



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are sponsoring

## First-time Home Buyer Seminar

Saturday January 18, 2025, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at:

Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road

NW corner of Eight Mile Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Jack Abbo, Mortgage Banker, **First Merchants Bank** will be presenting and Harry Lee and Brian Dupre, Realtors of the **Mark Z Real Estate Team** will be on hand to answer questions. Come and get answers to:

- What does “first-time buyer” mean? It’s probably not what you think.
- What is the difference between grants and down payment assistance?
- How can I tap into the \$10-25K grants for down payments and closing costs?
- What does it take to get a pre-approved mortgage?
- Are there credit improvement programs available?

Tickets are available at the door, \$5.00/person. You can pre-register by calling the church office: 248-474-0675, M-Th 9am-2pm. DO NOT leave a voicemail message.

You can sign up to get your mortgage pre-approval at the seminar.  
Space is limited so register now!!





**2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom .Noon properties cleanup.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study	Bd of properties 6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	Pastor 11:00am BS postpone 1:15 Unity meeting 5:30pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	7:00pm. Finance Meeting.			930 am coffee hour women's League meeting 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 to 1pm: Prayer Journey Noon properties cleanup.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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