

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### GIVING BLOOD – AN ACT OF LOVE

The other day, I noticed Red Cross Blood Bank vehicles in Christ Church Lutheran's front yard on Swanport road. There was nothing unusual about that as they regularly set up there, using John Dohler Hall as a collection point for blood from donors.

However, the more I thought about it, the more I thought how appropriate. Why?

Churches are where people worship and talk about Jesus. The Jesus who suffered and then died on a cross to save people from living a broken friendship with the God of the Bible. This God looks upon himself as "Heavenly Father". A God whos followers, also look upon themselves as "family". God's Word says, "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith". (Galatians 3:26)

The Red Cross Blood Bank is about using blood from donators, volunteers, who give their blood to save people; restore them to their loved ones, their fathers, their families, brothers and sisters.

Jesus was not forced to go through the suffering and dying, having his blood shed through nails driven into his hands and feet. He did it out of love for all; a deep and lasting love for you and me whom the Bible tells us He knows by name. (Don't try to work it out – just accept it.)

I believe those who voluntarily give their blood at the blood bank, do so out of love and care for their fellow men and women they will most likely never meet. The Bible teaches that every good and loving thing that happens is part of Gods design for love and care to be part of our lives, even if the people themselves may not believe in God of the Bible. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father". (James 1:17)

Think about it. What is the symbol of the Red Cross?

Thank God for the benefits which come to us all through the dedication of all involved in this fantastic community service. They are all doing Good. I'm sure God is proud of them.

God bless,

Kevin Schrapel