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### WORSHIP

**“IN-CAR” OUTDOOR WORSHIP** Services continue each Sunday at 10 AM at our outdoor worship site at 14019 Daggett Pine Road. At this service, we are following the MN Department of Health guidelines which means we need to remain in our cars at all times and when proper social distancing is maintained between cars, then the windows can be rolled down. We are grateful for this opportunity to gather in cars, but please join us only if you feel it is safe and responsible for you to do so!

**ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Sunday's worship service will be on our website: [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) by Sunday morning at 9:30AM. Click on the word Vimeo on the main page. It is also posted on Crosslake Lutheran Church's Facebook page. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on Mondays at 7 pm for those with Crosslake Cable access on Channel 62 for anyone with a set top box or on Channel 58.62 for anyone without a box.



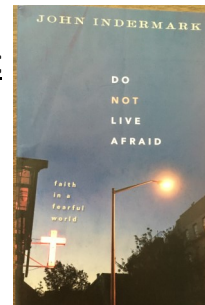
## PASTORS' PAGES



### Do Not Live Afraid!

That is the title of the book that we are going to study together this fall. Back in March, when Covid began, I'm not sure any of us thought that we would still be living with physical distancing and all the uncertainty of today; then, add in the tensions and violence that arose from our home state surrounding the tragedy of George Floyd, and there is much that can cause us to be afraid. The subtitle of the book is **faith in a fearful world**. We know that there are many times in the Bible when we hear promises about not being afraid – this book is about living while acknowledging natural fear, but not letting it stop us or paralyze us.

Through reading this book together, discussing it with scripture at our Bible studies, and a preaching series this fall, the Holy Spirit will guide us even more to **live by trust and not fear as disciples of Jesus Christ**. And the helpful thing about this book is that it was actually written in 2009, so if you're hesitant that the last thing you want to do is read more about COVID-19, etc., don't worry that's not in the book! It's general enough that it can apply to any circumstance of our lives, whatever fear you may be facing whether it's a common one in our society right now or not.



This book is written by a United Church of Christ pastor, John Indermark, and here is what he shares in the introduction: *Fear is a great motivator, but it is not a saving one. Fear can generate many things, but it cannot generate the gospel's core: love. With remarkable frequency, the first word God speaks to individuals and groups poised at the edge of momentous decision or holy encounter is this: "Do not be afraid. Do not fear." Lives empowered by that decisive word find their fullest expression when we do not live afraid.*"

Join us for Bible study on this book at the Outdoor shelter on Wednesday mornings or Zoom on Tuesday evenings; *see inside the newsletter for more detailed information on Bible Study.*

Worship will continue at the Outdoor Site and on-line through October, and the Smart Team continues to meet to plan for what is necessary as time goes along. We are all wondering when the church facility will be open again and wish we had an answer or a date, but we just don't. Planning too far ahead just can't be done because we don't know what the circumstances will be in our community in the future. We have to balance many factors, and we work hard to do that in the best ways possible with information, prayer, creativity, and much conversation. We have found a way to offer drive by Communion safely at the Outdoor worship site beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, so at the end of that service, all who wish to do so can receive the bread and wine of Christ as they leave worship. We will have all the necessary precautions in place to do this safely.

Thank you for your continued participation and encouragement of one another as the body of Christ in these unusual days. I am thankful to be a part of our church that uplifts and upholds one another as we try to navigate these tricky times with creativity and flexibility for the health and wholeness of all.

I'm looking forward to our fall theme as we **Do Not Live Afraid!** together –

Pastor Kristin



# God's work. Our hands.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, congregations across the country and beyond will observe "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This year our church — and our world — are living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. But the need is great, and God's church is at work. As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if such acts of service look different this year.

## Service in the time of COVID-19

Our worship, both outdoor and online, will be highlighting a few of our members who have not let COVID 19 stop their willingness to let God use their hands to reach a need in our area. We encourage you to make a special effort to do something new in service to others or God's creation. Look around at the members of Crosslake Lutheran or community who could use some help or connection. You could scan the Crosslake Lutheran

directory and surprise someone with a caring phone call or physically distanced visit. Or, roll up your sleeves and get to work with activities such as: lawn mowing, window washing, raking, chopping wood, clearing brush, painting, weeding, planting, washing cars, clearing gutters, pick up litter to care for creation and beautify your community. You all have such beautiful gifts to share with world. Thank you for the many ways you celebrate "God's Work Our Hands" - Pastor Kurt

