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EASTER
CHRIST IS RISEN

There is a place for you here.

Holy Week Schedule

4/14-Maundy Thursday Worship 6:15pm
4/15-Good Friday Worship 6:15pm
4/17-Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30am
Breakfast 9:30am-10:30am

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PASTORS' PAGES



April Greetings!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Our triumphant Easter refrain will resound again this April! We hope you can join us for a powerful Holy week that will begin with Palm Sunday on April 10, when we will also have a coat drive along with waving the palm branches. We are doing this because back in Jesus' time, the people also put their coats down for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, April 14 we will remember Jesus sharing the last supper, and that's when we will celebrate First Communion with our 5th and 6th graders. Then, on Good Friday, April 15, we remember Jesus' death on the cross for the whole world which brings us to Easter Sunday worship, April 17 at 8:30 and 10:30 with a celebration breakfast in between.

The **Sunday after Easter, April 24**, we really hope you can be with us again for a very special coffee hour of honoring Pr. Kurt and his family and our ministry together. Pr. Kurt arrived at Crosslake Lutheran in 2017 as our part-time, two-year intern, and then we called him as our Associate pastor in July of 2019. He is a wonderful minister, and we will miss him! Join us in celebrating his time with us and blessings for his next adventure as a Navy chaplain. Pr. Kurt, his wife Kelly, and family will join us as guests for worship and a special coffee hour on Sunday, April 24th, since Easter Sunday is Pr. Kurt's last official day serving at Crosslake Lutheran.

Then, **Sunday, May 1** is another important Sunday because it's our Spring Congregational meeting! At that meeting, we will be celebrating all the wonderful ministry that has happened this year and is starting anew as things are fully opened up again. There are signs of Spring everywhere, and along with that, we have been grateful for how many of our traditions have returned like Lenten soup suppers, Easter breakfast, and service and fellowship opportunities out in the community. We are also thankful for the various ministry innovations that have occurred over the past two years as the Holy Spirit continues molding and shaping our mission at Crosslake Lutheran. We look forward to what the future holds as God works through us always gathering, growing, and going!

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17, a good Easter promise for us as we move into the season of Spring!

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 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.

PASTOR KURT



Dearest people of Crosslake Lutheran,

This is the last official piece I will write to you. **It seems my heart is existing in two places.** One is in the **sadness** of leaving so many beautiful relationships. We have a good run of being 'Jesus' people' together. You and I have exchanged ministry to, and for, each other. I have been there in many of your tough times and you have been there in mine. So yes, I am sad. And that is ok. My heart is also filled with **excitement**.

I have parked at the word, '**exhilarated**,' to describe the anticipation of serving a new people, living in a new area, and essentially learning to live in a whole new 'military' way. I believe that my gifts and abilities will meet many people where they are at, whether on ship, on base, or on deployment. My heart, our hearts, have been made big enough for all that we are feeling.

We are people of the resurrection. It used to baffle me when Christian leaders would say "**We are Easter people.**" I would wonder, "How can we be **people of a holiday?**" But as I uncovered more, as I have lived and worked among you, I have begun the process of understanding what it means. All the resurrection stories are filled with sadness, with feelings of 'lostness.' Jesus is dead. Then, the truth is literally, 'uncovered.' Jesus, in fact, did not die, but has been raised. Great! The people thought...back to what we know, walking the roads with Jesus, preaching and healing. But then Jesus ascended, giving Jesus' 'perma-Spirit,' a ubiquitous presence, albeit one that needs some discerning, some looking, to find the glory and peace of its presence and power. They did not go back to the same old; they went forward to the 'new old'.

That is where we live! **We live in the mystery and majesty of Easter.** We know that our Lord has been raised. We know THAT TRUTH will change EVERYTHING. That truth will offer new possibilities and new hope every day. That is, if we let it. Or, we can sit in lament of what is gone and keep wishing we could turn back the clock. But folks, that is like wishing the soggy wet dead leaves that lay on the ground would re-attach to the tree. No, we get new leaves, new growth, new saplings pushing up in the fertile soil made by the decay of things that have gone by. I have tears now as I type this because this is what we have discovered together. **WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE. WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE!** Together we have learned to grieve what is lost, but together we have learned to experiment and practice **letting the ubiquitous Sprit of Jesus breathe possibility** into our present to redefine our future. **THAT, is your legacy for me.** We learned it together. We learned how to be Easter People together. I will carry it as fuel and hope for my new call as I trust that that is the way you will live as I leave.

In the power and promise of Christ's resurrection from the dead, your brother in faith,

Pastor Kurt

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

YOU ARE INVITED . . .



