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Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of May 3, 2026
First Reading Acts: 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
Epistle –Rev. 1Peter: 2: 2-10
Holy Gospel –John 14:1-14

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Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

Fellowship hours with refreshments will follow service.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395
dial 341-364 #

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

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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 Wed Thurs. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. And Tues. 9:00am – 12:00 pm Thank you.

Confession: “Have to” Versus “Get To”

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” -1 John 1:8-9 ESV

Have to versus get to; it’s the difference between feeling forced to do something and feeling free to do it. It’s the difference between feeling pressured or privileged. And it’s the difference in how empty or how full we see our lives. It’s an empty life we lead when we feel we **have to** do everything and a full life we lead when we realize what we **get to** do because of the good gifts of God through Christ.

Confession is a good gift of God for the cleansing of the spirit and the forgiveness of sin. It is a necessary thing if you desire to be nearer to our Lord and our God. But because it is necessary, some feel pressured to confess instead of desiring to confess. It’s the same old story; we want the benefit without the work or responsibility that comes along with it; Or we simply don’t feel confession is necessary because we deny that we are sinful beings. When it comes to confession, some of us might see it as a necessary part of every worship service. Others might see it as being overkill, redundant, meaningless, boring or routine doing it that often. For them, once a month maybe all they see as necessary. Any more than that, and we’re just going through the motions.

Some of us might even see ourselves as not having sinned since our last confession, so doing it again so soon is a waste of time. We don’t **want to** go through it again. And the more we **have to**, the less we **want to**. And the less we **want to**, the less **we will**. My friends, this is where the danger lies; because there is no difference between saying “I have no sin” and saying “I don’t need confession this week”. But when we make such claims, we are doing them out of arrogance, denial and deception; all of which are sins against almighty God and a rejection of His good gift of confession.

You see confession wasn’t meant to be a burden to us. It was meant to be a blessing to us. It wasn’t meant to be something that we **have to** do, it was meant to be something that we as faithful believers in Christ **get to** do, out of the free will God gave us. It was not meant to be a burden but a relief from our burdens. But it’s so easy to get caught up in the cares of this world and especially the cares of self, that the **want to’s** of this world makes us see the **get to’s** of God’s gracious gifts as **have to’s**. Yes confession is necessary, but all of us who say we love the Lord should **WANT TO** receive the benefits that confession brings and thank God almighty that for the privilege He has given us. Confession is meant wash away our sins, to separate our sins from us as far as east is from west, to make us righteous, wholly presentable and acceptable to Him. But it’s even more than that; confession is the releasing of fears, stresses and burdens. It is a reaffirmation of our faith in Christ as our sufficiency, our all in all and our Good Shepherd.

Don’t you see the privilege in this blessing? God did not **HAVE TO** provide a way for us to be forgiven of our sins; He **WANTED TO**, out of deep fatherly and abiding love for us. The fact that He wants to forgive us should cause us to fall on our knees and thank God for His goodness and mercy. The fact that God **gets to** forgive His children who humble themselves before Him, admitting our guilt, is pleasing to Him. All of us should **want to** confess our sins as often as possible and realize that we are truly blessed that we **get to**. Just think; where would

we be if Jesus looked at the sacrifice He was about to make on the cross as a **have to** and didn't **want to**? We should be overjoyed that God **wants to** hear our confession, because He doesn't **have to**. But God sees us with such loving eyes that He is overjoyed that He **gets to**. 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, Lainya 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=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NR0E14b1l5dz09>

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



Easy Oven Beef Tenderloin

Ingredients:

- 1 (4 pound) trimmed beef tenderloin
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, or to taste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F (260 degrees C). Place tenderloin at room temperature about 30 to 45 minutes before cooking.
2. Stir butter and soy sauce together; rub mixture over the entire tenderloin. Sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper on all sides. Place tenderloin on a foil-lined baking sheet. Fold the thin tail end underneath so that the tenderloin is at an even thickness.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until desired degree of doneness (25 minutes will yield rare-medium rare). Let stand for 20 to 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

Prep Time: 5 mins **Cook Time:** 25 mins **Stand Time:** 50 mins **Total Time:** 1 hr. 20 mins **Servings:** 8

Funny Bible Questions

Question: The ark was built in three stories. The top one had a window to let in light. How did the bottom two stories get light?

Answer: They used floodlights.

Question: According to the Bible, which one of Yahweh's servants was the most flagrant lawbreaker?

Answer: [Moses](#), because he broke all [10 commandments](#) at once.

Question: Which area of the [Promised Land](#) was especially wealthy?

Answer: The area near the Jordan River where the banks kept overflowing.

Question: Who was the first person to download something from a cloud to two tablets?

Answer: Moses

Question: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answer: "Your mother ate us out of house and home" (Genesis 3:6).

Question: How do we know that Job went to a chiropractor?

Answer: Because Job 16:12 says: *"All was well with me, but . . . he seized me by the neck"*

Question: Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

Answer: When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Bible Trivia Questions

Question Who is the last-named prophet in the Old Testament? (Malachi 4:5)

Answer: (Micah 4:5) Elijah

Question: According to Matthew 11:13-14, who was Elijah to come prophesied in the Old Testament?

Answer: (Matthew 11:13-14) John the Baptizer.

Question: What earthly use are angels?

Answer: (Hebrews 1:14) They are all ministering spirits sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation.

Question: What was the name of the woman who stopped David from destroying Nabal's house?

Answer: Abigail (1 Samuel 25).

Question: Which prophet was suspended between earth and heaven by a lock of his hair?

Answer: Ezekiel (Ezekiel 8:3).

Question: Which king of Judah used a penknife to cut and burn a prophetic scroll?

Answer: Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36:23).

Question: Who was the first Christian martyr to be stoned to death?

