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Ash Wednesday March 2

Soup Supper 5:30 pm

Worship 6:15 pm with Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes



PASTORS' PAGES



March Greetings!

We are now in the season of Lent, our six weeks of holy reflection leading up to Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 2, as we remember “we are dust, and to dust we shall we return” with an ashen cross upon our foreheads and Holy Communion. Then our Lenten worship services continue through Wednesday, April 6th with the theme “Jesus: Our All in All.”



We'll have this theme on both the Sundays and Wednesdays of Lent as we sing various parts of the camp song “You are My All in All.” Here are some of my favorite lines from that song as we sing to Jesus. “When I fall down you pick me up, when I am dry you fill my cup, You are my All in All . . . You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek . . . Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name.”

As we sing together these powerful promises from our Lord Jesus Christ during these forty days of Lent, we will walk with Jesus to the cross. We will remind one another of God's promises, hear them in Scripture, and on Wednesdays we will also have a short video followed by a brief sermon with prayer and candlelight to help experience again these assurances from Jesus: Our All in All.

All our Wednesday Lenten worship services will be at 6:15 pm with a simple soup supper beforehand at 5:30 pm (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available for those who don't care for soup!).

We hope you can join us on both Sunday and Wednesday for our Lenten worship during March, whether it's in person or through streaming, as Sunday and Wednesday will be quite different and compliment each other well.

Here's a good scripture verse for our Lenten days of Jesus: Our All in All.

The Lord said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

Lenten blessings,

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 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.

PASTOR KURT

—Bending and Stretching—



Faith Community of Crosslake Lutheran,

Many of you know I am a very active person. I enjoy hiking and skiing, and many other physical forms of recreation and renewal. I am also not 20 anymore. So, I learned of value stretching before and after I do some sort of hike, big walk or

run, and lately, before I go out skiing. If I make time to prepare my body, my body is able to make better use of the exercise. As an added benefit, the time spent in stretching and bending also move my mind into a better place to receive the gifts of reflection and joy, or conversations, that come along with the workout.

As we thought about preparing our 5th grade kids (and some other ages too) to receive their first communion, we did some stretching. We stretched ourselves to think about an **After School Youth Ministry** for our **Fifth and Sixth Graders** during the season of Lent. Not only could we teach about the gift of the sacrament, we could add the benefits that the sacrament offers. So our Fifth and Sixth graders will be picked up after school and brought over to the church for some bending and stretching so they can more deeply appreciate the “workout” of living their faith.

- We will be gathering in community snacks and having some fun together.
- We will be serving by setting the tables for our Lenten Soup Supper.
- We will be learning and exploring why Jesus commanded us to eat the bread and drink the wine.

On the table at the right, you can see the dates of our time together. You can also see the schedule of our time together. It'll be a good time. It'll be a GOD time!

Weekly Schedule for March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th, April 6th and 13th.

3:45-4:00	Snack time
4:00-4:20	Service time setting tables for soup suppers.
4:20-4:40	Game or Activity time
4:40-5:00	Musical fun
5:00-5:25	First Communion learning sessions
5:25-5:30	Announcements
5:30-7:00	Join your family for supper and worship

Faith Community, do some stretching and bending this Lent, maybe even literally!! Make some space for meditating, worshipping, serving, and playing, all in the name and power of **Jesus: Our All in All!**

In Christ!

Pastor Kurt



Sunday, March 13th
Daylights savings time begins.

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour after midnight on Saturday, March 12th.

MARCH BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10 am

For Bible Study in March, we will be studying the Scripture/Video for that evening's Wednesday worship service based on the Lenten theme, Jesus: Our All in All

- Wed. March 2 10AM Break – No Bible Study, Ash Wednesday
- Wed. March 9 10 AM Discuss Video and Scripture
- Wed. March 16 10 AM Discuss Video and Scripture
- Wed. March 23 10 AM Discuss Video and Scripture



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL RETIREMENT BREAKFAST! MARCH 13TH

Join us for breakfast after worship in the fellowship hall to say “Thank you, Carl!” on March 13th!

Carl Weber has worked as our general maintenance person 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. We congratulate him! He will retire February 28. And we say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” We will be thanking Carl with a breakfast in his honor on Sunday, March 13. Be sure to join us to thank Carl and celebrate with Carl and his wife, Judy.



WELCOME, ROY!



We are very pleased to announce that Roy Silcox has accepted the general maintenance position at church! Roy begins this position March 1. Roy and Carolyn have been members at Crosslake Lutheran Church since 2010. Roy enjoys spending time in his woodshop, gardening, and when given the opportunity, going on fishing trips, especially to Ontario! Roy is active at church with Bible Study, on the kitchen team, audio video team, with the Monday morning card group, and doing various other projects as called upon! Welcome to the church staff team, Roy!

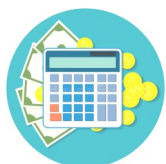
2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

January:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 55,701	\$ 58,019	\$ (2,318)		\$ 55,701	\$ 58,019	\$ (2,318)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 47,634</u>	<u>\$ 44,627</u>	<u>(3,007)</u>		<u>\$ 47,634</u>	<u>\$ 44,627</u>	<u>\$ (3,007)</u>
Difference:	\$ 8,067	\$ 13,392	\$ (5,325)		\$ 8,067	\$ 13,392	\$ (5,325)

In the month of **January**, revenues exceeded expenses by \$8,067.