### **BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!**

YES, even with this unusual year of Covid and its restrictions, some in our community are especially in need of a helping hand. Our annual Blessed Program, budgeted through our 3G (Gather, Grow, Go) Fund, once again seeks your help in identifying individuals/families/nonprofit organization that could benefit from a monetary boost! The Blessed Program will be announced at the Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> service. We hope to have four individuals/groups volunteer to personally gift \$250 each to someone in need (unemployed, medical or household expenses).\*\*\* Please consider being the hands and face from our congregation to personally give this financial gift that shows our church cares for them. If you are unable to attend the September 13<sup>th</sup> service, please call Becky Kalton, 218-820-8114, for information. *"It is more blessed to give than receive."* Acts 20:35

\*\*\*Please note that if we have more than 4 teams of people step forward for people in need, we will take a special offering on September 20, so that we can give more away this year for individuals/families/nonprofits in need!

## **DO NOT LIVE AFRAID: FAITH IN A FEARFUL WORLD BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, September 15, 6PM	Fear & Faith	On Zoom
Wednesday, September 16, 10AM	Fear & Faith	Outdoor Shelter
Tuesday, September 22, 6PM	God's Presence, Favor, Advocacy	On Zoom
Wednesday, September 23, 10AM	God's Presence, Favor, Advocacy	Outdoor Shelter
Tuesday, September 29, 6PM	For the Sake of Trust	On Zoom
Wednesday, September 30, 10AM	For the Sake of Trust	Outdoor Shelter
Tuesday, October 6, 6PM	For the Sake of Vocation & Witness	On Zoom
Wednesday, October 7, 10AM	For the Sake of Vocation & Witness	Outdoor Shelter
Tuesday, October 13, 6PM	For the Sake of Justice & Transformation	On Zoom
Wednesday, October 14, 10AM	For the Sake of Justice & Transformation	Outdoor Shelter

Join us for Bible Study, you don't have to read the book in order to participate! **We do need you to sign up if you are coming to the Outdoor Shelter, as there's a limit of 20. You can sign up on Sign up Genius on the Website or call the church office.** It's okay if you have to miss a session or two, come when you can! Brenda has ordered 20 copies of the book that are first come first serve in the office, give the church office a call to reserve a book. You can make an appt. to come and pick them up. They are \$16 a piece. You can also order them through Upper Room Books on-line.

## **FALL WORSHIP**

<b>Sunday, September 13</b>	<b>God's Work. Our Hand's. &amp; Blessed to Be a Blessing beginning announcement &amp; New Members</b>
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	<b>Do Not Live Afraid: Fear and Faith &amp; Honoring 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Couples</b>
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>	<b>Do Not Live Afraid: God's Presence, Fear, Advocacy ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP AT OUTDOOR</b>
<b>Sunday, October 4</b>	<b>Do Not Live Afraid: For the Sake of Trust Commitment Sunday for Pledge Cards</b>
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	<b>Do Not Live Afraid: For the Sake of Vocation &amp; Witness</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>Do Not Live Afraid: For the Sake of Justice &amp; Transformation</b>

## YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Thanks to all who ordered and helped with our PEACH fundraiser! We appreciate you!

**PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL AND EMAIL** FOR UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS. WITH ALL THE CHANGES AND SCHOOL SCHEDULES, WE ARE NAVIGATING A PATH FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TO HAPPEN! We are so fortunate to have our outdoor space to meet at. We will be scheduling grade level meetings out there this Fall and ask for your patience as we figure out how this will look, and the safest way to meet.

We are looking for adults who would consider being a small group leader. Please contact Pat ASAP! We will have a Small Group Leader Meeting soon! MORE SOON! - Pat Netko, Youth Director

### NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- John & Mary Knight in the death of their niece, Michelle Fritz, on August 5th.
- Gail & Larry Smith in the death of Gail's dad, Lloyd Lindholm, on August 21st in Barnesville, MN.
- The family of Stanley Blaisdell in their loss & sorrow. Stanley passed away on August 21st in Hutchinson, MN. A memorial service will be held at Crosslake Lutheran In-Car Worship Center on Saturday, September 19th at 1 pm.
- The family of Carol Repp in their loss and sorrow. Carol passed away on August 22nd in Brainerd. A memorial service will be held at Crosslake Lutheran In-Car Worship Center on Friday, September 18th at 1 pm.
- Buck & Nancy Westerberg in the death of Buck's sister, Bobbie Bergman, on August 23rd in Lakeville, MN.

