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# July 2021

## Special Worship Events in July

### GRANDPARENTS DAY at Outdoor Worship

**July 11th**

Come join us to celebrate grandchildren  
with free ice cream cones for all!



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**July 25th**

At Indoor worship at 8:30 am and  
at Outdoor Worship at 10 am!

## PASTORS' PAGES



July Greetings!

Thanks be to God for the rain that we finally received! Sometimes in our daily lives, we don't realize how much we depend on that rain until there's a drought! I think we had some of these same realizations with routine things during the pandemic that had to stop. We never realized that we took them for granted, like worshipping side by side with others, enjoying coffee and conversation at ministry functions, and serving alongside one another out in the community. Well, thanks be to God, just like the rain, these gifts of God are returning! And you are heartily invited to join in again, in the mission and ministry of God through Crosslake Lutheran Church! (Of course, we are still wanting to accommodate people who prefer distance or need masks, so please know that you are welcome to participate at whatever level you feel comfortable to do so.)

At our June council meeting, we discussed the three main ministry areas of emphasis as we move forward from the pandemic.

**GATHER:** We continue to embrace our welcome statement that we've had for several years. It welcomes all people into worship and all our ministries. It's on our website, bulletins, and screens at the beginning of worship. *Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.* **We continue to receive positive feedback that this statement attracts people to our community, and it also defines our identity and actions as a community of faith.**

**GROW:** We are moving forward with a focus on ministry events and activities that bring together people of all ages. We will keep experimenting in this area with worship and fellowship for the growth and health of our congregation and community.

**GO:** We're focusing on reaching out to the community. How are we serving our neighbors, both near and far?

We hope you'll join us in gathering, growing, and going, this July and beyond!

In Christ,

Pastor Kristin

## Great Hope – Pastor Kurt



I returned from my week in leadership training with **great joy and satisfaction**. More than that though, I returned with **great hope for the church and world**. I will explain why I have these feelings in a bit. But first, some background. I have been involved in synodical ministry teams since 2004. Synodical ministry simply means that instead of having one faith community in mind, we have all of them across Northeast Minnesota in mind. Early on our role was coming alongside adults who were curious about youth ministry, equipping them with skill to carve out a relationship with youth and lead them in activities to grow in their faith. Later on, and still now, I served as an adult team member of the Lutheran Youth Organization or LYO. For many years this was a team of committed youth that received some Peer Ministry and leadership training. While we hoped that youth would share those gifts in their home congregations, the thrust of it was directed and planning and leading the Middle School Gathering (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades) and Cardia Deo (9 through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) events.

These events have been very successful at providing faith experiences for youth and the adults that journey with them. However, even as successful as they were, the Holy Spirit was nudging us to make a shift. The old adage, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!” applies well to mechanical things, but is not necessarily true of ministry. The world and its people constantly changing. Ministry to the world then must change as well. Combining this notion with how powerfully COVID affected us, the LYO adults envisioned a shift. This is a quote from the synod 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.”*

Our discernment led to the expansion of what LYO is...

“The new LYO Leadership Initiative invites youth and adults 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.”

**Brittany Joyce, Alaina Hagestuen, Karen Senst**, and myself experience this expanded LYO in our training time last week. We **received training** in how to **deeply listen**, how to ask **good questions**, how to pay attention to **non-verbal communication**, how to **lead a small group**, and most importantly, how to help **people to understand themselves** and **guide them in their own decision-making process**. Then we got to practice, leading sessions in welcoming and inviting skills. This powerful learning was intertwined with meeting and connecting with others from across the synod, and having some fun along the way.

I pray, after reading this, you too can feel hope rising within you. I pray you can feel joy and satisfaction that we are not a static, unchanging church. Through this and many ways we are becoming more like Jesus offering abundant life. The skills in the bolded text above are not just for leaders, they are for everybody. Jesus’ ministry exuded all these traits. We hope to grow our small team and provide learning growing opportunities for many in the Crosslake Lutheran faith community. Look for more to come!

In Christ,  
Pastor Kurt

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The families of Tom Barsness, Mary Hardwick and Shirley Michal whose memorial services were held this past month.

### PASTORAL ACTS

**Memorial Services:** Tom Barsness, June 21st  
Mary Hardwick, June 22nd  
Shirley Michal, June 25th  
Steven Precht (graveside service), June 26th

**Wedding:** MacKenzie and Brandon Voss, June 24th

### Upcoming Memorial Services:

Betty Ryan memorial service July 3rd at 11 am  
Dick Maas' memorial service will be on Sunday, August 1st at 2 pm at Crosslake Lutheran outdoor worship site (14019 Daggett Pine Road in Crosslake). A light lunch will be served after the service.

