



# CROSS WORDS

the newsletter of  
**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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## Pastor's Page

From the Pastor's Desk...

*(Due to some computer issues and a lack of time – I reprinted last years August Newsletter which is still appropriate)*

It's one of my favorite commercials of all time !!! "Elevator music" plays softly in the background. The shopping cart wheels through aisles of the store gathering various school supplies off the shelves while an obviously dejected little girl expresses with puppy sad eyes her disappointment. She articulates, "But you said, 'schools out forever.'" Suddenly, the father, looking like a caring parents worst nightmare, turns to her with his gothic darkened shoulder length black hair, which encircles an ashen face highlighted by black massacred eyes, with pasty bloodless hands and fingernails painted black, fashioned in some Mid-evil "darkside" lord, states, "No, I said "schools out for summer!"

Thus, Alice Cooper "rejoices" at the cashier as he considers – with glee – sending his daughter back to school. It's the antithetical gloating of a parent verses the sorrowfulness of child who is about to loose their "summer – freedom – vacation".

Well, it is that time of the year again. The nation sends it's kids back to school and we slip back into a familiar routine of relief from the hot busy days of summer. Now what? I would assert that parents/grandparents need to go back to "school," too.

What? Let me explain.

Problems, struggles, financial questions, issues and concerns come at us daily. They effect us, our families, our friends, our relationships, our jobs, our world and/or a combination of any or all of the above. It is enough to shake some of the very foundational beliefs which we have kept dear to our heart for years. Some of the problems we like to believe we can control. Others we know our beyond our abilities to control. But it doesn't matter how much we think we are in control, satan continues to use these problems to destroy our faith in our hearts and minds.

But our Gracious LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, has preserved His Word for 6,000-10,000 years – that we might read, mark and inwardly digest His story of Salvation. His Love is so great for us that He continues to provide us with this "Message of Salvation" in which we can never say, "I have studied the Bible enough." Christ

commands us to, "meditate on it night and day."

Thus, in His caring not only for His Eternal Word but also for His Holy and precious Bride - the Church , He has equipped people with Wisdom and Knowledge to teach His Word to His people. One of the reasons our church was founded 35 years ago was to provide a place where the Word of God would be taught in true and purity.

This September we offer many new Bible classes and education opportunities. Besides our new Sunday morning classes which will, without a doubt, be exciting and interesting, there will be new Mid-week "Pick-me-up" Bible Studies for men, women, and others. New studies and always new insights to be learned.

I pray that you would avail yourself to the desire of our LORD's heart: that you would learn more about Him by taking in a "continuing education Bible study." In a way we would be going back to school together and teaching our children a very important life lesson: When it comes to learning God's Word this is a life long process.

Your "continuing education" brother in Christ, Pastor De Young



## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Cross of Christ Lutheran School is having two Community Service Projects:

**July 31, 2019** - Can Food Drive, for those needing a little help providing food on their table.

**August 28, 2019** - Bottled Water Collection for local first responders!

Our goal is to provide children with an understanding of helping the community on different levels.

We welcome your contributions! A table will be placed in the Narthex in the coming days, if you wish to bring your contributions early.



## SUNDAY SERMONS

Did you know you can hear the replay of the Pastor De Young's Sunday Sermons? Simply click the 'Sunday Sermons' tab on the church website:

[www.crossofchrist.org](http://www.crossofchrist.org)

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

If you need a ride to church the Board of Family Life and Ministries is willing to help.

Contact A. D. Cowser  
972-979-3584

-or-

Sharon Wilson at the church  
office 972-223-9340.

Please allow plenty of time to make arrangements for your ride.

If you are willing to pick up someone for church, please contact A. D. or Sharon.



Remember Common Sense is the Best Defense in the Summer Heat!

- Stay out of the blazing heat
- Drink a lot of water & juices
- Keep shades drawn shut
- Turn on the air conditioner
- Keep lights turned low/off
- Check on elderly family and neighbors
- Avoid coffee & sodas
- Avoid high physical activity

## BOARD OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Stay tuned to announcements, we will have a get together in August. Date and place will be announced later. A. D. Cowser



- 8-1 Christopher Symank
- 8-4 Cindy Edsall
- 8-5 Greg Fussell
- 8-7 Charlotte Walker
- 8-8 Emily De Young
- 8-12 Gretchen Thomale
- 8-18 Elwanda Wuensche
- 8-20 Brian Springer
- 8-23 Karen Kindler
- 8-26 Mary Caldwell
- 8-29 Allan Kloess
- 8-29 Carla Schulze

We are sorry if we have inadvertently left your name off the birthday list. Please contact the church office by phone: 972-223-9340, or email at [admin@crossofchrist.org](mailto:admin@crossofchrist.org) so we can update our list.

## Widowed Friends

**Widowed Friends** is taking the summer off!

We will resume meeting in September. Watch for more information.

