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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 17th

Worship at Noon and 6:15 pm

(Parking Lot and in-sanctuary worship at both times)



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WEDNESDAY

PASTORS' PAGES

February Greetings!



I am so pleased that we can start physically gathering in smart and safe ways now beyond the parking lot! As we had hoped, the COVID cases have indeed been decreasing. So, with our improved furnace filters and distance modifications; we can now implement our modified ways of gathering in our church facility. You'll find these options under **Current Gathering Options**. We hope that as more and more people get vaccinated and the virus spread gets even more under control that we can open up more and more, but of course, if needed we will also cut back as necessary. So as always, stay tuned to bulletins, emails, and our website for the most current updates!

Coming up on February 17th is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our Lenten season. Our Lenten theme this year is **Let All of Me Kneel Before God's Holy Name: A Six Part Lenten Series**. Truth be told, this series was created back in 2016 by Professor Rolf Jacobson of Luther Seminary. Ever since he talked about it on their preaching podcast, I have been wanting to do it. For different reasons, we never have, but this is the year! And I think it fits now more than ever. Here's the description:

This Lenten series focuses on our bodily worship of the Triune God. When we come to worship, we are to engage all of our bodies in the art and act of worship — our heads and our hands, our knees and our arms, our lips and our eyes, our ears and our flesh. Biblical worship is not a disembodied activity, but an embodied reality.

I don't know about you, but during this year of pandemic, I have found myself in tune now more than ever with worship not as a disembodied activity but involving my whole body. As we've found ourselves in more and more unusual places and ways of worship – we've more fully explored what it means to use more than just our minds and our words for engaging with our Lord. This Lenten series will help us build upon that by using Scripture, song, prayer, and preaching on Sunday mornings. We will also have Communion every week. Look for the Lenten series dates in the newsletter. Our Bible study will also focus on the texts for the series.

Lent is always a meaningful time taking us to the cross; it's a time of wilderness and desert. Yet, as we have so much of that "wilderness" in our daily lives, I really think this Lenten Series will be a powerful and practical way of bringing us to the cross in a hope-filled way (even with a bit of joy, I think that's okay this Lent!) that still acknowledges the reality of our individual and communal longing for wholeness, forgiveness, healing, and peace. We hope you can join us as we all kneel before God's Holy Name this Lent together!

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin



Hey Crosslake Lutheran Families, and all the faith community!

Like a turtle cautiously poking its head out after a startling experience, we too are poking our heads out from our COVID shells! The 7-12 grade Youth Ministry is meeting again in the building. The First Communion instruction for 5th and 6th graders will be happening (in person) in the month of March. Elementary age kids, You are not forgotten! We will have faith experiences available soon for you too! In the meantime, all are encouraged to worship, either online anytime, or, at 9:30 on Sunday in your cars or the sanctuary.

Remember to check out the great Children's Messages from elementary thru high school age kids and beyond as they tell a bit about their lives and their baptisms. Have a great February!

Pastor Kurt

Worship

Current Gathering Options (Effective Feb.1)

9:30 AM Worship Service on Sunday Morning – Gather Indoor or in the Parking Lot in vehicles

9:30 Indoor Service – We ask that you park in the BACK LOT, so that those who are going to the Parking Lot service can be in front lot. The back door by the bathrooms will be unlocked for you to enter. There are handicapped spots there, too. You will be greeted and reminded to please use the hand sanitizer. Then, ushers will direct you, with your coat on into the sanctuary to the first available spot in the pew. (This may be an even better view than the seat you normally have!) Household groups will be seated together, physically distanced from other groups, as necessary for your protection. Face coverings are required in the building at all times. Don't worry if you forget your mask, we'll have extras. Please note if the modified capacity of the sanctuary is reached, we will ask those who exceed capacity to attend the Parking Lot service. The preaching pastor will preach from inside the sanctuary, so you will see that pastor indoors.

