

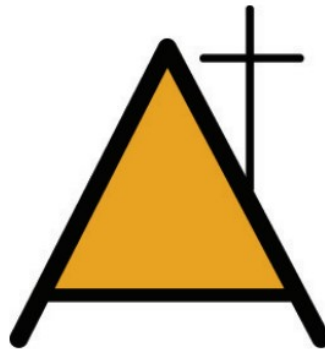


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Outdoor Worship Begins May 22nd!

On May 22nd, our Worship times change to:

Sunday Indoor Worship at 8:30 am

Sunday Outdoor Worship at 10:00 am

Last Wednesday worship is May 4th!

See page 4 for other Wednesday events.

PASTORS' PAGES

May Greetings!



What a glorious Easter celebration we had at Crosslake Lutheran! A huge thanks to all who contributed to our many faith-filled experiences during Holy Week and Easter! From the “bulletin stuffers” to the “plate clearers” at Easter breakfast, we are grateful for all the ways that we can come together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! As I am writing this, we are preparing for Pr. Kurt’s special farewell coffee hour to send him and his family off with our prayers and God’s blessings for his next chapter of ministry. Although we are sad to see Pr. Kurt leave, we can feel very good about the years he spent with us, going from part-time intern to full-time pastor! We give thanks to God for our ministry together!

Now, we, too, look to the future for how God is calling our congregation in mission and ministry. We will focus on that at our **Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 1** as we both celebrate the future possibilities and the past year of our ministry together. This is not our official annual meeting (that happens in September); our Spring meeting simply brings us back together again as some have been away for the winter! We are especially glad to have the Spring meeting this year, as we haven’t been able to gather indoors in May like this for the past several years! We hope you can join us!

Our last Wednesday for the school year of supper, worship, and Growing Kids at the church building will be May 4. Then, we have some unique opportunities for our congregation to come together on a Wednesday for Outdoor devotion and fellowship at the Crosslake Recreation Area Campground (US Corps of Army Engineers). **On Wednesdays, May 11 and May 18, we will be at the Crosslake Recreation Area Campground with our DIG IN THE DIRT Events!** On May 11, we will have a hot dog supper in the picnic shelter at 5:30. Then a devotion at 6:15 followed by preparing the flower beds with some “unearthing” of the dirt, etc. Then, on May 18, around 4:15, we will plant the flowerbeds, followed by eating ice cream!

Then on Sunday, May 15 we look forward to celebrating our Senior Graduates in worship. We are proud of them and can’t wait to hear of their next adventures in life! And, mark your calendars for the next two Sundays, as **Sunday, May 22, Outdoor worship begins**, when our worship times change to 8:30 am at Indoor and 10:00 am at Outdoor. Then we have our very special **Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 29** at both the Indoor and Outdoor services.

Finally, I want to especially thank Pr. Ryan, as we have contracted with him for around ten hours a week to help with pastoral duties in our congregation. He will mainly be helping with preaching, worship leadership, and pastoral care. We are grateful for his willingness to help!

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

Easter 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.

Who Am I? by Rev. Ryan Aarestad



It's a lot easier to talk about another person than to tell the story of one's own self. This article is much different than a "Just the Facts" account. Unlike so many of my deep theological friends in the ministry, I am much more a numbers kind of guy. Math comes much easier to me than the existential meaning of life. So come along with me on a look into the important numbers in my life.

71, yes, we begin there because it was that many years ago a bouncing baby boy was born to farmers Sam and Margie Aarestad. The 3rd of 3 kids along with sister, Pat (who died last year), and brother, Brent (West Fargo/ Palmetto, FL). None of the 3 of us stayed on the farm.

50, yup, this is the fiftieth anniversary of Mary's and my wedding. Mary Lerberg Aarestad, who is a retired registered nurse, daughter of a school teacher, Zelda, and a bacteriologist, Charles, whose family lived in Owatonna, where she grew up. The 2nd of 2 children, with James her brother, who presently lives in Bloomington, MN. Mary and I met in Rome, Italy, but that is a whole other story. We were students at St. Olaf College studying Christian history in Rome, at least we say that is what we were studying and we are sticking to the tale.

45, the number of years I have been in the ministry. In March I celebrated my 45th anniversary of ordination which was held in a small rural church near Halstad, MN, where I was born and raised for 18 years on that farm I spoke of earlier.

11, the number of congregations I served in my ministry. That sounds like a whole bunch, and it was, but 4 of them were at one time out in Western ND. I served 6 years in ND and SD, 20 years in Wisconsin and I finally returned to Minnesota for 8 years in Bigfork, MN. (During those 20 years in Packerland I am proud to say I always remained true to the purple and gold of my Vikings. Mary and I are football fanatics despite the fact that we know they have won 0 Super Bowls, another number of importance I hope changes soon.)

