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WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE!

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Worship 8:30 am (In Sanctuary)

**Outdoor Worship at Outdoor worship center 10 am with
High School Graduate Recognition**

PASTORS' PAGES



May Greetings, Crosslake Lutheran friends!

The month of May is full of promise! Most foundational, we have the promise of **Pentecost!** We celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the powerful presence of God still at work among us, on **Sunday, May 23rd** this year.

On **May 23rd**, we also celebrate our high school graduates. God's promises to them as they graduate and start a new chapter of life!

We also begin the **Outdoor service on May 23rd**. That day, we will start our usual summer schedule with worship in the sanctuary at 8:30 AM and worship at the Outdoor facility at 10:00 AM. This is when our parking lot service will end. However, people may still remain in their cars if so desired at the Outdoor service. Additionally, we are delighted to offer outdoor seating with the green chairs this summer at the Outdoor facility. The chairs will simply be spaced further apart in household groups, and we ask people to wear "masks on the move." But once people are "in their spot" masks can be removed, if so desired. (These guidelines are based on current MN Dept of Health regulations. We are always monitoring changes and county cases, so we'll let you know if our procedures can change around COVID 19 precautions.) The promise of God's outdoor beauty and blessing will certainly be afoot in our Pentecost worship and all worship as we head into May and the summer season.

Promises from God also abound as we are called into a really important opportunity to engage in something that we have done once before as a congregation! Back in the fall of 2017, we experienced a terrific **Bible Study on Equity and Diversity entitled "And Who is My Neighbor?"** created by Lutheran Social Service (LSS). It was a very meaningful experience for people at that time and given our current circumstances in the aftermath of George Floyd's death and coming out of the pandemic that has highlighted disparities across our nation and anti-Asian incidents, we have a chance to engage in this very thoughtful Bible Study again.

Here is how LSS describes the Bible study:

We are offering a study on racial equity to congregations called And Who is My Neighbor? as a grace-filled entry into this conversation. This study was authored by Dr. Eric Barreto, professor at Luther Seminary when he started the work, now on the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Respondents to Eric's writing are five pastors of color in Minnesota – who don't always agree with him. This guide also includes a sampler of video aids. It includes video stories by five people of different racial backgrounds associated with LSS.

There are five sessions in the study that we will experience in a non-judgmental atmosphere with grace, patience, deep listening, and open mindedness throughout the month of May. Since there are media resources, and these topics really lend themselves to an in-person discussion, rather than Zoom, we will be offering Bible Study in person only for the month of May on Wednesday mornings at 10AM. We really hope that you will consider being a part of this study, as God promises to show up and guide us in these important conversations of faith and life.

And as we get to the end of May, we look forward to our **Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 30** as God promises to guide us in providing a way for the community to give thanks for our country and those who have served and given their lives in service to the nation. We thank our parish nurse, Gail Smith, for being our speaker this year. So, I'll close with a prayer for our nation, that comes from our hymnal:

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

Giving thanks for God's promises,

Pr. Kristin



Dear Church,

Many Christian thinkers/philosophers say we live between the 'now' and the 'not yet.' That is the best way to describe the "location of our being" as Christians. The 'not yet' is the time when, as Revelation describes as,

[... a new heaven and a new earth... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the dwelling of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."]

This is the origin of hope, belief in an unrealized but unfailing promise. But the hope, it is not for the 'not yet' time, it is for the 'now' time. It is the promise of a future that gives us the courage and joy to face each new day as a step closer to the 'not yet.' And if we are looking, IF we are looking, we WILL see signs of that future inhabiting our now.

I can't think of a more important time to let this truth speak to us. Almost everyone I talk to these days is depleted in some way or lots of ways. In a time of year when we would normally be more joyful we are well....a bit lackluster. So, we need to be on the lookout for "Thy Kingdom Coming." We need to poise ourselves to see God coming nearer. In the coming months, be on the lookout for the earth to move at the outdoor site as the new **KIDS KORNER** takes shape. Be on the lookout for **YOUTH MINISTRY** to continue **IN NEW WAYS OVER THE SUMMER**. Be on the lookout for news about our congregation being part of the **LYO PILOT PROGRAM** to add to our **RELATIONSHIP and MINISTRY SKILLS**. All these are signs of hope that this congregation is letting the promise of the 'not yet' change the way we live in the 'now.'