9:30 Parking Lot Service – Remains as it has been going. Park in a designated spot for fire safety purposes in the front lot facing the brown booth (pastor perch). Those coming to the Indoor service will park in the back. If the front lot is filling up, feel free to park in a front handicapped spot, even if you don't have a handicapped sticker. The pastor leading the liturgy will be in the perch for the service.

We will continue to have a song leader each Sunday and Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the end of both services. During Lent, we will have Communion every Sunday. For both the Indoor and Parking Lot services Communion and Offering nets will be "drive by" at your vehicle as people leave the parking lot through the two exits to County Rd 66 at the end of the service.

Church Facility Open by Reservation during the week:

In addition, the church facility is open by reservation. This means that if a group would like to meet for their activity (quilting, knitting, etc.) or a meeting, they may do so. Depending on the size of the group, it's optimal to meet in a room that has the furnace upgrade with the high quality filter system. (Unfortunately, this excludes the Fellowship Hall. If your groups needs the Fellowship Hall, this can be arranged, but please be aware the filters are not able to be in this area. However, we did purchase a fogger that can be used in the evening to clean any area of the church.)

The process is to call the church office number to reserve the room. Bible Study on Wednesday mornings will be at church. When you use a church space, each person needs to sanitize their hands, sign in on the sheet, and wear a face covering at all times. The kitchen will not be used, but people may bring their own beverages. You can talk with Brenda, our office manager, about what room best suits your needs, and how to lock and unlock the door, if needed.

Youth ministry will happen on Wednesday evenings, in smaller, grade level groups. Due to this priority, for our youth to be able to meet face to face, we will not be able to offer Wednesday evening worship at this time.

Please note that while the sanctuary and meeting rooms are opening, we still aren't opening the entire church building. Out of care for our community, we request that if you have been at a church gathering and test positive for COVID 19 shortly afterwards (because we know this virus is unpredictable!), please let us know. We will email out a brief notification, keeping identities anonymous, but letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID 19.

Our COVID Preparedness Plan is available on our website at Crosslakelutheran.com

Lent

Let All of Me Kneel Before God's Holy Name: A Six Part Lenten Series

(All services have both indoor and parking lot option available)

Ash Wed., Feb. 17	Noon & 6:15 PM	Flesh	(John 1:1-5, 14)
Sun., Feb. 21	9:30 AM	Ears	(Matthew 13:10-16)
Sun., Feb. 28	9:30 AM	Mouth	(John 4:1-15, 28-29)
Sun., Mar. 7	9:30 AM	Hands	(Matthew 12:9-14)
Sun., Mar. 14	9:30 AM	Knees	(Mark 1:40-42)
Sun., Mar. 21	9:30 AM	Feet	(Mark 1:16-20)

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY

Tues. Feb. 2	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Following lectionary texts for Sunday
Wed. Feb. 3	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	
Tues. Feb. 9	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Following lectionary texts for Sunday
Wed. Feb. 10	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	
Tues. Feb. 16	NO Bible Study this week	
Wed. Feb. 17	Break for Ash Wednesday Services	



Lenten Bible Study Series: Let All of Me Kneel Before God's Holy Name

Tues. Feb. 23	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Mouth	(John 4:1-15, 28-29)
Wed. Feb.24	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	Mouth	(John 4:1-15, 28-29)
Tues., Mar. 2	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Hands	(Matthew 12:9-14)
Wed., Mar. 3	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	Hands	(Matthew 12:9-14)
Tues., Mar. 9	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Knees	(Mark1:40-42)
Wed., Mar. 10	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	Knees	(Mark1:40-42)
Tues., Mar. 16	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Feet	(Mark 1:16-20)
Wed., Mar. 17	10:00AM (IN PERSON)	Feet	(Mark 1:16-20)

ROOF UPDATE

Hurray! We have good news about our shingles that were delayed this fall due to COVID 19 that's why our new roof couldn't happen as we had planned. But, we got the word that the Ultra Lifetime High Definition shingles have been secured for a spring install. It was a manufacturing delay, so now we are hopeful for a new shingled roof by summer! Thanks again for everyone's generosity and efforts in this tremendous project!