9, the number of years of restful retirement. In 2001 Mary and I purchased a cabin on Lake Emily. We hoped that some day we could settle there, and in 2013 that dream came to fruition. We found a church in Crosslake right away that had a great choir and we joined both, the congregation and the choir! Thank you Crosslake Lutheran Church.

4, a very important number, our children:

1 son, Peter, and daughter-in-law, Sarah, they live in Chicago

1 daughter, Katie, and son-in-law, Patrick, they live in Cumming, IA. just south of West Des Moines

3, number of years that I served in Lutheran Social Services in Iowa (Des Moines). I was the Director of Development and told the story of the kids of Iowa who needed a children's home in Ames, IA. One could say I served 509 congregations in 3 synods as I preached and told about the needs of our children throughout the entire state of Iowa.

2, wonderful grandsons who live in Cumming, Wesley (15) and Henry (13). They are so different and yet, oh so similar. We love to steal them away from mom and dad and get some quality time to spoil them mercilessly Up North in Minnesota every summer.

1, which of course, has 2 very special meanings:

The first is my #1 wife, the one and only, Mary....The next is my #1 God, the true 3 in 1.

Let's have fun while I support Pastor Kristin and all of you, my special friends.

Pastor Ryan

Wednesdays in May

Wednesday, May 4

5:30 Supper in Fellowship Hall

6:15 Worship in Sanctuary with Growing Kids (Holy Play)

7:00 Youth Ministry (Holy Play)



All ages invited to the DIG IN THE DIRT! Events, even if you don't want to "dig in the dirt," you can watch and encourage! Especially if you usually come on Sunday, join us at the Crosslake Campground on these 2 Wednesdays for a fun way to end the school year together!

Wednesday, May 11 - Dig In the Dirt Part 1—ALL AGES

5:30 Hotdog Supper at Crosslake Campground

6:15 DIG IN THE DIRT! Part 1

Devotion and Unearthing (Preparing Flowerbeds),
Fellowship, Kids play at playground, etc.



Wednesday, May 18 - Dig In the Dirt Part 2—ALL AGES

4:15 DIG IN THE DIRT! Part 2

Planting Flowerbeds at Crosslake Campground

After Planting, go to Crafts & Cones for ice cream!

Sundays in May

Sunday, May 1

After 9:30 worship: Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 15

During 9:30 worship: Graduate Recognition, Congratulations!

Sunday, May 22

Worship Times Change! (8:30 am & 10:00 am) Outdoor service begins

Sunday, May 29

Memorial Day Service at both 8:30 (Indoor) & 10:00 (Outdoor)



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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

- Dorothy & Ron Gerdes in the death of Dorothy's sister, Anna Marie Seeman, on April 17th in Clara City, MN.

Upcoming Memorial Services

- Neil McEwen's memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at 1 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service. A lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.
- Duane Swanson's memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at 2 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service. A lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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!



Outdoor Worship

Outdoor Worship begins Sunday May 22. To help prepare for this summer, helpers for Outdoor Worship will meet May 3 at 2 pm at church. We're looking for more helpers to do one or more of the tasks such as: set up chairs, make and serve coffee, park cars, hand out bulletins and more. If you can't make the meeting but want to help, please contact Herb Nelson at 651-239-4860 or herbnelson@brainerd.net. Beginning in May, you can also use Sign-Up Genius by going online at ww.crosslakelutheran.com. Click on Sign-Up Genius and pick a Sunday and a task to work. If you have helped in the past, please consider inviting new people to work with you. It's a fun way to meet more people!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday – May 4th 5:30 pm dinner, 6:15 pm worship, then 7-12th grades Youth Ministry with small groups and Holy Play.

Wednesday, May 11th—Dig in the Dirt Part 1 We will be meeting at the Corps of Engineers campground at 5:30 pm for a ‘hot dog roast’ dinner and then have a devotion and do some ‘unearthing of the soil’ preparing for the planting on Join Hands Day. This is for **all ages!** (Bring your garden gloves and a trowel or shovel if possible.)

HELPING with Al Thorpe’s Estate Sale Friday, May 6th, Saturday May 7th, Sunday, May 8th - We will have 4 hour shifts on each of these days. Please sign up with Pat.

“Join Hands” Day—Dig in the Dirt Part 2 Wednesday, May 18th. We will need LOTS OF family **HELP** with planting! 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.

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

Mission Trip -June 18th -26th

God is good,
Pat

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH – HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our Graduating Senior Class of 2022!



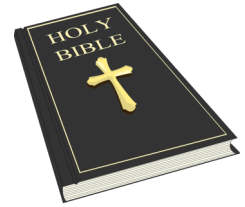
Quady Bernu, Logan Carlson, Emma Ekeberg, Ainsley Erickson,
Elisa Flaws, Ryan Harmala, Brittany Joyce, Morgan LaRock,
Hannah Taylor, Karson Thurlow and Emma Wolf.

