

# Crosslake Lutheran

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# June 2021

#### MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY SERVICE MAY 30, 2021

The annual Crosslake Lutheran Memorial Weekend services will be held Sunday, May 30th. A more traditional worship service will be held at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. The 10 am Outdoor Worship will feature a larger 'community-wide' Memorial Weekend observance.

This year's speaker will be Cpt. Gail Smith ASAR- Army Nurse Corps on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Desert Storm. Captain Smith was a member of the 311<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital, which deployed to the Middle East during Desert Storm and served for 4 months in the United Arab Emirates. She served as the chief training officer for the medical unit and for the UAE joint medical team. During her 14 years as a reservist with the Army Nurse Corps she also served at Brooks Army and Walter Reed Medical Centers in the ICU. She was awarded an Army Commendation medal for her service in the Gulf war and a special award from the UAE Royal Guard for her work in training. She is a member of Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Post 500. In her civilian life, she has enjoyed a 47 year career in ER and ICU currently working at the Minneapolis Heart Institute in Baxter MN. Gail also serves as our Parish Nurse here at Crosslake Lutheran and leads activities for the Health Ministry team. She and her husband Larry (also a Veteran) live in Crosslake.

The outdoor service will feature the National Anthem sung by John Carlson, a contingent of the Crosslake- Fifty Lakes American Legion Color guard firing an honorary salute to the dead, and an aerial fly-over by the North Star Squadron (a group of four fixed wing aircraft flown by experienced pilots who participate in air shows throughout the Midwest). Veterans from World War II to the present will be honored.



### **PASTORS' PAGES**

June Greetings!



"Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light."

We sang these words in our sanctuary, not long ago, and they brought tears to my eyes. This happens to be one of my favorite hymns anyway. But when we planned this hymn, we had no idea it would be one of the first hymns our congregation

would really be able to sing out together after many months of softly singing, humming, or just listening as we needed to do. It was the perfect hymn because of both the words and melody for the situation (thanks, Holy Spirit!). It wasn't a "barn burner" like A Mighty Fortress or Lift High the Cross. With all of us at varying levels of comfort, as we adjust to lifted restrictions, I'm not sure we are ready to belt out those sort of celebration hymns at the top of our lungs yet! That time will come, but it's not quite here for everyone yet. On that Sunday of singing, we had a gentle, beautiful melody that reminded us of God's promise for the world. Many are starting to go about the daily rhythms of life again and we praise God for that! And we keep praying for that healing, wholeness, and liberation for the rest of the world as well.

As we move forward in our congregational life together, we hope you received the congregational letter and email with all the details of ministries resuming. We will strive to maintain a culture where varying comfort levels with distance and touch are respected and accommodated. We'll also strive to maintain hybrid components to our ministries as appropriate. We hope to have live streaming of our Indoor worship service soon! A huge thank you to the Smart team (Lori Nelson, Brian Boyda, Gail Smith, Pr. Kurt, Pr. Kristin) for their diligent work over these months with all the details and recommendations along the way. We look forward now to a summer of being together face to face as a community carrying out God's mission in our community and the world!

Let's have the last stanza of Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness as our prayer together:

"Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one." Amen.

Pr. Kristin





As I write this, we are preparing for our schedule to switch, outdoor worship to happen, Pentecost to be celebrated, and our high school seniors to be recognized. It is busy! I had the privilege of a sneak peek at the messages of our senior speakers, Cole Trottier, Mikaela Jones, and Ethan Johnson. The messages they will share are really deep and reflective and all three of our young adults speak about transformation without directly mentioning the word. Their stories represent so many of our youth as

they speak about a developing faith, developing notion of who God is, a developing awareness of who they are in the world, and a developing awareness of their purpose in it. It is good. So...It is busy and good. All three of the youth and many others speak of the significant impact of small group ministries, five to seven youth sharing highs, lows, scripture, and discussion inside a trusted atmosphere with a trusted adult. This was a step we undertook with youth ministry in the fall of 2018. There have been many since then. Ministry that has traction seems to always be evolving. So it is busy and good and evolving.

The latest busy, good, and evolving piece is Crosslake Lutheran's representation in Northeastern Minnesota Synod's LYO. I am so pleased to tell you that **Brittany Joyce**, a 2021-22 Senior, and **Karen Senst**, one of our small group leaders, as well as a council member, have stepped up to become **members of a new Pilot Program** of our synod's LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization).