### COMMUNION AT IN-CAR OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We have found a way to offer drive by Communion safely at the Outdoor worship site beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, so at the end of that service, all who wish to do so can receive the bread and wine of Christ as they leave worship. We will have all the necessary precautions in place to do this safely. We will have communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

### STAY CONNECTED

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** One of the main ways we have been keeping everyone updated on ministry activities that are happening is through email. Every Saturday we send out an email to all congregation members containing the details for Sunday worship. If you have not been receiving our emails, we either don't have an email address for you, or the one we have is incorrect. Please call the church office (218-692-3682) or Brenda LaRock-Office Manager (218-232-1220) and let her know your email.

**The church building remains closed at this time and the church staff continues to work from home. If you have a pastoral need, you can reach Pastor Kristin at 952-200-1249 or Pastor Kurt at 218-839-2931. If you have an office need, please call Brenda LaRock at 218-232-1220.**

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## Why we exist: our Mission and Purpose

*The mission of Women of the ELCA, in all its expressions, is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. All efforts of the women's organization should support this mission. The statement of purpose of Women of the ELCA further expands on that mission, identifying ways in which we support that mission:*

*As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

*All efforts of the women's organization, in all its expressions, should be done in order to accomplish this purpose. All who participate in the organization must agree to this purpose. When women gather together, many amazing things can be accomplished. When women gather together in our organization, all of their work should be measured against our mission and purpose.*

**Reflecting on our Mission and Purpose and the Covid-19 pandemic, our tentatively scheduled meeting at 1:00 p.m. on September 10<sup>th</sup> to be held in our cars at the Crosslake Lutheran Church Outdoor Worship space has been postponed indefinitely.**

Do you want to sustain the community that is a hallmark of Women of the ELCA? Then join Dear Friend in Christ, a unique letter exchange project to which all participants are invited. Questions like: How is Jesus Christ sustaining you during the global pandemic? Or, What words of encouragement can you offer the person who receives your letter? Go to: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/receiving-a-handwritten-letter-is-as-special-as-a-gift> website for instruction.

LOVE means acting boldly on our faith. Our community of women called to discipleship in Jesus Christ is to build on a foundation of friendship, faithfulness and hope for our future projects together. The Covid-19 pandemic is starting to undermine that foundation so a monthly **Faithful Friends Giving Program** has been established. To sign up go to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org> Online at the WELCA.org website a community of women come together every Tuesday at noon for a **Call to prayer**.

Peace in Christ.

## **GREETING CARDS FOR SALE**

The Ink Spots have been busy creating greeting cards this last year and have had requests for their cards. With Jul Fest being cancelled this year, we have permission to sell the cards by appointment at the Havirs. If you are interested, please call Kris Havir at 763-245-0676 for more information. Face masks and social distancing will be required as well as signing in. Thank You!



## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 27 after the 10AM Outdoor Worship is the Annual Meeting! Join us for our Annual Meeting, Sept. 27, 2020, after the 10:00 Outdoor worship service. We will be celebrating God's ministry through us, voting on church leadership and the 2020 budget. Watch for your packet in the mail!

**REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Please have your Annual Reports to Brenda by Monday, September 14th. Thank you!



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

On Sunday, September 20th we will be recognizing and honoring the following couples in our congregation who celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2020: John & Gail Boline, Rick & Shirley Johnson, Jerry & Vicki Kopplin, Ken & Sharon Mulder and Terry & Vicki Nygaard.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Care N Share in Emily is a non profit organization making meals every Wednesday for the surrounding community. We serve over 200 meals every Wednesday. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from noon - 2pm to help bag the meals. Due to the CDC regulations we can only have 10 ppl on site at a time. All volunteers are to wear masks and a baseball type hat. Care N Share is located in the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Please contact Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 Or [lorinelson@brainerd.net](mailto:lorinelson@brainerd.net) for more information or to sign up for any Wednesday. We invite you to come and be apart of serving our community.

## THANK YOU

Dear Crosslake Lutheran church family,

Dave and I want to thank you all for your support, love and prayers that carried us through my recent surgery. I am doing well, healing and getting stronger every day. Stay well and safe please and know that your kindness has been so much appreciated. God's blessings to all.—Ann & Dave Schrupp

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Crosslake Cares Help Line:** A community-wide call in help line is now open from 1-5 pm daily (Monday-Friday) if you have questions about area resources in light of COVID-19. This line is for non-medical, non-emergency use only. It can also be used if you would like to volunteer. A Crosslake Lutheran staff will be answering this phone line—218-513-0131.