All Seniors should report to Pat in the Youth Room by 9:10 am.

MAY BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying the lessons for worship on Sunday. Join us at 10 am!

Wednesday, May 4	10AM – 11AM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 11	10AM – 11AM	Classroom
Wednesday, May 18	10AM – 11AM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 25	10AM – 11AM	Fellowship Hall



2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>March:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 61,085	\$ 40,804	\$ 20,281		\$ 146,690	\$ 151,404	\$ (4,714)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 52,447</u>	<u>\$ 50,245</u>	<u>\$ (2,202)</u>		<u>\$ 142,707</u>	<u>\$ 140,772</u>	<u>\$ (1,935)</u>
Difference:	\$ 8,638	\$ (9,441)	\$ 18,079		\$ 3,983	\$ 10,632	\$ (6,649)



In the month of **March**, revenues exceeded expenses by \$8,638.

YTD's performance is \$6,649 less than budget, because revenues are \$4,714 less than budget, and expenses are more than budget by \$1,935.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

JUL FEST

We will be having a Jewelry making workshop on May 9th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. There will be an instructor who will supply the beads etc. that will be used to make our creations. If you are planning to take the jewelry home, there will be a charge depending on what you make. All are welcome! If what you make is going to be for the Jul Fest Sale in September, there will be no charge to you. Please let Laurie Ridgley or Linda Gates know if you plan to attend. Laurie's phone 612-790-0538, Linda's 507-202-9374. Join us for some fun!!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

HEALTH MINISTRY



Happy Spring (I hope it is here by the time this newsletter comes out) from Health Ministry!

Spring is always a time for cleaning, clearing and organizing stuff. It is always amazing as to how mind, body and spirit stuff accumulates over time. **Spring is a great time to check fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, CO detectors and other safety things you may have in your home. It is also a great time to review your safety plans with family members so that everyone is on the same page.** For

example, fire numbers should be easily accessible in case a 911 phone call needs to happen using a cell phone. I know of several folks who had to run down to the end of a driveway to find the number since they use postal boxes as their primary address. The one person I remember vividly had to run back down to end again since he forgot the address in his concern over loved one's condition. With enhanced 911 systems, your call is routed to a Public Safety Answering Point which gives a general GPS location of the phone to the dispatcher (new since 2020), although GPS is somewhat unreliable in our area of the county. Another good spring thing to do is to discard any outdated prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. There are drug discard boxes in various areas in the county for prescriptions. You can also discard in general trash if mixed with coffee grounds, etc. making them non-usable. Your pantry is also another place to look for outdated things to discard. Check on-line for suggested outdates for things with no expiration dates, but a general rule of thumb is less than 2 years.

Another thing to review is your end-of-life plan (if you even have one). There will be a "Final Gift" workshop on May 26th with registration starting at 10:30 am. There is a lovely lunch and the day ends at about 4 pm. See page 10 for more information. One thing to remember is having someone shut down your Facebook profile. It feels odd to have someone come up in the feed as to having a birthday when you know they are in heaven. :)

Plans are underway for a BeFriender course which will be held on June 16th and 17th here at church. This day and a half course is for those who are interested in becoming part of the Befriender team or just would like to improve their listening skills for every day use. More information will come out later about that.

Thank you to the many people in our congregation who have shown up in so many ways in times of illness and death. The cards, food, visits and phone calls all show God's love made real to so many people in need. Ours truly is a loving church family for so many. If you know of others who need help, please do not hesitate to contact me for a list of resources within our church and in the community. A thank you also to all who helped make the Senior Prom a success. What a wonderful way to connect with each other and also make new community friends.

I am excited that a speaker from Eagles Healing Nest will be our Memorial Day presenter this year. This program helps veterans heal especially from the invisible wounds of war where they can focus on healing. I am hoping that the weather cooperates this year for the fly over since it really adds to the service. Please see me if you have ideas about how to observe Memorial day as part of our service.

Blessings and prayers for spring. Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings,

We thank our April presenters Robyn and Lance of the Bragstad Family Farm for sharing their interesting and informative gardening techniques. Their farm is located in Jenkins and they invite everyone to visit them. Our delicious refreshments were kindly provided by JoAnn Maas and Jaci Peterson.

Please mark your calendars for a May Presentation by Alden Hardwick on May 12th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This presentation is open to everybody who is interested in Alden's topic – Unexplored Territory: Nearby Vacations You Never Thought To Take. Quick Day Trips For Fun.

If someone would like to host an event for June please let me know ASAP so it can be announced in the Church Bulletins. If I do not hear from anyone, we will have no meetings during the months of June or July. I will be on vacation from the end of May through mid-June visiting family and several friends. Recall that we normally have no meetings during the month of July.

