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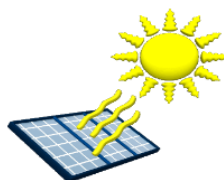
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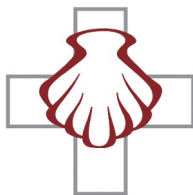
October 2022

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 16th in the Fellowship Hall after 9:30 am worship to accept gifts of solar panels on our church roof.



**CELEBRATE THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WITH
OUR 11TH GRADERS!**



Confirmation Sunday will be Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 am.
Join us for a spirited worship celebrating this milestone of faith
for these youth and their families plus the Reformation!

PASTOR'S PAGE



God's Work. Our Hands. Our Hearts.

Our fall theme continues in October as we hear from one another in worship about moments and experiences of God and faith. Hearing from one another's hearts is inspiring! We hope you will join us for **Commitment Sunday on October 2**, as we commit our time, talent, and treasure to God. There will also be a listening session after worship this day regarding a gift of solar panels for our roof that the council supports for congregational approval. Then, on **Sunday, October 9**, after worship we will celebrate our couples who are having their 50th Wedding Anniversaries this year. Join us for this unique and special time of God at work in relationships! On **Sunday, October 16**, we will have a congregational meeting after worship regarding the gift of solar panels. Plans are in the works for a special worship on **Sunday, October 23**, to reflect musically upon the liturgical year before our snowbirds go away. This will be a unique experience that we don't always have because we aren't all together in one place throughout the year. And then, on **Sunday, October 30**, we will celebrate **Reformation Sunday and the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) of our 11th graders**. And besides all these Sundays, there are lots of wonderful ministry happenings during the week that you can read about in the newsletter! We have a wonderful October ahead of us!

Additionally, this month you will find pictures of our newer members as God is making us "anew" as a congregation. I talked about this at the Annual Meeting with the Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here!"*** We often think about this verse referring to an individual; but it can also be thought about collectively, as God is always making our congregation anew, especially after Covid, and in these times of transition. And one very visible way God is doing that is through all the newer people involved! And so, in this newsletter you will see our newer people from Sundays and Wednesdays pictured, so that you can get to know them. We found out that some of those who became involved right before or during Covid were having a trickier time getting to know people, so this is a good time to include pictures of people who have gotten involved more recently. We are a new creation in Christ, and so thankful for each and everyone of them!

In Christ,

Pr. Kristin



God's Work. Our Hands. Our Hearts.

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact us if you are hospitalized or if you are in need of a pastoral visit. You can reach Pastor Kristin Oltmann at 952-200-1249.

TRUNK 'N TREAT

October 31

5:00-7:00 pm

This year's Trunk 'N Treat will be outdoors only. We need people who will decorate their cars in family-friendly themes and hand out treats. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. This year there will Awards for the best trunk, etc. Judging will be done by some of our senior high youth.



We also need people to donate candy because we typically get A LOT of kids. There is a marked bin in the narthex where you can leave your candy donations.

YOUTH EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, and 26 – Meal at 5:30. Worship at 6:15, youth ministry at 7:00.

NO Wednesday activities on October 19

Sunday, October 9th – Confirmation Retreat (9:30 am—3 pm) for 11th graders

Sunday, October 30th – Rite of Confirmation for 11th graders. Students need to arrive no later than 9:10 am

November 18-19—Retreat at Cragun's

This annual event is available this year for 7th-12th graders. The church will pay for ½ of the cost so your cost is only \$50. Registration (name, contact information) and \$50 is due by October 12. Turn in your registration to Karen Zeile on any Wednesday night.

RELIGIOUS RELEASE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26TH!

This year we will be partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes. First graders through fourth graders will arrive about 12:50 pm for learning about God's love through Scripture, music, crafts, and a snack. We are there until about 2:45 pm. We need adult helpers to accompany these sweet and energetic kids during this time! We could use your help on any Wednesday you are available from Oct. 26 through Dec. 21 (we are off the week of Thanksgiving). If you have questions or would like to help please talk to Pr. Kristin or Karen Zeile.



OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY

“PARABLES: Stories for Life in God’s World”

Continuing through the end of October, the Wednesday morning adult Bible Study will be studying the parables, timeless stories that speak to our faith. We will be talking about how these stories can influence the decisions we make. Jesus used these short and seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought. Karen Zeile will be the leader for this class.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On Sunday, October 9th, we will honor all church members who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022. We will be recognizing the following couples: Ryan & Mary Aarestad, Earl & Gail Bancroft, Les & Mary Jo Flemming, Paul & Rita Houle, Tom & Bonnie Julian and Rich & Marit Reese.

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Elected to the Church Council at our Annual Meeting on September 25th: Sue Carlson, Debbie Patrick, Bob Salo and Carla White. They are all elected to their first term on the Council.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Prayers for Peace and Comfort to those in our congregation who have suffered a loss:



- The family of Ernie Byerly in their loss & sorrow. Ernie passed away on September 6th in Crosslake.
- Phil & Jodi Schott and family in the death of Jodi’s dad, John “Jack” Engdahl, on September 16th in Alexandria, MN.

Pastoral Acts

Memorial Service: Ernie Byerly, September 16th

Baptisms: Noah Alois Weiser and Aedan LeRoy Weiser, September 4th
Parents: Austin Weiser and Jesslynn Crawford
Sponsors: Abi & Ty Swenson (Noah); Alli & Isaac Loe (Aedan)

Wedding: Sharon Corbin and Gordy Reller, September 10th (Pastor Ryan Aarestad, officiant)

Remembrance Reception: Harvey Hollenback, September 20th

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>August:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 25,412	\$ 51,129	\$ (25,717)		\$ 314,461	\$ 394,623	\$ (80,162)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 34,801</u>	<u>\$ 47,274</u>	<u>\$ 12,473</u>		<u>\$ 356,221</u>	<u>\$ 397,598</u>	<u>\$ 41,377</u>
Difference:	\$ (9,389)	\$ 3,855	\$ (13,244)		\$ (41,760)	\$ (2,975)	\$ (38,785)



In the month of **August**, expenses exceeded revenues by \$9,389.

YTD's performance is \$38,785 less than budget, because revenues are \$80,162 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$41,377.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone at church who contributed in any way for Harvey's Celebration of Life on September 20th. No deed went unnoticed. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. - Marilyn Hollenbeck, Diane and Donna

Thank you to Lori Nelson for all your help to getting crafts lined up for Kids Korner each week. You picked crafts that were fun for the kids and easy enough that we could all do them! - Deniece Young and Kitty Daniels

Dear Lefse People,

I just want to say a very BIG THANK YOU for all your help and giving of your batches and Tuesday mornings. We have set a new record for lefse, daily and total bags for sale. Our new daily record is 17 batches for one morning and we were done and cleaned up before noon. It is because of your great team work and comradery that makes all this possible. Since I started being the leader of the lefse group, my goal has been to make \$1000 for Jul Fest for all our good work for our local charities. This year we will be expecting to make \$1800. Thank you all: Sharon McPherson, Dorothy Gerdes, Ron Gerdes, Bob Laven, Roy Silcox, Steve Wilskie, Paulette W. Carla White, Ramona Sandberg, Linda Gates, Jacque Glas, Barb Chapin, Bert Flohr, Jack McChesney, Nancy Westerberg, and visitors: Terry Leonard, Dennis Yager, Jan McChesney. We are an awesome team. The Charities will all be very appreciative of our hard work even though we have fun while we are working. God's work, our hands.—Carolyn Silcox

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Crosslake Foodshelf: The foodshelf is open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9 am—Noon.

