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SUNDAYS IN MAY

Sunday, May 7 – God’s Good Creation Sunday & Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 14 – Graduation Recognition & Mothers’ Day

Sunday, May 21 – Outdoor Worship Begins – Worship times change

Indoor at 8:30 and Outdoor at 10:00

Sunday, May 28 – Memorial Day Worship at 8:30 and 10:00



PASTOR'S PAGE

May Greetings!

In my sermon recently on the Road to Emmaus, I talked about Jesus being our "Great Surprise," a phrase from Herb Brokering, a great Lutheran pastor, author, poet, and hymn writer.

Brokering writes: *Jesus surprises. He comes, when there's nothing going on, when it's too soon, when it's not time, when no one is looking, when someone can't wait any longer, when there's no one around. Surprise me, Jesus -- is a statement of belief -- that he already HAS and that he WILL surprise.*

The promise of Easter is that our Risen Lord gives us the power through his victory over death to have our Easter Eyes to see these holy surprises all around us. How might we help one another embrace these Great Surprises of our Lord?

Let's find out together as we go through the month of May with some wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service that you can read about in this newsletter.

Please note that our worship times change to 8:30 Indoor and 10:00 Outdoor on Sunday, May 21, when Outdoor Worship begins.

Looking forward to being surprised by Jesus together –

Pr. Kristin

Send Me a Surprise Prayer by Herb Brokering

Lord, send me a surprise.

One that catches me off guard and makes me wonder. Like Easter.

Send me a resurrection when everything looks dead and buried.

Send me light when the night seems too long.

Send me spring when the cold and frozen season seems endless.

Send me a new idea when my mind is empty.

Send me a thing to do when I am just waiting around.

Send me a new friend when I am alone.

Send me peace when I'm afraid.

Send me a future when it looks hopeless.

Send me your resurrection when I die, Jesus. Amen.

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 Kathy Swanson in their loss & sorrow. Kathy passed away on April 4th at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.
- Kevin & Christine Gyllenblad family and Henry's wife, Vivian, in the death of Kevin's dad, Henry Gyllenblad, on Monday, April 3, in St. Paul, MN.

Upcoming Memorial Services

Kathy Swanson, May 20th at 1 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service

Del Blowers, May 27th at 11 am with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service

Ted Silva, June 24th—time to be determined.

REJOICE WITH OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Ten of our 5th & 6th graders celebrated their First Communion on Thursday, April 6th, at the Maundy Thursday worship service!

Levi Allyn

Lydia Allyn

Bellaeh Brynteson

Eli Buckentin

Aubrey Johnson

Harrison Lommen

Trace Narum

Hunter Spray

Kane Ross

Noah Luzar



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 7, after worship be sure to join us for our Spring meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We'll receive the 2022 Financial Report and the Financial Review, and have a Facilities update. 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 BEGINS MAY 21ST!

On May 21st, our Worship times change to:

Sunday Indoor Worship at 8:30 am

Sunday Outdoor Worship at 10:00 am

“FINAL GIFT” WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held on Thursday, May 11th in the Fellowship Hall with registration starting at 10:30 am. 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 Gail Smith, Health Ministry. 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 day includes lunch. There will be a sign up on the board in the hallway and pre-registration is required by May 8th so that we can prepare books and plan for food. Church and community members are all welcome!



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

MISSION TRIP (grades 10-12) to Idaho with Idaho Servant Adventures and Brainerd Area Churches, July 14-23
(Watch for email and letter first week of May with all the details, registration deadline, June 1)

VBS (Vacation Bible School): Kids who've completed K-6th grade, July 17-21
(Watch for email and registration link on crosslakelutheran.com in early May)

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!! Watch your emails for more information!

(Watch for email and registration link on crosslakelutheran.com in early May)

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 now have Mother's Day cards available and embroidered dish towels 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!

MAY BIBLE STUDY

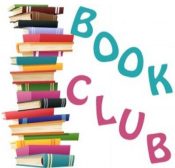
Wednesdays at 10 am



May 3: Our last class in the four-part series on the book “Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes”

May 10, 17, 24 & 31: We will study the lectionary readings and reflections for the upcoming Sunday.