Answer: Stephen (Acts 7).



THE HEAVENS DECLARE
THE GLORY OF GOD;
THE SKIES PROCLAIM
THE WORK OF HIS HANDS.
DAY AFTER DAY
THEY POUR FORTH SPEECH;
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT
THEY REVEAL KNOWLEDGE.
THEY HAVE NO SPEECH,
THEY USE NO WORDS;
NO SOUND IS HEARD FROM THEM.
YET THEIR VOICE GOES OUT
INTO ALL THE EARTH,
THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.
IN THE HEAVENS GOD HAS PITCHED A TENT
FOR THE SUN.

PSALMS 19:1-4



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

When you are unable to attend a Sunday worship service in person, please join us on the Shadow of the Cross YouTube channel to watch the live-stream."

Please do not remove any of the books from the pulpit shelf. Pastor uses them.

*****ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS*****

"For your convenience, you can use the "Online Giving" button on the SOTC website to submit your regular tithe offering or to make a special donation, using a credit card or checking or savings account."

Church Financial Summary - Expected Revenue per Budget \$\$255,624 Actual Revenue through April 20, 2026, \$267,144 Better than expected \$11,520

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 Tuesday Bible Study begins at 11:00 am

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

Women League meeting will be May 2,2026 9:30am meeting start at 10:00am.

Bd.Of Properties May 2,2026 Saturday Spring clean 9:00am to 1:00pm please join us.

Please take advantage of the green recycling bin for paper items.

LWML Spring Rally Wayne Oak Hills Zone Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:30 am Welcoming Margo Dupre Christian Author and Visual Artist. Held at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48267. In Gathering for Detroit Street Ministry: sm. size bottles, not travel size, hand lotion, toothpaste not expired, baby wipes, deodorant, pocket mirrors, flashlights w/batteries, men's white crew socks, cracker kits w/tuna fish or chicken, new wash clothes, trail mix in individual pkgs, granola bars, and beef jerky in individual pkgs.

May 30, 2026 Visually impaired Bible Study will meet on the 4th Saturday at 10:30am.

The Annual Educational Scholarship Program will be held **SUNDAY June 14, 2026.**

LWML Convention Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI, 48824, www.lwnlmichigan.org, June 25-28, 2026. "Jesus is the light", 2 Corinthians 4:6. Volunteers are needed to service the Presidents meal on Thursday June 25, see Deborah Quarles.

Michigan District High School Gathering Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, MI June 28-July 1, 2026, MIGHTY WATERS John 4:14 "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Vacation Bible School July 27-31 5pm – 8pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm.

Best Practices for Ministry – Heartland Conference this August 9 -11 2026 at St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth Mi. 48734 Registration dead line June 30 more information website: <https://stlorenz.churchcenter.com/pages/bpmh>

Fall Rummage Sale. Sept.1 you can begin bringing rummage sale items. Sale starts September 17, 18 bag sale 19, set up 15 & 16.

20862 Kenwood Street Farmington Hills, MI 48336:

Tucked away on a quiet street in Farmington Hills, this 1,700 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, and a layout designed for comfortable everyday living. The home features spacious, light-filled rooms and a practical floor plan that flows easily from one space to the next. The kitchen has been updated with all-new cabinets and appliances, making it both functional and inviting for casual meals or entertaining. Throughout the home, new carpet and flooring complement fresh paint, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere. The bathrooms have also been remodeled and updated, enhancing both style and convenience. The bedrooms offer

flexibility for families, guests, or a home office. Outside, the backyard provides a private space for relaxing or gathering with friends. With easy access to local schools, shopping, dining, and major roadways, this home is a smart choice for those seeking both value and location in an established neighborhood.

\$1995.00/month. Call Greg Dembinski, 734 612-5290

LCMS- Michigan District Trade School Partnership with SEMCA

Through this partnership, students receive hands-on training in a variety of construction trades—including carpentry, electrical, and HVACR—to prepare for a career of skilled service. Alongside their trade education, students will also grow in their faith through courses that connect Christian theology and daily life, as well as develop essential “soft skills” such as teamwork, conflict resolution, and effective communication. (Scholarships for the program are available)

<https://michigandistrict.org/about-us/schools-about/crosspointe-center-for-the-trades/>

Kroger Community Rewards Program 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 with a valid email address and a Kroger rewards card.

The Unity Ministry is asking all members to resume their monthly gift-giving towards the SOTC Fundraiser. We are thankful for the many Spirit-filled gifts we have already received, as we continue to grow and share God’s Word.

Sewing Circle meets 10am to 12pm every Thursday. We need new pillowcases in bright prints and colors as we make dresses for girl sat orphanages in Zambia. Thank You! MaryAnn 248-767-5825.

Praise Choir meets 1st & 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm and sings on the 3rd Sunday.

SOTC Choir meets 7:00 pm, **MEN’S Choir** meets on Sundays

Please shop for our pantry grocery Need cans w/pull tabs, or easy open packages. Fruits, meat, peanut butter, jam, jelly, tuna fish, etc.

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

BD. OF PROPERTIES is in need of help with the work around the building. They meet on Mondays @ 5:45 pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Women League Meeting 9:30am 10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	Bd of properties 5:45pm Trustee meeting Elders 7pm meeting	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>		National Day Prayer Sewing Center. 10am to 12:00pm		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 - 1 Prayer Journey
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		Sewing Center. 10am to 12:00pm 7:00pm		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7 pm SOTC Choir		Sewing Center. 10am to 12:00pm Leadership Mtg.		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 - 1 Prayer Journey/ Noon properties
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. <i>Blood pressure check</i>	 MEMORIAL DAY	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir		Sewing Center. 10am to 12:00pm		VIOC 10:30am Bible Class