Here are a few words about the initiative from the Synod's Website. "Over the last two decades, the LYO has built a culture of youth/adult ministry that cultivates deep and trusting relationships, builds community, nurtures faith, and sends youth out to serve the church and world. It's now time to expand the LYO to engage congregations to do the same!

Now more than ever our world needs leaders who can step into the loneliness, grief, anxiety, and stress youth and adults are experiencing to bring the hope and love of Christ. The new LYO Leadership Initiative invites youth and adults (AKA, Brittany, Karen, and Pastor Kurt) from a congregation/area to apply as a Congregation Team to be trained in Peer Ministry Leadership skills. Those teams will then bring their training back to their congregations where they will lead Peer Ministry Leadership with their middle school and/or high school youth and adult leaders. Congregation Teams will receive support and coaching through the process."

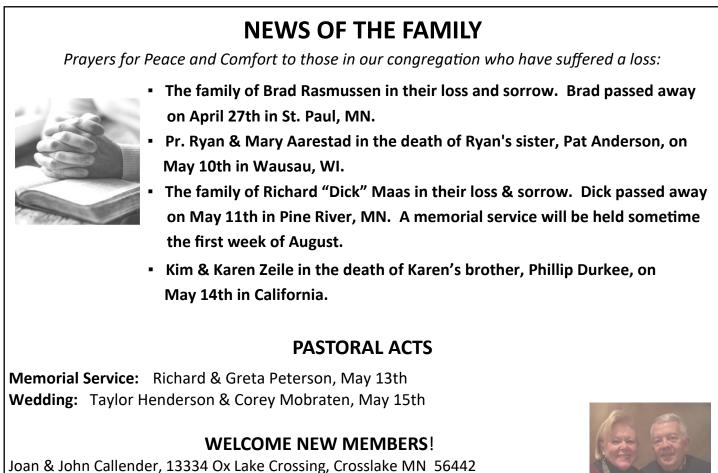
Please keep Karen and Brittany in your prayers as they head off the Camp Hiawatha for Training Camp, June 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Look for more updates from them and other ministry coming over the summer months. What a loving and equipping God we have that would give us this many good, busy, and evolving joys.

In Christ,

Pastor Kurt

# JUL FEST

The group has made the decision to meet on the second and fourth Mondays this summer at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall due to the fact that there is so much inventory since we did not have a sale last September. This month we will meet on June 14 and June 28. Please join us on the mornings that work for you! If you have questions, please call Laurie Ridgley or Linda Gates 507-202-9374.



Joan & John Callender, 13334 Ox Lake Crossing, Crosslake MN 56442 Sponsors: Priscilla Balmer, Harvey & Marilyn Hollenback They join with us by Affirmation of Faith. John is a retired General Mills Marketing Director who enjoys boating, snowmobiling, viewing wildlife and DIY projects. Joan is a retired Food Service Director who enjoys entertaining, dogs and reading.





### **CAMP KNUTSON WORK GROUP**

The group will meet at camp on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 8:30 am. We will meet at the shop and coffee and treats will be served later in the morning. Mark your calendars for the second Friday of every month at 8:30 am. I hope to see you there!

Jeff Benson

# June Bible Study

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.Wednesday, June 2Last Session of LSS Equity & Diversity StudyWednesday, June 9OFFWednesday, June 16OFFWednesday, June 23Studying scripture for Sunday worshipWednesday, June 30Studying scripture for Sunday worship

For an Evening Bible Study option, we are going to have an event at the Outdoor site, for all ages, once in June, July, and August, see Fun, Food, Faith, Fellowship Night below.

# Fun, Food, Faith, Fellowship Night at the Outdoor Site

Wednesday, June 23

For ALL ages

5:30pm -8pm

Supper provided, just bring yourselves! Options galore, participate as you choose in supper, conversation, games, faith talk around the campfire. Stay tuned for further details in bulletins, emails, and church website.

