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ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP

On Wednesday, November 2 and Sunday, November 6, our newest saints who have passed into glory this past year will be recognized. There will also be a time for anyone to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones.



PASTOR'S PAGE



November Greetings!

On Wednesday, November 2 and Sunday, November 6, we remember and honor all saints. So, what is a saint exactly? Here's how our ELCA worship resource book describes saints: "Rather than being perfect Christians, the saints are people who have been made whole by the grace of God, through baptism into Christ.

The communion of saints is a diverse array of witnesses who remind us of God's continuing faithfulness, past, present, and future." So, saints are you and me!

At our All Saints worship, we light candles for saints who have passed away and are now in "the cloud of witnesses," and we honor one another as living saints. There's a John Ylivasker song that explains "We saints ain't what we used to be, we'll never be qualified. We saints ain't what we used to be, a friend of mine testified. The saints who lived so long ago, weren't saints until they died. We saints ain't what we used to be, we'll never be qualified. We saints ain't what we used to be, we never can be denied. For now the times have changed a bit and saints can be ALIVE!"

Although we are sinners, never being satisfied, we are never denied because of Jesus Christ our Lord. And in that gift of new life and love, we are made saints! So, my fellow, saints let's continue worshipping and serving our Lord together with God's work. Our hands. Our hearts!

On Wednesday, November 9 we look forward to our 3rd graders receiving their Bibles. Then on Wednesday, November 16 and Sunday, November 20 we will have Thanksgiving worship together. And Sunday, November 27 is already the first Sunday in Advent!

We look forward to seeing you in worship and other service and learning ministries throughout the month!

In Christ,
Pr. Kristin

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.



BIBLE BUDDIES

On Wednesday, November 9, our 3rd graders and newer 4th graders will receive their own Bible. We hope this milestone in the life of our children will be a time for them to explore the wonderful, often exciting, sometimes confusing stories of the Bible. They will be teamed up with a Bible Buddy, a caring adult who will get to know the student throughout the year and keep them in their prayers. If you are interested or want more information about being a Bible Buddy, contact Karen Zeile 248-709-0092.

Students receiving Bibles:

Lincoln Allyn	Paisley Mileski
Cooper Henning	Tristan Narum
Veronica Johnson	George O'Neil
Holland Lommen	Paxton Sargent
Neil Luzar Jr.	

RELIGIOUS RELEASE

We are partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes for this great outreach ministry! 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. Thanks to all who are volunteering to accompany these sweet and energetic kids during 8 times of meeting in November and December! If you would like to help, let us know what Wednesday(s) you are available from Nov. 2 through Dec. 21 (we are off the week of Thanksgiving). Please talk to Pr. Kristin or Karen Zeile. Please keep this great ministry in your prayers!

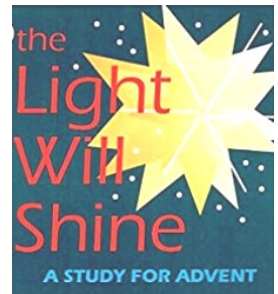
REJOICE WITH OUR CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR PARENTS!

Quinn Bray, Son of Tim and Natalie Bray
Ethan Michael Eckeberg, Son of Chad and Kirsten Ekeberg
Emma Rae Flaws, Daughter of Rick and Ann Flaws
Lilix Marie Gustafson, Daughter of Autumn and Brian Thull
and Don and Amanda Gustafson
Kayla Ann Joyce, Daughter of Martin and Carrie Joyce
Aubrey Joy Larsen, Daughter of Brian and Kristin Larsen
Isabel Paige Larson, Daughter of Jon and Anna Larson
Eva Grace Mumm, Daughter of Julie and Scott Mumm
Emma Jean Schott, Daughter of Phil and Jodi Schott
Lauren Pauline Schultz, Daughter of Ryan and Christine Schultz



NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY
“The Light Will Shine” - A Study for Advent
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

November 9-December 14
(we will not meet on November 2 or 23)



According to the author of this Bible Study, “This study is designed to provide fresh perspectives on the journey through Advent to Christmas and beyond, and to highlight the underlying message of the traditional scripture texts and themes for the season. But more than that, this study will also make the meaning and message of those texts come alive for you today. It is hoped that you will be equipped to see beyond the ‘hustle and bustle, glitter and glamour’ of ‘commercial Christmas’ to the ‘good news of great joy’ that forms the very foundation of our faith.”