HEALTH MINISTRY



Time to get ready for the change in season. I hope that you have many nice days yet of checking out local pumpkin patches and orchards to enjoy the beauty of the fall. It is also a great time to make sure that you schedule vaccinations including COVID-19 booster and the flu vaccine. I heard Dr. Osterholm in a podcast recently and his recommendation is to wait until the end of October for the flu vaccine since it will optimize the coverage during peak flu season. He also suggested that for many, it was advisable to not have the vaccines given on the same day since if you react to a vaccine, it will be difficult to know which one created the response. For those of you leaving for the winter, both vaccines are readily available at local pharmacies, clinics and big retail such as Costco. I am sad that we cannot have our own vaccine clinic but our previous provider was part of Hennepin County and the outreach programs were discontinued. At this time, the VA did not have the COVID booster but more info should be out soon for that provider. If you are new to the area and do not have a provider and need suggestions, I am always available to assist you in finding one.

At the recent Crow Wing Energized summit, the results of the most recent county health survey was presented. More than 4000 residents received a mail survey with a 23.0% return. The summary revealed that the top concern from survey participants is obesity with more than 64% listing that as their number one concern. 1 in 3 also reported high blood pressure and 1 in 2 reported that they had 0 days of days where their mental health was not good. Depression and anxiety were the leading causes of concern. 20% of the respondents reported a delay in care for a medical condition (although from my professional experience, many folks believe that if something is not today , it constitutes a delay). If you have concerns about your health and how to improve it, I hope you are talking to your provider or sending a message through your electronic portal. It is best not to wait until you are in a crisis since your provider may not be available or your condition may worsen without treatment. Please check with me if you need to talk through your options. For those with mental health concerns, there is a community Mental Health Resource Fair that will be held on October 29th from 8:30 am to 3 pm at First Lutheran Church, Brainerd. Registration link is through Crow Wing Energized and is free to the public. There 10 presentations from local experts about programs available.

I am enjoying being a leader in the “Matter of Balance” program which meets Tuesday afternoon. The discussions, exercises and ideas of how to reduce falls have been wonderful. We will have another class in the spring if you missed this one, don’t wait until you start falling before attending!

We will be commissioning new Befrienders on October 9th during our worship service. Thank you to those who responded to God’s call to serve in our listening ministry. If you need information about the program, please contact me. The listening presence can make a huge difference in your life during times of joy and sorrow. It was so wonderful to hear about the impact that some of our ministries have on the lives of the person in ministry and the people they serve. If you are wondering about how you can be part of the ministry especially Health, I am just a phone call away.

Blessings and enjoy the beauty of this season, I wish I had God’s paints when I do watercolor!!

Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Women of Crosslake Lutheran will gather on Thursday, October 13th for a **Fall Outing to Gilby's Nursery and Orchard** (gilbysorchard.com) near McGregor. We plan to meet at church and depart by van/carpool at 10AM. Our first stop will be the McGregor Bakery to pick up our box lunches and then off to the orchard for the afternoon. Our fall afternoon at Gilby's offers a sheltered picnic area, apples, pumpkins and squash; along with a corn maze, food, craft items and gifts. There could even be a Quilt Shop stop on the way back! Please join us for a fabulous day to celebrate the Minnesota Fall season. A sign-up sheet will be on the Women of Crosslake Lutheran bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up by Monday, October 10th so that lunches can be ordered. We look forward to a delightful day.

Special thanks to Helen Silva who will now be sending cards to our Women of Crosslake Lutheran for encouragement, sympathy and prayers; and, to Nancy Westerberg who has joined the Board as Program Co-Chair. Please acknowledge their willingness to serve with your thanks and prayers.

The fall *GATHER* Bible study is "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith". It is free to download at: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/jesus-and-nature-teachers-of-faith/>. The current *GATHER* magazine and *NORTHEASTER LIGHTS* are available in the Garden Room.

Hope to see you on the 13th!

