

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry May 2009

Greetings to you all during this time of change. I do give thanks to God for your generosity of gifts as you volunteer to help the builds for Habitat for Humanity. Both the Church Hammers and the Thrivent houses will be built in our community this year and there is a lot of need for volunteers at both. Building the house with other community members not only creates an ecumenical team of service, but that spirit of cooperation also moves into our community...and one house at a time, one family at a time, hope is restored and shared with others who can see that possibilities are endless as we work together in the name of Christ.

Remember, we don't only need builders, but photographers, clean up crews, cooks, and folks to work registration tables. We need prayer partners and fundraisers and we need to keep the energy alive as we work together as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. This is indeed Holy Ground, a mission blessed by God, right here in our neck of the woods!

Change...you will also notice that the city of Petoskey is building a sidewalk that will connect Mitchell St to Hill St using the property close to the wetlands behind our church. This gives us great opportunity for sharing the word of Christ through hospitality and invitation. Watch for updates as we work together with the city to create a safe and environmentally sound project for our community.

Change...We have moved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ...what does that mean to you? What in each of us needs rebirth? Is it our commitment to daily study or even weekly study in the word of Christ...seeped in the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ and sprinkled with the Living Word? What do we need to do in our lives to continue to invite others into the worship experience of giving thanks for all that we are and have?

How are we responding to God's grace in our daily lives? The council is looking and visiting what it means to be a child of God. They are visioning and it is fun and energetic! We would love to hear where you think Cross of Christ will be in 10 years...not just a building...but what ministries, what service projects...what do you see us doing as a response to the love of Christ? Look for places to put your ideas!

And remember, change isn't bad. Change is often uncomfortable until we see the results, but change is what we are called to do every-day...to live in re-formation as a forgiven child of God. We need to hear your voices...your ideas...your call that Christ has given you! And I know that there are so many diverse and wonderful gifts among you.

God's peace as you rediscover the child God has called you to become. And, Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

God's Peace,

Pastor Sherry

PastorSherry@sbcglobal.net

Readings and Lessons for the month of May 2009

May 3rd:

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 10th:

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 17th:

Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 24th:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-10

May 31st: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27;
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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.

**Garage Sale
Items
and
Haul Away Crew
See pg 9**

Phone volunteers!

Illness is inevitable and frequently strikes at the most inopportune times, even for our church secretary. Tricia is seeking volunteers who could be contacted to possibly answer the phone during her office hours if she gets sick. This would allow Pastor Sherry to be able to focus on her work for the morning. Please talk to or e-mail Tricia if you would like to be on the on-call list.

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 CHAIN 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

COLLECTION REMINDERS: We are collecting the following items:

- Pop can tabs for assisting the McDonald House
- Campbells UPCs/Lids for assisting Shepherd's Ministries (a program which helps those with developmental disabilities—see example notice on bulletin board)
- Oleson's receipts for Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Returnable cans and bottles for the Youth
- Used household batteries for recycling
- Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry
- Frequent Diner Reward Cards from Bob-In, J.W. Filmore, etc.
- old cell phones (functional or not)



Join us 10 a.m. May 31st as we Celebrate the Graduates of 2009!

We are also celebrating our Confirmation graduates as well
(see page 5)

- Elliot Drake, son of Bill and Gail Drake, is an honors student graduating from Petoskey High School. His plans for next year include attending either Luther College or Wittenberg University. He has scholarship opportunities at both.
- Bently Laser, son of Ben and Wendy Laser, is graduating from Pennfield High School in Battle Creek.
- Rose Morford, daughter of Dean and Cheryll Morford, is graduating with an Associates of Science from North Central Michigan College on May 15th. She will be attending Baker College of Muskegon in the fall to study Veterinary Technology.
- Brian Morgan, son of Ron and Vicki Morgan, is graduating from Inland Lakes High School. He is considering a mechanical tech school, Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis, IN.
- Rob Pemberton, son of Jim and Brigitte Pemberton, is graduating from Petoskey High School. He will be studying Dentistry at Michigan State University.
- Nick Tahtinen, son of Dean and Diana Tahtinen, is graduating from Full Sail University in Orlando Florida in May with a degree in Film Studies.

