

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry June 2009

Sometimes there seems to be a bit of energy that overtakes us, an excitement that propels us to do even greater things. I would like to say "Thank You" to Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Clay Bates who came up from Lansing to work with our council on visioning, growing from where we are today. What a wonderful experience to hear where our council visions us in 10 years...the different ministries, the ability to share the Gospel to so many people in so many ways. I felt energized again, full of the spirit, as Paul would say, to go and serve!

I would love to hear from you all concerning visioning of our mission at Cross of Christ. Where do you see us down the road...short term and long term? There is a box where you can place your vision...you don't even need to sign the paper...although if you do, then perhaps we can create a dialogue as well! I invite you to write where you see us...is it in a new ministry with a new focus group? In a different building that is more user friendly for our community? Do you see us offering more Bible Studies or becoming more active in building homes or working with the shelter? Do you see a youth and family director? I would love to have your input!

As part of our church family and our church growth and change, we will say a formal "THANK-YOU" to Mary Michelsen on Sunday, June 7th. Recently you received a letter with an envelope for a gift for Mary as she moves into different ministries in our congregation including singing in the choir. The gift will be presented in the form of a check and a card from the entire congregation at the service on Sunday, June 7th, so please either bring the envelope to church and place it in the offering or mail it to the church. Mary began her response to God's gift in her at Cross of Christ almost 30 years ago! Let's celebrate well. A reception will follow the service and we invite all to stay and give thanks to God together for the service and wonderful ministry that Mary has shared.

I am still continually awakened to Christ in us as we work together for the building up of the church of Christ. It is a blessing to experience change as we look at the different gifts given to us as we grow in years. This year we celebrate so many graduations: Elliott Drake, Bently Laser, Brian Morgan, Morgan Saunders, Linda Peterson, Bill Bozell, and Rob Pemberton from High School; Rose Morford and Nick Tahtinen from college. The blessing of watching children of God serve others in a hurting world is such a gift!

This summer invites us to work together as a family to serve those in need. This summer invites us to work together as a family in Christ reading the word of God and celebrating our diverse gifts. This summer invites us to IMAGINE and to DISCERN where God is calling Cross of Christ to serve...what an exciting time of our faith journey! I look forward to walking with you in Christ!

God's Peace,

Pastor Sherry

PastorSherry@sbcglobal.net

Readings and Lessons for the month of June 2009

June 7:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

June 14:

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17;
Mark 4:26-34

June 21:

Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;
Mark 4:35-41

June 28:

Lamentations 3:22-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15;
Mark 5:21-43

WANTED!

Give me an S!
Give me an O!
Give me a U!
Give me a P!
Put it together: SOUP!
Bring in Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

COLLECTION REMINDERS: We are collecting the following items:

- Campbells UPCs/Lids for assisting Shepherd's Ministries— can in foyer
- Pop can tabs for assisting the McDonald House—in Campbells can
- Oleson's receipts for Pastor's Discretionary Fund—in Campbells can
- Returnable cans and bottles for the Youth—plastic can in foyer
- Used household batteries for recycling— designated cans at soup collection point
- Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry— wooden container near entrance way
- Frequent Diner Reward Cards from Bob-In, J.W. Filmore, etc.—secretary box
- old cell phones (functional or not) - bag at soup collection point

PASSING PRAYER REQUESTS ALONG

We have had requests from a few of our members without e-mail access to be notified of prayer requests via the phone. Tricia is taking names and numbers of those who would like to be involved in this endeavor. Drop Tricia a note in the designated "Secretary" mailbox if you are interested in participating.

IMMEDIATE PRAYER PASSAGE NEED:

Have: someone who doesn't receive e-mail notices

Need: someone who does get e-mail notices and is willing to pass on prayer requests



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We are looking for homemade baked goods that can be frozen (cookies, banana bread...) to be used as a back up for Emergency Sunday Fellowship coffee hour. If you have time to bake an extra tray, place the goodies into a zip-lock bag and label it Sunday Fellowship and just slip them into the freezer in the Lower fellowship area.

MEMORIALS...Are you looking for a way to honor to remember someone? At Cross of Christ you can give an honorarium or a memorial. When you do, the name is calligraphied in our Memorial book which you can see as you enter the sanctuary. The memorials and honorariums are non-restricted and help us grow in many ways. There are envelopes found on the memorial book or you can contact the office for more.

Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 8th AT 7 PM

Council members are asked to contact Betty High if they cannot attend in order to be excused. You can reach Betty at 347-6726 or at betty@hitech4you.com. The congregation is invited to attend the council meetings each month. The sessions are open and we welcome visitors. If you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Bryan Young at 439-9237.

