

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry July 2009

Faith is all about reform! Reform is all about change...and change is all about living in Christ! This year we are gathering together in the name of Christ to celebrate, learn and grow in our ministries and mission on Sunday, July 12th for our semi-annual meeting! I encourage you to make special plans on that day to worship together as a family so that decisions are made as a family! This is an exciting and yet difficult time at Cross of Christ. We are able to celebrate and continue outreach, but at the same time, through the financial crisis, we are also trying to be very deliberate about choices and stewardship. We are in the midst of visioning and celebrating our gifts of grace and hospitality in Christ. And we really need you here to share in the gifts of the Spirit! When we worship together and fellowship together decisions become a bit clearer. Why? Because we are working together as a family unit instead of as individuals...and working together is all about God!

This summer has come to us with a full schedule of family, friends and opportunities. Place worship at the top of your list. Worship isn't about how many people can fit in the sanctuary space, but it is about giving thanks to God collectively as the baptized people of God for all that our Lord has given and done for us! The psalmist reminds us that we should worship using hymns, and the word of God and we should focus on servanthood and responding to God's grace in wonderful ways. Taking a walk in the woods, reading a good devotion, those are great ways of communicating with God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, but coming together in recognition of who we are as a family...in all of our foibles, our mistakes, our sin...in all of our joy and thanksgiving, this is worship and what we are called to do in order to empty ourselves in order to be filled again. AND, when one of our brothers and sisters is missing, we grieve and our family changes! So, when you are away...find a congregation in which to worship and if you need help, I will be glad to help you find one! Do you have lots of visitors? Bring

them to church! And if they choose not to come, come anyway and set the model for a godly life! In 1 Corinthians 12 we learn that the church is one body...everyone is part of that body and everyone has an individual calling. When we worship and one of the parts of our body is missing, we feel it. When we worship and the body of Christ is present, then we feel it too! And what a huge difference it makes to welcome folks back into the embrace of the church of Christ.

Put worship at the top of your schedule this summer! Make it a priority in your life! And when you don't feel so good, or when you feel tired and worn, or when you have great tidings and news to share...let the vessels of God's love be with you just as Christ is! You are a wonderful gift to us all! And for you, I do give thanks to God! Have a wonderful relaxing summer! And let us walk in faith through a life that is ever changing.

God's Peace,

Pastor Sherry

PastorSherry@sbcglobal.net

Readings and Lessons for the month of July 2009

July 5:

Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10;
Mark 6:1-13

July 12:

Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:14-29

July 19:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26:

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21;
John 6:1-21

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.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We are looking for homemade baked goods that can be frozen (cookies, banana bread, etc.) 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 ziplock bag and label it Sunday Fellowship and just slip them into the freezer in the Lower fellowship area. *We are also seeking communion bread.*

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.

THANK YOU!

Flowers for Friends notifies us that over 7,000 flower arrangements have been made and disseminated to date. They thank us for our continued participation and altar flower donations.

From Mary Michelsen (actual card can be found on the bulletin board)

“Dear Cross of Christ family and friends, Thank you so much for the lovely words of appreciation, the song, the cake, the poster, and the very generous and unexpected gift of money, which will help make our trip to Wyoming even more fun! God bless you all, my dear friends. Peace & love, Mary.”

From North/West Lower Michigan Synod for pledges received from Feb. 1—April 30th, acknowledgement that we were meeting our current pledges for that time frame. Please take time to read the June 2009 letter on the bulletin board from Pastor Clay Bates, Asst to the Bishop.

From Brother Dan’s Volunteers, dated June 14, 2009.

“Dear Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Brother Dan’s Pantry would like to thank you for your donation of soup. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Yours in Christ, Brother Dan’s Volunteers”

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan thanks us for our recent donation of \$125.17. These funds were collected during noisy offerings in March.

“LSSM appreciates your members’ commitment to serving people as an expression of the love of Christ.”

***Would you like to thank your Secret Sister?
Thank You notes can be placed in the newsletter submission mailbox.***

Blueberry Smoothie Recipe from *Northern Comfort* Feb. 2008 issue

- ▷ 1 pint fresh blueberries or 2 cups frozen blueberries—slightly thawed
- ▷ 1 cup pineapple or orange juice
- ▷ 1 container (8 oz) low-fat vanilla yogurt
- ▷ 2 tsp sugar

Combine all ingredients in your blender and blend until smooth. Quantities listed provides for two servings.