### **2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>April:</u>	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD: Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 49,159	\$ 52,638	\$ (3,479)	\$ 253,180	\$ 200,381	\$ 52,799
Expenses:	<u>\$ 39,209</u>	<u>\$ 42,336</u>	<u>\$ 3,127</u>	<u>\$ 163,081</u>	<u>\$ 178,383</u>	<u>\$ 15,302</u>
Difference:	\$ 9,950	\$ 10,302	\$ (352)	\$ 90,099	\$ 21,998	\$ 68,101



In the month of April, revenues exceed expenses by \$9,950. 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 \$2,174 less than budget, because revenues are \$17,476 less than budget, and expenses are also less than budget by \$15,302.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

# 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 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.



## YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

THANKS! To all who helped with Join Hands Days at the Corps of Engineer's Campground. We THANK Thrivent Financial Action Teams for the help with the purchase of flowers. We also THANK Nancy at Northwedge Greenhouse for designing the beds and providing the beautiful flowers! Many hands made light work. We hope the entire community enjoys the beautiful flower beds and pots!

**Peaches!** We will be selling fresh Colorado peaches and pears. Order taking to begin soon!



#### (For those 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders signed up to go.)

Please make sure to mark these dates on your calendars! Let your work places know you need these times off!

- Wednesday, June 2 6:30 pm –<u>Mandatory</u> Meeting for <u>ALL youth</u> going on the trip and <u>at least</u> <u>one parent</u>.
- Mandatory Wednesdays, June 16th, and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Outdoor Worship Commissioning Blessing 10:00 am. Please be at outdoor church by 9:45 am. Parents attend as well.
- Leave from Crosslake Lutheran Saturday afternoon, July 24<sup>th</sup> for Panama City, Florida!
- Return to Crosslake Lutheran– Sunday evening, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

God is good, Pat Netko, Youth Director

# **PANDEMIC PASTIMES**

How did you use your extra "down time" during the past year?

Did you have a project? Did you finish something that had been unfinished for years? Did you learn a new hobby?

In June of 2019, we celebrated "This Is Our Father's World" with an inaugural Art Exhibit in the Fellowship Hall. Following that congregational exhibit, several individuals have also displayed their work. Currently, the Rosemaling of Mary Hardwick is featured.

In September, let's create another congregation-wide exhibit of our "pandemic projects." If you have art work, craft project, or an item you'd like to share, contact Patricia Lundeen, Music Ministry Director. Photos of your project or a written description may also be included if it isn't physically possible to display your item.

We have a creative God, and we know we have a creative congregation! Get ready to share your pandemic project in the fall!



# **HEALTH MINISTRY**



Happy summer, or at least it feels that way. It is so good to see people during worship and find ways to re-connect as COVID-19 rates decline. If you have questions about where to receive a vaccine, please reach out to your provider or I can assist you in finding resources. It is very encouraging to hear that for folks who are vaccinated, the risk of contracting COVID is very small and for those who do become infected, the course of the disease is very mild for most. I am excited to

start some programs that have been placed on hold such as food delivery and home communion.

One thing you can do is to keep your immune system healthy through simple things such as regular workouts and eating right to avoid obesity. The COVID-19 pounds is a reality for many and it increases risk for not only COVID infection but also a host of other issues such as diabetes and heart disease. If you need ideas about how to lose weight, please see Crow Wing Energized website to sign up for ongoing classes that are on ZOOM so they can be attended in the comfort of your own home and location in the country. If you have questions as to how to sign up for these classes, please contact me.

I am looking forward to planning classes that have been on hold for the past year. Look for information about Final Gift, Befriender course, Meditation and Flying Solo repeat in the next months as we get back to the business of keeping people informed and healthy. If there are other needs such as CPR or other classes that you would like to see held, please contact me as well. I know that summer is busy, but the work of the church needs to continue—so consider ways that you can get involved. Thank you to all who have been involved in planning for the Memorial Day observance; I appreciate you all so much, especially John Repp, Barb Hanson and Herb Nelson who have done so much behind the scenes to make the observance special for so many.

If you know of someone who is needing assistance in meeting health care needs or just basic daily cares, please encourage them to reach out to me, I have many resources that can be accessed or at least know where to call. With out time away from each other, it has been difficult to know who is needing the help. I am just a phone call away.

Blessings, Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

### THANK YOU'S

**Dear Crosslake Lutheran Church family:** *"Thank you so much for everything that you did during the time of Dick's illness and death. All the cards, prayers, food, kind words, visits and help we received meant so much. You are such a caring and loving congregation and we so appreciated all of your support." - JoAnn Maas and family* 

"Thank you for your continuous support and generosity with your donations to the Crosslake Food Shelf." - Doris Mezzenga



#### Greetings,

All women are welcome to our June general meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 10, 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Carla White from the Loon Center. <u>Please join us</u>!