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

**Meals on Wheels:** For Meals on Wheels contact Jeanne 218-851-7033. Frozen and daily delivery available. It's based out of Immaculate Heart Catholic Church until the Crosslake Community Center re-opens.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Leo Bolz-Andolshek, Hunter Goerges, Michael Lommen, Jeff Lundborg, Lorraine Northagen, Elizabeth Pulsifer
- 9/2 Brandon Anderson, Jack Hennies
- 9/3 Sarah Ostroviak, Perry Caspers, Evan Morgan
- 9/4 Orion Ball, Bonnie Benson, Paisley Gerdes, Ken Hersey
- 9/5 Britta Bittner, Pam Goerges
- 9/7 Dan Beavers, Cookie Schultz
- 9/8 Michael Haar, Debbie Patrick
- 9/9 Marty Kassahn, Madeline Pederson
- 9/10 Gail Bancroft, Chad Ekeberg, Bob Erickson, Brad Mesenbrink, Austin Mesenbrink, Kassi Owens, Susan Swanson
- 9/11 Bill Abbott, Joyce Lindner, Dean Schliek
- 9/12 Rocky Chapin, Christopher Clasen, Austin Nelson, Herb Nelson, Doug Rolighed
- 9/13 Colby Andersen, Kayla Joyce, Reed Mainquist, Jeanne Thull
- 9/14 Griffin Andersen, Kaitlyn Geschwill
- 9/15 Jeff Benson, Lory Delgehausen
- 9/16 Carol Kraft, Michael Myogeto, David Nordgren
- 9/17 Megan Nordgren, Joel Schramm
- 9/18 Bonnie Julian, John Rappath
- 9/19 Willis Berndt, Curt Johnson
- 9/20 Lilix Gustafson, Terry Koch, Steve Laak
- 9/21 Carolyn Hegna, Jordan Schommer
- 9/22 Carrie Harmala, Margaret Heggerston, Larry Koenig, Lora McChesney
- 9/23 Dave Delgehausen, Jason Nelson, Walker Spray, Adele Suomela
- 9/24 Brian Berglin, Arlen Johnson, Jude Johnson, Sharon Thorson
- 9/25 David Dickinson, Doris Palmer
- 9/26 Karen Zeile
- 9/27 Emma Ekeberg, Jody Wolf
- 9/28 Brittney Engblom, Corey Ledin
- 9/29 Eugene Courneya, Holly Frederick, Eleanor Heggerston, Rich Reese
- 9/30 Kay Antos, Roberta Flohr, Scott Siemers

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/2 John & Marilyn Carlson  
Kenneth & Gloria Digre  
Ralph & Carole Taylor
- 9/3 Dave & Julie Schwarze
- 9/6 Jim & Diana Gallaway  
Mark & Lori Johnson  
Paul & Cindy Johnson
- 9/7 Brad & Becky Mesenbrink
- 9/9 Robert & Kathleen Bahma
- 9/10 Buck & Karla Garin  
Marty & Schondra Kassahn  
Roy & Carol Kraft  
Adam & Courtney Thull
- 9/11 Ryan & Christne Schultz
- 9/12 Willis & Glenda Berndt  
Brian & Linda Gates
- 9/15 Don & Jacque Glas
- 9/18 Kevin & Donna Larson  
Allen & Julie Rose
- 9/20 Gerald & Elaine Gilbert
- 9/22 Mike & Christy Potocki
- 9/23 Marlin & June Gens
- 9/24 Jared & Lori Bernu  
Larry & Kristin Geschwill  
Miles & Patricia Johnson  
Michael & Shari Monahan
- 9/25 Justin & Kaycie Tohm
- 9/26 Ken & Sharon Mulder
- 9/29 Rocky & Barb Chapin  
Joel & Nina Knippel  
Steven & Paulette Wilske

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



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We are hosting the **Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 8th, from Noon to 6 pm.**

If you would like to volunteer to work a portion of the blood drive, or if you want

to make an appointment to give blood, please call Brenda in the office. *"Give blood—it saves lives!"*



**American  
Red Cross**



# FINANCIALS

## 2020 Financial Report

<u>July:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 34,923	\$ 50,762	\$ (15,839)		\$ 323,082	\$ 337,346	\$ (14,264)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 51,964</u>	<u>\$ 58,834</u>	<u>\$ 6,870</u>		<u>\$ 318,521</u>	<u>\$ 334,768</u>	<u>\$ 16,247</u>
Difference:	\$(17,041)	\$ (8,072)	\$ (8,969)		\$ 4,561	\$ 2,578	\$ 1,983

In the month of **July**, expenses exceed revenues by \$17,041.

