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Special Worship Events in July

GRANDPARENTS DAY at Outdoor Worship

July 10th

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



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 24th

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

The band will play Christmas carols at the 8:30 am service.
Come early to hear all your favorite tunes!

PASTORS' PAGES

July Greetings!



As I write this, I am preparing a sermon on a key passage in Luke that sets the stage for much of the rest of our summer's gospel passages as Jesus "sets his face" to go to Jerusalem. We too, journey with Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem, as we live out our faith. I have become very fond of Pr. Steve Garnaas-Holmes' devotions, prayers, and poems. Here's his helpful thoughts about this key gospel passage from Luke 9:51-58:

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the prophetic witness and the liberating miracle that is the center of his ministry. Jerusalem is the place of his greatest test, the final sifting of his life, the ultimate giving of his gift; and finally it will be his death. To follow Jesus is not merely to hold splendid thoughts about him; it is to go with him to your own Jerusalem. It is to commit yourself to justice and prophetic witness, to the liberating struggle, to practicing radical compassion, to giving your gifts without reservation, even to your death in small and great ways. To "follow Jesus" is serious stuff.

According to our baptismal vows, following Jesus means "resisting evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." Don't you imagine that evil will fight back? If you follow Jesus don't expect the world to accommodate you. If you, like Jesus, want to be a True Human, don't expect to be rewarded or admired. Don't expect to be made to feel like you belong. People will want you to feel like a misfit. They'll try (mostly unconsciously) to trick you into giving up being Truly Human and instead get you to be Nice. Don't fall for it.

Set your face toward authenticity. Accept discomfort. Make peace with vulnerability. Become accustomed to feeling like you don't belong. Because you do not belong to what other people feel or believe. You belong to God. God will hold you on your journey. God will provide for you in your witness. The Holy One will defend your being Truly Human, Truly Yourself, Truly God's.

We invite you to follow Jesus with us this July! You could do this by being a helper at Vacation Bible School from July 18-21. Also by joining us for worship, especially Christmas in July on Sunday, July 24, when we can focus on the true meaning of Christmas without all "the extras" that can sometimes overwhelm us in the month of December. Experience Bible study with us at the end of the month when we watch and discuss the film, "The Biggest Little Farm." You can read more details about the film in the July Bible Study section. Or maybe you want to try serving at the Emily Share and Care café or helping with ushering at worship or pouring coffee at our Outdoor service or handing out bulletins. All of these ministry opportunities are wonderful ways to live out our faith and continue on our discipleship journey as we seek to follow Jesus, grow in faith, and share God's love! Jesus encourages us to say "yes" when presented with these opportunities! Thankful to be journeying with Jesus and you --

Pr. Kristin

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact us if you are hospitalized or if you are in need of a pastoral visit. You can reach Pastor Kristin Oltmann at 952-200-1249.

PASTOR RYAN

Waiting, How Do We Do It?

One does not normally take a class in school on how to wait. One of the longest running jokes when traveling with young ones is the repeated refrain we hear, "Are we there yet?" We don't learn how to wait. Some wait patiently. Some wait with great anxiety. And there are the millions of us that fall in between those two polls.

Christians think that learning how to wait is so important they have a whole four-week season set aside to hear preachers preaching on waiting. It's called Advent. (If you are one who waits anxiously, I'm sorry to say you have five months to wait for the next season of Advent.) In Advent we talk about the Jewish people waiting for a Messiah. We talk about Mary and Joseph waiting for their child to be born. We talk about John the Baptist announcing the time of the Messiah's reign being imminent. And we even talk about waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Anxiously waiting, waiting. Some are anxious because they fear what will be at the end of the wait. Some are anxious because they believe they know what is at the end of the wait and believe that it will be much better. Some are anxious for just the opposite reason because they believe that what lies ahead is only doom and gloom.

One the other hand people who are patiently waiting figure that all will come in its own good time. For some they believe what will be, will be. For others they believe that all good things come to those who wait. We know the cliches, but so many of us hedge our bets and fall in both camps for some things. We wait patiently, but yet ... maybe ..

We wait

We wait for our children to be born, nine months is a long time.

Last year we waited for the rain to fall, some of us more patiently than others.

We wait for the Vikings to win the Super Bowl. (my beloved Vikings, this year?)

We always wait for the journey to end. Yes, we wonder if we are there yet.