## Volunteers Needed!!!

We need a couple of people for the Saturday Secretaries. We need one person to fill the teams of volunteers.

**Remember:** As you travel and stay in hotels, please pick up the travel size shampoos; soaps; tissues; conditioners; and mouth wash. Place them on the table in the main hallway and we will set them aside for Gift Bags we present to the Pregnancy Center. We also collect baby socks and booties; onesies; and receiving blankets for this worthwhile project.



**COUNTRY DAY  
ON THE HILL**  
October 12, 2019  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will have a booth and are looking for volunteers to come out and help us share the word of God and the message about our Church and School.

Please visit with Lila Fussell about volunteering opportunities.

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**  
Nathalie Smith; Dolores Jirik; Joan Symank; Dr. Falke; Lucille Gropp; Sue Riewe; Grace Miller

**Q. Do you knit or crochet?  
Q. Do you like to make baby items?**

**If you answered Yes to these questions, we have an opportunity for you.**

We are collecting items for the Prestonwood Pregnancy Center Southwest in Duncanville, formerly Southwest Pregnancy Center.

We are accepting items such as baby booties and baby hats.

We will include these in the "We Care" Gift Bags we assemble in November to donate to the Pregnancy Center.

Place finished items on the table in the main hallway.



**Clean the Handbells** event. **August 17th** is the date set for the Chris Kloess is heading this project and is looking for volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. You can also contact the Church Office and we will add your name to the list.

**The Altar Committee** would greatly appreciate it if 2 or 3 more people would join them to assist with setting up communion for each Sunday. The more people we have, the less time everyone will need to serve.

Each month there is a team of 2 individuals (usually women but men are more than capable of doing this and we welcome them).

The responsibilities include:  
1. Picking up the altar flowers from Albertsons in Cedar Hill and putting them on the top of the flower stands behind the altar. A check is always made out ahead of time and signed, so you don't need to pay for them yourself.  
2. Setting up communion prior to service.  
3. Cleaning up the communion ware after the service is over.

Currently we have 4 ½ teams and could really use 6 teams; this way each team would only need to serve 2 months out of the year. It is a very rewarding experience and I pray that this will spark an interest to join us.

Please call me at 972-345-2298 or email be at [ckloess@yahoo.com](mailto:ckloess@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Blessings, Chris Kloess  
Chairperson of the Altar Committee

The **Serving the Lord List** for July can be found as a separate attachment to the email with this newsletter as an attachment, as well as the **July Calendar**. Printed copies can be found on the church website as well as in the Narthex.

## BOARD OF PROPERTIES

Thank you to Hedtke for his continued hard work on the flower beds around the building. We are looking better every day.

This last month we addressed and replaced the air conditioner in the kitchen, teacher lounge, and hallway.

We have other issues that need to be addressed around the church, some include:

- replace boards on north end of the building (office area)

- repair the center stonework over the front door of the main entrance of the building.

- replace some upright poles around the front of the church, covering walkways.

- continued cleaning around the building and the fence line shared with our neighbors to the south.

Please plan on attending the August Voters' Meeting as these matters will be brought forward for discussion.

One of our goals is to bring the playground area to be an age appropriate area. Volunteers are

needed to help complete the work. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Narthex soon. You can volunteer to work on the playground or to fix some brown



bag lunches for the workers and bring drinks. Date to be announced soon.

We have a goal to set up a garden area for the children after the playground equipment is in place. Watch for more news!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month Pastor asked me to accept a "very generous gift from Robert and Marion Knaub" on behalf of Cross of Christ. Marion joined Robert in Heaven last April. Come to find out that she had worked with a wonderful organization called Legacy Deo based out of Austin Texas. This group helps Christians like Marion develop financial plans to ensure one's legacy impacts life forever.

Legacy Deo's Chief Executive Officer, Rev. Dr. Gerald B Kieschnick graced us by filling our pulpit and delivered a fantastic sermon. If the name sounds familiar, it is because Rev. Dr. Kieschnick served as the 12th President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. After our worship, he then presented us with a generous check from Robert and Marion.

I spent some time reflecting on this gift. I encourage each of you to research Legacy Deo at [www.legacydeo.org](http://www.legacydeo.org). It is truly a wonderful organization. It makes a

strong case that all begins with recognizing that God (Latin:Deo) is the giver of all gifts. What we do with His gifts is the legacy we leave.

It is this realization that strengthens us with our stewardship. I have always felt that our primary job on Church Council is to partner with our congregation and ensure God's gifts to us are used for His purpose. In other words, to be good stewards of His treasures.

So I came to look at Robert and Marion's check as less a "gift" to Cross of Christ and more of a request to continue their faithful God-honoring legacy as good stewards.

I accepted that check and, with the help of God, intend to do just that!

Yours in Christ, Dan

1 Peter 4:10-11

*<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

**August 17, 2019**

**5:45 p.m. Ice cream social**

**6:00 p.m. Voters Meeting**

**Join us to discuss Church business!**