Blessings,

Janet Marr, Secretary Co-Chair

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The Women of Crosslake Lutheran will again be collecting items for Personal Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Please help by donating any of the following:

Light weight bath towel (between 20"x 40" and 27"x 52") dark color

Bath size bar of soap

Adult size toothbrush in original package

Sturdy comb (not pick)

Metal nail clippers



Items may be placed in the red box on the shelf over the coat rack in the fellowship hall. We will be assembling these Personal Care Kits in the spring. As always, if you prefer us to do the shopping you can put a check in the offering plate with "Personal Care Kits" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity in providing these kits to people living in disaster areas!

NEWER FACES AMONG US!



Bob & Kathy Bahma



Milt & Cindy Bighley



John & Joan Callender



Rocky & Barb Chapin



Matt & Judy Deis



Fred & Lynn Engman



Les & Mary Jo Flemming



The Headley Family



Joe & Arlene Heal



The Henning Family



Don & Sharon Jacobsen



Bertie Johnson



Ray Justison



Norm & Gloria Kroeger



Paul & Kathleen Leavitt

NEWER FACES AMONG US!



The Luzar Family



The Mileski Family



The Narum Family



Konnie O'Neil



Kenny & Sandy Ohlsson



Gary & Debbie Patrick



The Peterson Family



Bob & Lois Salo



The Sargent Family



Mark & Cindy Sawyer



Barbara Shostak



Dayton & Ruth Soby



James & Kathy Strampe



Kevin & Cheryl Yager

DINERS GROUP

We will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 18th at Main Street Ale House in Nisswa. Everyone is welcome! There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Questions, please call Paulette Wilske (360-319-8150).



“FLYING SOLO” CLASS

“Flying Solo” will be held Thursday, October 20, from 1-4 pm in the Fireside Room. This class is for those newly single thru divorce, death or decision. It is open to the public. To register, please contact Gail Smith (218-831-6986) or sign up on the Health Ministry bulletin board. Deadline to register is October 18th.

SOLAR PANEL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Energy Task Force has approached the Crosslake Lutheran Church Council to see if there is interest in a Solar Array being installed on the roof of the church. We believe this was a particularly timely request for two reasons. First, we are all experiencing higher energy costs which in fact are continuing to escalate with the price of natural gas now three times higher than it was just two years ago. Second, our new roof has a fifty-year life which aligns itself well with the life cycle of a Solar Array. The Council responded by asking the Energy Task Force to develop a Feasibility Plan and stipulated that the cost of the Array be fully funded by donors to a Solar Legacy Fund with no money being used from the General Fund Account. **Two upcoming Listening Sessions for church members to learn more about a possible project and ask questions will be held on Sunday, October 2 after worship and Wednesday, October 5 after worship.**

COFFEE WITH A CARDIOLOGIST

Mark you calendars for October 3rd at 1 pm when Dr. Eric Fenstad will be presenting a coffee hour called "Your Heart and How it Works, or Not" in the Fellowship hall. This session is open to all, including the community, and will include coffee and goodies. He will talk about the anatomy of the heart and briefly talk about problems when the heart does not function normally.

Dr. Fenstad has recently joined Essentia Clinic and will be seeing patients in the Pine River Essentia Clinic. Questions? See Gail Smith, Health Ministry.



WRENCHES!

