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APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 7—A coffee hour after worship, thanking Roy Silcox for his service and dedication

Wednesday, April 10— Celebrate Rite of First Communion at 6:15 pm worship

Sunday, April 21—Celebration of Pastor Kristin's 20th anniversary of ordination into Word and Sacrament ministry

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26—Subtle Celebration Week to honor Crosslake Lutheran Administrative Professional, Brenda LaRock

See more details inside.

PASTORS' PAGES

April Greetings!



We are now in the season of Easter celebrating Christ's promise of resurrection and new life! Thanks to all the people involved with our Lenten and Holy Week worship services and soup suppers. Also, thanks to everyone who helped on Easter with all things worship and brunch!

In this season of Easter, besides the Resurrection of our Lord, we also have much to celebrate and with which to look forward. On **Sunday, April 7, we will have a coffee hour after worship, thanking Roy Silcox** for the time he served as our maintenance person. Join us to thank Roy for his time of service and dedication!

On **Wednesday, April 10, we will celebrate First Communion** with our fifth and sixth grade students who have been studying this sacrament during Lent. It's so special to be a part of welcoming them to the Lord's Table and seeing them serve their families Communion with bread they have baked themselves! We really hope that many of our Sunday folks can also be present at this Wednesday evening 6:15 worship service.

I was very surprised to find out a month or so ago that a group wasformed to honor the **20th anniversary of my ordination into Word and Sacrament ministry**. Thank you! I look forward to a terrific morning of worship with a delicious breakfast afterward on **Sunday, April 21st.** I am incredibly honored to be in a congregation that would plan something like that! I hope you can be a part of this celebration of God at work!

Then, beginning, **Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26**, we are going to have a very special week entitled **Subtle Celebration Week**. This week is when Administrative Professional's day lands on Wed, April 23, and we are taking the whole week for a **Subtle Celebration** to honor our tremendous Crosslake Lutheran Administrative Professional, Brenda LaRock. Every year, we do a little something as a staff to honor her, but she never wants us to make "a big fuss." But the fact is that we want to, and we know many others do, too! We know that Brenda does somuch for so many, not just the staff, but many in the congregation. So, we promised Brenda that this would be a **Subtle Celebration Week**! We invite you to stop by and see her in the office, sometime during the week between 9am – 3pm with a greeting, card, or some way to let her know how much she is appreciated. And, ok, Brenda, if we must, we will keep it as subtle, inconspicuous, unobtrusive, lowkey, and unassuming, as we can, but we will get some good celebration in there, too!

In Christ and Celebration,

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.

APRIL BIBLE STUDIES



Wednesdays at 10:00am - Fireside Room

We continue to explore the book "Honoring Our Neighbors Faith".

A Zoom Bible Study to begin soon. Watch bulletins for start date.

We will kick off a new Zoom Bible Study once a date and time is decided. This study will actively engage in providing feedback on the ELCA draft social statement titled "Civic Life and Faith." This statement delves into the intersection of our Christian faith with civic responsibilities, exploring how our beliefs shape our engagement with society. This Bible Study will offer a unique chance for us to immerse ourselves in Scripture, reflect on the teachings of Jesus, and contemplate how our faith guides us in matters of justice, compassion, and community involvement. Your input and perspectives are invaluable as we collectively interact with this draft social statement. Your voice matters, and this study will provide a platform for open dialogue and discernment. I urge everyone to prayerfully consider joining this Bible Study, as together we participate in this unique process of the ELCA in addressing social questions. May the Holy Spirit guide us on this journey of exploration, and may our collective discernment contribute to the enrichment of our faith community and the broader Church. I eagerly anticipate our shared learning and fellowship.—Pastor Becky



THANK YOU, ROY!

Roy Silcox has been our handyman at Crosslake Lutheran Church and his ministry has been tremendous as he's tended to the great facility that God has given us to carry out God's mission. Roy has decided to step down from his position, and although we are sad, we say "Well done, good and faithful servant!" We will be thanking Roy with a coffee hour in his honor on Sunday, April 7th. Be sure to join us to thank Roy!

MAINTENANCE JOB OPENING

We are seeking someone to fill the General Maintenance position. If you are interested, please talk to Jeff Benson (612-598-1852) or Bob Bahma (763-238-1226) from the Personnel team. You can also talk to Pastor Kristin. There may be a way for a team of people to job share or work together with one person as the lead; so, we would really like to talk to whomever may have any interest at all! This is a paid position with up to 10 hours per week. Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible. Thank you!