BOOK CLUB



If you are interested in being part of a book club, we have one that meets monthly! The book for May is “West With Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge and we will meet on May 4th at 10 am in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome!

DINERS GROUP

We will meet on Tuesday, May 16th, at 5:30 pm at the Bridge Tavern restaurant in Crosby. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Everyone is welcome!



Camp Knutson has volunteer opportunities available through out the summer season. For many years a group from our church would meet up at camp on the 2nd Friday of each month. Normally we would spend the morning working on light grounds maintenance. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity meet up at Camp Knutson outside the maintenance garage at 8:30 am. Mark your calendars for the following dates: May 12, June 9, July 7, August 11 and September 8

Questions contact: Jeff Benson, 612-598-1852.

HELPED WANTED CAMP KNUTSON

Camp Knutson is now hiring Cooks, Housekeepers, and Kitchen Assistants. Flexible Hours and Hiring Bonus. For more info contact Jared at 218-543-4232 or email camp.knutson@lssmn.org

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the Crosslake Food Shelf. The 320 pounds of food and \$2000 from the Lenten Challenge will definitely help the food shelf at this time of great need. Bless each and every one of you.—Doris Mezzenga, Crosslake Food Shelf

EVERYBODY has a COLLECTION (or two...or three?!?)

Share a sample of your collection with the congregation! The table in Fellowship Hall will be the display area. The display will begin in May and run through the end of June. Please bring 3 or 4 representative items, label with your name (& any comments you might like to add).

Check with Patricia, Music Ministry Director, if you have questions. And thank you to all those who displayed Children's Art and Handwork!

FINANCIALS

2023 Financial Report

March:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 34,337	\$ 49,183	\$ (14,846)		\$ 112,524	\$ 167,832	\$ (55,308)
Expenses:	\$ <u>37,167</u>	\$ <u>45,782</u>	\$ <u>8,615</u>		\$ <u>104,101</u>	\$ <u>135,004</u>	\$ <u>30,903</u>
Difference:	\$ (2,830)	\$ 3,401	\$ (6,231)		\$ 8,423	\$ 32,828	\$ (24,405)

In the month of March, expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,830.

YTD's performance is \$24,405 less than budget, because revenues are \$55,308 less than budget and expenses are also less than the budget by \$30,903.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE 2023

Crosslake Lutheran Church will again host a community observance of Memorial Day at 10am on Sunday, May 28th, at the Outdoor Worship Center. The celebration will feature music and guest speaker, Ken Neihart, who has experience serving in the National Guard. 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.



WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN

On March 25th, three women from Crosslake Lutheran were part of the 91 women attending the Heartland Conference Spring Gathering at First Lutheran in Aitkin. Georgia Larsen's "Becoming Who God Created You to Be" was an inspiring interactive program focused on health and wellness. The business meeting followed with Conference reports, information on both the upcoming NE MN Synod's Women of the ELCA Summer Convention and the 2023 Triennial Gathering, and election of Heartland Conference officers and committee members. Outgoing officers and committee members were acknowledged and thanked for their service, including Paulette Wilske who served on the conference committee since 2019.

UPCOMING DATES

June 12 & 13: NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Gathering/Convention*

June 22: Women of Crosslake Lutheran June Salad Luncheon

September 21-24: Triennial Gathering

Please see the Women of Crosslake Lutheran section of bulletin board for more information.

*New official website for NE MN Synod Women of ELCA is www.nemnsynod.org click on Ministry and Mission and scroll down to NE MN Women.

Blessings,

Janet Marr, Secretary

LENTEN FOODSHELF CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who participated in this challenge during Lent. Crosslake Lutheran had a total of \$1,917 in monetary donations and 320 pounds of food that went to the Crosslake food shelf! The total collected by all 11 participating churches was \$72,588.86 and 4,552 pounds of food that was donated to area food shelves. Wow!!



