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## April 2019

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# THIS EASTER



*There is a place for you here.*



**Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am  
followed by Palm Sunday Festival**

**Maundy Thursday Worship 6:15pm**

**Good Friday Worship 6:15pm**

**Easter Sunday Worship 8:30am and 10:30am**

**Breakfast 9:30am-10:30am**

# Pastoral Page



## *April Greetings!*

I am writing this on the first day of Spring! Hooray! For those of us in Minnesota, it has been a long winter.

April starts truly showing spring in nature, signs of growth and new life, and most importantly April continues us through Lent, Holy Week, and then the most important celebration of new life, Easter: The Resurrection of our Lord.

We hope you can keep joining us for our **Lenten theme of Cultivating & Letting Go** on both Sundays and Wednesdays and then be a part of **Holy Week**, through **Maundy Thursday** as we celebrate First Communion with our fifth graders, **Good Friday** with an intergenerational service, and then **Easter Morning** with 8:30 and 10:30 worship. We are grateful for all those who serve in so many ways to prepare and carry out ministry through these worship services and also with our simple soup suppers during Lent and then extravagant Easter breakfast.

We also want you to know that the **Call Committee** (co-chairs: Lori Blaukat, Brian Boyda; Aundra Erickson, Karen Larson, Bob Laven, Blake Millner, and myself) continue to work diligently. In late March, we conducted a mock interview, and in early April, we will conduct interviews with two candidates that are interested in the call for Associate Pastor.

Our goal is to have a Candidate of Choice to present to the council, when council meets on April 10. If that indeed takes place, and the council receives and recommends the candidate; we then hope to have a vote on the call and compensation package of the candidate at our Spring Congregational Meeting. The call committee and council will keep you abreast of these matters, and whether we are on track with these goals! Please continue to keep this call process in your prayers.

Regardless of the call process, we have set our **Spring Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 28**. We will celebrate our mission and ministry together, review our financials, and look forward to the future and what God has in store for us, as we celebrate the season of Easter and new life all around.

So, I'll close with the gospel acclamation that we've been singing this Lent, it's the first verse of what's quickly becoming one of my favorite hymns! I love the imagery of thinking about Jesus Christ in this way and God's promise of hope and new life for the world through God's Son. May this be our prayer as we transition from Lent into Easter: *"There in God's Garden, stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty."*

In Christ,  
~Pastor Kristin

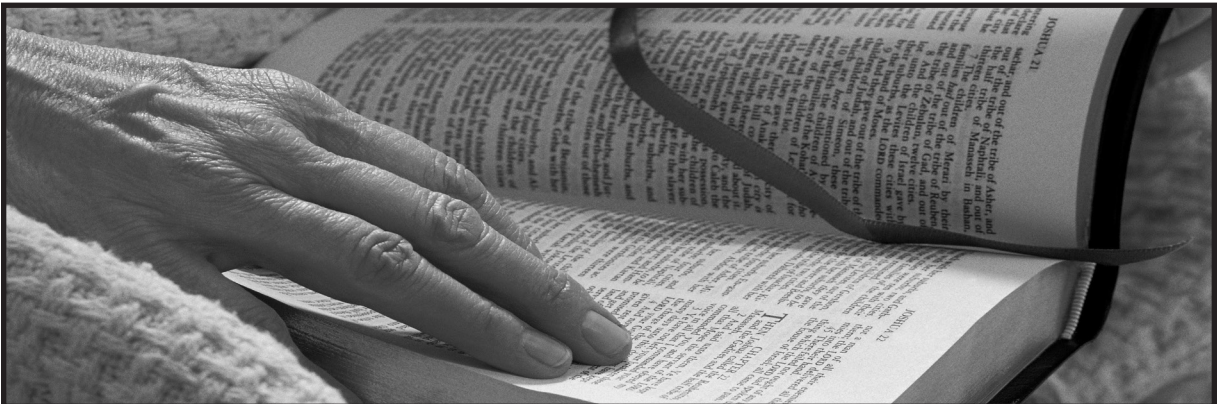
# About Us

## Council

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## Staff

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<b>Custodian</b>	Jenny Henderson
<b>Maintenance</b>	Carl Weber
<b>Groundskeeper</b>	Brian Thull





## Palm Sunday

*April 14*

Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30

Coffee Fellowship at 10:30

Palm Sunday Festival for all ages at 10:30, followed by a Potluck, main dish provided, bring your favorite side dish to share.