Please mark your calendars for our next WELCA board meeting on Monday, June 7, in the Fellowship Hall at Noon.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** - WELCA has openings available on the Board and Funeral Committee. Please pray for God's guidance. Do you feel blessed to participate in any of these capacities? If you have questions please contact Paulette Wilske or Judy Tender.

The ELCA offers prayer on Tuesdays at noon. They have created a simple form to follow: reflect on God's word, offer prayers, and reflect on your self-care and the care of others. Go to welca.org to download the prayer sheet.

WELCA's Blog offers an article about Christian women tending to our souls by:

- communicating regularly with God, the Creator, in prayer,
- living in community with other Christians,
- regularly worshipping God,
- immersing ourselves in God's Word,
- spending time in God's good creation, and
- recharging our soul through quiet contemplation and meditation.

An announcement will be made in our July Newsletter regarding how our virtual participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention and Gathering will be held on August 3-5, 2021 at Crosslake Lutheran Church.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your love and guidance. Please help us to seek you every day in every way, in Jesus' precious name.

Peace in Christ. Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Bring your pet for a special blessing at Outdoor Worship on Sunday, June 13th at 10 am!





# **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Lutheran Social Service Energy Assistance announces that the 2020/2021 Program Year has been extended through September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay home heating and electric costs for incomequalified households.

There may also be emergency benefits available for households needing fuel delivery and/or those that are facing disconnection.

Grants are based on household size, income, fuel type (including wood), and energy usage. **Assets are not counted**.

Heat and electric grants are available for renters and/or homeowners.

Call 218-829-5000 to request an application via mail.

The application is also available at <u>www.lssmn.org</u>.

The Lutheran Social Service office is temporarily closed to the public, but applications and a secure drop box are available outside the office entrance located at 716 E St in Brainerd.

If you are not a resident of Crow Wing County, call 1-800-657-3710 to find out where to apply in your county.

### **SHARING BREAD SOUP KITCHEN**

Crosslake Lutheran has been involved with preparing and serving the meals at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd 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 <u>lorinelson@brainerd.net</u>. 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!

# **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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





Every Sunday at 10am May 23 - Labor Day

# **ALL are welcome!**

# **SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAYS**

May 23	High School Senior Recognition
May 30	Memorial Sunday Service
June 13	Blessing of Animals Sunday
July 11	Grandchildren / Grandparents Sunday
July 25	Christmas in July
August 1	Camp Knutson Sunday
August 15	Creation Care Day
August 22	Can't Stop Singin' Performed by the Choir
August 29	Blessing of Teachers & Students
September 5	Labor Day Weekend

- Come as you are: worship in a chair, on a blanket, or in your car (FM 88.1).
- Communion is the 2nd & 4th Sundays and available in your car.
- Worship happens rain or shine Leashed pets are welcome!

# **Outdoor services are held at 14019 Daggett Pine Road**

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8:30 am indoor service at Crosslake Lutheran Church

\*As we navigate the end of the pandemic, the schedule is subject to change. For current details, see Facebook or crosslakelutheran.com.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Lindsay Balmer, Heather Gade, Eloise Gitchell, Jaci
	Peterson, Thomas White
6/2	Emma Flaws, June Gens, Roger Peterson, Ellie Saxerud
6/3	Lois Benson, Deanna Dubel, Kevin Gyllenblad, Sidney Larsen, Dave Loken, Jeff Miller
6/4	Sawyer Goerges, Ezekyel Johnson, Zack Olander, Lois Salo, Jacob Swanson
6/5	Kellen Bonner
6/6	Veronica Johnson, Alex Senst, Marjorie Thulin
6/7	Brynn Freiberg, Claire Glaser, Sandra Okerman, Jeff Schommer, Helen Silva, Jean Smeby
6/8	Joan Callender, Ann Flaws, Brandon Pederson, Janessa Potocki
6/9	Ashley Hanson
6/10	Don Reierson
6/11	Ronald Bickford
6/12	Zane Gade, Madison Koch, Dan Otterson
6/13	Buck Garin, Marlys Winkelman
6/14	Ardie Lennartson
6/16	Erin Bengtson, Helen Nordgren
6/17	Huck Heggerston
6/18	Joan Baker, Gloria Digre, Stella Spray
6/19	Jody Miller, Brian Johnson
6/20	Rachel Anderson, Sun Beavers
6/21	Skylar Doerr, Jodell Rau
6/22	Deanna Engen, Marlin Gens, Chase Larson
6/23	Justin Benzick
6/24	Jacob Box, Mallory Goerges, Declan Johnson
6/25	Lori Bernu, Bill Glas, Dylan Mesenbrink
6/26	John Marchwick, Kathleen Prigge, David Topinka
6/27	Kiana Dusek, Roger Joyce
6/28	Brenda Anderson, Jaden Bray, Alden Hardwick, Julie
a /a -	Koenig, Michael Ridgley
-	Jeff Laurel, Kelsey Miller, Daniel Nevin
6/30	Cindi Boyda, Marilyn Eid, Shawn Gerdes, Hailey Millner, John Repp, Julie Rose

