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SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS IN JULY

GRANDPARENTS DAY at Outdoor Worship

July 9th

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



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 23rd

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

July Blessings!

Our Summer Theme Song is below from our new ELCA hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*. I love the words! Each Sunday, we sing the refrain at 8:30 and various verses with the refrain at 10:00. I invite you to use these words in your prayers. These words help direct our hearts and minds, keeping us curious and reaching out in love and grace to our neighbors, rather than being disparaging and suspicious of our neighbors, as sometimes our culture's messages of fear and hostility can divide us.



1 *God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.*

Refrain: *Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.*

2 *Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest.*

3 *Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew.*

4 *God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand.*

As we gather for Vacation Bible School this month, send youth on a mission trip, have Grandparents Day and continue our worship, learning, fellowship, and service to the world, may we be these messengers and embody God's grace and love for all!

In Christ,

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.

WELCOME ASSOCIATE PASTOR BECKY SWANSON!

At the special Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 25th, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of calling Pastor Becky as our part-time Associate Pastor! She will begin her call on July 1st.

Pastor Becky Swanson began ministry in 1986 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran church in NE Minneapolis in the area of music and children's ministry. She served in four other congregations (Lake of the Isles Lutheran, Glen Cary Lutheran, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, and Bethel Lutheran) in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area synods before taking a call to Trinity Lutheran Seminary, in Columbus, Ohio to serve as Director of Contextual Education.



After Trinity and Capital University (the ELCA university across the street) merged, she returned to congregational work in Holmen, Wisconsin as an interim pastor. During this time, she worked with the bishop and synod candidacy committee to reform her call from Word and Service to Word and Sacrament. She was ordained as a Pastor in February of 2020 and served Advent Lutheran in Morton, IL before returning to her home state of Minnesota in April 2022. She is currently On-Leave-from-Call and serving the NE Minnesota Synod as a supply preacher. She is on the synod's LGBTQIA+ Welcome committee and the Together Here Ministries team.

In addition to her ministry, Becky spent over 25 years in Fortune 100 companies based in the Twin Cities in the area of Learning and Development, Leadership Development, and as contracted eLearning design and developer. In addition to supply preaching she has her own practice as a Leadership and Life Coach (at beckyswanson.com) where she helps folks live into their true vocations, whatever that may be. She is a graduate of Augsburg University, and Luther Seminary.

She lives near Garrison in the woods, with her husband, Gary Anderson, and their two dogs, Freyja and Josie and is VERY glad to be closer to grandchildren, multiple circles of friends, and weather that makes sense — even if it makes her face hurt sometimes. She likes to hike and forage; she grew up fishing and is thinking about asking her nephews to teach her to hunt.

REMEMBER YOUR NAME TAGS!

A friendly reminder to please wear your nametags! Many of us have gotten out of the habit of wearing our nametags. But, let's get back in the habit, as it's a thoughtful gesture of hospitality for those newer or visiting our congregation to be able to get to know people's names! If you need to purchase a new name tag, you can order one through the office for \$5. Thank you!

DINERS GROUP

The Diners Group will meet on Wednesday, July 19, at 5:30 pm at Milford Mine Memorial Park off County Road 6 on the way to Crosby. This is a beautiful park with nice picnic grounds which is dedicated to those who died in the mine disaster of 1924. Come early and try out the nice walking trail. Alden Hardwick and Nancy Westerberg will be there early to set up and will supply grilled hot dogs and condiments. Please bring a food item to share along with your own drink, plates and silverware. All are welcome! Call Nancy with any questions (612-481-5235) and sign up on the church bulletin board.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- The family of Samuel Alcock in their loss & sorrow. Samuel passed away on May 28th in Fargo, ND.
- Doris & Jan Mezzenga in the death of their sister-in-law, Susan Mezzenga, on June 14th.
- The family of Martin (Marty Guse) in their loss & sorrow. Marty passed away on June 16th, in Blaine, MN.
- Gloria & Norm Kroeger in the death of Gloria's uncle, Burton Peterson, on June 25th in Cloquet, MN.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms: Weston Michael Fern and Halle RaeAnn Hallin, June 18th

Memorial Services: Del Blowers, May 27th
Samuel Alcock, June 5th
Ted Silva, June 24th

Columbarium Inurnment: James Morris, June 24th

JULY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 am



KYRIE? SANCTUS? AGNUS DEI? What Does This Mean?