Angels Explained by Children

I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. - Gregory, 5

Angels don’t eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows. - Jack, 6

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. - Mitchell, 7

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Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10th 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

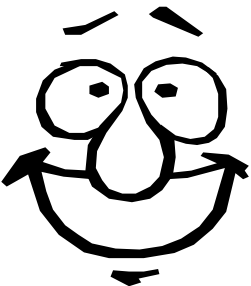
Term Expires Jan 2012:

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

OFFICE NEWS

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

We need you to take a spot or two to volunteer in August. Beginning with the September volunteer schedule we will go back to using Time and Talent Sheets.



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.

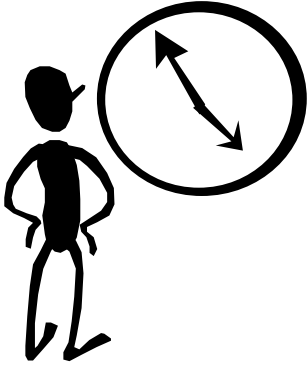
Pastor’s office hours:

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



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. A band is needed for the first Sunday in August through Labor Day.

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

Sunday, July 19th from 7-9pm for a bonfire (weather permitting) and games. Sloppy Joes will be the dinner for the evening! Sign up on Pastor Sherry's office door and let her know how many friends you are bringing. All students entering the 9th-12th grades are invited to come! The more the merrier!

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, July 22 at 7pm the Middle School Youth will meet at the parsonage for pizza and a movie. All students entering into the 6-8th grades this coming school year are invited to attend...and friends are always encouraged to join in the fun!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FOR 2009-2010

Parents of all children going into the 7th and 8th grades will receive a letter in July looking for input for the Confirmation schedule. Please let Pastor Sherry know if you have not received a letter by July 15th.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings, EXCEPT MONDAY, JULY 6TH, we will meet in the church for Bible study from 6-7pm. Bring your Bible as we learn about some of the characters in Acts and move into different directions of discipleship.

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

We will read "Bad Girls of the Bible" this month! You can order your copy at McLean and Eakin's! This book takes a look at women in the Bible and how they were used to share the story of God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The book is fun, interesting, and teaches us a lot about who we are as children of Christ! Please sign up on Pastor Sherry's door if you will be meeting with us on Thursday evening at 7pm, July 30th.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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!

Announcement from the Bishop

Facilitator for the Center for Mission & Ministry.

A Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Nancy has served as the Director of the Dominican Center at Marywood for five years, and was Director of Programs there for six years. Previous to that she was Director of St. Joseph's Educational Center, Des Moines, Iowa. Sr. Nancy has an MA in Religious Education, an M.Div. from St. John's (now Sacred Heart) Seminary in Detroit and a D.Min. in Spiritual Direction. She taught junior high students for 17 years and served six years in school administration. She currently resides in Grand Rapids and will move to DeWitt in September. Nancy is originally from Alpena and still has family there.

Sr. Nancy has been a spiritual director and retreat director for almost thirty years. In addition to her part-time role as Facilitator for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Center for Mission & Ministry, she offers retreats, spiritual direction, workshops and programs in prayer, spirituality and spiritual formation for churches and nonprofit groups throughout Michigan and Ohio.

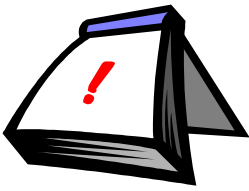
Sr. Nancy has a passion for awakening adults to the fire of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Her experience of doing spiritual direction with the street people of the Heartside neighborhood in Grand Rapids is published in "Group Spiritual Direction: The Lived Experience" by Paulist Press. She is eagerly looking forward to meeting members of the synod over the weeks and months ahead while working with the Center for Mission & Ministry Advisory Team to begin developing programs and opportunities for faith enrichment and spiritual growth.

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.



DATE CHANGE: Family Picnic

Contact: Marilyn Cusenza 347-5419

Location: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Date: July 19th

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 July we will meet Friday, July 3rd and Friday July 17th. *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 for more information.

ELDERBERRIES

PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575

SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950

The Elderberries will have a meeting on Friday, July 10th. Watch upcoming bulletins for specifics or contact Cyndi or Norm.