Council Members—area code 231

Term Expires Jan 2010:

Trudy Day 348-5834
Marilynn Smith 622-4833
Bill Yingling 525-8950

Term Expires Jan 2011:

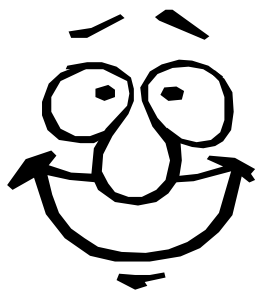
Jim Armstrong 347-1784
Vicki Morgan 548-5091
Joe Palm 347-2827

Term Expires Jan 2012:

Marla Hofmann 347-5073
Ernst Rusche 347-2108
Bryan Young 439-9237

OFFICE NEWS

Due to various youth events taking place in June, the church office will be closed most Wednesdays.



Church office related items (newsletter/bulletin submissions, returned forms, re-usable bulletins, etc.) should be placed into one of the following mailboxes: **Bulletin Submissions**, **Newsletter Submissions**, or **Secretary**. They are all located on the bottom level of the mailboxes for your convenience. Remember, just to the left of the **Secretary** mailbox there are paper and pencils for notes to be written, etc. Perfect for that “Oh, I just don’t want to forget to tell Tricia again!” moment on Sunday. Write the note, put it in the **Secretary** mailbox and rest assured, Tricia will get it the next time she is in to work.

Pastor Sherry attends Pericope Study on Tuesdays. She will be in Traverse City from 7 a.m. and return to Petoskey around 1 p.m. You can email (cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message (347-5448) with the secretary, Tricia Rodgers, should you need to reach Pastor or conduct church business.

Secretary Hours:

Monday, Tuesday 9—noon
Thursday 10—noon
Friday 9—11 a.m.

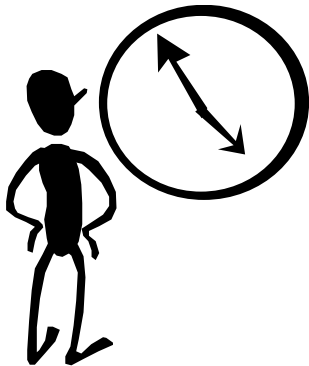
Pastor’s office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9—noon **and by appointment (347-5448)**

Submission Deadlines:

- *Newsletter: Hard copy submissions:* 10th of prior month
- *Newsletter: Electronic submissions: (disk or email):* 15th of prior month
- *Bulletin Announcements:* 11 am Monday before
- *Web Page:* 1 week in advance of desired publish date.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Summer schedule for worship ***begins on June 7th***. We will worship at 8:30 and 10:00 AM throughout the summer.

Looking for guitarists, drummers, bass guitarist, tambourine players, singers, etc to help liven up our music! If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Sherry as soon as possible. We will try to meet on Wednesday evenings as long as that works out for the majority of those interested.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

**Everyone entering grades 9-12th
invited**

RSVP to events by signing up on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH let's gather at the church at 10am to prepare for the ride of our lives! We will raft down the East Jordan River and enjoy lunch together. Please sign up on the door on Pastor Sherry's office so that we can make sure enough folks can go...we will be back by 3pm. AND...let Pastor Sherry know if you need a ride! Bring a friend and remember everyone going onto the 9th -12th grades are invited...and our recent graduates can come as chaperones!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH Rally the parents and challenge them to a battle of the year! Enter into either ping pong or badminton tournaments with them...see who can take the prize! Hamburgers and brats will be provided and you can bring your family's favorite picnic food! Bring a blanket and a chair and join us after the second service in the church yard!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

**Everyone entering grades 6-8th
invited**

Remember to sign up for the events on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH Bring a friend, but don't forget to sign up for the ride of your life! Pack a lunch and meet at the church at 10am for a trip to Mackinac Island with your bike! We will roll around the island, have lunch at the park, and have a great time. Make sure you wear your helmet! **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO GO ON THE TRIP BY JUNE 7TH (SUNDAY).** The cost for the ferry will be determined on that day when the total number of participants is turned into Pastor Sherry. Adult chaperones are needed. The cost, with your bike, should run around \$20.

A DAY AT THE BEACH WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH from 11am-2pm we will swim and have a barbecue at the Park at the end of Resort on Walloon Lake. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. There is a sign up sheet for other items that we need for the picnic on Pastor Sherry's door. Bring sun screen, a good floatation device and a friend! If you need a ride, please let Pastor Sherry know so that we can make arrangements. Adult chaperones are needed.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to dive into the Word of God from 6-7pm on Monday evenings in the upper level fellowship area. Bring your Bible and a friend and join in discussion, sharing of stories, and the fellowship of one another in the midst of God's word.