Wednesday morning Bible study will focus on the five main components of our liturgy: their origin, Biblical basis, current and new settings. Music Ministry Director Patricia Lundeen will lead the conversation, July 12, 19, and 26 at 10 am in the Sanctuary (we will need the piano). Please join us!

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERTS

The Lakes Area Music Festival is in its 15th annual summer season. Two local Prelude Concerts include: The Log Church will host a concert on Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm featuring the String Quartet. Crosslake Lutheran will host a concert on Sunday, July 23 at 2 pm featuring the Vocal Fellows. All are welcome to these FREE concerts (donations are accepted). For a full listing of the Prelude Series and 2023 summer season, go to www.lakesareamusic.org.



CAMP KNUTSON—“Night Under the Stars”

All are invited to join us to celebrate Camp Knutson's 70th anniversary with campers, staff, volunteers and supporters at this year's event, **“FAR OUT – It's a 70's Party”** on Saturday, July 15th beginning at 4:30 pm on the grounds of Camp Knutson. This fundraising event is all about celebrating our campers! Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship while we raise funds to ensure that Camp Knutson continues to provide an exceptional camp experience. **This is a ticketed in-person event.** Seating is limited and **you must reserve your spot by July 1st!** Register or make a gift at www.campknutson.org/nuts. The **on-line auction** will open for bidding beginning July 12 at noon. If you are unable to attend *Night Under the Stars* in person, this is a great way to support Camp Knutson remotely. Gifts and auction proceeds support Camp Knutson's mission and services for individuals with disabilities, medical conditions and other identified needs.

“Music on the Docks” on Friday, July 7 from 6 to 8 pm – is a free kickoff concert for “Night Under the Stars”. Mike Derus will perform on Camp K's docks. Come with your friends and family, bring your own refreshments, and enjoy live music from your boat or watercraft. More details on the Camp Knutson website or call **218-543-4232** or email camp.knutson@lssmn.org



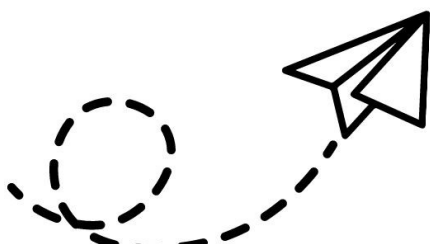


I am so excited to be here, big things are happening!

A great group of kids are involved with Summer Stretch with 6 other area churches where we spend Thursday mornings doing service projects and of course make some time for fun in the afternoon! So far we have been to the Arboretum in Brainerd, Salem West in Deerwood, Lord of Life Church in Baxter, The Holiday Inn Waterpark and a Minnesota Twins Game!

The Youth Room remodel has now officially started as well!

Parents & Youth be watching for more information soon about an end of July Youth Event, and information about fall coming soon!



**In Christ,
Lindsay**



**CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMP
PRESENT:**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**KIDS
K-6**

**GET READY FOR A
GREAT ADVENTURE!**

JULY 17-20, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US :

218-692-3682

WWW.CROSSLAKELUTHERAN.COM



**MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE!**



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 4 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 and sign your name on the form below. **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.**

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NAME _____ Phone Number _____

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				

MUSIC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- July 9 Choir at 8:30 worship
July 16 Handbell Choir at 8:30
July 23 Christmas in July! Sandy Hudak, saxophone at 8:30; Choir at 10:00
July 30 Choir at 8:30
August 6 SUNDAY SING at 10:00 with "sneak preview" at 8:30

Sunday *Sing!*



Sunday, August 6, 10:00 am
Crosslake Lutheran Church, outdoor
14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake
Michael Culloton, leader
Conductor of the Concordia Choir



Sing-Along Worship ~ All are welcome

Plan to worship outdoors and raise your voice in song at **SundaySing!** on Sunday, August 6, at 10 am. It will be an uplifting sing-along worship service for all ages and all singing abilities - invite your family, friends and neighbors too!

Michael Culloton, conductor of the F-M Choral Artists and The Concordia Choir (Moorhead), will lead us through various hymns, patriotic music, folk songs, show tunes, and more. Song sheets will be provided. Crosslake Lutheran Choir will participate as song leaders and provide special music. Don't miss out on the opportunity to praise God while enjoying musical fellowship in our inviting outdoor space!



HEALTH MINISTRY

I love summer, but with the Fourth of July coming up fast, it always seems like it is half over by then. I hope you find a lot of fun things to do over the holiday—so many choices. **Please remember to consider safety when gathering especially if it involves the water and water activities.** It is easy to lose track of those grandkids and guests who may not be used to lake safety. It is also important to have a little “safety briefing” for guests who may not know how things work at your house. In a recent CPR class, we talked about posting your address in a easy to find place like on the fridge in case of needing to call an ambulance on your cell phone since your guests would not know it. We have wonderful EMS assets in the area including first responder, fire and law enforcement, but they need to be able to find you. We also talked about having or using a smart watch to call for help since many have GPS location function. There are many ways that technology can keep you safer such as atrial fib monitoring devices that connect right to your cell phone that enable you to do a rhythm strip that can be sent to your doctor. Much easier than running into the clinic if you are worried that you may be in atrial fib. Of course, if you are having symptoms such as shortness of breath, nausea, sweating or chest pain, you would seek 911 support to get you to the hospital more safely and they can start therapy in route to the hospital.



The Fourth of July weekend also has a few additional concerns for safety, especially if fireworks are part of your celebration. Sparklers are typically used with kids but remember that the temp can reach over 1000 degrees and can cause eye injury and burns. It is so much safer to watch city or lake fireworks that are set off by professionals so that the Fourth of July holiday is not ruined by injury. It is also important to remember that pets may become frightened and run off during the big noises so making sure that they are safe especially if you have guest doggies in your home. Another concern is the traffic in downtown Crosslake. It is especially important to keep your eyes on the road and anticipate people turning, stopping or generally not following the rules of the road. I suggested that our church sign should say “keep your eyes on God and the road” -) If you are biking, please do so single file as not to wander into the traffic which may or may not be paying attention.

July will include a “Flying Solo” class which is geared toward those who have lost a significant other through death or divorce. Watch for flyers, bulletin notices and news releases. Even if you have already attended, feel free to come back since our needs and feelings change over time as we move through the next part of this chapter in life. If you have questions, please see me.

I hope you have a wonderful July; if you need me, please call the church or my cell phone directly.

Blessings,

Gail



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 13th, from 12—6 pm. If you want to make an appointment to give blood, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). **“Give blood—it saves lives!”**

FINANCIALS

2023 Financial Report

<u>May:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 69,572	\$ 45,904	\$ 23,668	\$ 238,893	\$ 264,602	\$ (25,709)	
Expenses:	\$ 42,745	\$ 48,726	\$ 5,981	\$ 183,520	\$ 230,276	\$ 46,756	
Difference:	\$ 26,827	\$ (2,822)	\$ 29,649	\$ 55,373	\$ 34,326	\$ 21,047	

In the month of May, Revenues exceeded expenses by \$26,827.

YTD's performance is \$21,047 more than budget, because revenues are \$25,709 less than budget however, expenses are also less than budget by \$46,756.

Complete financial reports are available in the Finance mailbox.

WOMEN OF CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN

We give special thanks to our voting representative Doris Mezzenga at the June NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Convention. Election of officers and Board Members was held and two resolutions were voted upon. Resolutions adopted were **Preserving, Protecting, and Caring for the Environment** and **A Resolution of Gratitude for Reflecting God's Light in the World**. You may find copies of both posted on the Crosslake Lutheran Women bulletin board. The two days were filled with worship, speakers, workshops and a celebratory evening buffet. Thanks to all who donated items and assembled the **Personal Care Kits**; and, to Bonnie Sass for delivering them to the Zion Lutheran Church convention site.

Thank you to all who participated and enjoyed the Summer Salad Luncheon. It was a grand afternoon of friendship, entertainment and a delightful selection of salads to savor. Please contact Program Chair Nancy Westerberg if you have ideas for an August program. We always look forward to gathering in friendship.

You can find information about the upcoming **Triennial Convention** and more at womenoftheelca.org website. The new website for the NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA is found at nemnsynod.org website. Click on Ministry and Mission; then, scroll down to NE MN Women's Organization (WELCA).

May we all celebrate July 4th as we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.

Blessings,
Janet Marr, Secretary

BOOK CLUB



The book for August is "Hang the Moon" by Jeanette Walls and we will meet on August 3rd 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!

"GIRLS MATTER PERIOD" WORKSHOP



"Girls Matter Period" is having a Thrivent workshop sponsored by Jan Darnell on Tuesday, July 11th from 9am to noon in our Fellowship Hall. Free t-shirts while they last. Please join us for sewing and non-sewing tasks. If you like to sew, please bring your machine. Contact Sue Carlson at sueandbrianc@hotmail.com or 952-356-7516 with any questions.

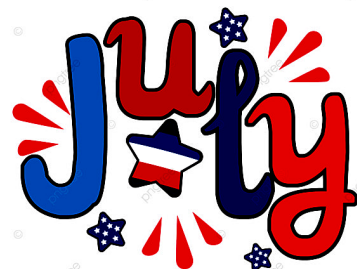
JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Josh Foote, Kyle Oltmann, Rosie Pearson,
Maggie Sargent, 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 Konnie O'Neil, 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, Trace Narum
7/14 Mercedes Engstrom, Eric Gyllenblad, Roger Mastin
7/15 Piper Sargent, Cindy Sawyer
7/16 Bryan Held, Cooper Henning, Chip Lohmiller
7/17 Joanne Huckle, Kay Schuette, Paul Tender
7/18 Peyton Mileski
7/19 Braydyn Brynteson, Barbara Chapin
7/20 Bobbi Anderson
7/21 Brad Person
7/22 Pat Bengston, Kellie Luzar, Darrell Swanson
7/23 Lynn Engman
7/24 Sydney Balmer
7/25 Brandon Andersen
7/26 Anna Larson, JoAnn Maas, Madison Michaelson,
Penny Skog, James Strampe, Don Wetter
7/27 Joel Harmala
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
7/21 Tim & Natalee Bray
7/24 Michael & Joanna O'Neil
Mike & Cindy Myogeto
7/25 Roland & Mary Hirman
7/27 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.**



THANK YOU

To each and everyone of you who helped Ted & I these past months—a hug, offers of help, staying with Ted, food, cards, and many other gestures—And then now helping to give Ted such a beautiful memorial service—From the flags outside, to the meal served by the women of the church. Ted's sons and families were so impressed with all your friendliness, generosity, and kind expressions. Thank you, Thank you; I shall be forever grateful to you all. - Helen Silva

Thank you for all of the support that has been given to me over the past years growing up. I appreciate the towel, first aid kit and financial help that will all help me in this next chapter of my life! - Quinn Trottier

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism 8:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	3 Men's 500 Card Group 9 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm Church Office open 9 am – Noon	4 4th of July Holiday No church activities Church Office closed.	5	6 Summer Stretch 8-4 pm Marketing 9 am Communion Service at Whitefish at the Lakes 2 pm	7 Committee Budgets due.	8	
9 Worship 8:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship: Grandchildren / Grandparent Sunday. Worship with Holy Communion, and Commissioning for Mission Trip	10 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Executive Committee 4:30 A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	11 Summer Stretch 8-4 pm Girls Matter Workshop 9 am -Noon Staff meeting 10 am Outdoor Worship Committee Noon Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	12 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	13 Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall Noon-6 pm Facilities Comm. 2:30 pm Endowment meets in Fireside Room 4 pm	14 Youth mission trip to Idaho thru July 23rd	15 "Night Under the Stars" at Camp Knutson 4:30 pm	
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23 Christmas in July Worship 8:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion Lakes Area Music Festival Concert 2 pm	24 Jul Fest Workshop 9 am Quilters 9 am Men's 500 Card Group 9 am Altar Guild 10:30 am A.A.-Fireside Room 7 pm	25 Staff meeting 10 am Mahjongg Group - Garden Room 1 pm	26 Bible Study 10 am Bell Choir Noon Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm Choir practice 4:30 pm	Vacation Bible School July 17-20, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm			27
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