

# CROSS of CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Crossties

October 2011



## Our Vision Statement

We see ourselves as a loving, joy-filled family of believers gathered in celebration and praise around our Lord Jesus Christ. As Bible-based Christians, we seek to share God's word of salvation and to live daily in His healing, hope and guidance. We are committed to reaching out to the whole community, as we embrace and nurture new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.



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## God's Timing

Pastor Barry Hildebrandt

Are you good at waiting? Are you a patient person? St. Paul in Galatians 4:4 wrote: "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son." Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of "a time for every purpose under heaven." So what's the point? As school has gotten underway, we have become even more bound by schedules and driven by time slots. But these and other such statements in Scripture tell us very clearly that God is not so regimented and constrained. Case in point are all the centuries that passed between a couple of the last Messianic prophecies about Jesus' virgin-conception and birth in Bethlehem as announced by Isaiah and Micah. In short, God is deliberate and not rushed by circumstance! Right now, God's timing is perfect . . . as it always has been . . . as it always will be! He is not waiting to do something in your life and mine just for the fun of it.

You may be going through some difficult and painful circumstances. You may be asking: "Why is God taking so long? Why does He wait? Why doesn't he help?" The answer is that His timing is better than yours or mine. He is right on schedule! When His time has come, He will act. God is sovereign not just over what we do, but over the time in which we live as well. The powerful message of the Bible in this regard is very simple – YOU CAN TRUST GOD!

He is using this time to prepare us. In John 16:12 Jesus declared, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." What He really was telling His disciples was that they were not yet ready. However, He did not leave them unprepared. I am reminded of Christ's conversations with specific individuals preparing the twelve for what lay ahead: the woman at the well, the Gadarene demoniac, the lame man by the pool, the three disciples in Jairus' house and on the Mount of Transfiguration, Martha and Martha at their brother's tomb. In each of these (and other situations as well) the Lord was helping them to grow in their understanding of God's will for their lives. This same concern continued after His resurrection with His appearances. Did you ever wonder why Jesus did not show Himself to Caiphias or Pilate or Herod? He only sought out believers in order to strengthen them and prepare them for His return to heaven and their task of "discipling the nations."

I am convinced that our Heavenly Father in His love for you and me will also provide sufficient signs so that we may know His desire and His timing on matters concerning our lives. Certainly, He has our well-being always in mind! He will show us His will, as long as we can see beyond our own wills! Think of instances in your life and those of other Christians involving an "amazing coincidence", or a certain person "saying the right thing at just the right time," or turning in your devotional time to that "perfect section of Scripture." That's our Lord reaching down in His time, letting us know that He's there. It's the Almighty giving clear proof to the eyes of faith that He cares about us. He is revealing His will in His good and perfect time from the perspective of eternity!



## Reconciliation Meeting

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 a special voters meeting was conducted to hear from Pastor Wenck concerning the reconciliation process he has been leading at COC with the church's leadership. It was made very clear, that apart from God and His Word to us we are powerless in truly resolving conflict. That is why the entire congregation is presently in a unified bible study program called **Peacemakers** which focus' on the Bible and its positive answers to conflict that our Almighty God has revealed to us! And we must be smart enough to listen and heed this divine advice. Whether the conflict is at home at work at school or at church, how does the Lord want us to react? In our words, thoughts, and actions??

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:45am and hear the Word of the Lord!

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Starting October 2nd through the end of the month, our youth group will be collecting canned food items to donate to a local food pantry. Please bring all items to the church and we will have boxes to collect them in.

## School Supplies

Once again, the Quilting Ladies are collecting school supplies for the school bags. If you would like to make a donation there will be a box in the hallway. If you have any questions please call Lanette Bagley at 344-9324.

## Adopt-A-Seminarian

With the economy as it is, this is a critical time for helping seminary students with their tuition. If you could help (especially since our own Derek Waffel and Rev. William Miller are in St. Louis) please talk to Pastor about the details of this synodical program, which is being promoted across our Synod.

## Trunk or Treat

Something new at Cross of Christ! We are looking for volunteers to participate in this event on our parking lot. What this means is you collecting candy, fruit or other treats between now and the end of October which can be handed out of your car trunk. You may decorate your car or yourself or both for the holiday. More details will follow. If you have questions please call Erin McCall at 615-357-0817.



## Partners in Ministry Tanzania

How great is our God?? He took a little church like Cross of Christ and partnered it with an even smaller church in Gambosi TZ and TA DA!!! Our brothers & sisters in Christ will soon be worshipping in a church with a ROOF!!!!

