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SPECIAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS!

FEBRUARY 13 AND MARCH 13



On February 13th we will have a special ZOOM coffee hour after worship for snowbirds to connect and parishioners and us pastors who are at church to “pop in,” and say hello to those who wish to join the conversation!

THANK YOU, CARL!

Carl Weber has worked as our handyman at Crosslake Lutheran Church for around 22 years! His ministry has been tremendous as he’s tended to the great facility that God has given us to carry out God’s mission. Although we are sad that Carl has decided to retire, we understand that the time has arrived. He will retire March 1. We congratulate him! And we say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” We will be thanking Carl with a coffee hour in his honor on Sunday, March 13. Be sure to join us to thank Carl and celebrate with Carl and his wife, Judy.



PASTORS' PAGES



February Greetings!

Psalm 19 was one of our recent psalms in worship that we read responsively. It's a great psalm! In our worship resource book it says:

In response to Psalm 19, Layton E. Williams writes, "Let me be a witness like the sun and the stars, an ordinary and astounding testament to Grace" (The Words of Her Mouth: Psalms for the Struggle, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2020). All of creation bears witness to God's work. A witness gives a testimony to what has been seen and experienced, so that others may know the truth. What is the witness of the congregation in the community and in the world? How can both individuals and the community offer "ordinary and astounding" testimony to grace?

I love this metaphor for thinking of ourselves shining the light of Christ like the sun or stars in both ordinary and astounding ways, as the Spirit moves through us. It's an especially beautiful metaphor on these cold winter evenings when it's mild enough to be outside with the crisp crunch of snow under foot and the contrasting winter skyscape shining overhead. We pray that we are shining with God's love, compassion, and grace for others, just as "the heavens are telling the glory of God; and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

Join us as we shine with this glory of God together and for the community! We have a unique opportunity to do this through **Crosslake Winterfest** in which there are several ways to participate.

Join us as we shine with this glory of God together in worship, now in "real time!" If you are a snowbird or need to stay home for worship, you now have the option to **stream worship** on Sunday morning at 9:30 am or Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm. Click on the gold tab on our home page: www.crosslakelutheran.com And mark your calendar for **February 13, on that day, we will have a special ZOOM coffee hour** after worship for snowbirds to connect and parishioners and us pastors who are at church to "pop in," and say hello to those who wish to join the conversation!

Join us in all the ways we shine with this glory of God together at Crosslake Lutheran Church and then are sent to share that goodness and glory with the world!

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

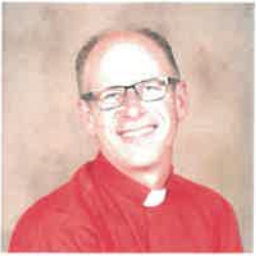
Looking ahead — Mark your calendars! Ash Wednesday, is Wednesday, March 2!



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 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.

PASTOR KURT



-Streaming-

We are live streaming our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services. See the last pages of this newsletter for instructions. The investment we made in video and audio technology over the last couple years had goals that we knew would come in stages. First, we wanted to be able to record a worship service with better video and audio quality. We did that and it has been great! We also planned that someday we would be able to broadcast the service “live,” instead of waiting till Monday to be able to view the worship service. Now we have accomplished that goal too. Even in crazy times like this the Holy Spirit is still working and we are still accomplishing great things. God is good!

Live streaming combines the concept of a “live” event with the concept of a signal that travels like a river through the internet, like a “stream.” So, when we worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 am on Sunday or Wednesday at 6:15 pm, anyone can join us electronically AT THE SAME TIME, and ANYWHERE you have ACCESS to the INTERNET. You can now sing, respond, and listen in your living rooms, places down south, or extended care rooms at the SAME TIME that the people in the sanctuary are singing and responding and listening. Technology has had a bit of a “bad rap” when it comes to faith and goodness, but this, my Christian friends, this is God at work for good through technology.

Crosslake Lutheran is Serving Free Cups of Chili at Crosslake Winterfest.

It happened again. Your generosity and your thirst to be an active church, one that shows up in the community...well...it just keeps showing up. It was Sunday, January 16th when we announced that we would again be doing this fun ministry of hospitality to the community. “Sign-ups to bring in the needed ingredients are on the table in the Narthex” we said. Four days later the sign-up sheets were filled! That is so exciting. And, we have five people willing to help prepare it and serve it. It makes ministry so much fun when people are ready and willing to provide what is needed. Way to go church!