YTD's performance is \$5,325 less than budget, because revenues are \$2,318 less than budget, and expenses are more than budget by \$3,007.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.



YOUTH MINISTRY

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** is March 2nd. This marks the entry into Lent and will be done by the, “imposition of ashes,” fancy lingo for having your forehead smudged with ashes in the sign of the cross. A reminder that GOD is GOD and we are not. We will have soup supper (with a PB & J sandwich option) and worship. We are **STRONGLY** encouraging your family to mark this Wednesday as holy, special, and set apart. We encourage you to bend and stretch your schedules so that you can attend the Lenten Worships (March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th). Small groups and youth ministry will take place after worship each week.
- **MISSION TRIP** – Panama City, Florida will be the destination for our summer 2022 Mission Trip, leaving Saturday, June 18th and returning Sunday, June 26th. Panama City and Panama City Beach were hit hard in 2018 with Hurricane Michael causing widespread flooding and damage. There are many families still waiting to get back into their homes. We will be working with ‘Rebuild Bay County’ and will be doing construction tasks as needed to help make this happen. We look forward to helping in this mission!
- Our recent high school graduates have thoroughly enjoyed receiving their **‘Valentine Care Packages’** – thank you to all who donated goodies and/or monies for postage! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for pics and updates!
- **DESSERTS** are needed for the Soup Suppers during the Lenten Season. If you could bring bars or cake, please sign up on the SOUP SUPPER board on the easel in the Fellowship Hall or call Pat to get signed up.

God is good,
Pat

WOODWORKING ARTISTRY

Check out the Art Exhibit area in the Fellowship Hall which features a display of beautiful woodworking projects from members of our congregation. Thank you for sharing your talents with our church community!



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



• **The family of Bruce (Buck) Westerberg in their loss & sorrow. Buck passed away on Friday, February 11th at his home in Merrifield. A memorial service will be held at Crosslake Lutheran on Friday, June 10th.**

PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Services: Jennifer Clasen, February 3rd

HEALTH MINISTRY



Greetings to all my fellow Crosslake Lutheran folks; I will be seeing you soon as my time on South Padre gets near the end. It has been a time of renewal, rest, connection and service. One of my favorite things to do was to walk rescue dogs from a nearby shelter. It made my walks so much more interesting and enjoyable even on the cooler days. If you look around, there are so many opportunities no matter where you are and it helps you connect with a new group of potential friends. I got to know so many great people through the shelter and know that I will be a lifelong part of their program. We even had a professional dog trainer donate his time so that we could work with dogs who were overcoming a pretty rough start in life. If dogs are not your thing, is there something you haven't tried yet which could really enhance your life? I know Paulette Wilske and her team of Trailblazers would love to hear from you as there are so many ways to serve at our church.

One of the ways to serve would to consider being part of our **Befriender Team** which has been active for the past 8 years. There will be a 1 ½ day course in May that emphasizes listening skills and how to walk along side someone during times of joy and sorrow. If you attend the course, you can see if you think the Befriender program is for you or use your new listening skills in every day life - it's up to you. If you seem to be the person that everyone talks to it is likely that this is your gift. See me if you have questions; sign up will occur in April. We will also be having a **"Final Gift Workshop"** in May for those of you who have not attended prior to this or need a refresher.

Another way to get involved in a short-term project is to be a part of the **Senior Expo weekend** which will be held the last weekend of April. There are so many things scheduled—from a senior walk, pickleball lessons and play, the Expo itself with Don Shelby as featured speaker and sessions on Friday involving Technology presented by Crosslake Communications and also regular outings that will be led by Sandy Anderson through the next months. Another event will be a **SENIOR PROM** to be held on Saturday evening at Manhattan Beach. It will feature a dinner, dancing, photos and other fun events that evening. Tickets will go on sale for the event in early March so watch for that. Dress up is encouraged but not required, and you do not need a date to attend since a lot of kids nowadays go to Prom in groups. Crosslake Lutheran is in charge of decorations so I will be looking for a team of folks to help with that on Saturday afternoon. Music will be the 40's through the 70's so there will be something for everyone.

I hope you found ways to find joy and rest this winter season. Time to get the house decluttered so that when spring hits, we can all be outdoors. Time to also order your seed catalogs to plan for a garden that can include beauty and good things to eat. Until then, keep shoveling the snow?

Blessings, Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings,

Oh how we enjoyed the February Hearty Valentine Brunch held February 10th in the Fellowship Hall. A hearty thank you goes out to Pastor Kristin leading us in reflection and prayer, Nancy Westerberg, your Women of Crosslake Lutheran Board, Gerry Schroeder and Linda Gates (all preparers, food makers, table setters and take downers, craft project and the kitchen help of Roy Silcox and Bob Bahma. You are all amazing!

Two suggestions have been mentioned, one for March 10 and one for April 14. I will keep you posted as plans are solidified.

