

Cross Lutheran Church

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August 29, 2010 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!!... and, just how “welcoming” *are* you? That would be the theme from today’s Gospel, as Jesus shares a parable about the graciousness and humility involved when inviting and welcoming others. His points hit home for the *whole* faith community, too, to make us stop and think of how welcoming we CAN be together....**Welcome to worship!!**

Visitors and the Lord’s Supper... *At meal-tables around the world, strangers become friends, and friends become family. We are invited today to the “Table of the Lord.” No conditions, no coercion, just words of welcome and promise: “this is my body, given for you...” We are glad to be together, and have YOU worship with us today!*

All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper. We come, with humble, confessing, yet joyful hearts, forgiven by the gracious love of God in Christ. We come, because of our Lord’s death...AND resurrection. We come, that the bread and cup of the Lord’s Supper might be a sign of Christ’s everlasting presence for us. If medical/health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine or bread, remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine. (Children who have not yet had “First Communion” instruction are invited forward for a blessing.)

Being Baptized at the 10:00 service: *Beckett Eric Bauer*, son of Chrissy and Eric Bauer. Beckett’s baptismal sponsors are Jaime Serra and Jason Krozek. We welcome Beckett to his family of faith! May he grow in faith through the guiding of God’s Spirit all his life.

Walk With Jesus ...May we always seek to “**WALK with the Risen Lord!!**”...which includes our commitment to:

Worship Joyfully, Act Compassionately, Love Deeply, Know Personally!

Final Wednesday Outdoor Service!!—THIS Wednesday, at 7pm!! Yes, we have reached the last Summer Worship Wednesday for 2010. Join us, as we conclude the review of the book of Acts and “*Faith Powered Action.*”

Next week’s readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1–21; Luke 14:25–33

Looking ahead: RALLY DAY is September 12!...Fall Schedule Resumes!

The Sunday School classes begin, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am, and worship times will be 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am. Pass it on!

Praying the Prayer List Please get your requests in early by email:

officeatcross@yahoo.com OR phone 586/791-6640; OR last minute requests may be placed on the clipboard at the “sign up ledge” in the narthex. Ongoing prayer needs may be written on the welcome sheets in the pews.

Be sure to check out the photo display of all the summer's worship activities on the bulletin board in the offices hallway. Special thanks to Naomi Loose for creating and maintaining this effort!

Act

Cross Helping Hands Many volunteers are available to help with minor household chores or repairs, transportation, yard care, shopping, meals, or just a friendly visit. "Cross Helping Hands" is their name!! If you or someone you know could benefit, please use the cards located on the sign in clipboard.

TANZANIA - WOW did you see all the wonderful new stuff that has arrived from Tanzania? Pastor Earnest from our sister congregation in Sabilo Tanzania sent us some more belts, bracelets and key chains. We sell these items and send the money back to Pastor Earnest to help support their church. Take a look at some of the new stuff and while you are at it try some coffee, tea or chocolate.

Also did you know the coffee tea and chocolates that we sell -the small profit that we make goes to support Sabilo. Try some of the coffee we have whole bean and ground and a variety of different blends. It is really great coffee and a good price.

Love

Do you fancy football? How about Fantasy Football?!? Men (and athletic ladies...) please contact Mark Oliver ASAP!! m_oliver22@yahoo.com

List of recommended babysitters has been compiled for young families that need someone they can trust with their precious cargo when they need some time out of the house. If you would like a copy, you may find them placed at the end of the mailboxes outside the nursery; or email (angelarose518@yahoo.com) and she will send an electronic copy.

Know

Don't forget!!...RALLY DAY IS COMING!!...on September 12

Do you enjoy getting smiles, hugs and laughter? Do you have 1-2 hours a week to spare to receive an endless supply of them? Looking for one person to assist with teaching Sunday school for Pre-school/Kindergarten and also for 3-4 grade! Lessons are easy to follow and require very little prep...but, the rewards are the smiles and love of all the children that grow with you throughout the year! Anyone interested, please contact Joe Zdybel at jzdybel@yahoo.com or 586-566-7764

This 'N That

Calling All Ralliers! September 25th is the date for our "Viva Las Vegas!" race. Get your teams together and your thinking caps on. The sign up sheet is on the board in the narthex. Cost of the rally is \$5 per person, and food may be purchased at the final destination. Supply list will follow. Join us for a fun night with friends and family!

Memorial Monitor in Library... A very thoughtful gift has been made by Karen and Rory Clark in memory of their son, Ryan. The monitor in the library will now scroll through pictures of departed loved ones of Cross. We are still gathering more; if you have pictures—digital ones are best, but photos can also be scanned—please contact the church office. Many thanks to the Clark family!!

Pastor Kimberly's Resignation ... Pastor Kimberly has received a call to a full-time staff position as pastor at St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church in Canton, OH. She shares this news in a letter in everyone's mailbox. **Pastor Kimberly's contact info:** Cell: 313-720-5421 E-mail: pastorkimberly@genesislutheran.org

You Are Invited...Ladies of Cross Lutheran...The Sisters in Fellowship at St. Thomas Lutheran Church would like you to join them at their annual Women's Fall Retreat on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 at the Butzel Conference Center in Ortonville (go online and check it out!). The theme this year is "I Love To Tell The Story" and the featured speaker will be Robin Sullivan, Radio Host personality of WMUZ (103.5 FM), (go online and check her out!). The cost is \$100 which includes lodging & food. We encourage you to join us for a relaxing and refreshing time together -- please call Jan Middleton with any questions or concerns -- 586.247.8762 at home or 586.268.2170 at St. Thomas. There is a signup on the Cross board and please do so by September 12!

Meditation Garden Pavers Engraved brick pavers will again be added to the meditation garden and can be used to provide any wording you would like such as family name, in honor or memory of a loved one, a significant date, historical information from Cross, etc. The cost per engraved brick is \$30. See Barb or Tom Johnson (586-298-0269) for order forms. The deadline to order engraved pavers is Sunday, September 5.

Worship Schedule:

Sept 5	8:30 & 10:00 Jazz	
Sept. 12	8:00 & 9:30 Folk 2	11:00 Contemporary
Sept. 19	8:00 & 9:30 With One Voice	11:00 Contemporary
Sept. 26	8:00 & 9:30 Chicago Folk	11:00 Contemporary

This week's schedule:

Monday: AA-8p
Tuesday: Golf League-5:30p
Wednesday: Summer Worship-7p

This week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:

8/18 Sauer (2007)
8/29 Carol Aman, Robert Brown
8/31 Martin Hardy
9/1 Gruckunas (2006)
9/2 Mike Berry, Pam Parke, Laura Winkelman
9/3 Sandy Luther
9/4 Marcia Gagnon, Antonio Marinello