Thank you all for your participation in this project. I have received an estimate of the costs for the roof (see below). It looks like there will be money left over. It's kinda like the disciples who gathered up all the extra baskets of food following the feeding of the 5000. I will be working on how the extra money might be used.

I RECEIVED YOUR MSG FOR THE GAMBOSI BULDING,WE HAVE THE LUCK OF ELECTRICITY ALLOVER THE COUNTRY DUE TO SHORTAGE OF WATER FROM THE SOURCES. SO HERE IS THE APPROXIMATIONS FOR THE CHURCH.

1. TIMBERS FOR ROOFING-180 2 by 6@15,000/-  
=**2700,000/-**  
- 90 2 by 3@10,000=**900000/-**
  2. IRON SHEETS 140@17,000/=2,380,000/-
  3. NAILS (ROOFING AND CONNECTING THE TIMBERS)260,000/-
  4. TRANSPORTATION AND ROOFING COSTS-800,000/-
- GRAND TOTAL-6,780,000/- US\$ 4,071.51**

*"Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people." Ps. 113:1-8.*

## "Camp Out to Stamp Out" Family Homelessness

WHAT: To raise awareness and money, the Interfaith Homelessness Network will host the third annual "Camp Out to Stamp Out" Family Homelessness overnight event.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Oct.9 at 7 a.m.

WHERE: First Tennessee Pavilion

WHO: Participants experience what it's like to be homeless by bringing their own tent or cardboard box, spending the night outdoors and eating from a soup kitchen.

WHAT ELSE: Cost is \$25 per person up to four people. Groups of five or more people \$10 per person. Children under 10 free. No pets, please. All proceeds benefit the IHN program to assist homeless families become stable, employed and housed.

CONTACT: Registration and donations can be made online at [www.ihnchattanooga.org](http://www.ihnchattanooga.org) or by calling (423) 756-3891.

Need to contact an Elder?

Scott Brewster has offered his contact information for anyone who needs it:

Scott Brewster  
Account Manager  
Desk-648-1583  
Cell-704-1583  
Email [Brewsterks@epb.net](mailto:Brewsterks@epb.net)

## Fun! Food! Fellowship! Ladies' Christmas Brunch

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Ladies' Christmas Brunch sponsored by LWML. All women are welcomed. Bring a neighbor, sister, daughter, granddaughter or BFF!

**When:** 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10  
**Where:** Cross of Christ Fellowship Hall  
**Who:** All Women of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, friends and family

### Food Sign Up (starts in November)

Everyone is asked to bring a dish or food item to share. Please sign up so we don't have 15 egg casseroles. Get out your favorite recipe!

### Show & Tell (optional participation)

Do you have Christmas or special occasion china you want to show off? Bring a treasured Christmas ornament, nativity, decoration, poem or story to show and tell about. We want to hear about your favorite Christmas tradition or treasure!

### "Table Hostesses" Sign Up (optional – starts in November)

"Table Hostesses" are invited to sign-up and set up place settings and accessories for 6 (tablecloth, napkins, plates, cups, silverware and glassware).

For more information please contact Irma Pinkerton, Eunice Timm or Donna Flippin.

## Friends and Family Dinner

Please come and worship and have dinner with us on 10/30/2011 we have weekly prayer on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

Contact: Jennifer Dean 629-1461 267-1475  
jenniferdean35@gmail.com



## COC Youth – October Schedule

### All Month: Canned Food Drive

Let's help those in need this Fall by collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items.

### Oct 22: Fall Hiking Trip

A day hike in the Chattanooga area. More information will follow.


### Oct 30: Youth Breakfast

Youth will provide goodies and host the church breakfast buffet.

## Did you know?

October 31 is the day that Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on a Catholic church door in Wittenberg, Germany in the year 1517.

Do you have information that you want put into the next edition of Crossties? You can submit any information or articles to Danielle Thorsen in the following ways:

- Submit online by clicking the 
- Email to [daniellethor@gmail.com](mailto:daniellethor@gmail.com) or [newsletter@cocluth.com](mailto:newsletter@cocluth.com)
- Call Danielle at (256) 694 – 1286

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## Those Who Serve in October

	2	9	16	23	30
Elders					
Readers 8:30	Philip McCall	Marc Flippin	Larry Zehnder	Jo Parham	
Readers 11:00	Ann Hunt	Jim Walpert	Dave & Cara Welsh	Philip McCall	
Ushers					
Greeters 8:30	Richard & Lanette Bagley	Dave Murray	Paul & Barbara Wyatt	Don Burrow	
Greeters 11:00	Jim & Penni Walpert	Jim & Sandi Reisenbuechler	Ray & Pat Veldman	Scott & Allison Brewster	
Altar Guild	Monica & Julia				
Acolytes					



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