Pastor Kurt



MEMORIAL DAY 2021

Crosslake Lutheran Church will again host an observance of Memorial Day at 10am on Sunday, May 30th, at the Outdoor Worship Center. The celebration will feature music, guest speaker Gail Smith, recognition of all veterans and military personnel in attendance and an aerial fly-over (weather permitting). The celebration will also be the theme of the 8:30 AM Sunday Worship Service at indoor worship. Watch for more specific details in upcoming bulletins!

Church Facility Open by Reservation during the week:

In addition, the church facility is open by reservation. This means that if a group would like to meet for their activity (quilting, knitting, etc.) or a meeting, they may do so. Depending on the size of the group, it's optimal to meet in a room that has the furnace upgrade with the high quality filter system. (Unfortunately, this excludes the Fellowship hall, if your groups needs the Fellowship hall, this can be arranged, but please be aware the filters are not able to be in this area. However, we did purchase a fogger that can be used in the evening to clean any area of the church.) The process is to call the church office number to reserve the room. Bible Study on Wednesday mornings will be at church. When you use a church space, each person needs to sanitize their hands, sign in on the sheet, and wear a face covering at all times. The kitchen will not be used, but people may bring their own beverages. You can talk with Brenda, our office manager, about what room best suits your needs, and how to lock and unlock the door, if needed.

Please note that while the sanctuary and meeting rooms are opening, we still aren't opening the entire church building. Out of care for our community, we request that if you have been at a church gathering and test positive for COVID 19 shortly afterwards (because we know this virus is unpredictable!), please let us know. We will email out a brief notification, keeping identities anonymous, but letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID 19.

Our COVID Preparedness Plan is available on our website at Crosslakelutheran.com



CAMP KNUTSON WORK GROUP

Greetings Crosslake Lutheran Men's Group. It's been over one year since we were able to get together at Camp Knutson. While the camp didn't have any campers last year, it still continues to need our loving touch. So if you are able to attend, the group will meet at camp on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 8:30 am. We will meet at the shop since we are unable to enjoy breakfast indoors. However coffee and treats will be served later in the morning. I hope to see you there.

Jeff Benson

May Bible Study: "And Who is My Neighbor?"



A 5-Session Bible Study on Equity and Diversity by Lutheran Social Service

Wednesday, May 5 through Wednesday, June 2 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall

Join us for one session or for all. Please know that we will maintain an atmosphere of respectful listening and speaking. All participating will be asked to help create and maintain an atmosphere of grace, patience, non-judgment, deep listening, and open mindedness, as we realize that we all come from different perspectives and places in life! (People enjoyed this study in September of 2017, and now it seems appropriate to experience it again.) Please join us in person with a face covering in the Fellowship Hall.

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

March:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 31,202	\$ 40,633	\$ (9,431)		\$ 204,021	\$ 147,744	\$ 56,277
Expenses:	\$ 41,950	\$ 46,636	\$ 4,686		\$ 123,872	\$ 136,047	\$ 12,175
Difference:	\$ (10,748)	\$ (6,003)	(4,745)		\$ 80,149	\$ 11,697	\$ 68,452

In the month of **March**, expenses exceed revenues by \$10,748.



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 \$1,823 less than budget, because revenues are \$13,998 less than budget, and expenses are also less than budget by \$12,175.

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:



- **Donna & Buzz Bickford** in the recent death of her brother, **Steven West**, in **Andover, MN**.
- **Paulette & Steve Wilske** in the death of their sister-in-law, **Kay Wilske**, on **March 20th** in **Pequot Lakes**.
- **Kris & Dave Gardinier** in the death of **Kris' brother, Lynn Christianson**, on **April 12th** in **Bismarck, ND**.
- **Jan & Gene Darnell** in the death of **Jan's sister, Donna**, on **April 20th**.
- **Dick & Sharon Elmquist** in the death of **Dick's sister, Betty Stearns**, on **April 24th** in **Plymouth, MN**.

PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Service: Mike Seeker, April 17th
Don Daniels, April 24th

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for **Richard & Greta Peterson** on **Thursday, May 13th** at 1 pm (short visitation prior to service at 12:30 pm). This service will be in the Sanctuary and also you may listen in the Parking Lot.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH – ‘JOIN HANDS DAY’

We will be partnering with the Corps of Engineers Campground to plant flowers and plants. We have requested money through Thrivent Action teams to help with costs.

PLEASE CONTACT Pat if you could help with this project.

We will meet at the campgrounds at 4:15 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD – HS SENIOR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our Graduating Senior Class of 2021!

They are: Cooper Anderson, Kate Bolz-Andolshek, Jesse Engen, Grayson Gitchell, Jack Hennies, Lydia Hubbard, Ethan Johnson, Mikaela Jones, Erik Larsen, Ryan Monahan, Hunter Nybakken, Madeline Pederson, Joe Slepica, Robbie Stephens, and Cole Trottier.



All Seniors should report to Pat at the outdoor worship site by 9:40 am on this day.

God is good,

Pat Netko, Youth Director

CHOIR UPDATE



Chairs waiting for Choir members

Alleluia! Crosslake Lutheran Choir will resume rehearsals after a 14 month hiatus! We are thankful we can soon praise God in song!

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, May 12, at 4:30 pm at the outdoor worship space. Please read the following details:

Once seated, the choir will practice without needing masks, however we will “Mask-Up While Moving.” This is going to be the practice at the outdoor site for worship and for group meetings. So we will wear our masks while moving from our cars to the chairs, visiting before

and after, and so forth. The chairs will be distance on the risers. Of course, households may sit next to one another. You may wear a mask if you so choose. Also, we have several singers masks available if you wish to use one. If we have inclement weather, rehearsal will be under the outdoor shelter or in the sanctuary choir loft (masked).

For the summer months we are planning to sing at the outdoor worship service twice a month. We will record one song each month to be played at the indoor service.

Warm up your vocal chords! Come one, come all! If you love to sing — join us! You can sing for a month, a season, or whenever you are able.

O Soli Deo Gloria (to God alone the glory)!

Kristi Morsch, Choir Director

HEALTH MINISTRY



I am so excited that we are able to start gathering again in safe ways as the vaccine process seems to be more effectively reaching those at risk or interested in receiving the vaccine. We recently had a patient whose wife was positive and per the CDC, because the husband was fully vaccinated he did not have to quarantine. It shows a real confidence that the risk of transmission is very much reduced. We are developing plans for a safe Memorial Day service at the outdoor space which will include being able to leave our cars to worship which I am also very excited about. (more details about the Memorial day service will come out in May) if you have ideas, concerns or suggestions about the ways to stay safe in our facility or at the outdoor space, please see one of the Smart team members.

This past month I hosted a Flying Solo session for those who have lost a relationship through death, divorce or illness. A major feature of the class is to look at the many ways that grief shows up in the recovery process after loss. Grief is described through stages of shock, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance but is really a much more circular process with stages repeating until the healing occurs. One thing that often derails that process is guilt and regret. If you find yourself replaying difficult conversations or events, it could delay grief recovery for even years. Please reach out to someone who can listen without judgement so that the event loses it's energy and real healing can occur. One such person is a pastor or another professional who can help you work through that event. Another helpful person in recovery from loss is a Befriender. I was so happy that our group of God's ears people could gather again in person this past month. If you would like to know more about this confidential but effective ministry, please see me.

Hate to be the reminder of this, but Tick season is already here. If you have pets or like to walk in nature, please be diligent about protection or checking yourself for those nasty little critters who cause a lot of illness. What makes it even more fun is that the symptoms of Lymes, etc. mimics COVID-19 (except for the rash which happens less than half of the time) please reach out to your provider if you have concerns about exposure which they define as a tick on your body more than 24 hours or unknown duration.