We are seeking nominations for a Secretary to record Women of Crosslake Lutheran activities. This position will start September 2022 and will work together with the Treasurers position.

Heavenly Father God, you are amazing, giving us your precious son Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please help us everyday to be grateful and thankful to you for your love and many blessings. In Jesus' precious name we pray.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Bahma, Co-Chair
763-238-0769



SPRING HAS ARRIVED! - CAMP KNUTSON WORK MORNINGS

On Friday May 13, 2022 the men of Crosslake Lutheran will gather at Camp Knutson to perform light maintenance work. We will meet at the maintenance shop at 8:30 AM. Throughout the summer and early fall we will continue to meet on the second Friday of the month. Please join us for a fun morning! Questions, contact Jeff Benson 612-598-1852.

HELP WANTED—CAMP KNUTSON

Camp Knutson is looking for part time housekeepers to join the team. Approximately 10 hrs./wk. Please call 218.543.4232 or email camp.knutson@lssmn.org for more information.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE 2022

Crosslake Lutheran Church will again host a community observance of Memorial Day at 10am on Sunday, May 29th, at the Outdoor Worship Center. The celebration will feature music and a guest speaker from Eagles Healing Nest. Their Mission Statement is: *To provide assistance with the healing of the invisible wounds of war carried by our service men and women. Our work is to ensure we do not lose another generation of veterans to homelessness, broken family units, or suicide.* An aerial fly-over will be performed, weather permitting. The celebration will include recognition of all veterans and military personnel in attendance. An American Legion Honor guard will provide appropriate honors to the colors and to the dead, including a bugler playing "TAPS." Memorial Day will also be the theme of the 8:30 AM Sunday Worship Service at indoor worship. Please join us and honor our troops, veterans, and country. The Outdoor Worship Center is located at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, across from the Crosslake Community Center baseball field.



FINAL GIFT WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held on Thursday, May 26th in the Fellowship Hall with registration starting at 10:30 am. The day begins with lunch. Speakers include Rene Millner, attorney specializing in estate planning, Brenny Funeral Home, Pastor Kristin and Patricia Lundeen, Kris Havir, our Crosslake Lutheran Funeral Coordinator, Becky Kalton and myself. As part of the day, you will receive a book that works as a planning tool so that everything about your end-of-life wishes are in one place. The cost of the workshop is \$10 to defray meal and materials costs. There will be a sign up on the board in the hallway and pre-registration is required by May 20th so that we can prepare books and plan for food. Church and community members are all welcome!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Heidi Engen, Joby Goerges, Aubrey Johnson,
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

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

5/11 Barbara Hanson, Ronald Huff, Kathleen Nelson

5/12 Bob Bahma, Christine Schultz, Roy Silcox

5/13 Chase Anderson, Krista Johnson, Brooke Trottier,
Judy Weber

5/14 Hunter Larson, Whitney Marchwick

5/15 Caylee Foote, Joseph Gorg, Ryder Schultz

5/16 Tyler Nybakken

5/17 Shelby Balmer, Kaisa Bernu, Chris Haar

5/18 Thomas Swenson

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

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

5/12 Robert & Kathleen Bahma

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 Tim & Julie Gerdes

5/27 Steve & Deb Dahlke

5/31 Chip & Kari Lohmiller
Sam & Ann Shirey

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am followed by Spring Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall	2 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	3 Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Outdoor Worship Committee 2 pm	4 Kitchen Committee 9 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm Worship w/Holy Communion and Growing Kids 6:15 pm Youth Ministry for 7-12th grade 7-8pm	5 Marketing Committee 9 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm Facilities Committee 2:30 pm Book Club (off-site) 3:30 pm	6	7 Baptism 11 am
8 Worship 9:30 am Coffee/fellowship 10:30 am	9 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	10 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	11 Bible Study 10 am Neil McEwen Memorial Service 1 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to service Executive Committee 3:30 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm "Dig in the Dirt" Part 1 (Corp. of Engineers Campground), hot dog supper 5:30 pm followed by devotions/unearting soil	12 Women of Crosslake Lutheran General Meeting 1 pm Befriender Team Meeting 1 pm	13 8:30am Work Morning at Camp Knutson	14 Duane Swanson Memorial Service 2 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to service
15 Worship with Holy Communion and Senior Recognition 9:30 am Coffee/fellowship 10:30 am	16 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	17 Days for Girls Workshop-Fellowship Hall 9 am-Noon Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Finance 4:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	18 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Endowment 4 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm "Dig in the Dirt" Part 2 (Corp. of Engineers Campground) 4:15 pm	19	20 Country Cross deadline!	21
22 WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship w/ Holy Communion	23 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	24 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	25 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	26 "Final Gift" workshop in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 am-4:30 pm	27	28
29 Memorial Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship (Special Memorial Day speaker at both services)	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed—no church activities A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	31 Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	May 2022			