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NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning Sunday, November 1st, our worship services will be as follows:

Worship in the sanctuary at 9am.

**Parking Lot worship service in our front parking lot
through your car radio at 10:30am.**

Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm—this will be a shorter family service.

**Our on-line worship service continues as well—it will
be a recording of the 9am Sunday worship service and
available for viewing on Mondays.**



PASTOR'S PAGE



November Greetings!

I am delighted about our winter plan for worship and gathering! I hope you received the special mailing that outlines all the details for these options. (It's also on our website.) We are worshipping in the sanctuary on Sundays at 9am or Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm with a shorter family service. We'll continue with a Sunday parking lot service that you can hear through your car radio at 10:30am in our front parking lot and of course an on-line service, too. The fellowship hall is available by reservation for groups and meetings, see information about Faith & Fellowship on Wednesday mornings inside the newsletter. We can continue with these indoor plans as long as the positivity rate for our county remains below fifty; as I write this it is at thirty one, so we do need to remain vigilant with our safe daily practices!

Along with these exciting upcoming plans come some other updates about our great church facility. First, the bad news: our roof project has been delayed. Unfortunately, the high quality shingles that we intended to use and still want to use, aren't all available as they need to be from one lot of production. This is just another fallout from COVID. I'm sure we've all had a delay of something that we aren't able to get because of COVID and now, you can unfortunately add shingles to the list, too! So, instead of settling for lower quality shingles or shingles that don't all match in color, we are choosing to wait until Spring. By then, we should have the high quality shingles all from one lot, and our contractor will honor the original bid and also help monitor and take care of snow on our roof this winter. We are thankful to be working with an honest, good, local contractor who wants the job to be done well and in the right way!

Now, here's the good news! There are two new opportunities as we open our sanctuary and fellowship hall for enhancements that the pandemic has made more of a priority for us: new cameras for recording the service and furnaces with high quality filters. If you are one who likes to give an extra gift near the end of the year for a specific item, we offer you the property fund as a place to do this, as this fund will go for new cameras and furnace improvement as necessary. The cameras we currently have don't have High Definition recording ability, and most screens are High Def these days, whether a TV screen or computer screen. With so many people continuing to watch our service whether it's because of the pandemic or the weather, it would be tremendous to have new cameras for our church. A ball park range for new cameras is around \$20,000. The council has requested 2 different quotes for a new camera system. We are grateful for the two memorials already starting to fund the new cameras!

And a second need is for furnace upgrades including high grade air filters. These filters will make the air quality much better, and they do filter viruses and bacteria. We can't guarantee

they will take COVID 19 out of the air, but either way, the air quality will be much improved and healthier all the way around. This would be a terrific upgrade for our congregational health! Both the furnace upgrades and camera project are in committee discussions at this point, but we want the congregation to know about giving opportunities!

This year has really been topsy turvy, but you have continued to faithfully worship, pray, give, and engage as the wonderful people of God that you are, and in this month of Thanksgiving, that is truly one of the things at the very top of my gratitude list.

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3-5)

In Gospel Partnership –

Pastor Kristin

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 1, our newest saints who have passed into glory this past year will be recognized.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom

Wednesdays at 10am in Fellowship Hall

Beginning Tuesday, November 10th and Wednesday, November 11th, we will have Faith & Fellowship during Bible Study time. This is an opportunity for people to gather together for a short devotion. Then there will be a question or two and conversation can slowly evolve into fellowship time to catch up with one another or maybe even meet someone new! The emphasis is on fellowship – the connections with one another that we have been missing at coffee hour and doughnut/cookie time! At the end, people will be invited to share any prayer concerns before the prayer is prayed. We hope that snowbirds will join in and stay connected as they can! Also, if you've never tried Bible Study, but think that this sort of devotion and fellowship time might be more your thing, give it a try! This is intended to be light hearted, a pick me up, and a way for us to feel more connected with one another, especially through the months of November and December, when we may be experiencing the holidays a bit differently this year.



STAY CONNECTED

— WINTER ADDRESSES — Going away for the winter? Please call or email the church office (clc@crosslake.net) with your winter address and the dates you are leaving & coming back. This will ensure you receive church mailings while you are gone! The post office doesn't forward 4th class mail (newsletter, etc.) Thank you! ~ Brenda LaRock, Office Manager

FINANCIALS

2020 Financial Report

September:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 43,609	\$ 48,977	\$ (5,368)		\$ 406,496	\$ 435,929	\$ (29,433)
Expenses:	\$ 42,694	\$ 47,454	\$ 4,760		\$ 402,529	\$ 430,951	\$ 28,422
Difference:	\$ 915	\$ 1,523	\$ (608)		\$ 3,967	\$ 4,978	\$ (1,011)

In the month of **September**, revenues exceed expenses by \$915.