Peace and Joy to you on these cold winter days,
Pastor Kurt

YOUTH MINISTRY

Valentine Care Packages – We will be sending boxes to our youth that are within 4 years from high school graduation, no matter where they are. Homemade treats or store-bought items are fine. Please have them individually wrapped. There are 49 youth to send boxes to! Please deliver your treats to church by Sunday, February 6th, or items can be dropped off at Lake Country Crafts & Cones anytime. Monetary donations are appreciated as well, to offset the postage cost. We will be packing the boxes at 10 am on Monday, February 7th and would appreciate help with this. Call Pat if any questions or are available to help.



Mission Trip – June 18-26th, our Youth will be going to on a mission trip.

Spirit Mountain – Sunday, February 20th 7-12th grade youth will be going to Spirit Mountain. See Pat for details. You MUST be signed up!

Wednesday Meals – FEBRUARY 2ND, 9TH, AND 16TH ARE OPEN! PLEASE CALL PAT IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP WITH MAKING OUR WEDNESDAY MEAL. IDEAS AND QUANTITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

God is good,
Pat

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 am

For the February Bible Study, we will be studying the scriptures for Sunday's worship service.

Wed. February 2	10AM	Luke 5:1-11
Wed. February 9	10 AM	Luke 6:17-26
Wed. February 16	10 AM	Luke 6:27-38
Wed. February 23	10 AM	Luke 9:28-43



2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>December:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 57,486	\$ 69,248	\$ (11,762)		\$ 585,237	\$ 597,300	\$ (12,063)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 47,527</u>	<u>\$ 68,357</u>	<u>20,830</u>		<u>\$ 538,625</u>	<u>\$ 597,300</u>	<u>\$ 58,675</u>
Difference:	\$ 9,959	\$ 891	\$ 9,068		\$ 46,612	\$ 0	\$ 46,612



In the month of **December**, revenues exceeded expenses by \$9,959.

YTD REVENUES INCLUDE \$70,275 RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS PART OF THE CARES ACT AND THE PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS.

YTD's performance would be \$23,663 less than budget, because revenues would have been \$82,338 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$58,675.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Beatrice (Bea) Jepsen in their loss & sorrow. Bea passed away on Wednesday, January 5th. A memorial service will be held at Crosslake Lutheran on Saturday, July 30th.
- Jeff & Bonnie Benson in the death of their cousin's husband, Richard Dietz, on January 13th in Crosslake.
- The family of Jerry Kopplin on his death on Friday, January 21st in Burnsville, MN. A memorial service will be held at the Outdoor Worship site on June 11th at 11 am.
- The family and friends of Jack Hennies on his death on Saturday, January 22nd. His memorial service was held January 29th at Crosslake Lutheran.
- The family of Jennifer (Jennie) Clasen on her death of Saturday, January 22nd. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 11 am with a visitation 1 hour prior.

PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Services: Jim Marr, January 10th
Jack Hennies, January 29th

ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

"Fostering a Generous Spirit" Annual Giving Appeal Update – with a proposed 2022 budget of \$594,000, 176 member pledges were made in generosity for a total of \$360,366! In gratitude, **thank you** for making your pledge to the spiritual growth, ministry and outreach of Crosslake Lutheran Church! Pledges at any time are always welcome.



HEALTH MINISTRY



February is the month of Heart Health. Heart disease still ranks as one of the top 3 causes of death in the US. High blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol and obesity are the leading causes. Many can be controlled, but family history being something that cannot be changed. As the obesity rates increase, especially with teens, it is becoming something that is pushing the rates of heart disease lower into the 40's age group. For those of you who are parents and grandparents, we can encourage healthy eating and getting enough exercise by being an example of a healthy lifestyle and limit the treats of sugar and fats (fast foods are for occasional consumption). Many foods that are listed as "health foods" are packed with sugar and even additives so being a package reader is important. I purchased a cereal bar which had over 400 calories in one bar which is way more than your typical candy bar and the serving size of some include three in one package. With more than 40% of the American population considered to be obese, it will be the next health crisis as rates of heart disease and diabetes increase as well. If you need information about healthy lifestyles, please give me a call.

This past few months have been difficult for so many folks who have experienced a loss. I am not sure that there have been more deaths than typical, but the holiday season seems to bring even more awareness to the losses. Sadness and other emotions are typical, but if you find yourself finding that it is difficult to find pleasure or even occasional times of peace in daily life, you could be experiencing depression which is defined as a loss of interest in activities or sadness that last more than a 2 weeks consistently accompanied by sleep, memory or loss of energy. There are simple tests that your medical provider can perform as well as mental health professionals that can assist you in determining if your sadness is becoming a barrier to a meaningful and healthy life. Winter with its low light can also lead to seasonal affective disorder or "winter blues" which can mimic a true depression. If you have concerns about yourself or others, please reach out to a mental health provider or give me a call so I can find a resource for you. For those of you still up north, there are events like winter festivals, concerts and education such as "Back to Basics" in Pine River to break up the winter doldrums. I hope you can find a way to stay connected to people and activities which can also improve mood. Why not try out Jul Fest quilting or Knit Wits if you have not prior to this (don't worry if you are not crafty, it is a lot of social time). I am walking rescue dogs every other day which keeps me connected with dogs and the feeling of serving a cause that is worthy—what can you find to connect to service?