## Maundy Thursday

*April 18*

Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:15pm  
with First Communion



## Good Friday

*April 19*

Good Friday worship at 6:15pm



## Easter Sunday Worship

*April 21*

Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:30

Extravagant Easter Breakfast at 9:30



## The Quick Read!

### **PALM SUNDAY FESTIVAL FOR ALL AGES!!**

**Sunday, April 14th 9:30-12:00**

**Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30**

**Coffee, juice, and cookies at 10:30**

**Palm Sunday Festival 10:30-12:00**

**Be visited by the people and places from Holy Week from 10:45-11:15**

**Potluck: Main dish of Sloppy Joes is provided. Please bring a side dish to share (Chips & salsa, veggies, salad, dessert, etc.) 11:15-12:00**

## The Full Read!

Palm Sunday is a Festival Sunday in the Christian Church marking the beginning of Holy Week. Many were drawn into the biblical story of Holy Week. They entered the places and people of the passion story. These folks were singles, couples, and families witnessing that first Holy Week. Now we as singles, couples, and families are invited to continue doing the same. We will be visited by Jesus, Peter, and Pilate. We will be in the table with the Twelve, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Roman courtyard and more.

This is a wonderful way to see the words we often just read take shape for the sake of faith. So, we invite our Wednesday folks to make a special effort to come this Sunday. Just as our Sunday folks made a special effort to come on Wednesday in Advent. Also, this is a great way for us get to know each other better! All will come away with a devotion and prayer guide to use during Holy Week.

Again, bring your favorite chips and dip, hot side dish, salad, veggies or whatever. A warmer and refrigerator space will be available to keep food safe (hot or cold) until we are ready to eat. Beverages, paper plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.

Come, for we are one community gathered around one God, one cross, one tomb. We are one people who know the story does not end there, but know that we NEED to visit these places on the way to Easter.

Kurt Hagestuen Pastoral Assistant



# Health Ministry

*I am so excited!* April brings not only showers but some of my favorite programs. The **Matter of Balance class will start April 2nd** on Tuesdays for 8 weeks. This class looks at reasons folks fall and ways to minimize the risk. The class is free because of a grant through Crow Wing Energized and open to the community — if you know of someone who might benefit, please let them know. April will also be the start of our **Lifestyle Change — Diabetes Prevention Course** which will also be held Tuesdays. (See posters for sign-up information for both classes.) The course that I led last year has just finished the year journey through changing how we look at food and ways to eat in a more healthy way and I was so proud of the long-term losses that folks were able to maintain.

See me if you have questions about either course.

April will also see the start of a new **Caregiver Support Group** that will meet once per month. I will be facilitating the sessions and each month we will look at topics of interest to those who care for folks with health issues. This will also be open to the community. As we care for others, it is important to focus on our own mind, body, and spirit health and find others who share that journey. During times of trouble, it is so helpful to talk to others who have similar feelings and may have found ways to deal with issues that come up. We will also have sessions related to certain disease entities such as memory loss and end-of-life issues in order to gain knowledge about what our loved ones are going through. There is no need to sign

up, just watch for posters with date and time.