YTD's performance is \$1,011 less than budget, because revenues are \$29,433 less than budget and expenses are also \$28,422 less than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

HEALTH MINISTRY

The 2020 Flu Vaccine clinic was a success with more than 65 vaccines given in 3.5 hours. Thank you for your willingness to protect yourself and others from a flu season that can be challenging in light of COVID-19. Despite the weather and protocols to protect from infection, it seemed to go smoothly and quickly. If anyone has any concerns about how the clinic was managed, please call me. A special thank you to Ginny Hersey for helping with the flow of the clinic.



Thank you to everyone who is continuing to check in on folks either through programs like the Befriender ministry or as a member of a caring congregation. This time has been especially difficult for those who are in need of grief support, illness and caregiver needs, and just general anxiety about COVID and the world in general. I am so thankful to be a part of a loving faith community and know that together we can get through this time.

The holiday season can be difficult especially for those who have experienced loss and with the concerns about gathering in groups, we will have to find new ways to connect. I will miss my Thanksgiving family gathering but know that when we can be together again, it will be especially precious. Please find ways to celebrate the season in new ways that give meaning like writing cards to all those in long-term care. They have been especially impacted because of isolation from family and staff will appreciate any assistance in making the holidays bright. Cards can be made out with messages of hope and information about the world outside of their walls.

During this time of being at home, it may be a time to consider what needs to stay and what can be let go of in terms of mind, body and spirit. Having to clean out two households after deaths this year, I am committed to not leaving a big mess for others to figure out how to clear out. Baby steps since things have emotional connections for many folks. What can you clear out in terms of practices, beliefs, stuff and ideas in this time of being at home and what gives life and meaning?

Thank you again to the many church family friends who have supported me and the Health Ministry program in this past year- you are a special group of people who show Christ's love every day. - Gail Smith, Parish Nurse

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

As I am writing this, Trunk 'N Treat has not happened yet. I would like to thank, in advance, everyone that helped in any way – decorating a trunk, helping with traffic flow and parking, donating gift cards and candy, etc. Your willingness to adapt to location change and abide by all the Covid Rules helped make this event happen joyfully. It is greatly appreciated by all!

In late August, September and October, we were able to meet at our great outdoor worship space. We had great fun playing kickball and croquet and shared some good conversations and devotions in the shelter. With the snow and colder weather, we will now be able to meet in the Fellowship Hall. Masks must be worn and social distancing rules apply.

Our November Youth Ministry schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th and 18th -

5-6:10 pm 7-8th grades Youth Ministry

6:15 worship

6:45 (after worship) – 8 pm 9-12th grades Youth Ministry

Please note: There will be no Wednesday meals served at church at this time.

NO Youth Activities Wednesday, November 25th.

Pictured below are our awesome youth stuffing 400 treat bags for Trunk 'N Treat!



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- Carl & Judy Weber in the death of Carl's sister, Barbara Goetcke, on October 21st in Inver Grove Heights, MN.
- Kitty Daniels (Fallgren) in the death of her husband, Don, in Arizona on October 20th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

CROSSLAKE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross blood drive is scheduled at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church (35208 County Road 37-Crosslake) on Thursday, November 19th from Noon-6 pm. To make an appointment or for questions, please call Sharon at 218-851-3263.



Greetings,

We have so much to be thankful for – our possessions, our family and friends, our health and abilities, our time, etc.

In the early 1800s women formed a cent society as a fundraising tool to support church projects and foreign missionaries. This tradition continues today. Lutheran women have a time-honored way to practice giving thanks. The month of November is set aside for the Women of the ELCA to Give Thanks to God through Thankofferings. Some women keep the practice of setting aside daily offerings throughout the year, and then joining all those daily offerings into one with those of other women in the community.

Things are a bit different this year so many among us will be making our offering through prayers of thanksgiving in private; others will use the envelope that we have attached to this newsletter to submit your offering by placing it in the collection plate or by placing it in the mail to Crosslake Lutheran Church (please write “Thankoffering” on the memo line); you may give online to welca.org/give or you may give by phone, calling the ELCA directly at 800-638-3522.

This month is truly a time to be Thankful!

Peace in Christ.

Kathy Bahma, WELCA Co-Chair

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

This year’s Blessed to be a Blessing invitation to be the hands on behalf of our congregation to deliver \$250 (provided from the “Gather, Grow, Go” Fund) to a person, family or nonprofit organization in need of a financial blessing here in our community was accepted joyfully by the following members:

Karen Senst – gifted to a pregnant young woman who could no longer stay in her family home.

LuAnn Nelson – gifted to a widowed senior with multiple medical needs.

Gloria Kroeger – gifted to a nonprofit organization, Soulful Horse in Pequot Lakes, whose founders are Abbie Schramm, Stephanie Kirkham and Stefanie Arneson. The mission of Soulful Horse is to help in healing and recovery, through love, hope and strength the tender souls of horses and children in crisis by bringing them together to heal each other. For more information, check out their Facebook page – Soulful Horse.

Joe Wiltsey – gifted to a veteran in recovery with a school-aged child. Russ Philstrom of the Wounded Warriors Program, a nonprofit organization, shared the struggles of this vet, but also of his determination to provide a stable home for his child. For more information, check out woundedwarriorproject.org.

