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September 2021

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 26th

After the 9:30 am worship service



Join us for our Annual Meeting after the 9:30 worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating God's mission through us, voting on church leadership, hearing ministry updates, and voting on the 2022 budget.

Watch for your packet in the mail!

PASTORS' PAGES



God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

“God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door. Gifted by you,
we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.”

This is our theme song for **God's Generosity & Our Gratitude** during September. We'll sing this each week in creative and meaningful worship that centers around **God's Generosity** toward us and our response of **Gratitude**. Our worship series will include several great Bible stories of God's generous provision from Jesus feeding the 5,000 also known as the Loaves and Fishes story, to Elijah in the Old Testament, to the Wedding Banquet at Cana. God provides for us in so many ways, most distinctly through the promise of Jesus Christ our Lord. And for those promises we respond with lives of gratitude that include service and praise. Our weekly Bible study of these scriptures and more (see details inside newsletter) will lead us to lives of gratitude.

We hope that you can join us for our Worship and Bible Study series of **God's Generosity & Our Gratitude**. You will especially want to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19, when pastor and artist, Paul Oman will be with us to paint God's Generosity of Feeding the 5,000. It will be a very special worship with art, song, and scripture. Scripture will come to life before our very eyes!

We go back to one worship service at 9:30 AM on Sunday, Sept. 12 with God's work. Our hand's. That's the day we'll begin our **God's Generosity** series, and we'll express **Our Gratitude** through a service project that day offered during fellowship and coffee hour.

In Gratitude for God 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 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.

Kids, Growth, Faith, Wednesdays, and Milestones



My wife Kelly and I have been doing some cleaning and sorting at our house. It included the spot on the top shelf of my office closet. It is the spot that was the drop zone for our kid's "stuff" for more than a decade. The stuff... is papers, projects, binders, artwork, and more primarily from their preschool and elementary education. They are things we hang onto because they represent milestones in our kids lives as they have developed. Binders with the alphabet and words for each letter, the first paragraphs they wrote, and the art projects they did, or in some cases, attempted. Included in that shelf is their first learning of prayer, worksheets on the books of the Bible, and some evidence of early study of the promises given in the Apostles Creed. The list could go on. Going through that brings some vibrant memories, some tears, and also some great joy. We can see their growth and development in life and faith.

Growing Kids, our Wednesday faith formation for K-6 grade, produces some top shelf-worthy items: some art with a big boat, a flood, and a rainbow, colored pictures of Jesus with children in Jesus' lap, worksheets on Jesus being present in the storms of life. This year we will add to the collection opportunity to learn and grow with Milestones Ministry. Simply put, it is learning and sharing with parents and kids together around faith milestones like: learning to pray, exploring worship, interacting with the creed. Please pray for this new emphasis, pray for our kids and their families, and pray for God to continue to rise up leaders making faith experiments and experiences like this happen. Maybe one of those leaders is you!

We will continue with the dependable Faith Five model for all. SHARE. READ. DISCUSS. PRAY. BLESS. While our younger kids experiment with this, our older kids have learned to depend on it. Our senior speakers this spring, Cole, Mikaela, and Ethan all spoke of the power their small groups have had in their lives. Whether processing issues of life or exploring scripture, Faith Five small groups offer a trusted place, maybe the only place, where our 7-12 graders can be honest about themselves and the world they find themselves in. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Kurt

September 22nd - Regular Wednesday Activities Begin!

5:30-6:10 pm: Wednesday supper is served. Family-friendly food! K-12 eat free! There is a suggested donation of \$3 for adults.

6:15-7:00 pm: Wednesday worship begins. K-6th grade will begin in worship and move to "Growing Kids" approximately 6:25 pm. 7-12th Grade Youth Ministry participants are expected to be in worship.

7:00-8:00 pm: 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry

7:00-8:30 pm: 9th-12th Grade Youth Ministry



**God's work.
Our hands.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

We have 3 service projects this year that we will do together after worship!

- Collecting and assembling hygiene kits for 'Sharing and Caring Hands' in Minneapolis
- Making polar fleece tie blankets
- Making cards for our military personnel

We are asking you to donate the following items for the hygiene kits and have them at church by Sunday, September 12th. There is a collection area in the Narthex and hallway.

- SOCKS
- soap
- Toothpaste
- Skin lotion
- Nail clipper
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- Mouth wash
- Wet wipes
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothbrush holder
- Zinc oxide cream
- SOCKS (biggest need)

We will also collect boxes of Diapers (larger sizes), baby wipes, tampons, and feminine pads.

A little bit about Sharing & Caring Hands...

