



Church of the Three Crosses

Many journeys. One community.

NEWSLETTER

July - August
2009

COTTC Art Fair Fundraiser

Though the Saturday weather was trying, ultimately, our spirits nor our efforts were dampened by the rain.

The weather did play a significant part in our proceeds, but as a community we pulled together and gave what we could to the effort. At press time, we had a gross income of \$9,476 and expenses of \$3,475, leaving a net income for the weekend of \$6,001; a great help in our cash flow. And amazingly, we had 57 unduplicated volunteers over the weekend (10 more than last year), who volunteered some 525 hours. Your hard work and commitment to this church's mission is inspiring.

COTTC Progressive Dinner

Summertime and The Living Is Easy:

The First (in recent times) Annual Progressive Dinner

Saturday, August 8 • 6:00pm

Our three-course progressive dinner starts at the church and proceeds to two homes within a two-block radius. So park once (at the church) and walk short distances for delicious summertime fare and great fellowship. More details to come!

"An Evening in the Park" 2009



*The summer continues with our exciting repertoire of music ...
these are always fun evenings!*

July 18

The musical program will feature the *Whiskey Hollow Bluegrass Band*, a bluegrass band returning this year for another great performance.

August 22

The musical program will feature *The Singleman Affair*, who is Dan Schneider, an artist whose highly praised musical style references the Byrds, Leonard Cohen, Scott Walker and Ananda Shankar, to name a few.

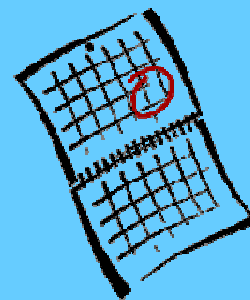
THE EVENT IS FREE!

Everyone is invited to bring a picnic supper at 6:00pm and enjoy the park (the church will furnish the beverages).

The free concerts begin at 7:00pm! See you there!

DAYS OF INTEREST

- July 2 COTTC Council Meeting
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 Communion Offering
Howard Brown Health Center
- July 9 Mission: *The Night Ministry*
- July 12 Earle Johnson Preaches
- July 14 Book Group
- July 18 "An Evening in the Park"
Whiskey Hollow Bluegrass Band
- July 19 ICH "House" Is Passed



- Aug. 2 Communion Offering
Ecumenical Ventures
- Aug. 8 Progressive Dinner - COTTC
- Aug. 13 Mission: *The Night Ministry*
- Aug. 16 ICH "House" Is Passed
- Aug. 22 "An Evening In the Park"
The Singleman Affair
- Aug. 30 Blessing of the Animals
Service

Mission Outreach: The Night Ministry

Over the summer, our evenings supporting the work of *The Night Ministry* will continue. On the second Thursday evening, we meet at the church at 7:30pm to prepare for the night, making sandwiches and packing the items for the snacks we provide at the *Night Ministry's* Health Bus stop.

Amy Viola has been providing leadership as we plan our menu. If you would like to be a part of this important outreach – let Amy know.

Amy Viola at: Viola_Amy@yahoo.com

Financial Status

This community's generosity is amazing!

Even during these challenging economic times, your support of this church's ministry is inspiring. Through the month of May (our latest reconciled financial numbers) our budgeted income stands at 105% of forecast income, which gives us a bit of a cushion going into the summer, when income generally has been below projected amounts. Our expenses are running slightly behind our budgeted expenses at 99% of forecast. As the year continues and as the economic climate continues to challenge us, your continued support of the church is greatly appreciated.

Interfaith Council for the Homeless

Family Sponsorship "House"



Each third Sunday of the month during the receiving of the offering, a small house will also be passed throughout the congregation. This house symbolizes our commitment to partner with *Interfaith Council for the Homeless* to house a family; to provide a rental subsidy so that a family can move from the shelter system to permanent housing. All of the funds you place in the house will support our commitment to this rental subsidy.

COTTC's on Facebook!

Go to www.facebook.com to register and join our group!

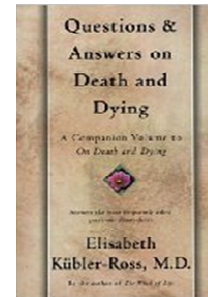
If you're already a Facebook member, join us! Go to the Facebook website and fill-in the "Sign Up" information on the right hand side of the webpage. When done, you will be sent an e-mail confirmation link to the e-mail address you used to register.

After you've confirmed, once in Facebook, go the Search bar at the top of the page and type in Church of the Three Crosses. Choose the list, then click on "Join Group" link to join!

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 14 • 7:00pm

Meeting at COTTC



The book we are reading:

**Questions & Answers
on Death and Dying**

By Elisabeth Kubler-Rose

COMMUNION

July Offering

Howard Brown Health Center
www.howardbrown.org

August Offering

Ecumenical Ventures
www.ecumenicalventures.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, August 30 • 11:00am

Park Amphitheater, Sedgwick & Wisconsin

Our annual Blessing Of the Animals is a time of celebrating the gift of pets and the important part animals play in the ecological balance of our world. Bring your pets of every kind for an enriching Worship time!

Please Note: Small pets should be caged to protect them from the larger animals.