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

#### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	Mark & Donna Groettum
6/5	Richard & Sharon Elmquist
	Don & Engen
	Brian & Kristin Larsen
6/9	Joseph & Holly Chase
	Dan & Jill Otterson
	Barbara & Bruce Shostak
	Loren & Jean Smeby
6/11	John & Marlene Kjera
	James & Janet Marr
6/12	David & Elsa Bengtson
6/13	Sean & Hannah Bengtson
6/14	Duane & Ardie Lennartson
	David & Lora McChesney
6/15	Jim & Holly DeVinck
	Richard & Shirley Johnson
6/18	Ronald & Karen Larson
6/19	Randy & Rebecca Kraft
	David & Judy Topinka
6/20	Terry & Vicki Nygaard
6/21	Warren & Marlene Heidemann
	Larry & Julie Koenig,
6/22	Sigurd & Elsie Anderson
	Leon & Brenda LaRock
	Thomas & Carla White
6/23	John & Linda Andrews
	Dale & Jeanne Blosberg
	Dale & Barb Johnson
	Mike & Robin Goerges
6/24	Gordon & Marilyn Eid
	Dan & Leah Heggerston
	Michael & Joanna O'Neil
	Joe & Pam Wiltsey
6/25	Del & Marilyn Blowers
	John Rappath & Stephanie Haider
c /ac	AL 9 Lois Donson

- 6/26 Al & Lois Benson Jim & Ellen Nelson David & Ann Schrupp
- 6/27 John & Gail Boline



	JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
June 1	Staff meeting 10 am	
	Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm Outdoor Worship Committee 2 pm	
June 2	Kitchen Committee meets in Fireside Room 9 am 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	
	Parent & Youth meeting for youth going on the Mission Trip—Fellowship Hall 6 pm	
June 3 June 6	Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am indoor Outdoor Worship 10 am	
June 7	Personnel Committee meets in Garden Room 9 am	
	Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am Welca Board meeting in Fellowship Hall Noon	
June 8	Ink Spots 9:30 am	
	Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm	
June 9	No Bible Study / Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm	
	Executive Committee 3 pm	
luno 10	Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm Marketing Committee 9 am	
June 10	Welca General Meeting in Fellowship Hall 1 pm	
June 11	Facilities Committee 2 pm Camp Knutson Men's Work Morning 8:30 am	
June 13	Worship 8:30am indoor Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion and Blessing of the Animals 10 am	
June 14	Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am	
June 15	Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am	
	Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm	
	Church Council in Fellowship Hall 7 pm	
June 16	No Bible Study / Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm	
	Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm	
lune 20	Youth going on Mission Trip meet 6:30 pm 0 Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am indoor	
June 20	Outdoor Worship 10 am	
lune 21	Country Cross deadline! Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am	
	Memorial Service for Tom Barsness 1 pm (visitation one hour prior to service)	
	Memorial Service for Mary Hardwick 11 am (visitation one hour prior to service) Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am	
June 25	Mission & Ministry Investment Committee 11:30 am	
	Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm	
	Choir practice at Outdoor Worship site 4:30 pm	
lune 25	Fun, Food, Faith, Fellowship Night at the Outdoor Site 5:30-8 pm Memorial Service for Shirley Michal 11 am	
	Worship 8:30am indoor	
lune 20	Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion 10 am Altar Guild 9 am	
June 28	Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am	
June 29	Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am Days for Girls workshop in the Fellowship Hall 9 am-Noon	
	Ink Spots 9:30 am	
	Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm	
June 30	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	