I hope that you have April 27th on your calendar already—it is the date of our first **Power of Aging Expo** which is being planned by Crosslake Cares — a non-profit group composed of area churches and community leaders. Mark Rosen is the keynote speaker and there is something for everyone on that day including exhibits, raffles, free

food, and mini-sessions. This free event is being held at the Log Church and I will be presenting one of the mini sessions with Steve Kappes, our local pharmacist. The Expo will be held yearly and is geared to everyone. Watch for posters, bulletin inserts, and announcements on radio and press. It has been great to work with so many talented folks from the community especially

members of area churches. It could be a gateway for other shared activities and events as we seek not to duplicate efforts.

Work is ongoing for our annual **Memorial Day Observance**. Our first organizational meeting will be held April 16th at 2:00pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to be a part of our planning group. I hope to have a speaker confirmed soon (although it will be hard to top Dr. Lokstad, our last year's presenter). Our service will continue to feature music, calling of the veterans, and the wonderful flyover, I am already starting prayers for perfect weather -) please see me if you have ideas as to how to make the day even more special.

As I am patiently waiting for the snow to leave, it has been a great time to find ways to get rid of

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## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

### *Prayers for Peace and Comfort:*

Neil & Maxine McEwen in the death of their brother-in-law, Warren Kinshella, on March 1st in San Diego, CA.

Jan & Doris Mezzenga on the death of Jan's mother, Bette, on February 28th in Pine River.

The family of Chris Monroe in their loss & sorrow. Chris passed away on March 7th in Crosslake.

Helen & Dave Nordgren in the death of their brother-in-law, John Vant Hof, on March 19th in Luverne, MN.

### *Pastoral Acts*

**Baptism:** Walker Douglas Spray,  
February 24th

**Parents:** Kelly & Kyle Spray

**Sponsors:** Ashley Lenning  
Eric & Hillary Spray

Nathan & Heidi Spray



Thanks to the following members who helped serve at the Care 'N Share Café this past month: Roy & Carolyn Silcox, Connie & Perry Caspers, and Ron & Leanne Ommen.

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things that are no longer useful or needed as we consider what to cultivate and what to let go of. Everything that we own takes time and energy and there are countless books on how to reduce, recycle, and reuse. Find that perfect place to donate that unwanted treasure to benefit others — you will feel good about clearing and also knowing that others benefit. Letting go can also include letting go of unhealthy thoughts and beliefs that limit our mind, body, and spirit health.

Speaking of cultivating — It is also the perfect time to start indoor plantings. Last year my dad and I grew exotic pumpkins and it was such a great time together. Imagine blue, white, and odd shaped pumpkins — maybe you can involve the grandkids in your work. You don't need a big space for container gardens and it is a way to have not only visual beauty but also great food to eat. I grew up on a farm — so many memories of canning, freezing, and pickling great food to eat all year long. It is certainly becoming a lost art.

I hope that the Easter season brings a renewal of your mind, body and spirit. If you need ideas of how to be healthier or have ideas of activities that should be considered, please see me.

Blessings,  
~ Gail Smith, Parish Nurse

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## Easter Garden

Please watch for more information coming soon regarding the “Easter Garden” plants that you can order for Easter Sunday. The previous business we ordered from in years past is unable to supply us with plants any longer. Please watch the bulletins in the coming weeks!

Thank You, Altar Guild



## Bible Study: Embracing Forgiveness

*What It Is & What It Isn't*  
by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Embracing Forgiveness is welcome balm for a culture struggling for civility and reconciliation. Master storyteller and teacher Barbara Cawthorne Crafton leads a group of adults in a revealing and helpful exploration of what forgiveness is not, first of all, and then, what it is and how to find it in our lives, on both the personal and communal level. Warm, honest, realistic, and practical, Embracing Forgiveness offers tonic for troubled souls – yours and mine.

We'll watch thirty minutes of this group, which starts with a ten-minute presentation from Episcopal priest, Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, followed by a twenty-minute filmed interaction of the group. After the DVD, we'll have our own discussion involving scripture and life experience.

Join us for this Lenten Bible Study at 10:00am on Wednesday mornings.

Wed., April 3      How to Start

Wed., April 10     Why Forgive?

