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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. Memorial Day will also be the theme of the 8:30 AM Sunday Worship Service at indoor worship. The celebration will include recognition of all veterans and military personnel in attendance. It will feature music and guest speaker, Ken Neihart, who has experience serving in the National Guard. At outdoor worship, an aerial fly-over will be performed, weather permitting. An American Legion Honor guard will provide appropriate honors to the colors and to the dead, including a bugler playing "TAPS." 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.



PASTOR'S PAGE



June is a month of celebrating!

We are celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Sunday, June 4. Another great high holy day of the church! On this day, at the Outdoor worship service, we will dedicate the rustic wood cross that Sam Shirey and a group from our congregation created from a white oak that was out in the acreage on our property. A congregational

donor covered the expenses, and with all this cooperation from so many, we have a beautiful new cross out there! On Pentecost, we will also celebrate the start of our new director for youth and family ministry, Lindsay Paulson. You can read her introduction in this newsletter. We'll have her commissioning on this Spirit-filled day!

During the month of June, we also give thanks for our continuing participation in Summer Stretch a cooperative ministry with the other Brainerd Lakes Area ELCA churches. Our 5th -8th graders will be doing service projects in the Brainerd Lakes Area on Thursdays in the morning, followed by a fun activity in the afternoon. We are grateful for how this ministry keeps our youth connected in the summer. We also look forward to joining more of the cooperative ministry activities for older youth as well.

We also celebrate with our graduates and their families that we honored in worship. You'll find a picture of them in the newsletter, as we shared in a litany of Thanksgiving and Blessing.

We pray that you can join in these celebrations as well through the gift of the Holy Spirit! If you are struggling in body, mind, or spirit, and celebrating these days feels more difficult, please know we are here for you as well. Let us know if you would like prayer or a visit. The Spirit keeps us connected through the up's and down's of life.

Here's a great Pentecost prayer involving the Spirit from our hymnal:

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours. Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow your steps; abide in us and enliven us by the power of your indwelling. Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen, your grace renew, and your fire cleanse us, soul and body, in life and in death, in this world of shadows and in your changeless world of light eternal, now and forever. Amen.

Pentecost Blessings –

Pastor 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.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



• Roger & Jaci Peterson in the death of their nephew, Ron Meyer, on May 18th in Baxter, MN.

Pastoral Acts

Columbarium Inurnment: D.D. Lee, Phillip Lee and Douglas Lee, May 19th—Pastor

Ryan Aarestad

Memorial Service: Kathy Swanson, May 20th

Upcoming Memorial Services

Ted Silva, June 24th at 11 am with a visitation one hour prior to the service with a lunch to follow.

JUNE BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 am

June 7, 14, 21 & 28: We will study the lectionary readings and reflections for the upcoming Sunday.



DINERS GROUP

We will meet on Tuesday, June 13th, at 5:30 pm for a potluck at the Outdoor Worship site. Bring a dish to pass and everything you need for a picnic dinner. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Everyone is welcome!



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our On-Line Instant Church Directory is up and running. We have already populated your family into the directory – we just need you to get signed on so you can verify your information as well as upload a family photo! Thanks to the 147 families who have already added their photos.

You can find it on-line at www.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you have a smart phone (Android or Apple) you can download the app from your app store. Create a log in as described above and set up your password. Once you have been approved, you are ready to go! With the directory right on your phone, you will have quick access to members phone and email addresses.

If you need help with photos, look for helpers after the Sunday services, both indoor and outdoor during June. They will take your photo and upload it for you!

You can change your photo at any time, just select "Edit my Family" from the menu bar. You can also change your address or add your birthday and anniversary.

We have approximately 250 families that do not have a photo, so let us know how we can help.

Directory Committee – Ann Schrupp, Gail Boline, Sue Carlson and Sue Phillips

Instant Church Directory™

See next page for detailed instructions to sign up for Instant Church Directory.

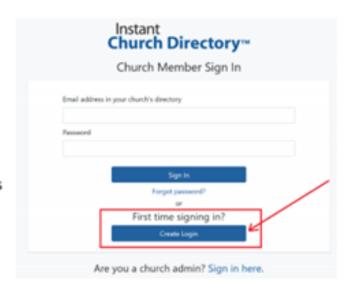




ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS.

First time signing into the Online Directory or Mobile App?

- 1. Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com
- Click on the Create Login button under: First time signing in?
- Enter the email address as it is listed in the family portion of the directory.
- Create a password. The password must be 8 characters long and contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols.
- Retype the password to confirm it and click Request Login.



- Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
- To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email.
- Once you confirm your email, you may sign at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com.

Your email with the password you created will work on all the Instant Church Directory apps on any device

Already logged into the Mobile App?

- Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com
- Enter your email address listed in the directory and your unique member password.
- Click Sign In.

Welcome to our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry!



Paul, I, Bailey our chocolate lab, and Mama our cat, live on Little Pine Lake right here in Crosslake! I love the outdoors, hunting, fishing and playing in the water! I spent many years at both Luther Crest and Pathways Bible Camps! I have been an active ELCA church member my whole life, attending Bethesda, Calvary, First Lutheran, Clearwater Lutheran as well as most recently, Our Savior's!

I currently work as a nurse at the Crosslake Clinic with a great team! I grew up and graduated from Jefferson High School in Alexandria. My parents Rick & Sue live there, although they are "snow birds" now!

My brother Adam and his wife Andrea blessed me with two amazing nephews, Easton & Jack; they live in the state of Wyoming, so I try to get there often!

My Grandma and Aunts and Uncles live up north near our hunting land in Chevlin! Paul's parents Ken & Sue and his brother Matt live in Andover.

Tim Lindsay Paul, Bailey & I Youth ministry has always held a special place in my heart and I am so excited for this opportunity with you!

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and can't wait to join the Crosslake Lutheran Family!

You can reach me by email at paulsonlindsay@gmail.com







Crosslake Lutheran Vacation Bible School – July 17-20, 9:00-3:00pm

It's time for VBS! All children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us at the Outdoor Worship Site for a time of learning, worship, and fun with Luther Crest

Bible Camp counselors. We'll play games, worship, do crafts, eat lunch, have snacks, and most of all, experience God's love! Sign up instructions will be available soon on our website at www.crosslakelutheran.com or call the church office (218-692-3682). Bring a friend(s)! Cost is \$10 per child with a Family limit of \$20.

ADULT HELPERS NEEDED!

We need helpers to lend a hand with a craft, cheer and encourage during a game, or simply be another caring adult presence. Could you give a few hours of your summer to help encourage our young people in their faith? You might just be encouraged yourself as well! Call the office or fill out the form and place in the offering to let us know in what way you could help! We have short shifts each day as you can see below: 8:30 am to 11 am, 11 am to 1:30 pm, or 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm (July 17-20).

SUPPERS NEEDED!

Our 3 camp counselors need supper each of the days they are here. Could you provide them supper on one of the days that they are here? You can make it and bring it to them where they are staying or give them a gift card to go out to eat or to buy some groceries at the store. However you would like to provide supper for them would be terrific (remember they will be tired after spending all day with the kids, so you don't need to have them over to your home). The evenings are the counselors down time and planning time for the next day. If you can help this week, please check off \checkmark what task you could help with on what day. THANK YOU for helping with this special ministry for our children! Please tear off and place in the offering or drop off in the church office.

Timeframe I can help:	Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19	Thursday, July 20
8:30 am—11 am				
11 am—1:30 pm				
1:30 pm—3 pm				
Evening Supper				

VBS is also being offering at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes on June 26-29. It is also run by Luther Crest Bible Camp from 9 am—3 pm each day for Kids in K-6th grade. Cost is \$10. It's another summer opportunity for your children! Registration forms are available in our church office and are due to Our Savior's by Wednesday, June 14th.



Congrats to our 2023 High School Graduates!

Outdoor Worship

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pet for a special blessing at Outdoor Worship on Sunday, June 11th at 10 am!





DEDICATION OF THE NEW CROSS AT OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 4th—10 am

Join us as we dedicate this beautiful cross!

IN-HOUSE MEALS RE-OPEN AT EMILY CARE N SHARE

As of May 3, 2023, Care-N-Share (CNS) of Emily has re-opened in-house dining. You can also get a to-go meal in the serving line. One change is that we'll serve meals earlier than we did before COVID, between 4:30 to 5:30 pm on most Wednesdays. Care N Share is co-located with the Wesleyan Church in Emily on MN Highway 6 just north of County Highway 1. We hope to see many of you in person starting May 3 as we continue this important ministry for our community that extends to Emily, Outing, Crosby, Fifty Lakes, Pequot, Pine River, Crosslake, and Merrifield. As always, we can use more volunteers to sign-up occasionally to help our Chef prepare and serve meals. We also need a couple more hands-on Board members to help behind the scene on planning, budgeting, communications, grant writing, requesting donations, food safety managers and a variety of tasks to support our Chef and volunteers. Training is available. If interested, text or call Lori Nelson 651-246-7292. Thank you, Care N Share Board

BOOK CLUB



If you are interested in being part of a book club, we have one that meets monthly! The book for June is "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave and we will meet on June 1st at 10 am in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome!

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 have a nice variety of cards for all occasions 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!