LEGACY CHORALE

The LEGACY CHORALE and the LEGACY YOUTH CHORALE (our new youth choir) of Greater Minnesota will perform “Christmas In November” on Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross-Nisswa, November 12 at 7:00 pm at First Lutheran Church-Little Falls, November 13 at 3 pm at Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts-Brainerd. Free admission-donations appreciated. **Several of our own Crosslake Lutheran Choir members will be joining the chorale for these special concerts: Barb Hanson, Kristi Morsch, and Sharon Seeker.** Mark your calendars!



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped us make the 50th anniversary brunch celebration a success!

Sound: Sam Shirey	Set up tables: Jenny Henderson
Master of Ceremonies: Rocky Chapin	Punch Table: Ginny Hersey
Bus Dishes and serve: Karen Zeile and youth	Coffee on Sunday: Carolyn Silcox
Name plates for reserved tables: Gail Boline	Kitchen cleanup: Sam Shirey, Mike Ridgley
Programs: Brenda LaRock	Gift bags and foyer table setup: Linda Gates
Set up Fellowship Hall on Saturday: Lora McChesney, Bonnie Benson, Linda Gates, Nancy Westerberg	
Kitchen help: Nancy Westerberg, Carolyn Silcox, Bonnie Benson	

- Laurie Ridgley and Ann Shirey

“Thank you bakers for your beautiful Jul Breads made for Jul Fest in September. 57 loaves were sold, with monies going to ministries, charities and nonprofits! I know the community is enjoying those delightful breads you personally made with your loving hands.” - Becky Kalton

“Thank you to all the ladies and men who helped set up for Jul Fest on Thursday and Friday, and all who helped put away the merchandise that will be saved for future sales on the Monday after Jul Fest. The success of Jul Fest is all because of those who made the art work, crafts and bake goods. Over \$10,150 in proceeds has been distributed to 31 non-profit groups in our area. We are so grateful for everyone’s support.” - Linda Gates and Laurie Ridgley

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Warren Heidemann in their loss & sorrow. Warren passed away on October 15th in Crosslake.
- The family of John Carlson in their loss & sorrow. John passed away on October 21st in Brainerd.

Pastoral Acts

Memorial Services: Warren Heidemann, October 22nd
John Carlson, October 29th

Graveside Service: Amil Aasland, October 14th

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

September:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 31,406	\$ 48,662	\$ (17,256)		\$ 345,867	\$ 443,285	\$ (97,418)
Expenses:	\$ <u>33,069</u>	\$ <u>50,507</u>	\$ <u>17,438</u>		\$ <u>389,290</u>	\$ <u>448,105</u>	\$ <u>58,815</u>
Difference:	\$ (1,663)	\$ (1,845)	\$ (182)		\$ (43,423)	\$ (4,820)	\$ (38,603)



In the month of **September**, expenses exceeded revenues by \$1,663.

YTD's performance is \$38,603 less than budget, because revenues are \$97,418 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$58,815.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

DINERS GROUP

We will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm on Thursday, November 17th at Tasty Pizza in Pequot Lakes. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Questions, please call Cindy Bighley (651-770-0720).



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

HEALTH MINISTRY



Blessings in the season of Thanksgiving and preparation for the winter. As you gather with family at the end of the month, I hope that you will already have had your flu vaccine and booster as recommended by your primary physician. Clinics are readily available by appointment which makes the task easier with little waiting. It will hopefully give you the immunity to be together as families or if you are traveling to warmer parts of the country and get together with folks from everywhere. It takes about two weeks for your body to get the immunity from vaccines so don't wait too long for it. If you need information about clinics, please let me know.

In this past month, we had a "Flying Solo" class which was attended by members of our church and the community. It focuses on the three tasks of loss: the grief process, recovery, and rebuilding the new life after loss. It really creates the time and opportunity to look at our lives to see if we are living true to our purpose and call as we build the new life as a single person. I hope that each one of us are living that authentic life since it is what we are called to do as God's people in this lifetime.

All Saints' Sunday will be happening on both November 2 and 6 as the time we remember the Saints who have gone before us. There will be a special time of remembrance for those who have passed away in this past year with candles, bells and photos so I hope that you will be able to attend one of these services. I love the image of candles that we light as a reminder of the light that these people brought to our lives and a reminder that loss is something that connects us all as everyone comes forward to light candles to honor those who are with the Lord at rest. Even if the loss happened years ago, the grief process is something that is really never totally ended, it just moves to a time of remembrance and hopefully a sense of peace as we remember with love and gratitude for their time with us. It also brings the assurance of the life everlasting and hope for the future.

I will be traveling to my winter home at the end of November but as in the past, I will be available by phone for the winter. I have a wonderful group of people here in Crosslake that can take care of things that need personal presence and am confident that the work will continue without interruption. As I am not here, please let me know if you have personal concerns or are concerned about someone in our faith community so that I can check in with them. I also have access to many resources in the medical community for referral and resources that may be needed. I am just a phone call away so do not hesitate to call. Brenda is also able to reach out to me if you do would like to contact me.