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 43,748	\$ 71,856	\$ (25,225)		\$ 530,703	\$ 597,000	\$ (66,297)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 38,318</u>	<u>\$ 76,959</u>	<u>\$ 38,641</u>		<u>\$ 520,118</u>	<u>\$ 597,000</u>	<u>\$ 76,882</u>
Difference:	\$ 5,430	\$ (5,103)	\$ 10,533		\$ 10,585	\$ 0	\$ 10,585



In the month of **December**, revenue exceed expenses by \$5,430. YTD's performance is \$10,585 more than budget, because revenues are \$66,297 less than budget, however, expenses are also \$76,882 less than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Valentine Care Packages – We will be sending boxes to our college/postsecondary/military youth! All treats must be purchased and individually wrapped due to COVID restrictions. Please deliver your treats to church (Fellowship Hall Doors) between 3 and 4 pm on Wednesday, February 10th, or items can be dropped off at Lake Country Crafts & Cones anytime. Monetary donations are appreciated as well, to offset the postage cost. Call Pat if any questions.



Mission Trip - In July, our Youth will be going to Panama City, Florida on a mission trip working with SBP (St. Bernard Project).

Lids To Benches – We continue to collect plastic lids for this project!

Nutrition Packs – As a service project we are helping the Alan Law Sandwich Ministry Project in the Twin Cities. Every night of the year sandwiches are delivered to the homeless population. They are asking for donations of nutritious bars packed 3-5 in a Ziploc bag to be delivered with the sandwiches. Our youth will collect the bars and then we will bag them. If you would like to help, we are asking for granola, protein or fruit bars (they can be purchased economically at Costco or similar places). If you would like us to do the shopping for you, monetary donations are also accepted.

Pat Netko, Youth Director

HEALTH MINISTRY



Winter is going by really fast down here on the island. I am spending a lot of time reading, walking on the beach and sometimes just doing nothing. Taking time to just be still is a challenge but is good for the health of mind, body and spirit. It has also been a great time to start organizing activities for this next year with the hope that the COVID situation will allow some of our in-person programming as in the past. I appreciate Becky and Connie covering while I am away and am still checking in with some folks by phone. The vaccine rollout has been slower than most have hoped but I am hoping that you respond to calls and emails from your local provider if you are on the lists. CRMC and Essentia have different processes in place (emails from Essentia, phone in lines for vaccine clinic appointments) so I am hoping you know how to access scheduling. If you do not have a local provider, reach out to your physician or specialist to see if they have options for scheduling. As I am sure you know, the immunity process takes some time to achieve so maintaining all the precautions is vital especially if you are around those who have not had a vaccine. I do not see masks going away any time soon (not my happy thought for the day). If you have questions about the vaccine process, please contact your medical provider or clinic. One of the things that I will really appreciate after receiving my vaccine is getting hugs from some of my favorite people. Did you know that one hug reduces stress, reduces blood pressure, improves mood and reduces feelings of sadness and isolation? Some of our church members are truly therapeutic! Walking on ground or sand also has much of the same effects and can also reduce pain. Think I will go have a dose of beach walk now - will be back in Minnesota all too soon!

Stay well, Gail Smith

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- Lori & Herb Nelson in the death of Lori's mom, Carol Hirt, on December 26th.
- The family of Richard "Dick" Peterson in their loss & sorrow. Dick passed away on December 26th in Pierz, MN. A celebration of life will be held at Crosslake Lutheran at a later date.
- The family of Gloria Brinkman in their loss & sorrow. Gloria passed away on Sunday, January 17th in Maple Grove, MN.
- The family of Bonnie McKean in their loss & sorrow. Bonnie passed away on Wednesday, January 20th in Florida.
- Kathie & Bob Nelson in the death of Kathie's sister, Lil Mindermann, on January 23rd in Fargo.