Vision Sharing and Caring Hands was founded in 1985 by Mary Jo Copeland of Minneapolis as a safety-net organization to help those who could not obtain help from the welfare system. We exist as a vehicle for volunteers to commit their time and resources to make a difference in the lives of the people of the community.

Mission Sharing and Caring Hands is a compassionate response to the needs of the poor. We are set up to be a safety-net organization to help with whatever needs are not being met. This includes but is not limited to providing meals, clothing, showers, shelter, transportation help, rent deposits, rent help, medical assistance, dental care, furniture, school expenses, and other miscellaneous needs. Sharing and Caring Hands provides these with dignity, while affirming God's love for all his people regardless of their circumstances. We reaffirm the self-worth of each individual and want to assist in that person reaching his or her greatest potential. Sharing and Caring Hands is an extension of the community to the desperate needs of the poor and exists as a vehicle for volunteers to commit their time and resources towards making a difference in the lives of others. Sharing and Caring Hands stands as an emotional anchor and a beacon of hope to those who are alone, afraid, or in need.





Sunday, September 19—9:30 am Worship
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God's Generosity of Feeding the 5,000.

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Paul Oman, artist and pastor, shares his *Drawn to the Word* artistic ministry with audiences ecumenically across the country. He served as a science teacher, then Lutheran pastor when, in 2011, he took up work as an artistic pastor full-time.

Paul seeks to give new vision to God's Word by using the process of painting to captivate audiences in our visually oriented culture. Painting and drawing have been a part of Paul's life since childhood. Receiving national & international recognition for his work in watercolor, Paul uses this gift to proclaim the Gospel unique and powerful ways that impact lives and inspire mission. Paul works in many settings, including congregations, schools, universities, seminaries, camps, prisons, non-profits, and more. The larger-than-life sized murals are painted with acrylics on stretched canvas.

Paul lives near Amery, Wisconsin with his wife, Jana, and their children.

www.paulomanfineart.com

Join us on Sunday, September 19th during coffee hour to honor the memory of former members Karen & David Jensen on what would have been their 57th wedding anniversary! Karen & Dave had been members of Crosslake Lutheran since 2007 until their deaths in 2018 and 2021. They made many good friends here and had many wonderful memories of their time involved with church activities. Cake will be served, courtesy of their daughters Kristin Tomonovich and Karilyn Jansen.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

Details will be announced Sunday, September 12! Our annual program, budgeted through our 3G (Gather, Grow, Go) Fund, once again seeks 4 individuals/teams in identifying individuals/families/non-profit organization or charity here in our community who could use a \$250 financial blessing. A few past recipients: disabled/low income individuals, temporarily unemployed parents, temporarily homeless families, Community School - books and low income students, veteran family, Women's Shelter, Prison/Jail Ministry... Who do you know that needs a financial blessing? Through YOU our church can be that blessing they could use! If you are not able to attend this service and would like to participate, please contact Becky Kalton, 218-820-8114. *"It is more blessed to give than receive."* Acts 20:35

GOD'S GENEROSITY & OUR GRATITUDE BIBLE STUDY

Along with God's Word, we'll also learn from psychology and research how gratitude creates a life of happiness and wellbeing. You are invited to purchase and read The Little Book of Gratitude. This book, written by Dr. Robert Emmons, a Professor of Psychology is easily accessible delving into the practice of gratitude. We will pair upcoming Scripture for the week with discussion and suggestions from this book. You do not need to purchase or read the book in order to participate in the Bible Study discussion! It's simply a practical tool for those interested in discipleship practices of gratitude. We will purchase some books and have them available for you to buy in the office, the cost is \$8.

Wed. Sept. 15	10 AM	Feeding of the 5,000 Little Book of Gratitude chapters 1 & 2
Wed. Sept. 22	10 AM	Elijah Story – Widow at Zarephath Little Book of Gratitude chapters 3 & 4
Wed. Sept. 29	10 AM	Wedding Banquet at Cana Little Book of Gratitude chapters 5 & 6
Wed. Oct. 6	10 AM	The First Will Be Last and Last First Little Book of Gratitude chapters 7 & 8



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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

- **The family of Carolyn Box in their loss & sorrow.** Carolyn passed away on Saturday, July 31st in Brainerd.
- **The family of Lonna Andolshek in their loss & sorrow.** Lonna passed away on Sunday, August 1st in Crystal, MN.
- **Judy & Carl Weber in the death of her brother, Dave Sanft, on Tuesday, August 3rd in Florida.**
- **Sally & Larry Miller in the death of Sally's brother, Paul Fladland, on August 10th in Grand Forks, ND.**



PASTORAL ACTS

- Memorial Services:** Dick Maas, August 1
Carolyn Box, August 10
Lonna Andolshek, August 20
Al & Gloria Brinkman, August 21
- Baptisms:** Cali Renee–Kay Dumond, August 15
Parents: Joe & Maggie Dumond
Sponsors: Jamie & Melanie Reed

CAMP KNUTSON SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 1st, we received \$2,299.50 in offerings for Camp Knutson. Thank you so much for your generosity to this special ministry!