FOR MARRIED COUPLES AND  
THOSE TO BE MARRIED

*Couples'  
Retreat*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019  
9:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

COST IS \$125 PER COUPLE. INCLUDES ALL  
MATERIALS, MORNING SNACK, AND LUNCH

REGISTER AT BETHLEHEM-ONLINE.ORG





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.F.	<b>2</b> 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group- Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm Matter of Balance class 3pm Befriender Team Meeting	<b>3</b> 9am Kitchen Committee 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir practice 5:30-6:10pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30pm GROWing Kids (K-6th grade) excused from worship 7pm Mentors/Youth meet 7pm High School Youth Ministry 7pm First Communion Class	<b>4</b>  1pm Welca General Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30am coffee/fellowship 10:30am Alleluia Choir	<b>8</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 3pm Executive Committee 7pm A.F.	<b>9</b> 10am Pastors' Study Group- Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm Matter of Balance class	<b>10</b> 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir practice 4:30pm Finance 5:30-6:10pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion (GROWing Kids stay in worship) 7pm Mentors/Youth meet 7pm High School Youth Ministry 7pm First Communion Class 7pm Church Council	<b>11</b>  8am Heartland Conference Spring Gathering-Malmo 2:30pm Property/Facilities Meeting 3:30pm Endowment Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (No Sunday School) 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Noon Palm Sunday Festival with potluck to follow	<b>15</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.F.	<b>16</b> 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group- Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm Matter of Balance class 2pm Memorial Day Planning Mtg.	<b>17</b> 1pm Knit Wits 4:45pm Adult Choir practice 6pm First Communion bread baking 7pm High School Youth Ministry	<b>18</b> 10am Book Club <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Worship Service with First Communion (5th graders) 6:15 pm	<b>19</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Service 6:15 pm	<b>20</b>  10am Country Cross deadline!
<b>21 EASTER</b> (NO Sunday School) 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Adult Choir 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Adult Choir 9:30am-10:30am Extravagant Easter French Toast Breakfast	<b>22</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Altar Guild 9am Quilters 7pm A.F.	<b>23</b> 10am Pastors' Study Group- Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm Matter of Balance class 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	<b>24</b> 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Stewardship 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 7pm High School Youth Ministry 7pm Lector Enrichment	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  10am Country Cross assembly	<b>27</b>  8am-1pm Senior Expo at the Log Church  2pm Jack Johnson Memorial Service
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship with Baptism of Maribelle Margaret Sailer and Sunday School 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Spring Congregational Meeting	<b>29</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.F.	<b>30</b> 10am Pastors' Study Group 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm Matter of Balance class 2pm Outdoor Worship Committee 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class 3-4:30pm Caregiver Support Group		<b>April 2019</b>		

# Sharing God's Bounty

## *What's Your Gift?*

Perhaps you haven't spent much time, if any, pondering that question. God has given each of us at least one gift, though, and if even one of us does not use that gift, the Body of Christ suffers. Paul, in Ephesians 4:16 writes, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Christian stewards tend to have a lower opinion of themselves than they ought, denigrating their abilities and talents and even their financial capabilities. When we keep in mind that it is God himself who has chosen our gifts and blessed us materially, we realize that to belittle these gifts is to question God's wisdom and generosity. Again we read Paul's words, now from Romans 12:5, *"... in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* He goes on to say that whatever our gifts are, we are to use them as effectively as we can.

Yes, it is the pastor's job to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, but we, as stewards who have received the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19–20, are to be obedient also to Jesus' command to tell the Good News to the whole world.



Yes, there are those in your parish who seem to have more abilities and talents than you, and there may be members who have more money than you... perhaps may even be very wealthy. Does that exempt you from the responsibility to serve or to give? By no means! In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we're commanded, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Each one is to give and to give cheerfully... of their time, talents,

and treasures. God looks at the size of the heart of the giver rather than at the size of his gift. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

If you are not using your gifts, if you are not giving your money, if you are not sharing your time, the Body of Christ suffers. We need each other and our individual gifts in order that we might carry out our responsibilities as stewards to the end that the name of Christ might be made known.