Going to go play in nature now.
Blessings, Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

THANK YOU'S

Dear Crosslake Lutheran Family, We want to thank you for all the kind words and prayers sent after our son, Mark Rongstad, passed away on March 4th. We are grateful to have so many caring and great friends as part of the family of Crosslake Lutheran. - Mary & Rollie Hirman

Dear Crosslake Family, Thank you for your support through cards, phone calls, prayers and words of encouragement. The prayer shawls that were given to me and my two daughters are beautiful and greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Pastor Kristin and Pastor Kurt for the many visits and comforting words. We are blessed to have such a caring church family. God bless you all. - Paula Buresh



Greetings,

Our monthly WELCA meetings have begun. We were able to have our April general meeting in the Fellowship Hall at CLC. Those who gathered wore their Easter hats and fun conversation ensued. Note the WELCA Board meeting is next scheduled for Monday, May 3, in the Fellowship Hall at Noon.

Please mark your calendars for our May General Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 6, 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our own Linda Gates has offered to present information on gardening. Thank you Linda! Until then through the ELCA.org website you may be interested in reading the Earth Day statement written by The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton on 4-13-2021.

The Northeast synod of the Women of the ELCA is holding an abbreviated gathering to elect the board. Our voting delegate will attend the meeting at Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids on September 11, 2021. The Lutheran World quilt truck will also be at this location.

Heartland Conference is hosting a fall mini gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

WELCA.org

The Gather Magazine thanks Violet Cucciniello Little, author of the May 2021 devotional, "Waiting to be unwrapped." Gather has created a video to accompany the study to help subscribers continue to connect in Bible study during these unprecedented times.

Join Bold Cafe writers + friends for conversation and dinner! Once a month they meet with some of their popular writers to talk about favorite articles and more! Bring your own dinner (B.Y.O.D) and sign up via Zoom. This month join ***Focusing on what matters, May 6, 2021, 7 p.m. CT***, The Rev. Sarah S. Scherschligt, popular writer and preacher, will talk about focusing on what matters. She is the writer of one of Boldcafe's most popular articles, "Just one tunic."

Peace in Christ.

Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair

SHARING BREAD SOUP KITCHEN

Crosslake Lutheran has been involved with preparing and serving the meals at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen since 2011. The kitchen is open every day and is possible due to the many groups and organizations that commit to a schedule. Crosslake Lutheran serves a meal on the second Sunday of each month from 1:00-1:30pm. Due to Covid, serving had been cut down to a couple times a week and a handful of volunteers were implementing the process. Currently, they have changed back to serving everyday, but all meals are to-go so there is no in house dining for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in preparing, packaging and serving the food on the second Sunday of the month please contact Lori Nelson 651-246-7292 or email at lorinelson@brainerd.net. Being the church is not fully opened, I'll have sign up by email. So to get on the email list please contact me. Looking for 4-6 people on the Sunday CLC has committed to serve. THANK YOU!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 John Baudler
5/3 Heidi Engen, Joby Goerges, Aubrey Johnson, Sierra Larson, Brian Meister
5/4 Jody Harting
5/5 Alyse Anderson, Steve Box, Sharon Gabrielson, Caryn Johnson, Robert Moengen, Kristi Morsch, Brent Nybakken, Emma Schott, Gervaise Wilhelm
5/6 Kimberly Rollins, Brandon Pulsifer, Linda Walker
5/7 Ardys Hjerpe, Robert Kalton, Bruce Westerberg
5/8 Tracy Donovan, Joanne Haferman, Steve Millner, Ken Mulder, Stephanie Thurlow
5/9 Thomas Schuette
5/10 Kenneth Digre, Kristin Geschwill, Linda Martz, Dawson Siemers, Thomas Swenson
5/11 Barbara Hanson, Ronald Huff, Kathleen Nelson, Brad Rasmussen
5/12 Kirk Larson, Christine Schultz, Roy Silcox
5/13 Chase Anderson, Krista Johnson, Brook Trottier, Judy Weber
5/14 Kathy Berglin, Hunter Larson, Whitney Marchwick
5/15 Caylee Foote, Joseph Gorg, Ryder Schultz
5/16 Tyler Nybakken, Kailee Sposito
5/17 Shelby Balmer, Kaisa Bernu, Chris Haar
5/19 Eli Goerges, Jack Goerges
5/20 Don Halverson, Laura Pederson
5/21 Sydney Johnson, Cori Kivel
5/22 Britta Boozell, Deanna Frandsen, Shirley Gorg, Karli Monahan, Judy Topinka
5/23 Connie Caspers, Kalan Larson
5/24 Brook Hennies, Kristin Oltmann, Ryan Schultz
5/25 Henry O'Neil
5/26 Paige Blosberg, Gary Phillips, Kati Senst
5/27 Jordyn Anderson, Dave Hart
5/28 Kyra Blaukat
5/29 Richard Erickson
5/30 Jim Meister
5/31 Gordon Eid, Nessa Engen, Lori Nelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/2 Ron & Cheryl Neal
5/4 John & Mary Knight
5/6 Kenneth & Patricia Bressler
Ken & Cookie Schultz
5/8 Warren & Jane Kleinsasser
5/11 Don & Darlene Erickson
Doug & Kay Rolighed
5/12 Robert & Kathleen Bahma
5/15 Duane & Kathy Swanson
5/16 Jim & Joanne Haferman
5/18 Chris & Karen Olander
5/19 Keith & Eileen Nissen
5/20 Kevin & Sharon Thorson
5/21 Joseph & Shirley Gorg
Rhett & Kimberly Johnson
5/22 Al & Nancy Schwab
5/24 Barry & Vandora Palm
5/25 Brian & Barbara Hanson
5/26 Donald & Sharon Corbin
Tim & Julie Gerdes
5/27 Steve & Deb Dahlke
5/31 Bruce & Kathy Berglin
Chip & Kari Lohmiller
Sam & Ann Shirey