I pray that your Thanksgiving be filled with family, gathering, good food and the awareness of the many blessings that are part of our lives. A daily gratitude journal gives me the time to really focus on those many blessings and can be a way for you to start or end the day.

Blessings,

Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Women of Crosslake Lutheran enjoyed the October Fall Outing of Lunch and Gilby's Orchard and Nursery. It ended up to be a chilly day warmed by friendly conversation and good times.

Plans for the **November 17th Meeting** include installation of the 2022-23 Board members and a program of *Holiday Decoration* ideas led by Nancy Westerberg. Come with your traditional, favorite, innovative plans and your best Jul Fest finds for the upcoming holiday season. We will also be making plans for our Christmas brunch on December 8th.

The November Gather magazine Bible Study session three, Jesus and Nature: Creatures, is now available online at gather@elca.org or copy of the Gather magazine is located in the Garden Room.

Hope to see you at the November 17th general meeting!

Blessings,

Janet Marr, Co-Secretary

PERSONAL CARE KITS

We are off to a good start for our collection of items for Lutheran World Relief! The smaller, less fluffy towels may be a bit hard to find but dollar stores and Sears have them for around \$3.00 each. We are not collecting hand towels for these kits. The items needed are listed below:

Light weight bath towel (between 20"x40" and 27"x52") dark color

Bath size bar of soap

Adult toothbrush in original package

Sturdy full size 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. 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!

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

This year's **Blessed to be a Blessing** opportunity was answered by Mark and Cindy Sawyer, who are recent new members! Thank you Mark and Cindy for participating in this program. The invitation was to be the hands on behalf of our congregation to deliver a \$250 financial blessing (provided from the "Gather, Grow, Go" Fund) to a person or family in need here in our community.

Mark shared his Blessed story Sunday, October 16. Being a veteran himself, we wanted to seek a veteran that could use a helping hand. He found not only one, he found two. Each veteran received a \$125 financial blessing delivered personally from Mark! Thank you Mark for putting into action what Jesus called us to do "...he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them" Hebrews 6:10.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 James Haferman, Ann Shirey, Carolyn Silcox, Whitney Smetana
11/2 Tim Huckle, Ann Michaelson, Nolan Michaelson, Steve Rogness, Shayna Schmidt, Carl Weber, Dennis West
11/4 Ginny Hersey, Jon Pulsifer, Sandy Ohlsson, Ted Pederson, Karen Struve
11/5 Viv Kittlesen, Joel Knippel, Shari Monahan
11/6 Sarah Johnson, Erik Larsen, Austin Meister, Emma Nevin
11/8 Natasha Gallett, Cindy Johnson
11/9 Arlene Courneya, Keith Nissen
11/10 Rhett Johnson, Rhett Johnson Jr., Samantha Eichhorst, Michelle Schmidt
11/11 Ethan Ekeberg, Chris Palm
11/12 Joey Dumond
11/13 Jenny Henderson, Amy Lundborg, Kathryn Lundmark, Samantha Nelson
11/14 Mary Knight, Barbara Miller, Blake Millner, Betsy Schroeder
11/15 Rachel Allen, Patricia Johnson, Phillip Johnson
11/16 Victoria Abbott, Brian Engen, Abbie Schramm
11/17 Bruce Berglin, Holly Burk, Marlene Heidemann, Preston Resch, William Schrader, Colleen Whaley
11/18 Matthew Balmer, Grae Chandler, Lee Lanning, Emma Wolf
11/19 Stephanie Haider, Chris Olander
11/20 Michelle Benzick, Gail Boline, Amelia Gade-Fletcher
11/21 Wyatt Balmer, David Bengtson, Sharon Corbin, David Johnson(St. Paul), Paxton Sargent
11/22 Hannah Bengtson, Jan Laurel, Danny Sargent
11/24 David Nevin, Lance Squires
11/25 Kristi Kraemer, Arlen Thorsgaard, Linda West
11/26 Gus Bolz-Andolshek, Emily Held, Lois Laurence
11/27 Lauren Schultz, Christopher Swanson
11/28 Sue Carlson, Gerry Schroeder, Loren Smeby, Ralph Taylor
11/29 Nick Gyllenblad, Abigail Meister, Tom Schroeder
11/30 Kenneth Schultz, Marie Wagner

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/6 Chuck & Val Squires
Lee & Joyce Lanning
Dennis & Linda West
11/9 Michael & Laurie Ridgley
11/12 Joe & Arlene Heal
11/17 Martin & Carrie Joyce
Robert & Rebecca Kalton
11/22 Clint & Christie Henning
11/23 Tim & Joanne Huckle
11/25 Thomas & Bonnie Julian
James & Virginia Wells
11/27 Jim & Kathy Strampe
11/28 Jeff & Ginny Miller
11/29 Larry & Gail Smith
Don & Barbara Wetter

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



LET'S CELEBRATE



Volunteer Opportunities at Habitat for Humanity



Volunteer.