JUL FEST

Jul Fest workshop gathers every Monday from 9am – 12 Noon in the fellowship hall; 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).

CLC YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY •



First Communion April 10th, 6:15pm End of Year Picnic April 24th, 5:30pm

Hello April 2024

This month we will celebrate 1st Communion with our youth. We have spent the past 5 weeks learning all about the sacraments and are looking forward to April 10th when we will partake in our first holy communion.

Our 7-12 grade group has just finished watching The Gospel of Mark, we have had many great conversations as we walked through the book of Mark in our bibles also.

Summer Stretch registration is open~ This year our service projects will be local with the kids coming up with some pretty cool activities in town square, helping with a community picnic and having a lot of fun. We will be going to Park Rapids one morning for high and low ropes, the Nisswa Water Park and much more!

All youth that have completed 5th through 9th grade are invited to join us, scholarships are available for those in need. If have questions please message Lindsay.





Looking forward: Vacation Bible School with Luther Crest:



Still looking for ADULT Helpers as well!

Junior and Senior High Youth looking for service hours are invited to help



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Lynn Olson in their loss & sorrow. Lynn passed away on March 13th in the cities.
- Dave & Lory Delgehausen in the death of his brother, Rev. Loren Delgehausen, on March 15th in Franklin, TN.
- The family of Bob Mesenbrink in their loss & sorrow. Bob passed away on March 19th at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living.

HEY, GUYS! (& GALS!)



Dust off those baseball-style caps and choose your favorite (or two) to display in our exhibit area in Fellowship Hall. The "Monday Morning Men" floated this idea, and spring is the perfect time to do it. Bring your hat —with your name & any comments you'd like to include—to Patricia's office, beginning April 1. This should be fun!

LENTEN FOOD SHELF CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who participated in this challenge during Lent. We collected 425 pounds of food and over \$1,800 for the Crosslake Food Shelf. Well done! The Crosslake Food Shelf is open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9 am—Noon.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPERS MEETING

Come to our Spring meeting of Outdoor Worship LEADER-HELPERS on April 23 at Noon at church. Each Sunday, 4 LEADER- HELPERS work together to set up chairs, make coffee, clean-up and other small tasks before and after the service. We have quite a group involved so we can rotate Sundays. You can be involved when it fits your schedule. For more information, come to the meeting or contact Herb Nelson 651-239-4860 or <u>herbnelson@brainerd.net</u>. This meeting is intended for those interested in being LEADER -HELPERS. But there are also other jobs for Outdoor Worship. Contact Paulette Wilske 218-562-4153 if you want to help with another job, such as park cars, offering, hand out bulletins, or serve coffee and donuts or juice. Or you can sign up on "Sign Up Genius" on Crosslake Lutheran's website.

BOOK CLUB

The book for April is "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple and we will meet on **April 7th at 10 am** in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome!

THANK YOUS

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a plant for us to use in the Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. It certainly brightens the sanctuary and narthex as we celebrate the risen Lord. We appreciate your support! - Altar Guild

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who loaned their guitars to the 5th/6th graders in our after school program on Wednesdays. We all learned that playing guitar is not as easy as it looks! The students were able to learn three chords and contributed their music to Wednesday night worship on two occasions. Thanks to Clint Henning for leading the guitar mini-sessions!



				FINANCI	ALS		
			20)24 Financ	ial Report		
February:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		Difference	YTD: Actual	<u>Budget</u>	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 33 <i>,</i> 550	\$ 49,448	\$	(15,898)	\$ 101,109	\$ 105,439	\$ (4 <i>,</i> 330)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 40,386</u>	<u>\$ 45,284</u>	\$	4,898	<u>\$ 85,634</u>	<u>\$ 89,548</u>	<u>\$ 3,914</u>
Difference:	\$ (6 <i>,</i> 836)	\$ 4,164	\$	(11,000)	\$ 15,475	\$ 15,891	\$ (416)

In the month of February, expenses exceeded revenues by \$6,836.

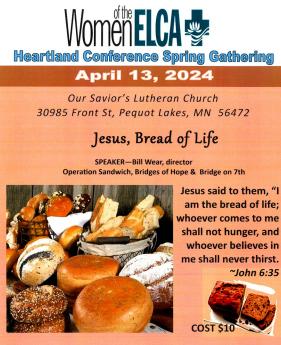
YTD's performance is \$416 less than budget, because revenues are \$4,330 less than budget and expenses are also less than budget by \$3,914.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

SOLAR PANELS

Solar Power: Crow Wing Power has raised their rates starting March 1. The kilowatt-hour rate will be increased 5 %. Since the power generated by our solar panels is credited to Crosslake Lutheran at the same rate Crow Wing Power charges, the value of each kilowatt our system generates will increase by 5 %. We had anticipated electric rates increasing and will experience ever increasing savings over the 30-year life of our system.