These members shared their stories October 4 and 11 at our outdoor worship area on how this \$250 gift blessed those that received it and blessed them for delivering it personally! **Thank you** for putting into action what Jesus called us to do “...he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 James Haferman, Ann Shirey, Carolyn Silcox, Whitney Smetana
11/2 Tim Huckle, Ann Michaelson, Nolan Michaelson, Steve Rogness, Shayna Schmidt, Carl Weber, Dennis West, Joe Wiltsey
11/4 Amy Gitchell, Ginny Hersey, James Marr, Jon Pulsifer, Ted Pederson, Karen Struve
11/5 Viv Kittlesen, Joel Knippel, Shari Monahan, Brandon Pryor
11/6 Sarah Johnson, Erik Larsen, Austin Meister, Emma Nevin
11/8 Natasha Gallett, Cindy Johnson
11/9 Arlene Courneya, Keith Nissen
11/10 Rhett Johnson, Samantha Eichhorst, Michelle Schmidt
11/11 Ethan Ekeberg, Chris Palm
11/12 Joey Dumond
11/13 Jenny Henderson, Amy Lundborg, Kathryn Lundmark, Samantha Nelson
11/14 Mary Knight, Barbara Miller, Blake Millner, Greta Peterson, Betsy Schroeder
11/15 Rachel Allen, Geraldine Gendreau, Warren Heidemann, Patricia Johnson, Phillip Johnson
11/16 Victoria Abbott, Brian Engen, Abbie Schramm
11/17 Bruce Berglin, Holly Burk, Marlene Heidemann, Preston Resch, William Schrader, Colleen Whaley
11/18 Matt Balmer, Grae Henderson, Lee Lanning, Betty Ryan, Emma Wolf
11/19 Stephanie Haider, Chris Olander
11/20 Michelle Benzick, Gail Boline, Amelia Gade-Fletcher
11/21 Wyatt Balmer, David Bengtson, Sharon Corbin, David Johnson(Carol Evenson), Jeffrey McCulloch
11/22 Hannah Bengtson, Jan Laurel
11/24 David Nevin, Lance Squires
11/25 Kristi Kraemer, Arlen Thorsgaard, Linda West
11/26 Gus Bolz-Andolshek, Emily Held, Lois Laurence
11/27 Lauren Schultz, Christopher Swanson
11/28 Sue Carlson, Gerry Schroeder, Loren Smeby, Ralph Taylor
11/29 Nick Gyllenblad, Abigail Meister, Tom Schroeder, Carole Taylor
11/30 Kenneth Schultz, Marie Wagner

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/3 Robert & Paula Buresh
11/4 John & Mary Baudler
11/5 Larry & Bobbi James
11/6 Chuck & Val Squires
Lee & Joyce Lanning
Dennis & Linda West
11/9 Michael & Laurie Ridgley
11/16 Ken & Kim Anderson
11/17 Martin & Carrie Joyce
Robert & Rebecca Kalton
11/23 Tim & Joanne Huckle
11/25 Thomas & Bonnie Julian
James & Virginia Wells
11/27 Jim & Kathy Strampe
11/28 Jeff & Ginny Miller
11/29 Larry & Gail Smith
Don & Barbara Wetter

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



NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 1 All Saints' Sunday: Worship 9 am, Parking Lot Worship 10:30 am
- November 2 Quilters meet 9:30-11 am
- November 4 Bell Choir Noon, Knit Wits 1-2:30 pm, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm, Wednesday Worship 6:15 pm followed by High School Youth Ministry
- November 5 Facilities meeting 10 am, Communion service at *Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living* 2 pm
- November 8 Worship 9 am, Parking Lot Worship 10:30 am
- November 9 Quilters meet 9:30-11 am
- November 11 Faith & Fellowship 10-11 am, Knit Wits 1-2:30 pm, Executive Committee on Zoom 1 pm, Endowment Committee 3 pm, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm, Wednesday Worship 6:15 pm followed by High School Youth Ministry
- November 15 Worship 9 am, Parking Lot Worship 10:30 am
- November 16 Quilters meet 9:30-11 am
- November 17 Ink Spots 9:30-11 am, Finance meeting 4:30 pm, Church Council 7 pm
- November 18 Faith & Fellowship 10-11 am, Knit Wits 1-2:30 pm, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry 5-6:15 pm, Wednesday Worship 6:15 pm followed by High School Youth Ministry
- November 22 Worship 9 am, Parking Lot Worship 10:30 am
- November 23 Quilters meet 9:30-11 am
- November 25 Faith & Fellowship 10-11 am, Knit Wits 1-2:30 pm, No 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry, Wednesday Worship or High School Youth Ministry due to Thanksgiving break
- November 29 Worship 9 am, Parking Lot Worship 10:30 am
- November 30 Quilters meet 9:30-11 am

If you would like to sign up your ministry group to use the Fellowship Hall space, please call Brenda, so she can reserve it for you.



***REMINDER! Daylights Savings Time ends on October 31st
(turn clocks back 1 hour after midnight)***

The church office 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 . If you have an office need, please call Brenda LaRock at 218-232-1220.