Monetary gifts to God teach us patience and prudence. We learn how to control our inordinate wishing for many things that we buy. This discipline of our will makes it easier for us to live God's law. Therefore giving definitely helps us to do God's will.



# inFaith

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION®

We are thrilled to announce two scholarship opportunities available to students of our church! Applications are available online until April 30.

## InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship – Two \$5,000 scholarships

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches that have an active church endowment fund at InFaith Community Foundation. Applicants must be high school graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational opportunities to an individual who demonstrates financial need, high academic achievement, and a commitment to sharing their blessings with the world. This scholarship program is made possible through an InFaith Field of Interest Fund, a collaborative fund made possible by InFaith donors to serve our shared community.

## WomenLead Scholarship - Two \$3,000 scholarships

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead

change using their talents to educate, advocate, and activate. The WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.


FIRST ANNUAL  
CROSSLAKE POWER OF AGING

# EXPO


*"The best is yet to come."*

**Saturday, April 27th**  
**8am-12:45pm**  
**The Log Church**  
**Crosslake**

**Featured Keynote Speaker**  
Brought to you by  
**Essentia Health**



**Essentia Health**








**Mark Rosen,**  
**WCCO**  
**Sportscaster**

Mark Rosen recently retired after working for 50 years as a sportscaster for WCCO. He has been named Best TV Sportscaster for City Pages a number of times and has been inducted into their Hall of Fame.


**SCHEDULE**

8am..... Doors & Exhibits Open  
9-10:15am ..... Mini Talks  
Entertainment  
10:45-11:30am..... Time to Enjoy the Exhibitors & Taste of Crosslake Area Food!  
11:30am-12:45pm..... Mark Rosen Raffle Give Aways

**EVENT SPONSORS:**


**For More information email:** [crosslakecares@crosslake.net](mailto:crosslakecares@crosslake.net)



**FREE ADMISSION**

- ◆ Over 25 Exhibitors Showcasing Services & Opportunities for Crosslake Area Seniors.
- ◆ "Taste of Greater Crosslake" Food Vendors.

Brought to you by ...  
Crosslake Area Senior Services, Inc.



**MINI TALKS**

- ◆ The Valuable and Outsized Contributions the 50+ Community Brings to our Country, State and Area Will Phillips, Minnesota State Director of AARP
- ◆ The Latest on the National Loon Center Carla White, Secretary, National Loon Center.
- ◆ Your New Community School Says... Todd Lyscio, Executive Director, Crosslake Community School
- ◆ Medication Mayhem Gail Smith and Steve Kappes



## Diners

### Diner's signup for May to August 2019

Be sure to sign up for Diner's by April 28, 2019. New groups will be formed to meet from May through August.

Diner's club is a way to meet and get to know new people. Groups of 6–8 meet in homes with a pot luck, or meet in restaurants. Some groups meet for appetizers and then go to a restaurant for the main course. Many groups go to brunch after church or take in a play or musical production. Summer is a great time for a pontoon ride. The most important part of Diner's is fellowship.

Sign up on the bulletin board by April 28. There is a separate signup for individuals. Questions?? Vicki Kopplin 612 804 1116.

## Spring Lector Enrichment Sessions Offered

*Wednesday, April 24, 7:00pm*

*Sunday, May 5, 10:30am*

Anyone who is interested in serving as a lector (lay people who read the Scripture lessons during worship), and all those who currently participate in this ministry, are invited to attend one of these sessions.

New materials and resources will be presented as we continue to explore personal growth and support one another in our service. Whether you attended the fall meetings or not, take advantage of this opportunity!

Questions? Talk to Patricia Lundeen (Music Ministry Director) or Pat Rogness.