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! Look for 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 Aug. 13th & 27th. Let church office know (crossofc@sbcglobal.net, 347-5448) if you are able to help in either manner or sign up on the sheets on the coffee table.

	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	44,806.88	9,705.45	8,294.35	971.05	63,777.73
- EXPENSE	46,344.69	7,840.01	12,131.36	330.00	66,646.06
ENDING BAL.	9,820.08	7,077.75	9,698.48	164,175.81	190,772.12
2009 CHANGE	-1,537.81	1,865.44	-3,837.01	641.05	-2,868.33

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 2: Tyler Brown
- 3: Maggie Frederick
- 4: Jim Knibbs
- 5: Logan Perry
- 7: Elliott Drake
- 9: Ian Michelsen
- 10: Irene Tracy
- 12: Adele Sjoberg
- 13: Nancy Wehrenberg
- 16: Ailene Beaubien
- 16: Jack Grosvenor
- 19: Jeff Hamal
- 20: Paul Chaveriat
- 21: Ron Marshall
- 21: Jim Pemberton
- 24: Grandt Backus
- 24: Brienne Weaver
- 25: Sue Finley
- 25: Wendy Laser
- 28: Jane Armstrong

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

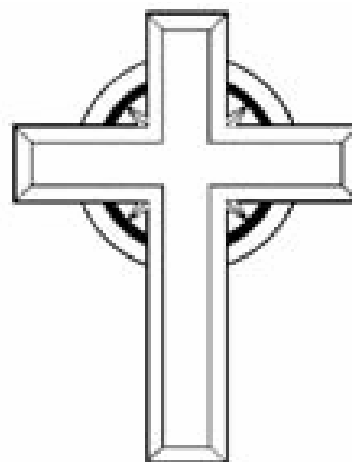
JULY

- 3: Marty & Heather Engel
- 24: Craig & Susan Antoine

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- 1: Sara Michelsen
- 5: Sheri Meyer
- 11: Curtis Clark
- 12: Jean Brown
- 16: Rose Morford
- 18: Bob Swender
- 22: Erin Sarki
- 23: Adam Olsen
- 29: Andrea Knibbs



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*Empowered by
the grace of God
to love, lead, and
serve.*

July 2009

**SEMI-ANNUAL
MEETING**

JULY 12TH

***BETWEEN
SERVICES
BEGINNING AT
9:15 A.M.***

**FAMILY PICNIC
JULY 19TH**

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VOLUNTEER/SERVER SCHEDULE

July Recycling: Rodgers

Aug. Recycling: Hansen

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
July 5 8:30 AM	Day	Swender	C. Swender		N/A	Day	N/A	M&H Engel	G. Marshall	E. Rusche	G. Engel
10 AM	P&N Wehrenberg	G. High	B. High		C. Matzinger	Drake	C. Matzinger	High & Clark			
July 12 8:30 AM	Palm	Palm	Palm	J. Pemberton	N/A	B. Yingling	N/A	Palm	A/Sam Young	B. Young	J. Armstrong
10 AM	Young	Young	Michelsen	H. Jaskowski	Michelsen	B. Young		Sjoberg & Jaskowski			
July 19 8:30 AM	Friesen	S. Friesen	Gauthier	S. Armstrong	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Hansen	V. Morgan	D. Tahtinen	V. Morgan
10 AM	M&S Smith	Rusche	M. Frederick	N. Morgan		R. Moorhead		Family Picnic			
July 26 8:30 AM	Friesen	Day	D. Wehrenberg		N/A	M. Hofmann	N/A	Friesen	J. Chaveriat	Drake	J. Armstrong
10 AM	Meckstroth	Drake	G. Drake		J. Smith	Marilynn Smith	J. Smith	Meckstroth & Arends			
Aug. 2 8:30 AM	Scott	Hamal	K. Hamal		N/A	Day	N/A	Day			
10 AM											
Aug. 9 8:30 AM	Hansen	Day			N/A		N/A	Scott			
10 AM											
Aug. 16 8:30 AM		Swender			N/A		N/A	Swender			
10 AM											
Aug. 23 8:30 AM		Scott			N/A		N/A	M&H Engel			
10 AM											
Aug. 30 10 AM			J. Clark					Clark &			

Openings left will be assigned to those who have filled out Time & Talent sheets.

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August 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:30am Holy Communion Service 10:00am Holy Communion Service	No Bible Study				7:00pm Craft Night p. 7	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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