	<u>Solar Panel Data</u>	
Month	Solar Savings	CWP bill after savings
August 18-31	\$317.70	\$353.00
September	\$533.30	\$20.00
October	\$428.80	\$35.00
November	\$295.40	\$163.28
December	\$124.00	\$350.00
January	\$72.30	\$472.00
February	\$344.20	\$52.00



WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING

The Gathering will be at Our Saviors Lutheran in Pequot Lakes on Saturday April 13th. Theme is John 6:35 **"I am the bread of life"**

8:30 AM	Registration (\$10) and Coffee
9:00 AM	Egg Bake Brunch
10:15 AM	Keynote Speaker & Business Meeting
11:30 AM	Closing Communion Service

Please see information and sign up sheet on the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall hallway. We have been asked to contribute the breads for the brunch.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR "THE SILENT AUCTION" AND "BUY IT NOW".

HEALTH MINISTRY

Blessings from Health Ministry! I am back from my winter home down south and working on a busy spring of programming and events. I hope that your Easter feeling lasts the entire year as we serve a Risen Savior. Spring is a great time to clean out updated meds, food and other things that have expiration dates. I have found items still from the COVID lockdown that need to be pitched, especially outdated COVID testing kits. A gentle reminder that COVID is likely never going to be ever completely gone, so please practice some of the great health measures that were started during the pandemic like staying home if you are sick, washing hands frequently, testing if you have symptoms, etc.



Planning is in full swing for the Senior Expo that will happen the last weekend of April. Crosslake Lutheran is hosting a series of educational events on Friday, April 26th, starting at 10 am. There are posters up at church for details and watch the bulletin for more information. These sessions are open to the public and are free. Coffee and treats will be provided. Friday evening also includes an event sponsored by the Railroad Club which should be fun. Senior Prom tickets are available by calling Manhattan Beach Lodge. They are \$30 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, and a dance. There are gorgeous dresses at Common Goods;

most are half price right now so it is a great time to treat yourself to a little bling. But dressing up is totally optional if that is not your thing! Even if your other half is not a big party person, you can still attend since there are many folks who are going solo. Be sure to let Manhattan's know who you would like to sit with when you call for tickets so that we can create a seating chart. The Senior Expo speaker is Joe Schmidt, a TV sports celebrity who is always entertaining.

On April 10th from 10:30 am—Noon, we will be hosting a meeting for folks who attended the training sessions to be a Dementia Friend or Champion. Invites have been sent out via email, but anyone is welcome to attend since we are looking for ideas as to how to get the message out about memory loss and creating an environment that is helpful and respects each person's ability. Minnesota Central Council of Aging is our partner with this initiative and will provide resources for this initiative which will be on-going. An eventual goal is to make Crosslake a dementia-friendly city, which will need partnerships with a large group of people including businesses and organizations that interact with those that have memory loss. As the population ages, there will be many more folks that have memory loss from a variety of diseases such as Alzheimer's and vascular disease, and many people are reluctant to admit they have memory issues because of how others may treat them. If you have questions about memory loss, please reach out since I have a lot of personal and professional experience that can be helpful. I will also be part of the Lakes Area Memory Advocate group and hope to bring more education to our community.

In Texas, I was part of a group called SPI ROCKS, which painted rocks with fun pictures and sayings which were then hidden around the island. It was so much fun to hide the rocks and see it posted on Facebook when found. The simple paintings or sayings brought a bit of happiness to those who found them. Wouldn't it be fun to start a group like this at our church? We could bring the message of love and light to the entire community which is so needed in our world. Watch for a popup event where I will bring supplies and instruction; you do not need to have any art talent to do this.

I am happy to be back among my church family members. I have missed the fellowship and inspiration you bring to my life. Since I have retired from my Minneapolis Heart Institute position, I will have more time to create a life of rest, enjoying creating art and being in nature. What do you look forward to in this upcoming season?