## February Treasurer's Report

February	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 39,949	\$ 36,340	\$ 3,609		\$ 88,348	\$ 109,877	\$ (21,529)
Expenses:	\$ 43,742	\$ 47,541	\$ (3,799)		\$ 89,069	\$ 95,962	\$ 6,893
Difference:	\$ (3,793)	\$(11,201)	\$ 7,408		\$ (721)	\$ 13,915	\$ (14,636)



In the month of February, expenses exceed revenues by \$3,793.

YTD's performance is \$14,636 less than budget, because revenues are \$21,529 less than budget and expenses are \$6,893 less than budget.

*Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.*



*NE MN Synod WELCA Convention/*<sup>14</sup>  
*Summer Gathering*

Sugar Lake Lodge south of Grand Rapids  
June 24-26

Registration forms are on the bulletin board or go to <http://www.nemnsynodwomen.org/2019-summer-convention-gathering>.

There is a separate registration form for the gathering, and a form for lodging and meals at Sugar Hills. Register by May 24.

**Save the Date:**

***April 4, 2019—1:00pm WELCA  
General Meeting***

Presenter—Master Gardener, Jennifer Knutson speaking on a variety of garden and landscape topics. Think Spring!!

***April 11, 2019—Heartland Conference  
Spring Gathering***

All women are invited to attend. This includes women from 36 churches in the Heartland Conference. Come to Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo on the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

Cost \$8

Speaker Deb Clark. My beautiful broken shell.  
2 Corinthians 4-16,18

Worship and Communion Service. Election of officers. Lunch served at 11:45. Please bring items for the Silent Auction. Proceeds go to help send women to the Triennial in 2020.

Sign up to carpool.

All women of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod are welcome to attend an inspiring, faith-filled, joyful, and fun gathering. There are workshops, worship services, bible studies, bonfires and a chance to enjoy the resort. Tuesday night ladies will have a chance to join One Little Piggy Sign painting. Register by June 18.

New officers will be elected and delegates to the 2020 Triennial will be chosen.

If you are interested in one of these positions please contact Vicki Kopplin. 612-804-1116  
See more information on the bulletin board.  
Scholarships are available for women 18–45.



## The Stewardship Minute

### Part I

We enter the month of April in anticipation of Holy Week as we remember with sadness the journey of Jesus to the Cross and then experience the joy of Easter Sunday as we loudly proclaim, “He is Risen Indeed, Halleluiah!” As people of God we remind ourselves that Jesus died so that we may be forgiven sinners, and that he overcame death so that we may know everlasting life. Let us, as Stewards, rededicate ourselves to service in the post Easter world. Let us not hoard the gifts that God has given us but share our abundance freely with each other and our neighbors.

*“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and everything you put your hand to.”*

Deuteronomy 15: 10. (NIV)

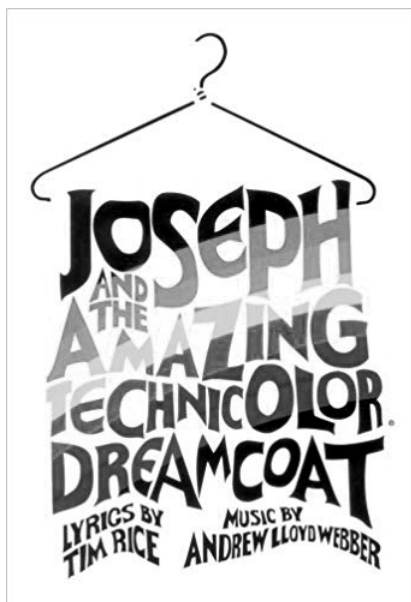
### Part II

On April 28th, Herb Nelson will be giving a brief Stewardship Talk at the beginning of coffee hour about our Outdoor Worship Service and how we can serve in various ways. Outdoor Worship is a unique way for us and our many visitors to worship God and learn about Jesus in a beautiful natural outdoor setting.

To be able to have this Service during the summer months is truly a blessing. Please consider being a volunteer as we continue to serve the several thousand people that attend each year. For more information, please contact Herb Nelson or Brenda LaRock in the church office.