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



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*** Please check with your group leader to see if you will meet via Zoom or in person.**

- May 2 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30am (In the Sanctuary & Parking Lot)
- May 3 Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am
Welca Board meeting in Fellowship Hall Noon
- May 4 Ink Spots 9:30 am
Staff Meeting on Zoom 10 am
- May 5 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon
Forest Stewardship Walk-thru at Outdoor Worship 1 pm
7th & 8th Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm; 9th—12th grade Youth Ministry 6:30-8 pm
- May 6 Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm
Financial Review in classroom 1 pm
Welca General Meeting 1 pm
Endowment meets in the Garden Room 2 pm
- May 7 Camp Knutson Men's Work Morning 8:30 am
- May 9 Worship 9:30 am (In the Sanctuary and Parking Lot)
- May 10 Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am
- May 11 Staff Meeting on Zoom 10 am
- May 12 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm
Executive Committee 3 pm
Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm
7th & 8th Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm; 9th—12th grade Youth Ministry 6:30-8 pm
- May 13 Facilities Meeting in Fellowship Hall 9 am
Memorial Service for Dick & Greta Peterson 1:30 pm visitation; 2 pm service
- May 14 Wedding Rehearsal at Outdoor Worship, time TBD
- May 15 Henderson/Mobraten wedding at Outdoor Worship 4 pm
- May 16 Worship 9:30 am (In the Sanctuary and Parking Lot)
- May 17 Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am
- May 18 Ink Spots 9:30 am
Staff Meeting on Zoom 10 am
Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm
Church Council in Fellowship Hall 7 pm
- May 19 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm
Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm
7th & 8th Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm; 9th-12th grade Youth Ministry 6:30-8 pm (Join Hands Day)
- May 23 Worship Times Change! Pentecost Sunday: Worship 8:30 am (In Sanctuary);
Outdoor Worship begins 10 am with High School Graduate Recognition
- May 24 Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am
- May 25 Staff Meeting on Zoom 10 am
- May 26 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm
Mission & Ministry Investment on Zoom 11:30 am
Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm
- May 30 Memorial Day Service: Worship 8:30 am (In Sanctuary); Outdoor Worship 10 am
- May 31 Memorial Day holiday – no church activities