## 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.

## 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 July 12 and July 26. Please join us on the mornings that work for you! If you have questions, please call Laurie Ridgley or Linda Gates 507-202-9374.

## CAMP KNUTSON WORK GROUP



The group will meet at camp on Friday, July 9, 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

## DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP



**Every girl. Everywhere. Period.** Days for Girls Workshop July 27 from 9am-Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to sew, iron, cut or paperclip fabric together to make supplies for Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits. Our Associate Pastor Kurt's wife, Kelly, and her co-chair Lisa, hand carry these kits to Haiti working with Midwives for Haiti. Without these kits, young girls miss 3-5 days of school each month and women miss work. No kit is distributed without education on feminine hygiene, reproductive health and value as women. Bring your sewing machine if you would like to sew. Other supplies will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Carlson at [sueandbrianc@hotmail.com](mailto:sueandbrianc@hotmail.com) or 952-356-7516.

# July Bible Study

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall



- Wednesday, July 7 10:00AM Studying scripture for Sunday worship
- Wednesday, July 14 10:00AM Studying scripture for Sunday worship
- Wednesday, July 21 10:00AM Part One of Two Part Series- THE NEW NORMAL
- Wednesday, June 28 10:00AM Part Two of Two Part Series- THE NEW NORMAL
- Wednesday, August 4 10:00AM Studying Scripture for Sunday Worship

Special Two-Part Bible Study Series on July 21 and July 28 – THE NEW NORMAL

A Two-Part Topical Bible Study Series considering some practical tools for grandparents, parents, and anyone interested in a study entitled “THE NEW NORMAL: 8 Ways to Care for Gen Z in a Post-Pandemic World” based on Springtide’s latest research of young people ages 13-25. Catherine Anderson, Synod Minister for Discipleship and Christian Community has recommended this study. We will look at these practical tools alongside scripture for two sessions at the end of July.

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

**Let’s keep the energy captured in the first Fun, Food, Fellowship and Faith event going!**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm**. You can plan on the same good things. Some good food, some joy in playing games, or watching others play, some good visiting, and some devotion time too! See you there! See a few photos below from our last event!



# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP



**PEACHES!** We are now selling fresh Colorado peaches. You may order in the church office or at the Welcome table at the outdoor service.

**VALLEY FAIR!** Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. All youth in grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> (20-21 school year) are invited to come! You must get signed up with Pat. The bus will leave at 7:30 am and return to church around 10 pm.

**FLORIDA MISSION TRIP July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> (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, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm– planning meeting for all mission trip participants!**
- **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Outdoor Worship Commissioning Blessing 10 am. Please be at outdoor church by 9:45 am.** Parents attend as well.
- **Mandatory MEETING for All YOUTH ATTENDING AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM (final forms, snacks due, extra gear assigned).**
- Leave from Crosslake Lutheran Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for Panama City, Florida! We will return to Crosslake Lutheran– Sunday evening, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

God is good,

Pat Netko, Youth Director

## 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b><u>May:</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>YTD:</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Revenues:	\$ 41,181	\$ 55,951	\$ (14,770)		\$ 294,362	\$ 256,333	\$ 38,029
Expenses:	\$ <u>41,221</u>	\$ <u>46,970</u>	\$ <u>5,749</u>		\$ <u>204,302</u>	\$ <u>225,353</u>	\$ <u>21,051</u>
Difference:	\$ (40)	\$ 8,981	\$ (9,021)		\$ 90,060	\$ 30,980	\$ 59,080

In the month of **May**, expenses exceed revenues by \$40.



**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 \$11,195 less than budget, because revenues are \$32,246 less than budget, and expenses are also less than budget by \$21,051.

# 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, a 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! **If you would like participate, fill in the registration information provided below and place in offering plate or bring to the Church Office.**

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## Pandemic Pastimes Exhibit Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Art or craft item \_\_\_\_\_

Need assistance with display hardware for your item? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Need assistance with item description? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_



Greetings,

Please note that WELCA will NOT have any meetings during the month of July.

During our August 12<sup>th</sup> WELCA General Meeting we will be discussing the future direction of the WELCA Program. Your attendance and comments are valuable!

After the meeting, if everyone could stay for a few minutes, Bonnie Sass needs our help assembling the Lutheran World Relief kits that will be dropped off in Grand Rapids on September 11th. Thank you.

