

## **Cross of Christ Fall Letter 2023**

Dear Cross of Christ,

I hope you have had a nice summer. As the seasons now change we once again gather for one worship service on Sundays at Cross of Christ at 9:30am beginning on Sunday, September 10 for 'God's Work Our Hands'. This year we are collecting items for School Kits and Health Kits. We will assemble these kits during our coffee hour. The intent of 'God's Work Our Hands' is for us to work on projects that impact the world outside of our church walls. Please see the list below of the items we are collecting between now and September 10.



### **School Kits**

Each kit contains:

- 4-70 sheet notebooks
- 1-30 centimeter ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1-pencil sharpener
- 1-blunt tip scissor
- 5-unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; rubber banded
- 5-ball point pens; rubber banded
- 1-box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 1-2 ½" eraser

### **Personal Care Kits**

Each kit contains:

- 1-Light or medium weight bath towel (50" x 27"-dark colored)
- 2-Bars of soap (bath size in original wrappers)
- 1-Nail clipper
- 1-Adult size toothbrush (in original packaging or multi-pack in business size envelopes)
- 1-Sturdy comb

### **Bell Choir**

We are excited to announce the return of the Adult Bell Choir with practice beginning on Wednesday, September 20th from 6pm-7pm. This bell choir is for anyone who is in at least 9th grade and older. It is preferable that those interested can read music. However, if you are interested and need a music lesson one will be provided. Our Bell Choir Director is Eileen Hegland. Please drop an e-mail to our Office Administrator Karen to sign up.

### **Caring Collection**

The third Sunday of every month we will collect items needed in our community to support the Houston Food Shelf or After School Backpack Program. We will announce what the items are a few weeks in advance.

### **Noisy Offering**

We will continue to collect the Noisy Offering the first Sunday of every month. Please bring your pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters to share with other organizations helping people. So far this year we have donated \$433.48 to the Houston Food Shelf, \$306.13 to Bluff Country Family Resource and \$306.13 to the Helping Hands Backpack Giveaway.

### **Sunday School & Confirmation & Club 56**

Letters have been sent out for Sunday School, Confirmation and Club 56 registration. If you have a young person who has not received this information please contact our church office so we can get them to you.

## **Fall Dinner**

Fall Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Oct 4. More details to come.

Thank you for being part of our Cross of Christ Lutheran Church family and for all the ways you live out your faith. It is fun and good to be your Pastor. See in church either in person or on our Facebook streaming service!

*Pastor Dana*



## **Cross of Christ Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

The Church Office is closed on Fridays

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## **Cross of Christ Sunday Calendar** **September - December**

### **Sep 10** God's Work Our Hands

Care Kits & School Kits Assembled During Coffee Hour

### **Sep 17** Bible Sunday/Caring Collection/Welcome Back Breakfast

**Sep 24** Contemporary Service/ Sports Team Sunday/ Coffee and Council Cabinets.

Please wear your favorite sport's team gear to church. During our coffee time Church Council Members will also be meeting with their Cabinet Members at designated tables.

### **Oct 1** New Member Sunday & Noisy Offering

Are you interested in joining Cross of Christ or know someone who is? Please invite them to contact our church office for more information.

### **Oct 8** Fall Fest

During our coffee hour enjoy our little ones as they decorate pumpkins and enjoy a hay wagon ride through Houston.

### **Oct 15** Contemporary Service/ Caring Collection

### **Oct 22**

### **Oct 29**

### **Nov 5** All Saints & Noisy Offering

You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one who has passed away and put it on the altar before worship and then take your picture home afterward. Together we will remember those we miss.

### **Nov 12**

**Nov 19** Time of Thanks (Thanksgiving Theme) & Caring Collection

### **Nov 26** Advent I

**Dec 3** Advent 2 Noisy Offering & WELCA Cookie Walk

**Dec 10** Advent 3 Contemporary

**Dec 17** Advent 4 Children's Christmas Program & Caring Collection

### **Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worship

Communion & Candlelight at both 3pm and 5pm

Adult Choir will sing at the 5pm service.

### **Dec 31**