THANK YOU! AND OTHER NOTES

A note from Susan Ruotanen:

“Just want you to know I’m praying for you! Even though I don’t see you each week, you are in my thoughts and always in my heart. You are dear people.”

From the Red Cross for our participation in recent blood drive:

I wanted to send a thank you to both of you, Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Cross of Christ Lutheran Church for sponsoring the April 3rd blood drive. Your volunteers are the best and your treats are out of this world! With a goal of 52, we saw 53 potential donors and we collected 45 pints of blood. You were also able to recruit **two** brand new donors into the drive. Your volunteers did a great job with the calling, refreshments and helping us at the drive. Remember that every unit collected can potentially be made into three products, so this drive could help 135 patients. We couldn’t have done it without your help.

We raised \$115 for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan in March via our Noisy Offerings! Thank you for your continued generosity.

Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 11th 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

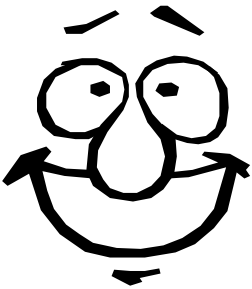
Term Expires Jan 2012:

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

OFFICE NEWS

The church office will be closed on Wed. April 29th—Fri. May 1st. as both Pastor Sherry and Tricia will be out of town. Should an emergency arise, please contact Bryan Young (439-9237) or Jean Smith (547-7378). The office will also be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

Pastor Sherry will leave for Synod Assembly with Jean Smith after church on Sunday, May 17th through Tuesday, May 19th.



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

Worship and Music Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 4th. If you are interested in this ministry and have questions, contact Marla Hofmann at 347-5073.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation class will meet on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 (lunch provided). If you would like to volunteer to bring lunch, you can sign the schedule on Pastor Sherry's door.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

- May 3: No class
- May 10: Begin to plan Confirmation service
- May 17: Work on service and papers
- May 24: Confirmation party with mentors at the park (if good weather prevails!)
- May 31: Confirmation Sunday and recognition of graduates (from college and high school)

We recognize the following Confirmation Students:

- ▷ Joy Chaveriat, daughter of Evelyn and David Chaveriat and sister to Brian and Paul Chaveriat.
- ▷ Josilyn Clark, daughter of Janice and Tim Clark and sister to Curtis Clark.
- ▷ Shanika Honaker, the daughter of Sue Finley and Don Honaker and sister to Alana Honaker, Noah Honaker and Quez Cole..
- ▷ Noah Honaker, the son of Sue Finley and Don Honaker and brother to Alana Honaker, Shanika Honaker, and Quez Cole.
- ▷ Jana Tahtinen, daughter of Dean and Diana Tahtinen and sister to Nick and Mitchell Tahtinen.
- ▷ Samantha Young, daughter of Shawn and Bryan Young and sister to Jordan and Ashley Young.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

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

FRISBEE GOLF

There will be a scavenger hunt with Frisbee Golf on Sunday, May 24th. Meet at the church and then we will go from there! Bring a friend...and don't forget... we are getting ready to welcome in our new 9th graders after the 31st!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

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

Planning is still in the works...Watch Bulletin Announcements for upcoming events.