In Christ,

-The Stewardship Committee



## JOSEPH & the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

is coming to Crosslake Lutheran this summer! The Adult Choir will be presenting musical selections from JOSEPH during worship on Sunday, August 11 (indoor) and Sunday, August 18 (outdoor). For those of you who enjoy singing but cannot commit to choir on a regular basis, consider joining us for these special worship services!

JOSEPH rehearsals will be held Wednesdays, beginning May 15, from 5:15–6:00 pm in the sanctuary (regular choir rehearsal will be 4:30–5:15 pm). Contact Kristi at (701) 361-8899 or krmorsch@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



*Creator God, you prepare  
a new way in the wilderness,  
and your grace waters our  
desert. Open our hearts to be  
transformed by the new thing  
you are doing, that our lives*

*may proclaim the extravagance of your love given  
to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

**Thank you** to the many volunteers who join in the ministry and mission we share at Crosslake Lutheran Church! The love you put into action transforms lives and brings such joy to our loving God and to the people whose lives you touch. In this busy Lenten season and going into Easter there are more opportunities to serve and it does get a bit more challenging since our snowbirds have not returned home and those of you who have been such dedicated volunteers during these long winter months are getting a little tired. I do rotate my list of volunteers each month but sometimes it does end up that I need to press my regular volunteers into service, and you are always willing to step in. I appreciate all that you do, whether you are a long-term regular volunteer or someone just getting started. We need the unique gifts that you possess!

I have a **special word of thanks** to those who signed up to volunteer for March. As I

write this article, I am on my way to Arizona to meet my soon to be father-in-law and sister-in-law. I wanted to get the entire March schedule filled before I left on my trip and, as always, when I got the word out that I wanted to fill everything up as quickly as possible you all stepped up and in a matter of days every Sunday volunteer opportunity was filled. Wow, that was amazing!

I will work on filling April while I am away, but already having the lector slots filled for the month really helps. Our church is blessed with so many volunteers who are willing to put their faith into action in large and small ways and I know how special that is!

Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall give a picture of who is needed in the next few weeks, please sign up as you are available and able to join us! You may also sign up by visiting the SignUpGenius through our church website or you may contact me at [kitty.fallgren@aol.com](mailto:kitty.fallgren@aol.com), (cell) 218-537-0728 or (home) 218-692-1114 to discuss volunteer opportunities or other comments or questions. If you are looking for volunteers to help with your project, I can help you find who you need.

Many blessings as you continue your Lenten journey,

-Kitty Fallgren, Volunteer Coordinator



# Our Members & Friends in the Military

SSG DUSTIN BENSON, grandson of Jeff & Bonnie Benson—Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM

MAJOR ANDREW BURNS, son-in-law of Kim and Karen Zeile—Test Pilot School, Pax River Navy Base

MAJOR MICHAEL FAZIO, Son-in-law of Mike & Laurie Ridgley—Walter Reed Army Hospital, Maryland

CAPTAIN TYSON GERDES, grandson of Ron & Dorothy Gerdes—Alaska

LT. COLONEL TIMOTHY HELFRICH, son-in-law of Kim and Karen Zeile—Hanscom Air Force Base, Concord, MA

SGT. TIMOTHY NEAL, son of Ron & Cheryl Neal—Fort Leonard Wood, MO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS BRANDON PRYOR, son of Ron & Michelle Schmidt

PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS MICHAEL PUCKETT, nephew of Joe & Shirley Gorg, Navy, North Africa

EM3 ALEX SENST, son of Karen & Neal Senst, Navy—Yokosuka Navel Station, Japan

SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHON SOUTHWELL, son-in-law of Ron & Michelle Schmidt—Grand Forks, ND Air Force Base