If anyone has any ideas for our May and June gatherings please let me know.

Please mark your calendars as we have news from the ELCA and the Northeastern Lights magazine.

The NE Heartland Conference is being held on Saturday, April 30 at Zion in International Falls. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

The Summer Convention/Gathering is being held June 6-8, 2022 at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, MN.

Regarding the gathering I have posted the following on our bulletin board in the hallway:

- 1) Synod Officer/Board Nomination Form
- 2) List of In-Kind Gifts we can donate and take to the gathering.
- 3) 2023 Triennial Voting Member Nomination Form

The magazine has much to share and a copy of it can be found in our church library.

Heavenly Father God, thank you for always being faithful, fulfilling our needs and requests as we express them to you in prayer.

Yours In Christ,

Kathy Bahma, Co-Chair 763-238-0769

P.S. I have copies of Mary Neer's Egg Bake available for you in the church office.

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).



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Sharon Barsness, Dave Gardinier, Michael Goerges,
Christine Gyllenblad, Stacey Koch, Mark Lindner
- 3/2 Andrea Dumond, Rick Flaws
- 3/3 Samantha Carraway, James DeVinck, Kathrine Royce
- 3/4 Donald Glas, Addison Gorr, Randy Morsch
- 3/6 Brynn Carlson, Stan Michal, Ramona Sandberg
- 3/7 David Arndt, Paul Houle
- 3/8 Morgan LaRock
- 3/9 Kenneth Bressler, Eli Buckentin, Brandt Gallaway, Gerald
Giles, Susie Lande, LillyAnn Vanderpool
- 3/11 Ron Germann
- 3/12 Dale Blosberg, Nate Engen, Hannah Ilika, Dave Schwarze
- 3/14 Dorothy Gerdes, Elmer Larson, Paul Linder
- 3/15 Marilyn Hollenback, Dave Johnson, David Sorensen
- 3/16 Robert Mesenbrink
- 3/17 Cassie Brynteson, Barbara Donovan, Mary Hirman,
Julene Mastin
- 3/18 Chuck Beavers, Gary Goerges, China Harmala, Sally
Helmer
- 3/19 Crystal Kozelka, Neil McEwen, Nancy Newman, Mike
Potocki, Chad Rau
- 3/20 Thomas Julian, Bonnie Sass
- 3/21 Priscilla Balmer, Brody Box, Garnet Devine, Jennifer
Johnson
- 3/22 Gerald Gilbert
- 3/23 Carlson Maher, Taytum Maher
- 3/24 Gene Darnell, Jackie Rasmussen
- 3/25 Harvey Hollenback, Kathryn Lund, Doris Mezzenga,
Beth Wolf
- 3/26 Laura Squires, Alex Windschitl
- 3/27 James Anderson, Avery Gorr, Daniel Heggerston,
Jennifer Pulsifer
- 3/29 Jeff Balmer, John Boline, Anthony Gerdes, Maija Maher
- 3/31 Connor Chambers

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/15 Heidi & Steve Engen
Kristine & Terry Havir
- 3/18 Earl & Gail Bancroft
- 3/21 Ronald & Donna Bickford
- 3/22 Roger & Julene Mastin

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



MARCH FOODSHARE MONTH



The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund. **The 2022 March Campaign will run February 28th – April 10th.** All food and monetary donations are welcome. At the end of the program, the Crosslake Foodshelf will receive an additional % of monies available from MN Foodshare.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Soup Suppers begin with Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and are served beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by a Lenten Service at 6:15 pm each Wednesday evening during Lent. If you would like to cook a soup, donate bars and cookies or help out in some way, please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall. In partnership with the kitchen committee we are keeping the Lenten Soup Suppers simple, a servants meal, with restrained table settings and restrained fanfare. The menu is: soup, bread, crackers, dessert and drink. A peanut butter and/or jelly sandwich option will be available each week. Come, as the servants we are, to gather around tables for food and fellowship, then joining together in prayer, song, and devotion in the worship space.



COATS AND PALMS

...the crowd spread garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" - Matthew 21:8-9

PALM SUNDAY COAT DRIVE - Sunday, April 10, 2022

If you happen to have any gently-used coats & jackets, from any season, please bring them to worship on Palm Sunday (or during the week before). The coats will be donated to a drycleaners in Brainerd that collects coats year-around, and distributed to those in need.

Jesus said: "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none..." (Luke 3:11)

First Lutheran Church, San Diego
Photo: Hannah DeMers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	2 Ash Wednesday Kitchen Committee 9 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:45 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	3 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm	4	5
6 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	7 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	8 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	9 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Executive Committee 3:30 PM 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:45 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	10	11	12
13 Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am Special breakfast honoring Carl Weber's retirement	14 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	15 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Finance 4:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	16 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:45 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Lenten Worship 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	17	18	19
20 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	21 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	22 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	23 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm No 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry—Spring Break Choir practice 4:30 pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion 6:15 pm No Youth Ministry 7-12th grade— Spring Break	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/ fellowship	28 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am Altar Guild 10:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	29 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	30 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:45 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Lenten Worship 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	31	March 2022	