Have a wonderful Valentine's day, treat yourself to something healthy and fun. How about trying a massage? Blessings and see you soon.

Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

CALLING ALL WOODWORKERS!

Our Art Exhibit area in the Fellowship Hall will feature a display of your favorite projects. Select one or two of your pieces and place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall with your name (& description, if necessary), or drop your items off in Patricia's office. Any questions can be directed to Patricia Lundeen, Music Ministry Director. Thank you for sharing your talents with our church community! *Hjertelig takk!* (Heartfelt thanks) to Kristi Morsch for sharing some of her Norwegian Hardanger collection in our most recent Art Exhibit.



WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings,

I read the Bold Café article about Passion that chooses us. It said that some passions are sparked from within, while others swirl around us, inviting and enticing us to come closer and closer until we are captured. Do you know what you are passionate about? When passions come upon us, we are reminded that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

In reflection, I found that my heart was being pressed to think of all the women of our church that have lost loved ones during years past. I voiced my feeling to a group of Crosslake Lutheran Church women that I was visiting. The conversation moved from a lunch idea to a brunch idea.

SO, with their encouragement, please mark your calendars and plan on attending our “Hearty Valentine Brunch” in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 10, from 11 am until 2 pm. We look forward to seeing all who can attend. Let’s celebrate ourselves and our many loves! A sign-up sheet is posted by the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is February 8th.



Does anyone have an idea for our March General Meeting? If so, please call and let me know your thoughts/passions.

Please stay in touch with the ELCA (ELCA.org) and WELCA (WELCA.org) websites for the latest information. They continue to be our guide as Women of Crosslake Lutheran Church.

Heavenly Father, thank you for being our teacher and being passionate about us, in Jesus’ precious name.

Yours In Christ,

Kathy Bahma, Co-Chair 763-238-0769

JUL FEST

Jul Fest workshop will begin again on Monday, March 7th 2022. We will gather every Monday from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall; you can come for all or part of the morning. We will be working on crafts, sewing (machine & hand) and painting. If you have some new ideas it would be great to bring samples or pictures to share with the group. New members are always welcomed! We will have coffee break to have time for sharing and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Laurie Ridgley (612-790-0538) or Linda Gates (507-202-9374).



THANK YOU’S

“Thank you to our church family for your prayers, calls and visits during Jim’s hospitalization and funeral. A special thanks from our family and friends who appreciated being with us in spirit through the live streaming of the funeral service. We have all found comfort and strength in your loving care. You are a blessed presence in our lives.” Jan Marr and family

“Thank you for your prayers, thoughts and cards. We are grateful for church friends. Special thanks to Pastor Kristin, Pastor Kurt and Brenda. We miss Crosslake Lutheran!” Nancy Newman and family

“A belated Thank You from the Crosslake Area Garden Club for the donations to our Holiday Service project of collecting hats, mitten and scarves for the Crosslake Community School. The community helps us to collect 92 mittens, 20 scarves, 95 hats & 12 mittens sets and more. Thanks to ALL of you who participated!”

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Amy Engen, Jared Hemming, Sannah Lohmiller,
Robert Nuffer, Jane Reiersen, 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, Amy Ledin
2/14 Isabel Larson, Val Squires
2/15 Brenda LaRock
2/16 Nick Buckentin, 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 Reiersen
2/15 Ivan & Kathy Millard
2/16 Steve & LuAnn Nelson
Tony & Kristin Oltmann
2/19 Roger & Linda Joyce
2/24 Frederic & Lynn Engman
Brent & Jessica Nybakken
2/25 Arlen & Virgene Johnson

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



STAY CONNECTED

WINTER ADDRESSES — Going away for the winter? Please call or email the church office (clc@crosslake.net) with your winter address and the dates you are leaving & coming back. This will ensure you receive church mailings while you are gone! The post office doesn't forward 4th class mail (newsletter, etc.) Thank you! ~ Brenda LaRock, Office Manager