Jul Fest

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021

8:30 am - 2 pm

Crosslake Lutheran Church

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baked goods & candy

Proceeds benefit many local charities!



It will soon be time for the 44th Jul Fest Bazaar on September 25, 2021. We would like to invite all the women of Crosslake Lutheran Church to be a part of this fun event. The sign-up sheets for the bazaar are on the bulletin board going into the Fellowship Hall. Please stop and see if there is a time slot that would work for you to come and help this event raise monies for our community mission's donation. There are opportunities for you to help on Thursday and Friday, September 23 & 24, prior to the sale as well as the day of the sale, Saturday, September 25. On Tuesday, September 21, ladies will be making lefse in the church kitchen. If you are interested in participating in this fun time— there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

You may not have been able to come to the workshops but we would love to have you join us to make the event a success and meet some new friends! The money earned from the bazaar is donated to over 20 groups around the Crosslake area.

BAKERY NEEDS: We are asking for baked goods to sell at the Jul Fest bazaar so look up some of your good recipes or some new ones you need to try and donate them to the sale. We will be accepting baked goods on Friday, September 24, from 9-11am. One of the favorites of our buyers are the pies you make. Please consider baking one! (We request no cream pies due to the holding time of the sale). Cookies, bars, candies (please package in zip lock bags-no plastic wrap please-no more than one dozen per bag), breads, rolls, jams, jellies, pickles, salsas, etc. We love to see your baked goodies! **If your baked good contains nuts, please place a tag on it to indicate the contents.** If you have any questions please call: Linda Gates or Laurie Ridgley

BREAD BAKERS! We need a few bakers to make Jul Bread for Jul Fest – I have a recipe which makes 3 loaves (I will provide candied fruit and cardamom). Breads can be frozen. Please contact Becky Kalton, rrkrrk@brainerd.net or 218-820-8114. I look forward to talking with you! Special thanks to Kathie Nelson for her 10 years chairing Jul Bread!!

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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

Let's CONNECT!

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 at 6 pm on September 8th!

'God's Work Our Hands' Sunday, September 12th: All youth (7-12th grades) should be at church (9:30 am) for this Fall Service Sunday! We need Parent and Youth leaders for a few of the service projects happening after worship. Join the fun! We will be collecting items for hygiene kits for "Caring and Sharing Hands" in MPLS. Look for the list and collect as much as you can!

Wednesday, September 15th: 6:00 pm Parent/Youth Meeting for ALL 7th – 12th grade families. Lots of info at this meeting. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!

Wednesdays, starting September 22nd: 7th-12th grade Youth Ministry with dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:15 pm. 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 7-8:00 pm; 9th—12th grade 7-8:30 pm.

A Look Ahead!

Sunday, October 10th – 50th Anniversary Brunch – 11th and 12th grade Confirmation students will serve and clean up the brunch as a service project. CONFIRMATION RETREAT starts after the brunch is done.

Wednesday, October 20th – NO Youth Activities or Wednesday Worship (MEA)

Sunday, October 31st – Confirmation

Sunday, October 31st – Trunk 'N Treat

How will Jesus be at work in your life? Get involved and let's explore it together! Call Pat if you have any new ideas or would like to serve in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you!

God is good!

Pat Netko, Youth Director

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

July:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 44,122	\$ 45,498	\$ (1,376)		\$ 371,643	\$ 345,513	\$ 26,130
Expenses:	\$ 54,482	\$ 60,504	\$ 6,022		\$ 312,873	\$ 341,484	\$ 28,611
Difference:	\$ (10,360)	\$ (15,006)	\$ 4,646		\$ 58,770	\$ 4,029	\$ 54,741

In the month of **July**, expenses exceed revenues by \$10,360.



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 \$15,534 less than budget, because revenues would have been \$44,145 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$28,611.

HEART AND SOUL

“Heart & Soul” Evening for Women will be held Thursday, September 2nd, with doors opening at 6 pm. Dr. Fenstad will present *“Dispelling Cardiology Myths”*. Gail Smith will follow with *“Clearing Mind, Body & Spirit Clutter”*. Open to the public.