SGT MITCHELL TOLLEFSON, grandson of Ramona Sandberg. US Army—Fort Lewis, WA

LT. JARED WEDEL, son-in-law of Karen & Duane Boehler—NAS Corpus Christi, TX

SALLY E. WHITE, granddaughter of Jack Johnson. Air Force—Saudi Arabia

JULIE WILHELMI & DAN NICHOLS, niece & nephew-in-law of Vickey Leonard— Dulles Airport, VA (Julie) Pentagon, VA (Dan)



*PRAYER CALENDAR: Please remember these people in prayer on their Birthday and/or Anniversary.*

## April Birthdays

- 4/1 Cheryl Boozell, Ryan Harmala, Rebecca Kraft, Sharon Meister  
 4/2 Lauren Bengtson, Connie Johnson, Becky Mesenbrink, Terry Nygaard, Emily Schuldt  
 4/4 Brian Carlson, Julia Loken, Carla White  
 4/5 Alexander Goerges, Ronald Gerdes, Jacque Glas, Taylor Henderson, Griffin Wolf  
 4/6 Carol Germann, Martin Guse, Pat Lundgren, Talan Schliek, Trenten Schliek, Cole Trottier  
 4/7 Sylvia Bowman, Brittany Joyce, Cole Sposito  
 4/8 Marlene Cox, Charles Nolop, Larry Smith, Kevin Thorson  
 4/9 Pat Bressler, RaeAnn Hecker, Jeri-Sue Lommen, Alvin Schwab, Joyce Sullivan  
 4/10 Jaxon Siemers, Tony Wagner  
 4/11 Derrek Johnson, Bob Laven  
 4/12 Gail Smith, Carol Rose  
 4/13 Karen Christofferson, Kristin Larsen, Steven Wilske  
 4/14 Linda Bendt, Michael Monahan, Deanne Trottier  
 4/15 Gene Larson, Sam Shirey  
 4/16 Larry Allen, Tatium Schliek, Brian Thull  
 4/17 Jerry Benson, Kris Havir, Robert McPherson, Arlene Monahan, Neal Sens  
 4/18 Renee Maher  
 4/19 Jeff Lande, Elise Larson, Sage Larson, Megan Morgan  
 4/20 Brecken Ledin, Mary Neer, Sam Person, Ann Schrupp, Fred Skog  
 4/21 Mary Baudler, Denise Hicks, Vickey Leonard, Morgan Lohmiller, Ron Neal  
 4/22 Katelyn Chambers, Julie Engen, Vicki Kopplin, Joanna O'Neil, David Schrupp  
 4/23 Wendy Bittner, Joanna Larson, Nathan Netko  
 4/24 Cynthia Lindner, Virginia Miller  
 4/25 Cody Chambers, Bea Jepsen, Ellie Loken  
 4/26 Del Blowers, Macie Lohmiller, Jack McChesney  
 4/27 Bellaeh Brynteson, Nevaeh Brynteson, William Doerr, Andie Held, Chuck Squires  
 4/29 Patricia Lundeen  
 4/30 Jan Darnell, Vicki Nygaard, Emma Schommer, Jo Tollefson

## April Anniversaries

- 4/2 Kyle & Kelly Spray  
 4/3 Jerry & Jan Benson  
 Lance & Robyn Bragstad  
 Eric & Carrie Swanson  
 4/8 John & Shannon Ebertowski  
 Tony & Leah Glaser  
 4/9 Jeff & Ann Schommer  
 4/10 Casey & Sarah Johnson  
 4/11 Ralph & Roberta Flohr  
 Buck & Nancy Westerberg  
 4/14 Eugene & Arlene Courneya  
 4/16 Troy & Rachel Anderson  
 4/20 Duane & Beverly Ambuehl  
 Nita & David Loken  
 4/22 Jim & Amy Meister  
 4/25 Robert & Sharon McPherson  
 4/26 Jason & Stacey Gorr  
 4/30 Chris & Andrea Haar  
 Dave & Lynn Hart



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**Save the Date!**

*Spring Congregational Meeting*

**Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Following the 9:30 worship service