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	2 Kitchen Committee 9 am Bible Study 10 am No Bell Choir in February Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Religious Release 1:20-2:30 pm No Choir practice Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7th & 8th 7-8pm Youth Ministry: 9th-12th 7-8:30 pm	3 Memorial Service for Jennifer Clasen 11 am with a visitation 1 hour prior Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm	4 Chili served at Crosslake Community Center for Winterfest 7-9 pm	5 Crosslake Firefighter's Winterfest Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8:30-11:30 am
6 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	7 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am Mailing Valentine Care Packages 10 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	8 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	9 Bible Study 10 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Executive Committee 3:30 pm No Choir practice Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7th & 8th 7-8pm Youth Ministry: 9th-12th 7-8:30 pm	10 Hearty Valentine Brunch for Women of Crosslake Lutheran 11-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall	11	12
13 Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	14 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	15 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Church Council 7 pm	16 Bible Study 10 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7th & 8th 7-8pm Youth Ministry: 9th-12th 7-8:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Youth Ski Trip to Spirit Mountain— bus leaves at 8 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	21 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Altar Guild 10 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	22 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	23 Bible Study 10 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7th & 8th 7-8pm Youth Ministry: 9th-12th 7-8:30 pm	24	25	26
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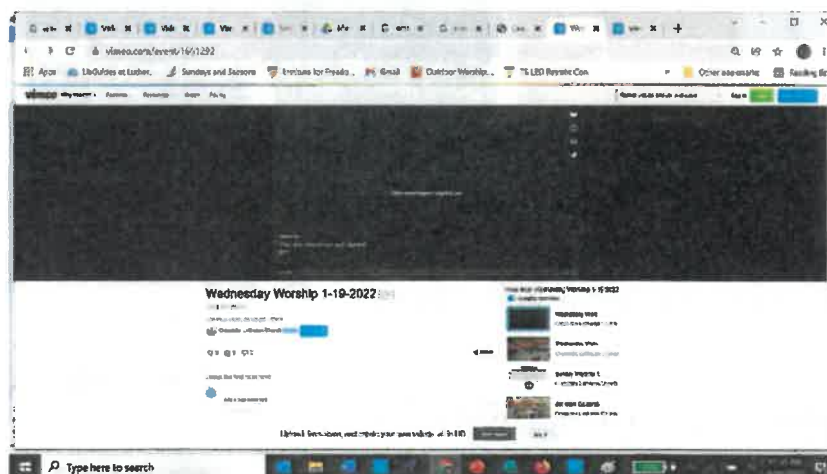
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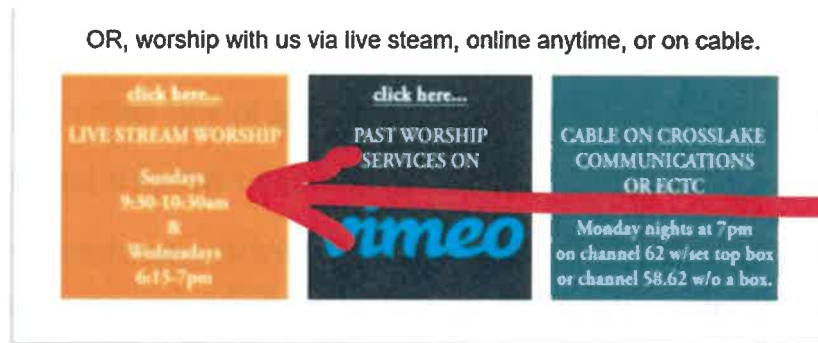
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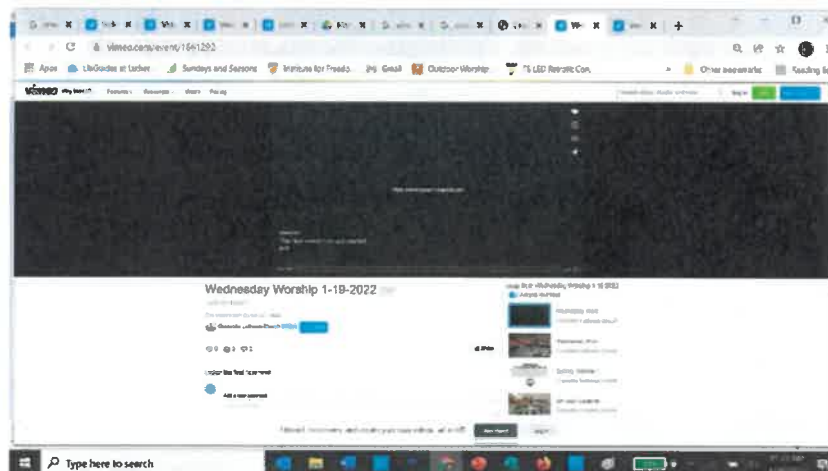
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