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

			202	23 Financi	ial Report		
April:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Difference</u>	YTD: Actual	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 56,797	\$ 50,865	\$	5,932	\$ 169,321	\$ 218,697	\$ (49,376)
Expenses:	\$ 36,673	\$ 46,547	\$	9,874	<u>\$ 140,774</u>	\$ 181,551	\$ 40,777
Difference:	\$ 20,124	\$ 4,318	\$	15,806	\$ 28,547	\$ 37,146	\$ (8,599)

In the month of April, revenues exceeded expenses by \$20,124.

YTD's performance is \$8,599 less than budget, because revenues are \$49,376 less than budget and expenses are also less than the budget by \$40,777.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

KEEP THE GIRLS IN SCHOOL – A NEW OPPORTUNITY

I'm excited to announce a new non-profit organization, Girls Matter. Period. We're a new group affiliated with Blessman International, a non-profit organization that hosted the Days for Girls trip I went on to South Africa in 2019. We will continue to make Personal Packs, former hygiene kits, to be distributed, along with education, to the school girls, mostly in Limpopo, South Africa.

There are more than 500,000 school age girls below the poverty level in Limpopo, so every kit we make will be needed for this effort. We are also free to supply kits to other areas we become aware of, including Haiti where we sent Days for Girls kits in the past.

One of my co-directors travels to South Africa every year to distribute Personal Packs. She would be happy to talk to anyone interested in traveling with her for this life changing trip.

I hope you can join me for our first workshop on Tuesday, June 13th from 9 to noon in the Fellowship Hall at church. Please bring a sewing machine if you would like to sew. I will have sewing and non-sewing tasks ready to go. If you have any questions, please contact me at sueandbrianc@hotmail.com or 952-356-7516.

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN

REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD is the theme of the 2023 NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Convention/Gathering on Monday June, 12th & Tuesday, June 13th. All Women of Crosslake

Lutheran are invited to attend. We will convene at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MN. Check out the hallway bulletin board for more information on registration and available lodging. Several Women of Crosslake Lutheran are planning to attend and welcome all who wish to experience an educational and uplifting experience with a sisterhood of shared faith and worship celebrating 35 years of Women of the ELCA.



You may contact Paulette Wilske (360.319.8150) or Janet Marr (763.274.9656) for more details.

Come join the festivities, bring your favorite salad to share with Women of Crosslake Lutheran and enjoy pianist Steve Anderson's musical entertainment at the

JUNE LADIES SALAD LUNCHEON

Thursday, JUNE 22, 2023

11 AM in the FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please see information on the hallway bulletin board for signing up yourself and your guests, indicating your salad to share and volunteering for set-up or clean-up. Outdoor worshipers may call in to the church office. Yummy desserts will be provided.

We all look forward to this annual event to welcome in summer and enjoy fellowship with both new and longtime friends.

Blessings,
Janet Marr, Secretary

FACILITIES UPDATE

We have received new information from our roofing contractor (Jason Fiksdal) regarding the best way to prevent future leaks caused by ice dams in our Garden Room area. Jason has concluded after further consultation with the installer he uses for rubber membrane roofing that high grade professional heat tape will give us a better solution while preserving the new roofing material installed last year. Jason assures us we purchased the best underlayment and shingles available on the market and it has been installed properly. Our problem is ice dams not the roofing material. Jason will purchase and install the heat tape at his expense which will be hard wired rather than plugged in to an external socket further insuring it will not accidentally become unplugged. Also, he will continue to have his crew remove the old rubber membrane roofing material over our flat roof in the kitchen area to lower our expense for the new membrane roof.

- The Facilities Team

HEALTH MINISTRY

Finally we have lovely weather; it seemed like winter was not going to let go easily. So wonderful to see the leaves, flowers and returning birds. A gentle reminder to be vigilant for those ever present deer ticks; the clinics are already seeing the diseases that come with those little critters.

June will be another busy month in the life of the church. On Tuesday, June 6th,at 1pm there will be a meeting of the Prayer Team. This will be for current prayer team members as well as those who would love to join this wonderful group of prayer warriors. The power of prayer cannot be underestimated

and we count on folks like the prayer team to hold those in need in their time with God. The requests for prayer come from anyone in the congregation for those who are in need and can include names and some detail about the need for prayer. Other requests do not include names or just general information to protect the confidentiality of the person requesting. We do not ask for prayers for someone who may not have given their consent to be prayed for, since that would be something that the person may not be comfortable with. At the Prayer Team meeting we will also be talking about ways to

include prayer time into our daily routine. If you are on the prayer team list and do not want to included on the email chain, please let Brenda or myself know. I will also be sending out an email reminder of the date and time; if you did not get it, it means that we do not have you on our list for the team.