YTD's performance is \$1,983 more than budget, because revenues are \$14,264 less than budget and expenses are also \$16,247 less than budget.

## CAMP KNUTSON SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 2nd, we received \$2,450 in offerings for Camp Knutson. Thank you so much for your generosity to this special ministry!

## OUTDOOR SMALL GROUP SPACE INFORMATION

If you would like to sign up your ministry group to use the outdoor space (20 people or less), please call Brenda, so she can reserve it for you. Brenda will also make sure a host is there so that proper guidelines are followed for meeting. The host will teach your group leader, so that in future meetings the leader can facilitate the proper Covid 19 protocols. You may bring your own personal food and drink, but none to share with the group, sorry! The maximum time a group can use the outdoor shelter space is one and a half hours.

## "FIRST EVER" NE MN SYNOD ONLINE QUILT AUCTION!

The Northeastern Minnesota (NEMN) Synod Quilt Auction usually takes place each year at the annual Synod Assembly gathering. In 2020, our 21st year, we are in a new reality due to Covid-19 restrictions, but new possibilities have opened to us and we are excited about the possibility of sharing our quilts with a new and wider audience through our on-line auction. The quilt team is a part of our synod's Hunger, Justice and Rural Life Team and the goal is to raise awareness and financial support to fight against the root causes of hunger, injustice and poverty. **ALL** of the money raised during the auction is donated for that purpose to the ELCA Hunger Appeal. The name for the auction is "Wrapping our Quilts around Hunger 2020". The Auction will begin on **Wednesday, September 9th** and end on **Saturday September 12th**. After the Auction: If you are the winning bidder, the NEMN Quilt Auction Team will coordinate with the quilt donor to ship you your winning item(s). There is a \$10 fee added to each winning bid to help cover the cost of shipping your quilt. Any quilts that are able to be hand delivered to the winning bidder will be coordinated with the donating person/congregation, and the \$10 fee will be considered a donation towards the ELCA World Hunger appeal. All the information you need to know about the auction can be found at this link: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/iaK/> . Spread the words to your family and friends and help make this auction a success!

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\*All activities at Outdoor Worship space unless noted otherwise

- September 8 Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall 12-6 pm
- September 10 Roofing Meeting 9 am
- September 12 Schommer/Carlson Wedding, off-site
- September 13 Sunday Worship 10 am: God's Work. Our Hand's, "Blessed to Be a Blessing",  
New Members being received
- September 14 Committee Annual Reports due
- September 15 Finance Committee 4:30 pm, Church Council meeting 7 pm
- September 16 Bible Study 10 am, Endowment Meeting 3 pm
- September 18 Memorial Service for Carol Repp 1 pm
- September 19 Memorial Service for Stanley Blaisdell 1 pm
- September 20 Sunday Worship 10 am: "Do Not Live Afraid: Fear and Faith" and Honoring  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Couples
- September 23 Mission & Ministry Investment 11:30 am
- September 27 Sunday Worship 10 am: "Do Not Live Afraid: God's Presence, Fear,  
Advocacy". ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP.

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please call Brenda, so she can reserve it for you.**

## NE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY—ELECTION OF NEW BISHOP

The NE MN Synod Assembly occurred over Zoom on August 28-29. We thank Karen Christofferson for being our voting member. At the assembly we elected a new bishop because Bishop Tom Aitken had served 12 years as our bishop at that's the term limit for the bishop in our synod. After 5 ballots, we prayerfully elected Pastor Amy Odgren. She's been one of the bishop's assistants in the synod office for around three years or so, and now is Bishop Elect. We will keep her, Bishop Tom, and our whole synod in our prayers through this time of transition.



We also had a great worship and speakers celebrating the year of 50-40-10. The whole ELCA is celebrating these milestone anniversaries of 50 years of the church ordaining women. 40 years of ordaining women of color. 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!