We have not received any information yet on how to watch the virtual participation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention and Gathering in early August but we will keep you posted.

Until then, if you go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) scroll down to Bible Studies then click on LEARN MORE, it will take you to the next page where you will scroll down and click on Summer 2021: *Just Love, part 2 – Just L.I.F.E (liberation is for everyone)* by Rev. Angela Khabeb. Continue by clicking on the RED **Enter your information here**, enter your email address and click on subscribe. They will email you a link to download this study and other past summer studies.

The ELCA.org website continues Tuesday prayers at Noon if you would like to participate by praying for our many sisters in Christ.

Heavenly Father we continually ask you for guidance and we thank you for loving us unconditionally.

Peace in Christ.

Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair

## SHARING BREAD SOUP KITCHEN

Crosslake Lutheran has been involved with preparing and serving the meals at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 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 [lorinelson@brainerd.net](mailto:lorinelson@brainerd.net). Being the church is not fully opened, I'll have sign up by email. So to get on the email list please contact me. Looking for 4-6 people on the Sunday CLC has committed to serve. THANK YOU!



# HEALTH MINISTRY



Wow, June summer weather hit in a big way; Minnesota summers are certainly an adventure. I hope that you kept hydrated and checked on neighbors who may not have air conditioning or like my dad, did not want to use that much electricity. 😊 Another thing that the weather brought is low and warm lake levels so swimmer's itch is already in many of the lakes. There are lotions that can be applied as preventive measures (ask Steve at Crosslake Drug) with many folks using water resistant suntan lotion as their go-to. A good towel drying and a shower seems to help as well, but for those who are really susceptible to it, the best bet is to swim in deeper water or avoid the lake altogether (which is hard to do on the hot days). First aid is Benadryl, over the counter topicals, cool baths with Epsom salts or for some a trip to urgent care for something stronger. Don't you just love Minnesota? At least with the dry conditions, ticks and mosquitos are not as abundant as in past years.

Plans are underway for some of our usual programming. I am planning a "Final Gift" class for July 29<sup>th</sup> for those of you who are up for the summer, watch for flyers, newspaper articles, etc. for date and time. It has been well received in the past with attorney Rene Millner, a funeral director, Pastor Kristin, Patricia Lundeen, Kris Havir and myself doing presentations on everything from legal preparation, service arrangements and end of life care decisions that need to be done. Registration is required since we will be serving lunch and is limited to 40 participants. I am also making arrangements to have "Matter of Balance" classes to be offered later this summer. This fall prevention class is so helpful in helping you to maintain balance and strength to prevent injuries. More on that later as to times and dates and, as in the past, it is free through a grant from Crow Wing Energized. A "Flying Solo" class for those rebuilding life after loss will be held in July as well, date and time to be announced. This 4-hour session looks at recovery after loss including finding healing, hope, connections and purpose. Planning is also underway for a new event which will be held in August. This past year was so difficult for many who experienced loss of a loved one with all the COVID restrictions, sometimes making even services impossible. Karen Zeile is leading planning to have an evening of remembrance on August 24<sup>th</sup> which will include a meal and then a short service where we can come together as a faith community to remember those who entered their eternal rest. Watch for more information to come.

I would like to thank again all those who came to the Memorial day service. A special thanks to those who reached out before and after the service with support. I appreciate belonging to such a wonderful faith community.

I am also planning "Heart and Soul" for August, a special afternoon in September for caregivers caring for those with Dementia and I will be a speaker at the Senior Expo in September. It is so good to be back in full swing with programs and events that further the health of mind, body and spirit. If you have ideas of other programs that you would like to see, please reach out to me.

Blessings and good health,  
Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Josh Foote, Kyle Oltmann, Rosie Pearson, Sarah Sogge,  
David Wiltsey  
7/2 Barbara Shostak, Al Thorpe, Zeppelin Thull  
7/3 Karen Larson, Joan Riordan  
7/4 Marilyn Carlson, Diana Gallaway  
7/5 Charlie Box, Jonathon Henry, Ivan Millard  
7/6 Elsie Anderson, Kelli Engstrom, Maverick Engstrom,  
Brian Hanson, Gail Nelson  
7/8 Mark Puschinsky  
7/9 Mark Bialon, Marlene Eckholm, Richard Irish,  
Jessica Koch  
7/10 Hannah Allen, Michael Clasen, Marlene Kjera, Pat  
Rogness, Alaina Rossum  
7/11 Karla Garin  
7/12 Kathleen Fields, Alaina Freiberg, Jack Heidman,  
Lola Johnson, Barry Palm, Addison Rau  
7/13 Eric Lundborg, Jessa Tohm  
7/14 Mercedes Engstrom, Eric Gyllenblad, Roger Mastin  
7/16 Bryan Held, Chip Lohmiller  
7/17 Joanne Huckle, Kay Schuette, Paul Tender  
7/18 Shari Carlson  
7/19 Braydyn Brynteson, Barbara Chapin  
7/20 Bobbi Anderson, Cortney Chambers, Edwin Hansen  
7/21 Brad Person  
7/22 Pat Bengston, Darrell Swanson, Kathy Swanson  
7/23 Kim Anderson, Lynn Engman, Carrie Swanson  
7/24 Sydney Balmer  
7/25 Brandon Andersen  
7/26 Anna Larson, JoAnn Maas, Madison Michaelson,  
Penny Skog, James Strampe, Don Wetter  
7/27 Ernie Byerly, Joel Harmala, Devin Lundmark  
7/28 Jan Benson  
7/29 Toni Nelson  
7/30 Beau Engstrom, James Nelson, Sonja Palm  
7/31 Shirley Johnson

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Mark & Donna Puschinsky  
7/6 Larry & Kathy Allen  
Wayne & Carolyn Hegna  
7/8 Rick & Ann Flaws  
7/13 Steve & Rene Millner  
7/14 Darrell & Susan Swanson  
7/15 Ron & Sally Helmer  
7/17 David & Kris Gardinier  
7/19 Mark & Cindy Bialon  
7/21 Tim & Natalee Bray  
7/24 Michael & Joanna O'Neil  
Mike & Cindy Myogeto  
7/25 Roland & Mary Hirman  
7/27 Devin & Kathy Lundmark  
Patrick & Deanne Trottier  
7/28 Ron & Carol Germann  
David & Connie Johnson  
7/29 Paul & Cynthia Linder  
7/30 Dave & Lory Delgehausen

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



## JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1 Marketing Committee 9 am  
Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm
- July 3 Betty Ryan Memorial Service 11 am
- July 4 Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am indoor  
Outdoor Worship 10 am
- July 5 4th of July Holiday—church office closed.  
A.A. meets in Fireside Room 7 pm
- July 6 Staff Meeting 10 am  
Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm
- July 7 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am / Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon  
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm  
Executive Committee 3 pm  
Choir practice 4:30 pm
- July 8 No Welca General Meeting in July
- July 9 Camp Knutson Men's Work Morning 8:30 am
- July 11 Pastor Kristin on vacation thru July 24th  
Worship 8:30am indoor  
Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion and Grandparents Day (free ice cream for all!) 10 am
- July 12 Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am  
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am  
A.A. meets in Fireside Room 7 pm
- July 13 Ink Spots 9:30 am / Staff Meeting 10 am  
Mahjongg Group meets in Garden Room 1 pm
- July 14 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am / Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon  
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm  
Choir practice 4:30 pm  
Youth going on Mission Trip meet 6 pm
- July 18 Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 am indoor  
Outdoor Worship with Mission Trip Commissioning 10 am
- July 19 Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am  
Rug Camp in Fellowship Hall 1-7 pm  
A.A. meets in Fireside Room 7 pm
- July 20 Rug Camp in Fellowship Hall 8 am-7 pm  
Staff Meeting 10 am  
Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm  
Church Council in Fellowship Hall 7 pm  
Country Cross deadline!
- July 21 Rug Camp in Fellowship Hall 8 am-7 pm  
Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am  
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon  
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm  
Choir practice 4:30 pm  
Mandatory Mission trip meeting for the youth & parents 6 pm
- July 22 Rug Camp in Fellowship Hall 8 am-7 pm  
Fun, Food, Faith, Fellowship Night at the Outdoor Site 5:30-8 pm
- July 23 Pastor Kurt on vacation thru July 31st  
Rug Camp in Fellowship Hall 8 am-1 pm
- July 24 Youth leave for Mission Trip to Panama City, FL 1 pm
- July 25 Christmas in July: Worship 8:30am indoor and Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion 10 am
- July 26 Altar Guild 9 am  
Jul Fest workshop in Fellowship Hall 9 am  
Men's 500 Card Group 9am / Quilters 9:30 am  
A.A. meets in Fireside Room 7 pm
- July 27 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
- July 28 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10 am  
Bell Choir in sanctuary Noon  
Knit Wits in Fireside Room 1 pm  
Choir practice 4:30 pm
- July 29 "Final Gift" workshop in Fellowship Hall 11am-4:30 pm