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

SUMMER READ FOR JUNE: BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

We will meet on Thursday evening June 25th at 6pm for the book discussion. This is a great time to get more familiar with some characters in the Bible! Let Pastor Sherry know if you need a book and we can order them from Augsburg Fortress.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 12TH AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE

The purpose of this meeting is to give our stewardship updates, ministry updates and to get feedback from the congregation on our visioning. We are praying that many of you can attend who are usually away in January at our annual meeting. We are trying to keep everyone informed so we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

FAMILY PICNIC WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING!

ATTENTION SECRET SISTERS!

Remember to keep an eye out as you travel for items that may be of interest to your secret sister; maybe a key chain, a special designed deck of cards, a postcard, sea shells.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SERVICE IN JULY AND AUGUST. SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH OFFICE DOOR.

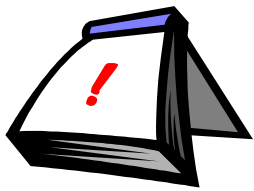
Evangelism meeting on Sunday, June 14, after the 10 a.m. service. We will talk about our church family and then reaching beyond our walls. Talk to Pastor Sherry for more information or email her at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Petoskey area Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month, 7—8:30 p.m., 1 Hiland Drive
(meetings are free and open—see their newsletter on bulletin board for more info)

The Compassionate Friends is an international nonprofit, self-help support organization which offers friendship, understanding, and hope to families who are grieving the death of a child. The Mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
June 7 8:30 AM 10 AM	Day	Hofmann	Hansen	Pemberton	N/A	Day	N/A	Day	J. Chaveriat	D. Chaveriat	B. Young
	Young	Kirschner	E. Chaveriat	J. Young	B. Young	D. Chaveriat	B. Young	Sjoberg & Beaubien			
June 14 8:30 AM 10 AM	Day	Hamal	K. Hamal	A. Honaker	N/A	Day	N/A	M. & H. Engel	Samantha & Ashley Young	B. Young	B. Pemberton
	Sjoberg	Chaveriat	Lumadue	H. Jaskowski	C. Matzinger	Meckstroth	C. Matzinger	P&N Wehrenberg & Meckstroth			
June 21 8:30 AM 10 AM	Bernier	Swender	M. Hofmann	S. Armstrong	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Swender	K. Meckstroth	Marilynn Smith	E. Rusche
	Cutshall	Drake	M. Frederick	G. Marshall	J. Smith	C. Matzinger	G. Drake	Collins/Klosinski &			
June 28 8:30 AM 10 AM	Pemberton	Palm	Palm	N. Honaker	N/A	J. Hamal	N/A	Palm	G. Marshall	D. Meckstroth	D. Rodgers
	Rodgers	Matzinger/Marshall	G. Drake	N. Morgan	S. Woldt	Meckstroth	T. Rodgers	Tahtinen & Rodgers			
	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
July 5 8:30 AM 10 AM	Day	Swender	C. Swender		N/A	Day	N/A	M&H Engel			
		G. High	B. High					High & Clark			
July 12 8:30 AM 10 AM	Pemberton	Pemberton	Pemberton	J. Pemberton	N/A		N/A	Pemberton			
			Michelsen	H. Jaskowski	Michelsen			Sjoberg &			
July 19 8:30 AM 10 AM			Gauthier		N/A		N/A	Hansen			
	M&S Smith		M. Frederick								
July 26 8:30 AM 10 AM		Day			N/A		N/A				
						Marilynn Smith					
Recycling: June: Cutshall July: Rodgers Aug: Hansen											



DATE CHANGE: Family Picnic

Contact: Marilyn Cusenza 347-5419

Location: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Date: July 12th following Congregational Meeting

Burgers will be provided and bring a dish to pass.

Also games for the kids and great visiting time for adults!

CRAFT NIGHT

Contact: Tricia Rodgers 347-4287

Crafters of all varieties are invited to join us for Craft Night on the first and third Fridays of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your craft, a snack if you like, and join us for creativity, fellowship and fun. In the month of June we will meet Friday, June 5th and Friday June 19th. *If you think you will be attending, please call the church (347-5448) or drop a line to cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net by noon that day.* Do you have a craft in mind that you'd like to try but don't know how to do? Let Tricia know and maybe she can find a teacher for you.

DEBORAH CIRCLE Contact: Dolores Wehrenberg 535-2942

The ladies of the Deborah Circle meet at Cross of Christ on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. All women welcome. Do join us. Contact Dolores Wehrenberg or any of the circle members (Carol Swender 526-6553, Adele Sjoberg 348-1281, Maggie Frederick 347-0559, Karen Roberts 347-1102) for more information.