CAMP KNUTSON WORK GROUP

The group will meet at camp on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 8:30 am. It will be our last work morning of the season—we will meet at the shop and coffee and treats will be served later in the morning. There will be a picnic to thank all volunteers at camp on Monday, September 13th at 5 pm.

Thank You to all of the volunteers who donated their time and talents to Camp Knutson this summer. Although our work was somewhat limited due to Covid-19 protocols and the weather our efforts were appreciated by Camp K. Hopefully next year we will be able to be back to normal operations. I hope to see the returning volunteers and encourage others to join in the fun work experience at Camp Knutson. THANKS AGAIN!

Jeff Benson

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On Sunday, October 10th, we will honor all church members who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in either 2020 or 2021. Please notify the church office if you are one of these couples so we can be sure to include you in this special event!

MATTER OF BALANCE

This class will start September 9th and will continue for 8 weeks on Thursdays from 1-3 pm at Crosslake Lutheran. Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Registration for class is through Crow Wing Energized (www.crowwingenergized.org) and is free and open to the public. See Gail Smith, Parish Nurse, if you have questions.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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



Greetings,

Thanks to those who were able to attend our August General Meeting! Your input was greatly valued and appreciated.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our September 9th, 1:00pm WELCA General Meeting in the Narthex (due to the blood drive in the Fellowship Hall). **The purpose of this meeting is to make a motion to implement the shared operation of the WELCA program at Crosslake Lutheran Church.** WELCA will remain the umbrella under which the various women's committees will operate through the leadership and direction of their current and future chair-person. WELCA will continue with Leadership, Treasury and Secretarial support. I will bring a blueberry coffeecake for dessert and Helen Silva will give our devotion.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and guiding our women and our very active, productive committees as the skills you have given us further your precious name. Amen.

Yours In Christ,

Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair

THANK YOU CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN "GARDENING GALS"

Hope you all have been enjoying the beautiful flowering plants at our Indoor Church. We have a very talented group of gals that garden at our indoor church. Thank You very much for your talents and time. The Gardening Gals include Kris Havir, Linda Gates, Karla Fredrickson, Sue Carlson, JoAnn Maas, Jan Lobben, Kitty Daniels, Kathy Strampe, and Bonnie Benson. Thank you all for your talents and time! Thank you to Laurie Ridgley for caring for the plants at Crosslake Lutheran Outdoor Worship Center.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP



Every girl. Everywhere. Period. Days for Girls Workshop September 7 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 or 952-356-7516.

DIABETES PREVENTION CLASS

This class will be taught by Becky Kalton (via Zoom) 218-820-8114 or email rrkrk@brainerd.net. It starts Tuesday, September 21st, 9-10am for 16 weeks with a year of ongoing work and support. This course is free and open to the community. You can find more information at church. Register online:

<https://crowwingenergized.org/event/lifestyle-change-program-online-zoom-tuesdays-900-am-2/>

HEALTH MINISTRY



“**Heart And Soul**” Evening for Women is coming up soon, Thursday, September 2nd with doors opening at 6 pm. I hope to see you at this yearly event featuring Dr. Eric Fenstad – a cardiologist from Minneapolis Heart Institute (my other work home) who will be speaking on “Dispelling Cardiology Myths”. There are things about women’s heart health that we believe to be true but may not have any basis in fact or science—it could be a carry over from something you heard from a well-meaning friend or even the Internet in a Google search. I will spend the second half of the evening talking about clearing things from our mind, body and spirit that no longer serves us. One of the books of inspiration is “The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning” by Margaret Magnusson, which is an easy but insightful way to clear things from your home before your family is stuck with the job of doing it after death. The evening also includes lots of door prizes and little gifts that remind us to spend time being inspired and for caring for ourselves.

Crosslake Lutheran will also be starting up two of our popular offerings through Crow Wing Energized. “**Matter of Balance**” is an 8-week course that starts on September 9th from 1-3pm that will be taught by Norma and Gina – two very talented educators who will talk about ways to reduce the risk of falls. Even if you have already gone through the course, it is helpful to have a refresher since things can change in terms of strength and flexibility as health changes. As in the past, this course is free because of a grant through Crow Wing Energized. Look for posters around church or check the bulletins for information on how to register; it is also open to the community. Another popular course that will start in September is the **Diabetes Prevention Class** which will be taught by Becky Kalton (via Zoom). It starts Tuesday, September 21st, 9-10am for 16 weeks and then a year of ongoing work and support. Again, this course is free and open to the community. Watch for posters, bulletin announcements and details on how to register for class.