SUNDAY, APRIL 24, to a special coffee hour to honor Pr. Kurt and his family. Join us as we celebrate their time with us and send them off with God's blessings for the next adventure with Pr. Kurt's call as a Navy chaplain.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, after worship be sure to join us for our **SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**. We'll celebrate our ministry over the past year and look forward to what God has in store for our mission together as Crosslake Lutheran church!



APRIL BIBLE STUDY



We are going to take a break from Bible study in April, due to Holy Week and pastoral transitions. Bible study will start again in May; stay tuned to bulletins and newsletters for info!

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

February:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 29,905	\$ 52,581	\$ (22,676)		\$ 85,606	\$110,600	\$ (24,994)
Expenses:	\$ <u>42,626</u>	\$ <u>45,900</u>	\$ <u>3,274</u>		\$ <u>90,261</u>	\$ <u>90,527</u>	\$ <u>266</u>
Difference:	\$(12,721)	\$ 6,681	\$ (19,402)		\$ (4,655)	\$ 20,073	\$ (24,728)

In the month of **February**, expenses exceeded revenues by \$12,721.



YTD's performance is \$24,728 less than budget, because revenues are \$24,994 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$266.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The April, May, June devotionals are in! "The Word in Season" or "Christ in Our Home" books are available on the counter in the Narthex or in the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A huge SHOUT OUT to the Mileski family and the Derrek Johnson family for helping with St Patrick's Day Parade Clean-up! Many bags of trash were collected – GREAT JOB!!

Also, THANKS to our 5th-6th grade classes for setting up for the Lenten Soup Suppers. GREAT JOB!!

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Roadside Clean-up Wednesday, April 27th and Saturday, April 30th. We will need LOTS OF family help with clean up!

Join Hands Day – Wednesday, May 18th. We will need LOTS OF family help with planting!

Senior Class Graduation Recognition – Sunday, May 15th at the 9:30 am worship service

Mission Trip -June 18th -26th

God is good,
Pat

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Neil McEwen in their loss & sorrow. Neil passed away on Saturday, March 12th, in St. Cloud, MN. A memorial service will be held at Crosslake Lutheran on May 11th at 1 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior.
- The family of Al Thorpe in their loss & sorrow. Al passed away on March 23rd at his home in Crosslake. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 16th at Noon, with a visitation 1 hour prior. The service will be livestreamed on our church website.
- Karen Zeile and family in the death of her husband, Kim Zeile, on March 24th in Florida as a result of a motorcycle accident. A memorial service will be held on April 2nd in Clarkston, MI.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: Peyton Mae Kardell, March 26th

Parents: Mariah & Travis Kardell

Sponsors: Brady Ahrendt, Jake Anderson, Renee Kardell, Taylor Stiller

THANK YOU'S

“We want to thank everyone for the wonderful party for Carl’s retirement. So many laughs and fun. Our boys were so impressed. The breakfast was wonderful and the entertainment was great. Thanks to all for being there and thanks for the gifts. We were so pleased with it all!” - Carl & Judy Weber

“Thank you to all who came to help wash the kitchen walls and surfaces on March 18th. Your help was very much appreciated!” - Kitchen Committee

HEALTH MINISTRY



Well it is spring, at least on the calendar. As I am writing this, I am watching the snow come down in big clumps, so not enjoying winter (even though I missed most of it). As we all re-emerge from the winter of time spent in rest and contemplation, there is a sense of excitement for what is coming in terms of spring and of course, the Easter celebration. As with the seasons, it is important to feel the rhythm of seasons of resting, doing, releasing and celebrating - it gives me connection to the flow of life which is very healing. I hope that you have ways to connect to that

healing rhythm - it keeps us grounded, growing and releasing what no longer serves us. One way to feel the spring rhythm is to plan some type of garden, either in the ground or in containers. I love spending time planning my flower gardens and hope to find space in a community garden somewhere, although it is so easy to go to the local farmers markets and enjoy the fruits of someone else's labors. I so enjoyed eating fresh fruits and vegetables that were readily available in Texas, it was easier to get in the 4-5 servings daily which is recommended.

April will bring resumption of our busy program season with "FLYING SOLO" happening on April 28th from 12:30- 4:30 pm. This class is for anyone who has experienced a loss of relationship through death or divorce to create a new life as a single person. Though we never really fly solo as we are carried through life by God, it may feel at times that we are alone. The class is helpful in seeing where you are in the recovery process and what things can be challenging as we create that new life. It also is a way to connect with people who are experiencing loss as well creating a new group of friends who are traveling this same path. Registration sign up is on the hallway or call Gail for more information about the class. Some people have taken it more than once since we all travel at different speeds through recovery.

Plans are progressing for the **SENIOR PROM** which will be part of the Senior Expo. There is detailed information on posters, bulletin announcements, etc. but for those of you who are not home yet, the **Prom will be held at Manhattan Beach on April 30th starting at 5:30 pm with cash bar and appetizers, followed by a dinner and then a dance featuring music of the 40s through the 70s.** There will be activities including photos, special dances, etc. and you do not need a prom date in order to have a great evening. It will be a fun time to dress up (or not, evening gowns are optional!) Visit with friends while enjoying music and a time away from routines. The theme is "Moon River" so think moon and stars. I know it will be a good time. Space is limited so call Manhattan Beach Lodge for tickets and make your choice of entrée – phone number 218-692-3381. Please contact me if you have questions. Crosslake Lutheran is taking the lead as host for the event as part of our work with Crosslake Cares. **Another event that will be occurring that weekend is on Friday, April 29th there will be two presentations at the church. The first is from 10-1130 am and will be about technology for seniors presented by Crosslake Communications. The second presentation will be from 2-3:30 pm by Sandy Anderson about the new trips that will be available to area seniors throughout the summer and into the fall.** Sandy has a wonderful list of day trips that she will coordinate that sound like so much fun. Stay tuned for more information about that. The Senior Expo will include Don Shelby as the keynote speaker and, of course, the many vendors and exhibits to enjoy. If you have not been to an EXPO, it is really worth your time to explore the many things that are available to seniors in the area.

Dates for Matter of Balance, Final Gift and the Befriender's course will be available soon so that you can make plans for these popular programs. In what way can you find new ways to learn, serve and change your life for the better?

Blessings, Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse



Crosslake Cares



Our Area Senior Citizens!

SENIOR PROM Moon River

Please join us for Senior Prom as part of
Crosslake Cares Senior Days celebrations!
Reserve your spot today!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 ~ 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Manhattan Beach Lodge, Crosslake

Tickets are \$29 each which includes a 3 course meal and dancing.
(5:30pm-6:30pm cash bar & appetizers - 6:30-8:00pm dinner followed by dancing til 10:00pm)

Come enjoy music from our era and dance under the shimmer of the moon.

Space is limited so call Manhattan Beach Lodge at (218) 692-3381 to reserve your spot today!

Please let them know your entree choice when calling:

Braised Beef Tips; Herb Roasted Chicken; or Baked Herb Cod.

(Dinner includes appetizers, small salad, and dessert). Payment will be made at time of reservation.

Crosslake Area Senior Services, Inc.

doing business as Crosslake Cares, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

www.CrosslakeCares.org

SENIOR EXPO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for five volunteers for the Senior Expo on Saturday, April 30th to help greet, hand out gift bags, and assist as needed. Registration begins at 8:30 am. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Paulette Wilske at 360-319-8150.

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings,

A big “Thank You” goes out to Carolyn Silcox, Gerry Schroeder and Janet Marr for hosting our March General Meeting. Carolyn’s presentation on gluten-free cooking was very insightful and the refreshments provided by all three ladies were much appreciated.

During our meeting we clarified that any ELCA conferences, meetings, etc. that we choose to attend that are being held away from our church will be done so at our own expense.

Please mark your calendars for our next General Meeting on April 21st at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have invited Robyn and Lance from the Bragstad Family Farm to share their gardening techniques for vegetables and flowers. There will be a prize drawing and refreshments.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Heartland Conference to be held at Zion Lutheran in Milaca on April 9th. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The Communion service will begin at 10:00 am with a brief business meeting and installation following. This year they will NOT have a Silent Auction. Offerings from our units will be appreciated. Half of the Gathering Offering will go to the Pearl Crisis Center and the other half to Churchwide. The Love Offering goes to leadership training and for Women in Seminary Education of WISE. The Penny Offering this year will be given to Central Lakes Community College Food Pantry.

Heavenly Father God, we hold up the country of Ukraine asking for your protection and safety and most of all your love. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Yours In Christ,

Kathy Bahma 763-238-0769

Co-Chair

FOODSHARE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES



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 Food Fund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota FoodShare during the March Campaign go into the Food Fund. **THE 2022 MARCH CAMPAIGN WILL RUN THRU APRIL 10TH. Please bring your food donations and place on the table**

in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. At the end of the program, the Crosslake Foodshelf will receive an additional % of monies available from MN Foodshare.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Cheryl Boozell, Ryan Harmala, Rebecca Kraft, Sharon Meister
- 4/2 Lauren Bengtson, Connie Johnson, Becky Mesenbrink, Terry Nygaard, Emily Schuld
- 4/4 Brian Carlson, Julia Loken, Carla White
- 4/5 Alexander Goerges, Ronald Gerdes, Jacque Glas, Taylor Mobraten, Griffin Wolf
- 4/6 Carol Germann, Martin Guse, Pat Lundgren, Cole Trottier
- 4/7 Sylvia Bowman, Brittany Joyce
- 4/8 Marlene Cox, Larry Smith, Kevin Thorson
- 4/9 Pat Bressler, Jeri-Sue Lommen, Alvin Schwab
- 4/10 Jaxon Siemers, Tony Wagner
- 4/11 Derrek Johnson, Bob Laven, Gary Patrick
- 4/12 Gail Smith, Carol Rose
- 4/13 Karen Christofferson, Kristin Larsen, Steven Wilske
- 4/14 Linda Bendt, Michael Monahan, Deanne Trottier
- 4/15 Gene Larson, Sam Shirey
- 4/16 Larry Allen, Brian Thull
- 4/17 Jerry Benson, Kris Havir, Robert McPherson, Linda Peterson, Neal Senst
- 4/18 Renee Maher
- 4/19 Jeff Lande, Elise Larson, Megan Morgan
- 4/20 Brecken Ledin, Mary Neer, Sam Person, Ann Schrupp, Fred Skog
- 4/21 Mary Baudler, Denise Hicks, Vickey Leonard, Morgan Lohmiller, Ron Neal
- 4/22 Katelyn Chambers, Julie Engen, Vicki Kopplin, Joanna O'Neil, David Schrupp
- 4/23 Wendy Bittner, Nathan Netko
- 4/24 Karen Boehler, Cynthia Lindner, Virginia Miller
- 4/25 Cody Chambers, Ellie Loken
- 4/26 Del Blowers, Macie Lohmiller, Jack McChesney
- 4/27 Bellaeh Brynteson, Nevaeh Brynteson, Andie Held, Chuck Squires
- 4/29 Patricia Lundeen
- 4/30 Jan Darnell, Vicki Nygaard, Emma Schommer

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Kyle & Kelly Spray
- 4/3 Jerry & Jan Benson
Lance & Robyn Bragstad
Eric & Carrie Swanson
- 4/8 John & Shannon Ebertowski
Tony & Leah Glaser
Gary & Debbie Patrick
- 4/9 Jeff & Ann Schommer
- 4/10 Casey & Sarah Johnson
- 4/11 Ralph & Roberta Flohr
- 4/14 Eugene & Arlene Courneya
- 4/16 Troy & Rachel Anderson
- 4/20 Duane & Beverly Ambuehl
Nita & David Loken
- 4/22 Jim & Amy Meister
- 4/25 Robert & Sharon McPherson
- 4/26 Jason & Stacey Gorr
- 4/30 Chris & Andrea Haar

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2022						
3 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/fellowship 10:30 am	4 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	5 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	6 Kitchen Committee 9 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 w/Holy Communion 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	7 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club (off-site) 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm Facilities Committee 2:30 pm	1	2 Spring Heartland Conference— Zion Lutheran Milaca 9 am
10 Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/fellowship 10:30 am	11 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	12 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	13 Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Executive Committee 3:30 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:45 pm and bread baking with parents in church kitchen 5:30 pm <u>No</u> Youth Ministry for 7th-12th grade	14 Maundy Thursday Choir practice 4:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 6:15 pm	15 Good Friday Choir practice 5:30 pm Good Friday Service 6:15 pm	16 Al Thorpe Memorial Service: Noon with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service
17 Easter Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30 am	18 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	19 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Finance 4:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	20 Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Wednesday Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/ Holy Communion and Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	21 Women of Crosslake Lutheran General Meeting 1 pm	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 am with special farewell reception for Pastor Kurt in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 am	25 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am Altar Guild 10:30 am Mission & Ministry Investment Committee 11:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	26 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Endowment 4 pm	27 Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Wednesday Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion and Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry: 7-12th grade 7-8pm	28 "Flying Solo" in the Fire-side Room 12:30-4:30 pm	29 Senior Expo Workshops at Crosslake Lutheran: 10-11:30 am & 2-3:30 pm Synod Assembly at Cragun's Resort thru Sunday	30 Roadside Clean-Up 9 am Senior Expo at the Log Church 8:30 am with Senior Prom at Manhattan Beach 5:30-10 pm