ELDERBERRIES

**PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575**

**SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950**

The Elderberries will have a potluck meeting at the residence of Bill and Cyndi at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th. Please call Cyndi at 525-8950 to RSVP and find out what to bring.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Contact: Marty Engel 347-1689, Susan Hoffman 348-8189
or Tom Olsen 347-1194**

The Church Hammers are hard at work and with two builds happening this summer, we need you all the more! Ladies Siding Night was a great success and the siding is complete. Look for other opportunities to help out or contact Marty, Susan, and Tom directly to offer your personal talents and gifts. The Church Hammers Cookbooks are available for purchase. \$15/each. Please see Susan Hoffman or stop by the church office to purchase.

THURSDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

We need food and servers for June 11th & 25th, as well as Aug. 13th & 27th. Let church office know (crossofc@sbcglobal.net, 347-5448) if you are able to help in either manner.

FUND STATUS January 2009 Through March 2009

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	PROPERTY FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BAL.	11,357.89	5,212.31	13,535.49	163,534.76	193,640.45
+ INCOME	24,239.17	6,036.25	4,522.38	755.00	35,552.80
- EXPENSE	28,429.24	4,999.57	8,405.36	130.00	41,963.17
ENDING BAL.	7,168.82	6,248.99	9,652.51	164,159.76	187,230.08
2009 CHANGE	-4,189.07	1,036.68	-3,882.98	625.00	-6,410.37

FUND STATUS FOR THE PERIOD:

YEAR TO DATE

April 2009

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	PROPERTY FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE	11357.89	5212.31	13535.49	163534.76	193640.45
+ INCOME	38450.28	7151.72	6344.38	815.00	50761.38
- EXPENSE	38676.97	6096.34	10268.36	290.00	55331.67
ENDING BALANCE	9131.20	6267.69	9611.51	164059.76	189070.16
2009 CHANGE	-2226.69	1055.38	-3923.98	525.00	-4570.29

BIRTHDAYS

- June
- 1: Rose Morford
 - 3: Roy Mastic
 - 5: Ethan Jacobs
 - 7: Marty Engel
 - 8: Kathy Jacobs
 - 10: Marilyn Smith
 - 15: DeWayne Cox
 - 17: Bob Swender
 - 18: Sarah Simmons Paxton
 - 19: Jay Morford
 - 20: Sandi Lehky
 - 20: Bryan Young
 - 21: Karen Nayback
 - 24: Laura Simmons
 - 25: Derek Raisanen
 - 25: David Rodgers
 - 26: Hank Hoffman
 - 29: Paul Witt

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

- Ephesians 4:4-6



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June
- 3: David & Evelyn Chaveriat
 - 7: Boyd Manges & Joann Wilder
 - 13: Rev. Matt & Michelle Smith
 - 15: Tom & Kris Olsen
 - 18: Ben & Wendy Laser
 - 19: Bill & Vira Heise
 - 22: Clete & Aliene Beaubien
 - 24: Phil & Nancy Wehrenberg
 - 25: Ernst & Kathy Rusche
 - 26: Dean & Diana Tahtinen

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- June
- 2: Evelyn Chaveriat
 - 3: Melanie Weaver
 - 6: Lily Armstrong
 - 9: Josilyn Clark
 - 12: Stephanie Budnik
 - 20: Bradley Lehky

June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10 AM Worship & Music 6 PM Bible Study	2 Pastor in TC	3 7 PM Management Team	4	5 7 PM Craft Night (pg. 7)	6 Funeral for Mel Baumgartner in Manistee
7 8:30 & 10 AM Holy Communion 11 AM Thanksgiving for Mary Michelsen's years of service	8 6 PM Bible Study 7 PM Council	9 Pastor in TC	10 10 AM Middle School Youth (pg. 4) Newsletter Hard Copy Submissions Due	11	12 4 PM Elderberries (pg. 7)	13
14 8:30 & 10 AM Holy Communion Evangelism 11 AM	15 6 PM Orchestra 6 PM Bible Study 7 PM Manna Newsletter E-Submissions Due	16 Pastor in TC	17 10 AM Senior High Youth (pg. 4) 1 PM Deborah Circle (pg. 7)	18 Soup Kitchen	19 7 PM Craft Night (pg. 7)	20
21 8:30 & 10 AM Holy Communion	22 6 PM Bible Study	23 Pastor in TC	24 11 AM Middle School Youth (pg. 4)	25 Soup Kitchen 6 PM Book Club (pg. 5)	26	27
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*Empowered by
the grace of God
to love, lead, and
serve.*

June 2009

**CONGREGA-
TIONAL
MEETING**

JULY 12TH

***SINGLE
SERVICE
AT 10 AM***

**FAMILY PICNIC
FOLLOWS**

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