HEALTH MINISTRY

I hope that you were able to attend the **Senior Expo** this past month and enjoy all the presentations and exhibitors. It is always a great way to see what is available in the Crosslake and surrounding area especially for those of you who are new to the community. There is an endless number of options to improve the health of body, mind and spirit. The Senior Prom was so much fun, a great way to get in my exercise for the day with many great memories made. Many thanks to the entire team of people who helped decorate the



venue- a special thanks to Ramona, John & Mary Knight and Brenda who helped create 45 sparkling hanging decorations- you guys are the best. JoAnn Maas and John Repp rounded out the team and I could not have done it without you! It makes the work light and also a lot of fun.

The “Final Gift” workshop will be held May 11th from 10:30 am—4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Many of you have already attended but you may know of someone that is in the community that might benefit from the information. It is free and includes lunch. The signup deadline is May 8th in order to plan for food and materials. I hope that those of you who attended in the past do not have an empty book since, unless you write down your wishes, the book will not be very helpful for those you love. April was Advance Directive month and there was a special push for everyone to complete them no matter what age you are. All too often sudden tragedy occurs to younger folks and without a will or directives, it becomes a heavy burden for those who are left behind. It may seem premature to begin planning in your early years, but no one is guaranteed to live into their 90's or later so please consider ways to make wishes known. I would be glad to sit down with anyone who is looking for assistance in planning especially for Advanced Directives (living wills). It is also a good idea to review them periodically if health or beliefs change about what makes life worth living.

As most of you know, Crosslake Lutheran has a prayer team that includes anyone who is interested in being a prayer warrior in times of joy or sorrow. Brenda creates a message after people have expressed a need for prayer and it is sent out confidentially to all team members who then include the person in their prayer life. If you are interested in more information about this, please see me. We will be having a meeting of the prayer team in early June to review our process of confidentiality and share ways to include prayer petitions to our prayer life. It is wonderful way to serve our church no matter where you are and what you yourself are facing. Prayers come typically in two forms- petition where we ask God for something and thanksgiving where we express gratitude for the many blessings that we already receive. God does know what we need before we ask, but it is comforting to express those needs and to trust that all things will work out to our highest good. I sometimes have to remember that I don't need to keep asking for the same thing over and over again and to trust the timing.

Memorial Day plans are coming along nicely; there will be more details in upcoming communication but our speaker this year will be Ken Neihart who has experience serving in the National Guard as well as having family members who served. Thank you to the entire Indoor and Outdoor worship teams whose work makes this day so meaningful for so many.

Blessings, Gail Smith

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Heidi Engen, Joby Goerges, Aubrey Johnson
5/4 Jody Harting
5/5 Steve Box, Sharon Gabrielson, Caryn Johnson,
Noble Luzar, 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 Lincoln Allyn, Don Halverson, Addison Headley,
Laura Pederson
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, Dayton Soby
5/27 Jordyn Anderson, Dave Hart
5/28 Kyra Blaukat
5/30 Jim Meister
5/31 Gordon Eid, Nessa Engen, Lori Nelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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
5/31 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 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	2 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm Outdoor Worship meeting 2 pm	3 Kitchen Committee 9 am Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	4 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes 2 pm	5	6	
7 God's Good Creation Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am followed by Spring Meeting in the Fellowship Hall	8 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	9 Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm	10 Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	11 "Final Gift" workshop in the Fellowship Hall 10:30am-4 pm	12 Men's Work Morning at Camp Knutson 8:30 am	13
14 Graduate Sunday Worship 9:30 am 10:30 am coffee/fellowship	15 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	16 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm Finance 4:30 pm Diners Group at the Bridge Tavern-Crosby 5:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	17 Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	18 Facilities 2:30 pm Endowment 4 pm	19	20 Kathy Swanson Memorial Service 1 pm with a visitation 1 hr. prior to service
21 WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE! Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 am 9:30 am coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	22 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Altar Guild 10:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	23 Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm "Matter of Balance" class 1-3 pm	24 Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	25	26	27 Del Blowers Memorial Service 11 am with a visitation 1 hr. prior to service
28 Memorial Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship (Special Memorial Day speaker at both services)	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed-no church activities A.A. Fireside Room 7 pm	30 Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Outdoor Worship meeting 2 pm	31 Diabetes Prevention (Zoom) 9-10 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	May 2023		