Blessings, Gail Smith, RN—Parish Nurse



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITIES

Construction

Get hands-on experience on with Habitat! You're never alone building with us; a professional staff member is always on site to teach new skills or put your expertise to best use. Construction volunteers perform a variety of skilled and unskilled tasks including framing, vinyl siding, sheet rocking, painting, flooring, and installing trim. We work alongside each partner family for each home, so you will see and know the lives you are changing firsthand. Opportunities change day-to-day, occur indoors and outdoors, and are typically four-hour shifts (morning or afternoon). *We have 5 homes to start in spring in Brainerd, Baxter, Pillager and Park Rapids. We need all the construction volunteers we can get.*

Salvages

We tear apart, too! *Salvage volunteers* go to a site and save reusable, quality materials from demolition. All these items stock our ReStore, which is open to the public and sells merchandise discounted up to 75% off standard retail prices. All net proceeds support our mission to build affordable homes for working families. Can't stand seeing money get thrown away? Salvage may be perfect for you. This is often a full day commitment.

Cashiers

The LAHFH ReStore is seeking new volunteer cashiers! This would be working 1 or 2 days a week for a 4-hour shift. If you're looking to take part in a cause bigger than yourself and you enjoy:

- -human interaction -working with computers
- -a fast-paced environment -being active while you're working (standing/walking)

If interested, please reach out to Heidi at (218)454-7021 or <u>heidi.gould@lakesareahabitat.org</u> to learn more or get started!

PINE TREE SAPLINGS AVAILABLE

If anyone is looking for free small Norway white pine or spruce trees, contact Sam Shirey at 763-688-5989.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Ryan Harmala, Sharon Jacobsen, Rebecca Kraft			
4/2	Connie Johnson, Alexis Luzar, Becky Mesenbrink,			
	Levi McCulloch, Terry Nygaard, Emily Schuldt		AP	RIL ANNIVERSARIES
4/4	Brian Carlson, Carla White			
4/5	Alexander Goerges, Ronald Gerdes, Jacque Glas, Taylor Mobraten, Griffin Wolf	4/		Kyle & Kelly Spray
4/6	Carol Germann, Cole Trottier	4/	3	Jerry & Jan Benson
4/7	Brittany Joyce, Phil Schott	4/	8	Tony & Leah Glaser
4/8	Marlene Cox, Larry Smith, Kevin Thorson			Gary & Debbie Patrick
4/9	Pat Bressler, Jeri-Sue Lommen, Alvin Schwab	4/	'10	Casey & Sarah Johnson
4/10	Jaxon Siemers	4/	'11	Ralph & Roberta Flohr
4/11	Derrek Johnson, Bob Laven, Gary Patrick	4/	′15	Jim & Carolyn Larson
4/12	Lindsay Paulson, Gail Smith		 '16	Troy & Rachel Anderson
4/13	Karen Christofferson, Kristin Larsen, Steven Wilske		 /18	Les & MaryJo Flemming
4/14	Linda Bendt, Michael Monahan, Deanne Trottier		/22	Jim & Amy Meister
4/15	Sam Shirey			•
4/16	Larry Allen, Brian Thull		25	Robert & Sharon McPherson
4/17	Jerry Benson, Kris Havir, Robert McPherson, Linda Peterson, Neal Senst	4/	30	Chris & Andrea Haar
4/18	Renee Maher			
4/19	Elise Larson, Megan Morgan			
4/20	Brecken Ledin, Mary Neer, Sam Person, Ann Schrupp, Fred Skog		Ρ	lease remember these
4/21	Denise Hicks, Vickey Leonard, Morgan Rickard,			people in prayer on their
	April Mileski		Rirt	hday and/or Anniversary.
4/22	Katelyn Chambers, Julie Engen, Vicki Kopplin, Joanna O'Neil, David Schrupp			
4/23	Wendy Bittner, Nathan Netko			
4/24	Karen Boehler, Cynthia Linder		,	
4/25	Cody Chambers		(
4/26	Macie Lohmiller, Jack McChesney			
4/27	Bellaeh Brynteson, Nevaeh Brynteson, Andie Held,		A	
	Chuck Squires			
	Patricia Lundeen			
4/30	Jan Darnell, Vicki Nygaard			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jul Fest 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's500 Card Group9 am A.AFireside Room 7 pm	2 Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Financial Review Meeting 4:30 pm	3 Kitchen Committee 9 am Bible Study 10 am Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Ministry 3:30- 5:30 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm Worship w/Holy Communion & Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry 7th-12th gr. 7 pm First Communion bread baking with parents in Fellowship Hall 7 pm	4 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club 10 am	w	۵
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