We wait for important mail.

We wait for school to end.

Others are waiting for school to start!

And now or at least at some point we do wonder or have wondered when Jesus will return, haven't we?

Waiting is something we need to recognize. There is no right or wrong way to wait. The most we can say is that we need to trust that God will be with us whether we are waiting with bated breath, or casually taking life as it comes. If you think about it, both ways really mean that we are living only one day at a time. So let's continue our journey together, with Jesus. Amen.



**Crosslake Lutheran Vacation Bible School –
July 18-21, 9:00-3:00pm**

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade 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, a Bible dive, eat lunch, a snack, and most of all, experience God's love! Sign up at www.crosslakelutheran.com or call the church office and bring a friend! Registration Deadline is JULY 8. Cost is \$10 per child, 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 18-21).

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 ✓ 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 at church office.

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Timeframe I can help:	Monday, July 18	Tuesday, July 19	Wednesday, July 20	Thursday, July 21
8:30 am—11 am				
11 am—1:30 pm				
1:30 pm—3 pm				
Evening Supper	✓	✓		

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____



It's time for VBS!

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Transition Time Update

At the June Council meeting, the council appointed the call committee. We thank the following people for serving and look forward to their commissioning sometime soon in worship! Jeff Benson, Rocky Chapin (Chair), Marlin Gens, Sarah Johnson, Kari Lohmiller, John Repp, and Pr. Kristin.

The Call Committee will be reviewing and editing our current Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to seek approval by the council as we look for a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) or a Minister of Service (Deacon) for General Ministry with a preferred emphasis in young families.

We are aware that there are many variabilities to whom may be available to serve and how, their experience level, etc. This affects their suitability in various ways including our budgetary needs; with that in mind, what we simply need to do is get our MSP approved and submitted to the synod to see whom might feel called to serve our congregation. We hope to have the paperwork submitted to the synod later this summer.

DAYS FOR
GIRLS Every girl. Everywhere. Period.

Please join us as we work to ready kit components for girls and women throughout the world. The menstrual kit and education they receive makes a positive difference in their lives and it all begins with us!

Days for Girls (DfG) summer workshops at Crosslake Lutheran Church: July 12, August 9 and September 13. All workshops are from 9am to noon. Join us to sew, iron, cut or pin fabric together to make supplies for DfG menstrual solution kits. Bring your sewing machine if you would like to sew. There are many non-sewing tasks. Supplies will be provided.

Our July 12 workshop is a Thrivent sponsored event by Jan Darnell. Thank you, Jan! This is a \$250 grant from Thrivent for supplies. Free t-shirts are available while supply lasts.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Carlson at sueandbrianc@hotmail.com or 952-356-7516.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Jack Riordan in their loss & sorrow. Jack passed away on May 30th. A Celebration of Life will be held at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park on Monday, July 11th from Noon-3 pm. A private ceremony will be held at Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN.

Pastoral Acts

BAPTISM: Novalee Rayn Gow, June 26

Parents: Ali Gow & Crystle Gerdes

Sponsors: Tom & Kendra Niles, CharlyAnn Bray, Zack Lovaas, Faye Baron and Colleen Olson

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Bill Abbott, June 3

Lorraine Hanus, June 6

Buck Westerberg, June 10

Jerry Kopplin, June 11

Jim Newman, June 17

NEW MEMBERS: Judy & Matt Deis and Konnie O'Neil

Upcoming Memorial Service

- Bea Jepsen's memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th at 1 pm with a visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

Outdoor Worship



We're looking for more helpers to do one or more of the tasks such as: set up chairs, make and serve coffee, park cars, hand out bulletins and more. If you want to help, please contact Herb Nelson at 651-239-4860 or herbnelson@brainerd.net. You can also use Sign-Up Genius by going online at: www.crosslakelutheran.com. Click on "Sign-Up Genius" and pick a Sunday and a task to work. If you have helped in the past, please consider inviting new people to work with you. It's a fun way to meet more people!

YOUTH MINISTRY

July 2022 Youth Group Scoop

PEACHES and PEARS will be on sale soon! Waiting for the prices from the orchard.
Transportation costs have skyrocketed.



Our Mission Trip was exhausting and exhilarating! Please read the Mission Trip Reflections which will be coming out soon! Visit the Crosslake Lutheran Church Facebook page to see many great pictures of God's Work Our Hands.

Summer Stretch Youth Ministry for grades 5-9 is going great. Visit the Crosslake Lutheran Church Facebook page to see this great ministry in action.

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

May:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 35,716	\$ 51,587	\$ (15,871)		\$ 220,941	\$ 255,255	\$ (34,314)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 41,728</u>	<u>\$ 49,366</u>	<u>\$ 7,638</u>		<u>\$ 224,937</u>	<u>\$ 235,745</u>	<u>\$ 10,808</u>
Difference:	\$ (6,012)	\$ 2,221	\$ (8,233)		\$ (3,996)	\$ 19,510	\$ (23,506)

In the month of **May**, expenses exceeded revenues by \$6,012.

YTD's performance is \$23,506 less than budget, because revenues are \$34,314 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$10,808.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS DEADLINE!

Deadline to submit your committee budgets is Friday, July 8th!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

JULY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on Wednesdays in July at 10 am in Fellowship Hall

Bible Study on Wednesday, July 6 – Studying Scripture for Sunday

Bible Study on Wednesday, July 13 – Studying Scripture for Sunday

Special Two Part Bible Study July 20 & 27 – The Biggest Little Farm Film

Join us for Bible Study on these 2 Wednesdays in July to watch this 90 minute film and then discuss it!

July 20 – Watch The Biggest Little Farm Film

July 27 -- Finish watching The Biggest Little Farm and discuss it as a Parable of the Kingdom of God

THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature.

Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, the Chester's unlock and uncover a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our wildest imagination.

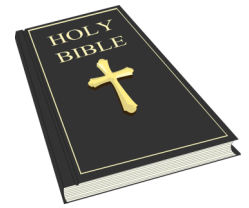
Featuring breathtaking cinematography, captivating animals, and an urgent message to heed Mother Nature's call, THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM provides us all a vital blueprint for better living and a healthier planet.

(You can also watch this film yourself on Amazon and simply come for the discussion on July 27)

While this film doesn't have any "faith talk" within it explicitly and doesn't profess "any kind of Christian faith, the lived-wisdom they have stumbled upon by simply observing the structure and workings of the created order is strikingly similar to the sage advice that was spoken long ago by a teacher who was also quite fond of observation, creativity, and humility: Jesus." We'll discuss the article that this quote comes from and talk about the movie in a spiritual context. Join us for this special two part series!

DINERS GROUP

Seek and expand friendships through the Crosslake Lutheran Diners Group. We will meet on Sunday, July 17th from 4-7 pm at Pineview Community Room, 36308 Pine Bay Circle, Crosslake. Enjoy pizza, dessert & coffee, \$7 and great conversation. RSVP to Sharon Corbin, by email at wingcrow@icloud.com or 218-692-4360 or Adele Suomela, by email at adele.suomela@gmail.com or 952-270-0738.



HEALTH MINISTRY



Blessings and Health from Health Ministry! Once the 4th of July hits, it feels like the summer is racing by too quickly, so many things to attend, do, experience and savor. I am hoping that you also take the time to schedule a wellness check in with yourself as well so that your mind body and spirit are tended to. At our weekly staff meeting we each take turns doing a short devotion which inspires, teaches and provides spiritual direction. This past week I presented a short session on wellness checks which included a basic 1-10 rating system for evaluating mind, body and spirit health with 10 being perfect health and 1 being nearly at the end of life. We talked about how important it is to check in regularly so that we do not have to wait until the “check engine light” comes on and we experience major challenges in one or more systems. For some folks, their body is a barometer that lets us know when the mind or spirit are challenged since as we all know the “three are ONE”. If we never check in, it is difficult to find strategies to implement when we notice the numbers heading in the wrong direction. What is one thing that you can start or stop doing today that will provide support for your wonderful temple that you have been given? If we stay well, we are also better equipped to serve and experience the wonder of the creation. If you need ideas as to how to support yourself or others, please see me. While I am not always the best example of self care (most of those in the helping professions share that trait) at least I can point you in the right direction.

There is a nice little photo display of the Angel food program and the Senior prom in the hallway bulletin board toward staff offices. Please take the time to check out the photos, it is fun to see folks in their finery. The Crosslake Cares group which provides the Senior expo and the Prom has already given the green light to doing the prom again as the final event of the Senior weekend. It was decided to do a dress up version as in the past year so you have almost a year to find something fun to wear. While dress up is optional, it is fun to have a special evening to do something different. For those without a dance partner, it certainly did not stop anyone from dancing this past year since it was often a big group experience. And if dancing is not your thing, it was fun to just watch. If you would like to be part of the planning process for the prom or other events that weekend, please see me.

Just a gentle reminder with heat and the other things summer brings, please pay attention to staying hydrated, protected from the sun and eating heathy since there are so many goodies available in farmers markets and gardens. If you know of folks without air conditioning (yes there are those folks) please check on people. It is also a time to protect pets from heat, bugs and getting lost especially on those nights where fireworks are heard. Having your pet’s collar contain your phone number is the best way to ensure that your doggie is returned, especially when you have guest pets to your home. Water safety is also something to have a plan for. One family has a baton that an adult carries so that everyone knows who is watching the kids so that is not just “everyone’s” job so no one has the job. There are already reports of itch in some of the lakes, the drug store carries a great preventative product to put on that blocks the parasites from getting under your skin. Summer is way to short to have injury and accidents bring anxiety or even an ER visit as part of your time enjoying the outdoors so a bit of prevention is priceless.

Please reach out if you know of anyone who needs support in terms of visitation, food, home communion or prayers. It is difficult to know unless someone reaches out, please leave a message on my cell if you cannot reach me through the church. I am just a call away..

Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

THANK YOUS

I was asked by Gail Smith to come to outdoor church on Sunday, May 29th to be honored during the Memorial Day celebration. Milt Bighley did an excellent job during the recognition of veterans. There were three of us who are World War II veterans. We were given a gift card from the church, which was a big surprise and appreciated very much. Thank you all. - Jack McChesney

Heartfelt thanks to Roy Silcox for constructing the two racks for the largest bells. These make it possible for anyone to play them without having to lift the bells--they are heavy! And thank you to Cambridge Lutheran handbell choir for sharing the pattern.

The Ukrainian National Anthem for handbells during our June 19th indoor service, was made available free of charge by the arranger, with the request that choirs make a donation to an organization providing aid to Ukraine. The handbell choir members donated \$100 to the ELCA Disaster Response, which was matched dollar for dollar!



CAMP KNUTSON WORK MORNING

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

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT-July 23

At Crosslake Lutheran Church

Lakes Area Music Festival is in its 14th annual summer season, with concerts in Brainerd July 29 - August 21. The PRELUDE SERIES leads up to the regular season's events, with concerts in outlying communities: Bemidji, Aitkin, Long Prairie, Nisswa, Deerwood, AND CROSSLAKE! Crosslake Lutheran will host the recital on Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 pm, featuring singers who have been chosen to be "vocal fellows" for this season. All are welcome to this FREE concert (donations are accepted). For a full listing of the Prelude Series and 2022 summer season, go to lakesareamusic.org.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Josh Foote, Kyle Oltmann, Rosie Pearson, Sarah Sogge,
David Wiltsey
7/2 Barbara Shostak, 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.**



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

July 2022

3 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/ Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	4 4th of July Holiday Church Office closed. No church activities A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	5 Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	6 Kitchen Committee 9 am Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	7 Summer Stretch 8-4 pm Marketing 9 am Book Club 10 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living 2 pm	8 Men's Work Morn- ing at Camp Knut- son 8:30 am VBS Reg. Deadline Committee Budget Deadline	9 Renewal of vows in sanctuary 9 am Baptism in sanctuary 10 am
10 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/ Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship w/ Holy Communion and Grandchildren Sun- day	11 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	12 9am Days for Girls Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Outdoor Worship mtg 1pm	13 Summer Stretch-Twins Game Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Executive Committee 3:30 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	14 Endowment Mtg 4pm	15	16 Night Under the Stars at Camp Knutson 4:30 pm
17 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/ Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship Diners Club 4-7 pm	18 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	19 Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm Finance 4:30 pm Church Council 7 pm	20 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm Country Cross deadline	21	22	23 Gary Chenevert Memorial Service 10:30 am Lakes Area Music Festival Concert 7:30 pm
24 Christmas in July 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/ Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	25 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Quilters 9:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	26 Ink Spots 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	27 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	28	29	30 Bea Jepsen Memorial Service 1pm Visitation at noon
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