The Befriender Team will be meeting on Thursday, June 8th, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. It is time to check on active calls and support team members especially those who are new to the team. I will be sending out an email for that as well to remind folks about the meeting. For those of you who are new to the congregation, the Befriender Team is a specially trained group that provides confidential support in times of joy and sorrow for those in our church family. They "hold space" for those they serve which is listening without judgement or need to give advice. Holding space is such a blessing for anyone who we are trying to support - knowing that you can listen without the need to fix, comfort or get too emotional yourself is a real talent and one that is not easily done.

I will also be conducting CPR classes this month for lay rescue provider (not BLS certification). This one- hour class will go through the hands only CPR process, the use of the AED, how to stay safe yourself during a rescue situation and other factors to consider when someone needs medical help. It will include practice which is critical for feeling like you understand how to do it, which is so much easier than in the past that included so many steps. See the newsletter calendar for dates and times. The sign up sheet is in the hallway on the bulletin board. Please see me if you have questions.

Thank you to the many wonderful folks who helped make the Memorial day service so meaningful for so many. A special thanks to Herb Nelson and the entire outdoor team for their extra attention to the many parts of the service; thank you Mark Puschinsky for your wonderful music, John Repp and the entire Color Guard for your service, Milt Bighley for your MC talent, and the AV team—especially Dave Nordgren for making that happen. A special thanks to Patricia and Barb who lead the inspiring music for each service. It takes a team effort to put all the pieces together—but so important as to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

I hope that you will have a wonderful summer filled with fun, friends, family and time to reflect on the many blessings we all have received. It is also my hope that you find ways to give back in response to those many blessings whether it be at Jul Fest, singing in the choir, Camp Knutson, the Care and Share Café or the Foodshelf. These are just a few of the ways to meet others, provide the man/woman power to make these programs run, and to give thanks in a meaningful and important way. Please see me if you are looking for ways to serve!!!

Blessings and much health and peace, Gail Smith, Parish Nurse

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Lindsay Balmer, Heather Gade, 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
- 6/6 Veronica Johnson, Alex Senst
- 6/7 Brynn Freiberg, Claire Glaser, Sandra Okerman, Helen Silva, Jean Smeby
- 6/8 Joan Callender, Ann Flaws, Brandon Pederson
- 6/9 Ashley Hanson
- 6/10 Don Reierson
- 6/11 Ronald "Buzz" Bickford
- 6/12 Zane Gade, Madison Koch, Dan Otterson
- 6/13 Buck Garin, Marlys Winkelman
- 6/16 Erin Bengtson, Helen Nordgren
- 6/18 Stella Spray
- 6/19 Jody Miller, Brian Johnson
- 6/20 Rachel Anderson, Judy Deis, Sun Beavers
- 6/21 Jodell Rau
- 6/22 Deanna Engen, Marlin Gens, Chase Larson
- 6/24 Jacob Box, Beth Buckentin, 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 Koenig, Michael Ridgley
- 6/29 Jeff Laurel, Daniel Nevin, Preston Sargent
- 6/30 Cindi Boyda, Marilyn Eid, Shawn Gerdes, Hailey Millner, John Repp, Julie Rose

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/2 Travis & Erika Headley
- 6/5 Richard & Sharon Elmquist
 Don & Deanna Engen
 Brian & Kristin Larsen
- 6/9 Joseph & Holly Chase
 Dan & Jill Otterson
 Barbara & Bruce Shostak
 Loren & Jean Smeby
- 6/11 John & Marlene Kjera
- 6/12 David & Elsa Bengtson
- 6/13 Sean & Hannah Bengtson
- 6/14 David & Lora McChesney
- 6/15 Richard & Shirley Johnson
- 6/18 Ronald & Karen Larson
- 6/19 Randy & Rebecca Kraft Cory & Tanya Narum David & Judy Topinka
- 6/20 Terry & Vicki Nygaard
- 6/21 Larry & Julie Koenig
- 6/22 Sigurd & Elsie Anderson Leon & Brenda LaRock Thomas & Carla White
- 6/23 John & Linda Andrews
 Dale & Jeanne Blosberg
 Mike & Robin Goerges
- 6/24 Gordon & Marilyn Eid Michael & Joanna O'Neil
- 6/25 John Rappath & Stephanie Haider
- 6/26 Al & Lois Benson
 Dale & Barb Johnson
 Jim & Ellen Nelson
 David & Ann Schrupp
- 6/27 John & Gail Boline



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ounf	June 2023			1 Marketing Committee 9 am Book Club 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes 2 pm	2	m
4 Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	5 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.AFireside Room 7 pm	6 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Prayer Team Meeting 1pm	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	Summer Stretch 8-4 pm Befriender Team meeting 9:30 am	ത	10
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