THANK YOU'S

Crosslake Lutheran Friends: To all who had a part in my surprise birthday. Thank you for the cards, gifts, food, phone calls, gifts to the camera fund and all who took part in the drive-thru at my home. Blessings and hugs.
Love, Gerry Schroeder

Dear Crosslake Family, Herb and I want to thank you all for reaching out to us with thoughts and prayers, cards and phone calls after my mom passed away on Dec 26th. Your kind words of encouragement and comfort were so healing and continue to be, in our time of grieving. We can truly say we feel the peace, love, comfort and strength from all those prayers that are sent our way. My mom is at great peace, she now has more energy than she has had in some time, knew her Lord and Savior and was ready to be with Him and our other loved ones that have left this earth. We are so grateful to be a part of Crosslake Lutheran with so many caring and fabulous friends.
God's Peace to all, Lori & Herb Nelson



Greetings,

Our monthly meetings continue to be postponed but, if our church has a successful non-COVID19 experience during the indoor worship services that begin in February, we are looking to

schedule a meeting in the month of April. We will keep you posted.

ELCA - The ELCA Women's letter writing campaign continues as well as Prayer at Noon every Tuesday.

WELCA - Also, how can we sign up for the Daily Grace email messages? Go to the WELCA website <https://www.womenoftheelca.org> and scroll down to Daily grace, click on the signing up for a daily email message link found on the right side of the page. Enter your email address, first and last name, select the format in which you would like to receive the message and click on subscribe.

Gather Magazine - During this winter, a four part Bible Study series is happening. Session topics: January - Journeys with angels: Looking up - New beginnings, awe-full, awesome angels by Rev. Christa von Zychlin; February - Repentance and route-changing angels; March - Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort; April - Feasting angels. Go to the <https://www.womenoftheelca/publications> website.

Our Mission - How do we love our faith community? How might we serve with love today? Have we asked ourselves what we want to give ourselves to in 2021? As disciples of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

Prayer -- Heavenly Father, continue to shape us and mold us into your image. Embolden us to take risks so that we can break free from anything that keeps us from wholeness. Help us to remember that, with you, all things are possible. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Peace in Christ.

Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair



The second Annual NE MN Synod, ELCA — Lay Leader Network Gathering combines once again this year with Lutheran Men in Mission to host a special Zoom event :

Faith-Filled Leadership in a Secular Age

Featuring **Dr. Andrew Root**

Saturday, February 27, 2021

9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Plus a special additional session with Dr. Root

For current LLN Yearly Intensive Students from 1 to 2 p.m.

Please register via Eventbrite using the following link:

https://nemnsynod_02-27-2021.eventbrite.com

or via email to Bob Nelson, LMIM (robertnelson97@gmail.com) and/or Sue Lyback, LLN Coordinator (susilyback@gmail.com).

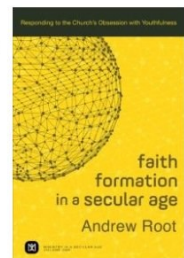
The Lutheran Men in Mission and the Lay Leader Network are subsidizing the costs because of the need for a Zoom meeting, thus no registration fee is required. Donations to help us defray the cost, however, are warmly welcome; checks may be made out to the NE MN Synod, ELCA and mailed directly to the Synod office at 1105 East Superior St (Upper Suite), Duluth, MN 55802. Please indicate either “Dr. Root —Lay Leader Network” or “Dr. Root —Lutheran Men in Mission” in the memo line. Thank you!!!

ABOUT THE PRESENTER: Andrew Root (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary) is the Carrie Olson Baalson professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Andrew Root is the Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, USA. He writes and researches in areas of theology, ministry, culture and younger generations.