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
May 3 8:30AM	Swender	Day	D. Wehrenberg	S. Armstrong		Marilynn Smith		T. Day	R. Manges	B. Drake	E. Rusche
11AM	P&N Wehrenberg	Drake	E. Chaveriat	H. Jaskowski	J. Smith	B. Manges	J. Smith	Moorehead/ Bozell			
May 10 8:30 AM	D. Wehrenberg	Hofmann	J. Pemberton	J. Pemberton		D. Cox		Ebert	J. Chaveriat	G. Engel	J. Armstrong
11 AM	Drake	Hansen	J. Clark	A. Young	Choir	V. Morgan	G. Drake	Chaveriat/ Collins/Klosinski			
May 17 8:30 AM	Meyer	Pemberton	M. Hofmann	A. Honaker	Choir	B. Yingling	R. Morford	G & B Engel	G. Marshall	C. Matzinger	D. Rodgers
11 AM	N. Cutshall & M. Frederick	Matzinger/ Marshall	G. Drake	G. Marshall	J. Smith	Meckstroth	J. Smith	Cusenza/ Feeley			
May 24 8:30AM	Hamal	Swender	K.Hamal	J. Pemberton		Morford		Finley	M. Hansen	D. Meckstroth	B. Young
11 AM	Marshall/ Matzinger	R. Moorehead	B. High	J. Young	Choir	Moorehead	B. Young	Hoffman/ Drake			
May 31 10 AM	Confirmation Students and graduates	6 th Graders	Confirmation Students	6 th Graders		E. Rusche	Confirmation Students	6 th graders	6 th graders	G. Drake	V. Morgan
June 7 8:30 AM	Day		Hansen		N/A	Day	N/A	Day			
10 AM	Young			J. Young	B. Young		B. Young	Sjoberg &			
June 14 8:30 AM	Day	Palm	B. Palm		N/A	Day	N/A	Palm	Samantha & Ashley Young		
10 AM	Sjoberg			H. Jaskowski							
June 21 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM											
June 28 8:30 AM	Pemberton				N/A		N/A				D. Rodgers
10 AM	Rodgers										

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
July 5 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM		G. High	B. High					High & Clark			
July 12 8:30 AM	Pemberton			J. Pemberton	N/A		N/A	Pemberton			
10 AM				H. Jaskowski							
July 19 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A	Hansen			
10 AM											
July 26 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM											
Aug. 2 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM											
Aug. 9 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM			J. Clark					Clark &			
Aug. 16 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM											
Aug. 23 8:30 AM					N/A		N/A				
10 AM											
Aug. 30 10 AM											



A Sneak Peek: Annual Church Picnic

Contact: Marilyn Cusenza 347-5419

Location: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Date: June 7th

Burgers will be provided and bring a dish to pass.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Contact: Susan Hoffman 348-8189
or Tom Olsen 347-1194**

The Church Hammers Cookbooks are available for purchase. \$15/each. Please see Susan Hoffman or stop by the church office to purchase. Plans are in the works for the 2009 build. Watch for more details as the summer approaches. The 8th Annual Habitat for Humanity Auction will be held Friday, May 1st at the Emmet Co. Community Building from 6-8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door—\$15 includes food and drink.

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.

THURSDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

By Cyndi Yingling

Take a break from your busy life and help us help others. The sign up sheet is by the office. It only takes a couple of hours out of a Thursday. June is our next month. If you work, you can provide part of the meal, drop it off at the church. I will be glad to pick it up. Just call Cyndi at 525-8950.

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 May we will meet Friday, May 1st and Friday May 15th. *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.

ELDERBERRIES

**PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575**

**SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950**

The Elderberries will have a potluck meeting at the residence of Bob and Carol Swender at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8th. Please call Carol at 526-6553 to find out what to bring.

Community Life Ministries

Noisy Offering: **May 2009:**

If you would like to help with other Community Life ministries or have any suggestions for ministries, please contact Vicki Morgan (548-5091) or Joe Palm (347-2827).

Thanks for your continuing support for these benevolences.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale/Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 23rd from 9 a.m. to 2:00 PM. We will accept donations of clean gently used items 5/20, 21, 22. We will need volunteers to set up at the church on Friday 5/22 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. MOST NEEDED ARE THE HAUL AWAY CREW FROM 2:00 – 4:00 truck or tailgate preferred. This is a fun time to help folks reuse and save money too. Sign up sheets will soon be available. Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Vicki Morgan (548-5091)

STEWARDSHIP

There will be a stewardship meeting discussing time and talents on Wednesday, May 13 at 6pm. We will look and review our time and talent sheets and look towards improving them and our outreach to volunteers.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Announcements Continued

BOOK GROUP

BOOK CLUB READ: Meet to share the book on Thursday, May 28th at 7pm.

The Sweet By and By: A Novel by Todd Johnson invites us into the story of Margaret who is living her last years in a nursing home. Although we learn of Margaret the story is told by a nurses aide, a hair dresser and even more brilliant characters. This story makes you laugh and cry, learn about yourself in moments of decision making, and brings the fullness of life to us through a nursing home. A Great Read by most!