Building houses, building hope.

Building communities where everyone has safe, affordable housing in Cass, Crow Wing, Wadena and Hubbard counties.

Construction

Get hands-on experience on with Habitat! You're never alone building with us; a professional staff member is always on site to teach new skills or put your expertise to best use. Construction volunteers perform a variety of skilled and unskilled tasks including framing, vinyl siding, sheet rocking, painting, flooring, and installing trim. We work alongside each partner family for each home, so you will see and know the lives you are changing firsthand. Opportunities change day-to-day, occur indoors and outdoors, and are typically four-hour shifts (morning or afternoon).

ReStore

Is HGTV your favorite channel? Our Brainerd ReStore is a retail outlet that deals in recycling new and like-new building and home improvement materials sold at discounted prices. We prevent quality items from crowding the landfill and reuse, repurpose, and recycle appliances and furniture, too. Regular weekly volunteers are needed to provide support to the ReStore staff, donors, and customers. Whether you're a people person or you love seeing all the interesting things that come in, you'll love the ReStore.

If you're a people person, your key responsibilities will be:

- Greet customers and answer questions
- Answer the phone/light office tasks between customers
- Assist customers in making purchases/cashier
- Help maintain a clean and attractive store

If you love to see all the donations that come in and like to fix things, your key responsibilities will be:

- Receive and organize donations
- Clean, repair, sort, and stock donations
- Help donors unload vehicles/trailers
- Fill out donation receipts

Pickups/Salvages


We tear apart, too! *Pickup volunteers* take our trucks and trailers throughout the Brainerd lakes area, collecting new and gently used home accessories, appliances, and building supplies. Pickup volunteers go out daily (on a planned route, scheduled ahead of time) and deliver donations to our warehouse. *Salvage volunteers* go to a site and save reusable, quality materials from demolition. All these items stock our ReStore, which is open to the public and sells merchandise discounted up to 75% off standard retail prices. All net proceeds support our mission to build affordable homes for working families. Can't stand seeing money get thrown away? Can you pull a trailer? Want to be handier? Come with us! Crews start in the morning, Monday—Friday, and return early afternoon. Plenty of volunteers like to do both! We need pickup volunteers every weekday and salvage volunteers once per week.

We are serving 7 families in 2023-2024, and are working on 3 right now- Baxter, Brainerd, and Pequot Lakes, and have one more home to complete for the 2022 group of families. This means multiple builds at the same time, and more hands required. It takes roughly 1300 volunteer hours to complete a house from concrete pour to landscaping. This is your chance to make an impact on a deserving family's life.

Contact us anytime.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Ink Spots 9:30 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Mission & Ministry Investment Committee 1 pm	2 All Saints' Wednesday Kitchen Committee 9 am No Bible Study Bell Choir 11:30 am Religious Release at Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes 12:50 pm Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30-5:30 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	3 Book Club 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm	4	5 Daylight Savings time ends—turn clocks back 1 hour after midnight! 
6 All Saints' Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	7 Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	8 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Staff Meeting 12 pm Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	9 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir 11:30 am Religious Release at Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes 12:50 pm Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Executive Committee 3:30 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30-5:30 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion, 3rd graders receive Bibles & Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	10 Marketing 9 am	11 Altar Guild decorating for Fall 10 am	12
13 Worship with Installation of Church Council 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	14 Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	15 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Ink Spots 9:30 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Finance 4:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	16 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir 11:30 am Religious Release at Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes 12:50 pm Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30-5:30 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Installation of Church Council & Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	17 Women of Crosslake Lutheran General Meeting 1 pm Diners Group 5:30 pm at Tasty Pizza-Pequot	18	19
20 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	21 Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Altar Guild 10 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm Country Cross deadline!	22 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	23 Bell Choir 11:30 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm No Wednesday Dinner, Worship or Youth Activities-Thanksgiving Break	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed.	25	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	28 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	29 Diabetes Prevention class (Zoom) 9-10 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	30 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir 11:30 am Religious Release at Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes 12:50 pm Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30-5:30 pm Choir practice 4:45 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Growing Kids 6:15pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm			

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