Dr. Root's most recent books are *The End of Youth Ministry* (Baker, 2020), *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to People Who No Longer Need God* (Baker, 2019), *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2017), and *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science* (Fortress Press, 2018). He is also a former Young Life staff worker, and he has served in

churches and social service agencies as a youth outreach associate and as a gang prevention counselor. For more information about Dr. Root, his work and publications, visit: <https://andrewroot.org>



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Amy Engen, Jared Hemming, Sannah Lohmiller, Robert Nuffer, Jane Reierson, Hunter Spray
- 2/2 Betsy Boyda, Virgene Johnson,
- 2/3 Daniel Goerges, Ann Schommer, Kelly Spray, Austin Young
- 2/4 Jeffrey Bittner, John Knight, Brian Miller, Carly Miller, Maria Carlson
- 2/5 Joe Goerges
- 2/6 Amy Meister, Kary Montour, Jessica Nybakken
- 2/7 Debi Backdahl, Ellen Nelson, Danielle Rasmussen
- 2/8 Jane Krause
- 2/9 Paul Millard
- 2/10 Roland Hirman, Bertie Johnson
- 2/11 Dorothy Allen, Cindy Myogeto
- 2/12 Jake Anderson, Warren Kleinsasser
- 2/13 Sharon Huff, Randy Kraft, Christine Larson, Amy Ledin
- 2/14 Isabel Larson, Val Squires
- 2/15 Brenda LaRock
- 2/16 Garrett Wolf
- 2/17 Jill Andersen, Kim Bolz-Andolshek, Maxine McEwen, Jill Otterson, Kyle Spray
- 2/18 Matt Netko
- 2/19 Alex Christofferson, Kale Wurdeman
- 2/20 Cooper Anderson
- 2/21 Jack Haar, Richard Haglund
- 2/22 Linda Andrews, Barbara Johnson
- 2/23 David McChesney, Sande O'Connell
- 2/24 Ed Anderson, Wesley Johnson, Terry Pederson, Kate Bolz-Andolshek
- 2/25 Larry James, Leon LaRock
- 2/26 Beverly Ambuehl, Ralph Flohr, Sally Mainquist
- 2/27 Maggie Groettum, Luke Schramm, Barbara Schwartz
- 2/28 Renae Balmer, Grant Blosberg, Deb Dahlke

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Charles & Denise Hicks
- 2/5 Roger & Jaci Peterson
- 2/14 Rich & Carol Irish
Gary & Sue Phillips
Robin & Kathleen Prigge
Don & Jane Reierson
- 2/15 Ivan & Kathy Millard
- 2/16 Steve & LuAnn Nelson
Tony & Kristin Reierson
- 2/19 Roger & Linda Joyce
- 2/24 Brent & Jessica Nybakken
- 2/25 Arlen & Virgene Johnson
- 2/28 Perry & Connie Caspers

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



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

The church office remains closed at this time and the church staff continues to work from home. If you have a pastoral need, you can reach Pastor Kristin at 952-200-1249 or Pastor Kurt at 218-839-2931. If you have an office need, please call Brenda LaRock at 218-232-1220.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*** Please check with your group leader to see if you will meet via Zoom or in person.**

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| February 2 | Bible Study on Zoom 6 pm |
| February 3 | Bible Study in sanctuary 10 am
7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 5-6:15 pm
9th—12th grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 6:30-8 pm |
| February 4 | Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm |
| February 7 | Worship 9:30 am (In Sanctuary and Parking Lot) |
| February 9 | Bible Study on Zoom 6 pm |
| February 10 | Bible Study in sanctuary 10 am
Piano tuning in sanctuary 1 pm
Executive Committee 3 pm
7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 5-6:15 pm
9th—12th grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 6:30-8 pm |
| February 14 | Worship 9:30 am (In Sanctuary and Parking Lot) |
| February 16 | Finance Committee on Zoom 4:30 pm
No Bible Study
Church Council on Zoom 7 pm |
| February 17 | No Bible Study
Ash Wednesday Worship: Noon & 6:15 pm (In Sanctuary and Parking Lot) |
| February 21 | Worship 9:30 am (In Sanctuary and Parking Lot) |
| February 23 | Bible Study on Zoom 6 pm |
| February 24 | Bible Study in sanctuary 10 am
7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 5-6:15 pm
9th—12th grade Youth Ministry (in Fellowship Hall) 6:30-8 pm |
| February 28 | Worship 9:30 am (In Sanctuary and Parking Lot) |