ADULT FORUM

ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAYS AT 10 am. We are finishing our study of Bishop Spong's book. **BRING YOUR BIBLE TO MAKE NOTES AND UNDERLINE!**

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will meet at 6 p.m. on most Mondays in May. We are studying the ACTS of the Apostles. Bring your bible. See Calendar for exact meeting dates.

	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	15,081.02	2,549.08	2,973.94	705.00	21,309.04
- EXPENSE	18,352.82	2,734.70	6,542.36	90.00	27,719.88
ENDING BAL.	8086.09	5,026.69	9,967.07	164,149.76	187,229.61
2009 CHANGE	-3,271.80	-185.62	-3,568.42	615.00	-6,410.84

BIRTHDAYS

- May
- 4: Cyndi Yingling
 - 6: Jeff Ebert
 - 8: Jessica McPherson
 - 15: Marc Feeley
 - 16: Natalie Knibbs
 - 19: Rob Manges
 - 20: Alex Feeley
 - 21: Jonathan Norton
 - 22: RJ Morgan
 - 26: Bill Drake
 - 27: Kasi Meckstroth
 - 27: Tricia Rodgers
 - 29: Norm Cutshall
 - 29: Dean Tahtinen
 - 31: Mike Smith

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- May
- 7: David & Tricia Rodgers
 - 8: Hank & Susan Hoffman
 - 13: Jim & Cynthia Knibbs
 - 26: Jeff & Ann Ebert
 - 29: Bob & Carol Swender
 - 31: Paul & Donna Witt

Congratulations!



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

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- May
- 5: Bill Hofmann
 - 7: Elvira Kortesoja
 - 7: Karen Lewis
 - 7: Jessica McPherson
 - 7: Elisha Avery
 - 7: Patricia Avery
 - 7: Olivia Avery
 - 9: Skylar Smith
 - 12: Janece Clark
 - 15: Billy Bozell
 - 15: Ryan Bozell
 - 16: Tricia Rodgers
 - 19: Bently Laser, II
 - 24: Trisha Sarki
 - 26: Cheryl Morford
 - 26: Wes Meckstroth
 - 27: Jeff Ebert

May 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Noisy Offering;					1 OFFICE CLOSED 7p Craft Night	2
3 8:30 & 11 Holy Communion 9:45a Sunday School No Confirmation 1p Lutherans On A Roll Bowling Event Pastor on Vacation	4 10a Worship & Music Pastor on Vacation	5 Pastor on Vacation	6 7p Management Team 7p Choir	7	8 4:30p Elderberries (p8)	9
10 8:30 & 11 Holy Communion 9:45a Sunday School 12:30p Confirmation	11 6p Bible Study 7p Council Newsletter Hard Copy Submissions Due	12 Pastor in TC	13 6p Stewardship 7p Choir	14	15 7p Craft Night Newsletter E- submissions Due	16 9a Recorder Society
17 8:30 & 11 Holy Communion 9:45a Sunday School 12:30p Confirmation 2:30p Girl Scouts	18 6p Orchestra 7p Manna NO BIBLE STUDY	19	20 1p Deborah Circle 7p Choir	21	22 Garage Sale Set Up (p9)	23 Garage Sale (p9)
24 8:30 Baptism of Tavi Steiffel 8:30 & 11 Holy Communion 9:45a Sunday School 12:30p Confirmation Senior High Youth (p. 5)	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 Pastor in TC	27 7p Choir	28 7p Book Club (p9)	29	30
31 PENTECOST—Wear Red SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 a.m. Honor Graduates and Confir- mation Students						

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

May 2009

**Join us for the
Baptism of
Tavi Steiffel
at the
8:30 a.m. service
on Sunday,
May 24th.**

**Single Service on
Sunday, May 31st at
10 a.m.—honor our
graduates and
confirmation
students.**

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**Annual Garage Sale:
Items Accepted:
May 20-22**

**Set-Up:
May 22**

**Sale:
May 23**

**Summer Worship
Schedule begins
Sunday, June 7th
with services at 8:30
and 10 a.m.**