The Exhibit area in Fellowship Hall features a unique display of farm machinery wrenches, curated by Alden Hardwick. The pieces on display are just the **duplicate** wrenches Alden has in his collection! This exhibit coincides with our fall theme: God's work. Our hands. Our hearts. Heartfelt thanks to Alden for preparing and sharing this unique and interesting display.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Tim Gerdes, Kathy Millard, Joselyn Oanes, Kaycie Tohm
10/2 Samantha Bittner, Dennis Blosberg, Carrie Joyce, Sally Miller
10/3 Susan Mainquist, Kathy Strampe, Autumn Thull
10/4 Ervin Rasset
10/5 Lynn Hart, Leah Heggerston, Kelton Potocki, Cole Young, Deniece Young
10/6 Sean Bengtson, Jeff Boozell, Tony Glaser, Andrea Haar, Joyce Lanning, Margery Lee, Paulette Wilske
10/7 Kathleen Bahma, Dennis Lind, Robert Salo
10/8 Richard Elmquist
10/9 Whitney Garin, Janet Marr, Cassandra Schliek, Stevie Thull
10/10 Joanne Heidman, Sharren Nuffer
10/11 Bob Blaukat, Paula Buresh, Darlene Erickson, Paul Johnson, Martin Joyce, Cheryl Neal, Gary Schwartz
10/12 Janet Hennies, Julie Schwarze
10/13 Rebecca Kalton
10/14 Wayne Hegna, Zachary Senst, Quinn Trottier
10/15 Sharon Elmquist, Katelyn McBrien
10/16 Kent Mainquist, Amanda Nordgren
10/17 Sanibel Goerges, Lincoln Miller
10/18 Marit Reese
10/19 Lance Bragstad, Karla Frederickson
10/20 Braelyn Erickson, Charles Hicks, Merilyn Lind, Kim Olesen
10/21 Judith Schrader, Sam Scheuss, Karli Skog, Kristin Skog
10/22 Ruth Soby, Kevin Yager
10/23 John Carlson, Annette Ecklund, Jordan Geschwill, Carol Irish, George O'Neil, Cheryl Rohbach
10/24 Aundra Erickson, Ethan Johnson
10/25 Hannah LaRock, Chris Trombley
10/26 Larry Geschwill, Mattie Rossum, Karlie Trottier
10/27 Joseph Kepner, Aidan Koch, Leah Nevin, Kyra Rohrbach
10/28 Ronald Larson
10/29 Chad Anderson, Ashton Benzick, Barb Dahlberg, Rick Johnson, Roger Okerman, Lucille Pearo
10/30 Nancy Westerberg
10/31 Jesse Engen, Parker Schott, Kelsey Williams

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Justin & Kayla Benzick
Larry & Mary Neer
Ron & Michelle Schmidt
10/3 Brandon & Laura Pederson
10/4 Anthony & Crystle Gerdes
10/5 Gene & Jan Darnell
Phil & Jodi Schott
10/7 Rich & Marit Reese
10/8 Corey & Amy Ledin
10/9 Eric & Holly Frederick
10/11 Chad & Jodell Rau
Steve & Kimberly Rollins
10/12 Thomas & Betsy Schroeder
10/16 Dave & Helen Nordgren
10/17 Brian & Cindi Boyda
10/21 Herb & Lori Nelson
10/24 Kent & Sally Mainquist
10/28 Gary & Barb Schwartz
David & Kathryn Sorensen
10/29 Kevin & Cheri Yager

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Commitment Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship 10:30 am Solar Panel Listening Session	3 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9 am "Coffee with a Cardiologist" in the Fellowship Hall 1 pm A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	4 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Ink Spots 9:30 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" 2-4 pm	5 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15pm Solar Panel Listening Session after worship Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7pm	6 Marketing 9 am Book Club 10 am Befriender Team Meeting 1 pm Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm	7	8 Council Retreat 9 am
9 Worship 9:30 am with Befriender Commissioning 10:30 am 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration—all are welcome! Confirmation Retreat 9:30 am—3 pm	10 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9 am Endowment meets in Fireside Room 4 pm A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	11 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Staff Meeting 10 am New Member Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall 11:30 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" 2-4 pm	12 Kitchen Committee 9 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7pm	13 Women of Crosslake Lutheran Fall Outing to Gilby's Nursery & Orchard in McGregor—meet at church 10 am	14	15
16 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship and Special Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall	17 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	18 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" 2-4 pm Finance 4:30 pm Diners Group 5:30 pm	19 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm No Wednesday Dinner, Worship or Youth Activities-MEA	20 "Flying Solo" class in the Fireside Room 1-4 pm Country Cross deadline!	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	24 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9 am Altar Guild 10:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	25 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" 2-4 pm	26 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir 11:30 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Religious Release at Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes 12:50 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	27	28	29
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