Crosslake Lutheran is also participating in the **Senior Expo** on September 25th by providing volunteers and also being part of the Chili cook-off contest among the area churches. Thank you to Randy & Kristi Morsch for being the captains of the team. Remember to vote for our chili at the Expo! Paulette Wilske and myself will be doing a mini session about memory loss - watch for a new session with “Gertrude” who is trying to cover up the fact that her memory is fading. The Expo will feature a keynote address by Paul Douglas who stepped in after Don Shelby’s illness kept him from attending. There will many vendors, other mini talks and door prizes as well. I know it is the same day as Jul Fest but you can make the rounds with everything that is happening in the city.

Another event still in the planning phase is a **session on Dementia** at the end of September or early October. There will be a presentation on dementia and a panel of caregivers who will talk about challenges in providing full time care. Watch for more details as well. The **Flu Vaccine Clinic** is on for October 26th to get the vaccine in before the flu season hits. By then we may know more about the booster shot process for COVID as well. Many thousand thanks to Jeff Benson who installed some beautiful soap dispensers in key areas in the church. Clean hands are one of the best ways to prevent disease of all types.

I hope that you are thinking about a way to spend winter long before it happens, especially if you have concerns about living alone in semi-isolation as the snowbirds leave. If you need ideas about how to stay safe at home or other options for the winter, please see me.

Blessings,
Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

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, Austin
Mesenbrink, Brad 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, John Callender, Lory Delgehausen
9/16 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 Jacob Buckentin, 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
9/26 Karen Zeile
9/27 Emma Ekeberg, Jody Wolf
9/28 Brittney Engblom
9/29 Eugene Courneya, Holly Frederick, Eleanor Heggerston,
Rich Reese
9/30 Kay Antos, Roberta Flohr

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/2 John & Marilyn Carlson
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
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
Julie & Allen Rose
9/22 Mike & Christy Potocki
9/23 Marlin & June Gens
9/24 Jared & Lori Bernu
Larry & Kristin Geschwill
Michael & Shari Monahan
9/25 Justin & Kaycie Tohm
9/26 Ken & Sharon Mulder
9/29 Rocky & Barbara Chapin
Joel & Nina Knippel
Steven & Paulette Wilske

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





RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

September 9th from Noon-6 pm
Crosslake Lutheran Church

Looking for volunteers to work 2 hour shifts at the registration table or food canteen. Please call the church office if you are interested in helping out!

PANDEMIC PASTIMES

August 31st is the deadline to turn in registrations for our Pandemic Pastimes display which will be in the Fellowship Hall this September. We have a creative God, and we know we have a creative congregation! **If you would like to participate, please complete a registration form found in the weekly bulletins or in the Church Office.** You can begin bringing in your items starting Monday, August 30th. We will collect them in Patricia's office.

Volunteer Opportunities at Care N' Share Café in Emily and Brainerd Soup Kitchen

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35.

Crosslake Lutheran has committed to serving and helping our neighbors at the Care N' Share Café in Emily and the Brainerd Soup Kitchen located on Oak Street. Volunteers are needed. Can You help??

Care N' Share is all about helping our neighbors in the community by providing a free meal every Wednesday. Care N' Share is searching for individuals or a group to join our existing volunteers to assist in packaging meals on Wednesdays from noon – 2pm. No experience necessary! Meals are delivered to about 150 home-bound people within a 30 mile radius of Emily. Pre-reserved meals are also available for pick up at Care N' Share by calling 952-240-7963 by noon and picked up between 1:00 and 2:30 pm on Wednesday. Care N' Share is located in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church on Highway 6 in Emily.

Crosslake Lutheran serves at the Brainerd Soup Kitchen the second Sunday of the Month. **Leaders for Brainerd Soup Kitchen NEEDED for the next several months.** Crosslake Lutheran serves the second Sunday of the month from 12:30 - 1:30 and we are in search of team leads that will plan the menu, shop, prepare the food and clean up at the Soup Kitchen. Serving between 20-25 each Sunday. There are several on the team that are willing to help out with the prep, serving and clean up. Just need teams of two to lead the Sunday. If you are interested or need more information, PLEASE contact Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 or Lorinelson@brainerd.net.



For over 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has been a champion for refugees and migrants from around the globe. Refugees are children, women, and men who have been forced to flee the only home they have ever known, desperately hoping to find safety and stability once again. We believe that every human being should be afforded the same protection we would want for our own loved ones.

That is why LIRS is dedicated to offering newly arrived refugees a warm welcome and a firm footing, in the hopes that our newest neighbors might find peace and prosperity once again. Our legacy of compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have found safety and hope in America's communities. **For information on ways you can help, please visit the website for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service: www.lirs.org**

If you would like to make a financial contribution they have a Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies Fund with a direct link on their website or you can mail the check to them. Not a computer person? Contact the church office, we can help!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS