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Sunday, April 2, 9:30am

Worship with Holy Communion including a Palm Procession with a reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew

Thursday, April 6, 6:15pm – Maundy Thursday

Worship with Holy Communion, First Communion for 5th & 6th graders, Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 7, 6:15pm – Good Friday

Worship with Special Music, Bidding Prayer, and Readings

Sunday, April 9, – Easter

8:30 & 10:30 am – Festival Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am – Easter Breakfast

PASTOR'S PAGE

April Greetings!



Recently, I was looking through some Easter music and came upon a song I sang a long time ago in church children's choir as I was growing up. I remember it because it was one of my favorites. The music had a bright yellow cover with a butterfly on the front, and I think we need these promises from God right now about Spring and the power of the Resurrection, especially considering this long winter that we've been enduring! Maybe some of you are familiar with this song, too . . .

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise) by Natalie Sleeth

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



Join us as we experience these promises from God with one another in worship, fellowship, learning, and serving as a community in Christ together! This will especially be true during Holy Week. You can read the details of those opportunities in the bulletin. We thank all those who contributed to another meaningful Lenten season -- helping with worship, preparing, serving, and cleaning meals, and many other ways behind the scenes. Also, thanks to all those who contributed to the Lenten Foodshelf Challenge, stay tuned for the results!

With Easter hope,

Pastor 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.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Sylvia Bowman in their loss & sorrow. Sylvia passed away on February 27th at her home in Pequot Lakes.

Pastoral Acts

Memorial Services: Sylvia Bowman, March 9, 2023

Wednesday Night Updates



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 – FIRST COMMUNION BREAD BAKING

No Wed activities other than bread baking as it's Holy Week. We will meet at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will bake the bread and then go through the logistics and practice for Thursday, April 6th. We will finish at 7:15 pm. Please have one parent or grandparent/relative attend with your student on this night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 – FIRST COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

Thursday, April 6th at 6:15 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship service

Please try to have the youth and at least one parent at the church by 5:45 or so. The whole family is welcome at that time too. It helps to arrive early to breath and relax, and so that we can go over the instructions and worship roles one more time. The service begins at 6:15. This worship service is unique. We do things differently because we are remembering this is a HOLY WEEK. At the end of the service, we will darken the sanctuary, put black fabric on the cross, and then leave the sanctuary in silence. After most of the people have left in silence, you are welcome to come back in and take pictures.

Here is how the “First Communion” part will go. About two-thirds through the service we pray the Lord’s Prayer. Then we have communion. The 5th and 6th graders and their families will go first, two families at a time. One on each side. ANYONE who came with you to support your youth is welcome to come up! The family will kneel or stand at the rail. The pastor will commune the 5th or 6th grader first. Then the 5th/6th grader will come behind the rail and work with the pastor to commune the rest of the family. When everyone from your family is done, the family will stand up and go back to the pews and the next family will come up. When we are done with the 5th and 6th graders and families, we will commune the rest of the people.

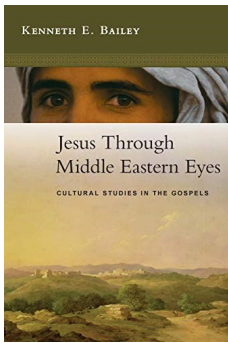
YOUTH—LOOKING AHEAD!

We have Wednesday Night Programming and Worship through the end of April. April 26th will be our last Wednesday Youth Ministry, Supper, Worship and Growing Kids for this school year. We’ll have games and root beer floats too!

Mission Trip to Idaho with Idaho Servant Adventures and Brainerd Area Churches, July 14-23

VBS (Vacation Bible School): Kids who’ve completed K-6th grade, July 17-21

SUMMER STRETCH -- This program is for 5-8th grade youth. It is in cooperation with Brainerd area churches. It involves fun, faith, and service. It takes place for 6 Thursdays the beginning of the summer and includes a trip to see the MN Twins!! More information will be coming to you soon.



APRIL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 am

April 12, 19 & 26 and May 3

Beginning with Jesus' birth, Ken Bailey leads you on a kaleidoscopic study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels. Bailey examines the life and ministry of Jesus with attention to the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, Jesus' relationship to women, and especially Jesus' parables. Through it all, Bailey employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead you into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context. With a sure but gentle hand, Bailey lifts away the obscuring layers of modern Western interpretation to reveal Jesus in the light of his actual historical and cultural setting. This entirely new material from the pen of Ken Bailey is a must-have for any student of the New Testament. If you have benefited from Bailey's work over the years, this book will be a welcome and indispensable addition to your library. If you are unfamiliar with Bailey's work, this book will introduce you to a very old yet entirely new way of understanding Jesus.

GREETING CARDS

The Ink Spots have set up a card rack in the Fellowship Hall for those of you who have been asking to purchase our handmade greeting cards. We have Easter cards available now too. The cards are priced as marked and a wooden box is provided for payment. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

PERSONAL CARE KITS

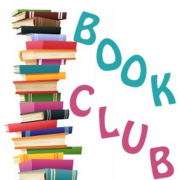
Our Lutheran World Relief project for the year will soon be coming to an end. We will assemble the kits in mid-May and send them to LWR in June. With the war in Ukraine, and the disastrous earthquake in Turkey, need for these kits is great. The items are listed below:

- 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!

BOOK CLUB



If you are interested in being part of a book club, we have one that meets monthly! The book for April is "Half Broke Horses" by Jeanette Walls and we will meet on April 6th at 10 am in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER NEEDED

Are you looking for something to fill a little of your time and give you the opportunity to help others too? Crosslake Lutheran Social Services Meals on Wheels Program is currently looking for a volunteer driver to deliver meals in the Crosslake area on Wednesdays. This position is for one day/week and takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours. If you are interested, please contact Betty Schlapkohl, LSS Crosslake Site Coordinator at 218-537-0704 or by email Schgear@me.com.

JUL FEST

Jul Fest workshop gathers every Monday from 9 am – 11:30 am in the Fellowship H-all; you can come for all or part of the morning. We will be working on crafts, sewing, and painting. If you have ideas for new crafts, please bring samples or pictures to share with the group. New members are always welcome! We will have a coffee break for sharing and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Prescott (952-938-6846) or Cindy Bighley (651-770-0720).



ART DISPLAY

In April we will continue our handwork display so bring in your items to share! You may pick up your children's art from last month at any time. Questions? Contact Patricia, Music Ministry Director.

FINANCIALS

2023 Financial Report

February:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 30,181	\$ 54,231	\$ (24,050)		\$ 78,188	\$ 118,649	\$ (40,461)
Expenses:	\$ <u>34,759</u>	\$ <u>43,819</u>	\$ <u>9,060</u>		\$ <u>66,933</u>	\$ <u>89,222</u>	\$ <u>22,289</u>
Difference:	\$ (4,578)	\$ 10,412	\$ (14,999)		\$ 11,254	\$ 29,427	\$ (18,173)

In the month of February, expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,578.

YTD's performance is \$18,173 less than budget, because revenues are \$40,461 less than budget and expenses are also less than the budget by \$22,289.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

DINERS GROUP

We will meet on Tuesday, April 25th, at 5:30 pm at Club 33 Moonlite Bay restaurant in Crosslake. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Everyone is welcome!



THANK YOU

"Thank you Pastor Kristin, staff and members of the Crosslake Lutheran family for all the prayers, cards, meals, kindness and support you have given me the past few months as I dealt with health issues. You have been a blessing. Thanks be to God! - Gloria Kroeger



“It’s a Grand Night for Singing”

April 14 at 7pm at Crosslake Lutheran Church

**Featuring the Legacy Chorale and Legacy Youth Chorale
120 local musicians in concert!**

Seating is limited!

**Contact Kennedy Niska to reserve FREE tickets
admin@legacychorale.org or 218-410-3030.**

TRANSITION TIME UPDATE

We are still continuing the call process for an associate pastor or deacon, but since we do not know what that call process result will bring, we are also widening our search process by posting an opening for a full-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

Here is the information for anyone in our congregation that might be interested or for you to pass along to others:

Crosslake Lutheran church has great youth and family ministry and is now looking for an innovative leader, collaborator, and encourager to build upon this ministry further. We have a creative staff team that works together in a flexible and fun atmosphere. This position is full-time, and benefits are negotiable.

Here's the official summary of the job description, a longer description is available upon request:

To identify, develop, introduce, promote, manage, and regularly evaluate relationships, programs, and activities for grades 5 through 12 that meet and balance the spiritual needs and social interests of the church’s youth and families for their discovery and growth in Christian faith. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Please contact Pr. Kristin Oltmann at 218-692-3682 or prkristin@crosslake.net

HEALTH MINISTRY

Well, it's good to be back with my church family; it is technically spring but not sure when the snow will be completely gone. Spring is a great time to clean house - mind, body and spirit. It likely came from the times that folks burned wood for heat and the house got pretty dirty from that but the tradition of housecleaning in the spring persists. It feels good to make things lighter, cleaner and emptier as we consider the way that feels. Take a look at your home right now, what feels old, outdated, broken, too full (talking about stuff, not people :)) How can we change things to bring fresh energy and lightness into our life? Spring is also a time to consider how to add healthier food into our diet through gardens, community shares, or even little private greenhouse areas. Fresh vegetables were so readily available in Texas; it is something that I really miss being able to go to outdoor markets but I know that the time is coming. I will be trying a planter box on my upper deck for fresh salad fixings since the deer seem to think I am planting this stuff just for them. Last year I also had a pesky woodchuck grazing on my greens so I hope that the deck will deter those little cute guys. It's not too late to start some seeds in your house so that when the ground finally thaws, you will be ready to go. We also have some great greenhouses in the area that would be a great source for plants with our short growing season.



I hope that you are planning to attend the Senior Expo which will be held the last weekend of April. There are three days of events starting with educational sessions on Friday about travel and technology which are similar to those held last year. Friday's sessions will be held at our church, watch for more details in the bulletin and posters in the community. Saturday starts with educational session in the morning, vendors for a variety of things of interest to seniors and Don Shelby doing his version of Mark Twain. Saturday evening will feature the SENIOR Prom with a theme of "Evening in Paris" to be held at Manhattan Beach Lodge. Tickets should be available by contacting them directly. There will also be pickleball tournaments, a walk with Donna Kieffer and other events over the weekend so I hope you will plan to participate in this fun time together. I am looking for additional volunteers to help with decorating the prom area on Saturday afternoon, so if you are available and up for some fun times, please see me since I am the point person for the prom.

I love the season of Easter as the reminder of the amazing life and sacrifice of Jesus becomes much more prominent through our worship. I am watching a miniseries called "The Chosen" which is a free app and includes 3 seasons which center on how Jesus picked the people around him and their many struggles to understand his message and why he chose them for the ministry. While I am sure that biblical scholars may find discrepancies about actual words used, the message is very clear that we are chosen as followers not because we are perfect but because we have gifts that can be used to help bring others to God. Watching this series sure beats some of the things that can be binge watched on Netflix so I encourage you to check this out if you would like additional inspiration during the Easter season.

"Matter of Balance" class starts April 4th at 1 pm so if you have not registered yet, please do so by going to the Crow Wing Energized website. If you do not have access to a computer, please see me or check with Brenda who can also help. If you are not back yet from the South, you can join the one later on in the year.

Hope to see you all in person soon!

Blessings, Gail Smith


Crosslake Cares
 presents
 THE 2ND ANNUAL
SENIOR DAYS & EXPO 2023


Weekend of April 28 - April 30, 2023

SENIOR DAYS

- ✓ Senior Presentations on Technology & Travel
- ✓ Senior Train Museum Event
- ✓ Senior 3K Walk
- ✓ Senior Restaurant Discounts at participating area restaurants
- ✓ Senior Prom at Manhattan Beach Lodge
- ✓ Senior Pickleball Events
- ✓ Senior Golf Discounts
- ✓ Senior Expo

SENIOR EXPO

Free Event!
No Sign-up needed

- Saturday, April 29th
- Free coffee and pastries!
- Informative Mini-Talks
- Prizes and Giveaways!
- Doors open at The Log Church in Crosslake, at 8:30 AM



KEYNOTE PERFORMANCE by former news anchor, Don Shelby. Come see Don's reenactment of America's best humorist and novelist, Mark Twain.

A Fun Weekend for our Area Seniors!

WATCH FOR EVENT UPDATES AND DETAILS AT
www.CrosslakeCares.org or facebook.com/CrosslakeCares18
Crosslake Area Senior Services, Inc.
 doing business as Crosslake Cares, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization




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SENIOR PROM

An Evening in Paris



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

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)
 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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 ~ 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
 Manhattan Beach Lodge, Crosslake



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate Heart Catholic Church

Tuesday, April 4th—12-6 pm

Appt./Info: Call Sharon at 218-851-3263



HEARTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, April 2, 2023 • 2:30 PM

Gichi-ziiibi Center for the Arts
 602 S 5th Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

Featuring the performances of HSO's 2023 Echo Kowalzek Youth Concerto Competition winners:

Arriana Schwab

Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major, K. 216 – Allegro

Also performing music by Franz Schubert, Ingrid Stölzel, and Jacob Shay

Abigail Benson

Weber: Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra, Op. 26

Conducted by Ryan Webber. Conductor Chats held prior to concerts. 1:45 PM in Brainerd

FREE FOR ALL AGES. Good will donations
 For more information call [1-800-826-1997](tel:1-800-826-1997).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Cheryl Boozell, Ryan Harmala, , Sharon Jacobsen, Rebecca Kraft
4/2 Lauren Bengtson, Connie Johnson, Alexis Luzar, Becky Mesenbrink,
Terry Nygaard, Emily Schuldt
4/4 Brian Carlson, Julia Loken, Carla White
4/5 Alexander Goerges, Ronald Gerdes, Jacque Glas, Taylor Mobraaten,
Griffin Wolf
4/6 Carol Germann, Martin Guse, Cole Trottier
4/7 Brittany Joyce, Phil Schott
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 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 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,
April Mileski
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 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
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
4/16 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
2 Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	3 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	4 Ink Spots 9:30 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm	5 Kitchen Committee 9 am Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm First Communion bread baking with parents in Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	6 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club 10 am Choir 4:30 pm Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion 6:15 pm	7 Good Friday Good Friday Service 6:15 pm	8 Altar Guild setting up Easter Garden 10 am
9 Easter Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30 am	10 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Executive Comm. 4:30 pm A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	11 Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm	12 Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am / Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30-5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm	13 Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes 2 pm Facilities Committee 2:30 pm	14 Legacy Chorale Concert 7 pm	15
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