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## July 2020

### 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



July Greetings!

We are so pleased to tell you that we are finding more creative ways to meet in person with the blessing of our Outdoor facility! Beginning in July, we will have our Outdoor shelter available for people to gather safely in a small group. Primarily, this will be for Communion Circles, so that we can have a group of ten or less, meet together in conversation, prayer, and to have Holy Communion in an outdoor environment with one of our pastors. These Communion Circles will be offered several times a week in place of Bible Study in hopes that our regular Outdoor or Online worship will be enriched with these face to face gatherings. The Smart Team that's been designated to work through all Covid 19 protocols and procedures for CLC, has been working to put guidelines in place for all small group gatherings at our Outdoor Space. The gatherings will take place under the shelter to protect from rain and intense sun, and we hope to have a wind shield up soon too. While we will be outdoors and striving to maintain the proper distance of six feet at all times, face coverings are never a bad idea and a way to protect those with whom we are meeting. There will be a host at these outdoor gatherings that knows the guidelines for the Communion Circles and other small group gatherings that will make sure guidelines are followed and teach the leader these procedures for ongoing groups, such as each person wiping down their own chair and putting it back, before they leave the space, etc.

If you would like to be a part of a Communion Circle in July or would like to sign up a church ministry group to meet at the Outdoor space in July, please see the details for how to do so further on in the newsletter.

As I write this letter, this newsletter will be sent before our big congregational meeting on the last Sunday in June; but nevertheless, I can still say how thankful I am for our congregation and the generous hearts and hands that we will celebrate at that meeting! How incredible it is, that in the middle of a pandemic we can come together to celebrate how God works to enable us to build a new roof by the end of the year. Of course, we are grateful for the generosity of all who have donated to make that roof a reality; and we're also celebrating all the generous hearts and hands that carry out all the mission and ministry that Christ calls us to do through our facility – all the "God's work. Our hands." that has been sent out from that place – to share God's grace and goodness all the more. With all the work that God has in store for us to keep doing in creative and wonderful ways as Crosslake Lutheran Church into the future, our roof will facilitate God's ministry for many more years to come; we are grateful!

And finally, we are grateful to you! We are thankful for all the ways that you continue to support and engage one another as the body of Christ right now. It's been really different for all of us, and you've been sending hugs in the mail, learning new technologies that might have been out of your comfort zone, and being open to where the Spirit is moving and guiding us in these new ways, so thank you!

I'll close with this Prayer for a Pandemic, that I've found helpful in my own prayer life as we remember people around the world suffering from Covid 19, especially now in developing countries.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

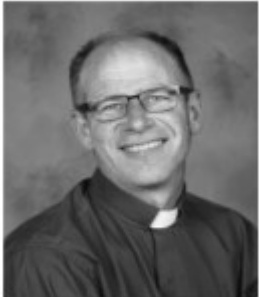
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kristin



Hello Crosslake Lutheran Faith Community,  
The Jesus style innovating continues as we let that powerful Holy Spirit keep breathing possibility into our ministries. Here are some updates on several areas of our children, youth and family ministries.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY NEWS**

**VBS** Because of safety precautions we cannot hold our VBS/Daycamp in our normal way at the outdoor site. But just like us, the staff and counselors at Luther Crest have also been letting that Holy Spirit work too and have launched a program called "Bold Transformational Faith" or "BTF". **This means that Daycamp/VBS will be coming into your houses!** You can pick your week of either August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> or August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. If you can safely do it, you might even want to partner together with another family and have a multi-family VBS/Daycamp experience.

Each day of camp will have a variety of components including pre-recorded videos for your day camper including worships, songfest, arts and crafts, and game ideas to play with their family. There will also be evening Zoom Bible Dives with a camp counselor that your whole family can join in. Supply kits for the crafts and activities are being assembled at Luther Crest and will be mailed to each camper. The theme for the summer is **Go! Make Disciples!** Based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28. **Look for more detailed information and registration to be coming to your email and mailbox soon!**

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY NEWS (CONTINUED)

**Gathering!** We are excited to have the possibility of youth meeting at the outdoor worship facility. In mid-July we will begin to gather, most likely with a couple of our small groups at a time. We will be communicating meeting times and dates via Remind and texting.

**Worship Notes** We have figured out a way to do worship notes online! Go to [crosslakelutheran.com](http://crosslakelutheran.com) and click the ministries tab and select youth. Simply fill in each of the boxes on that page and your worship note will be emailed to church. It will be great for Pat, Pastor Kristin, and Pastor Kurt to hear how life is for you and where God met you in worship. Pat will be texting each youth from 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade with the status of their worship notes. Remember that you need 10 per year but we are happy to receive more.

**First Communion** We sure don't want to keep our fifth graders from the powerful way Jesus comes to us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, even if it is at home. Pastor Kurt will be connecting with each of the fifth graders and parents to find a couple common dates and times in July and/or August so that we can have First Communion classes in the outdoor worship shelter space! It will a fun time of Bible exploration and discussion. All in that great outdoor space!

In Christ,  
Pastor Kurt

**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.**

## 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.

## OUTDOOR SMALL GROUP SPACE INFORMATION

**Communion Circle Sign Up** Communion Circles begin Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8. Communion Circles are Tuesdays at 4:00pm and 6:00pm and Wednesdays at 10:00am and 12:00pm. If you would like to sign up for a Communion Circle, please do so on-line at Sign-Up Genius on our church's website: [crosslakelutheran.com](http://crosslakelutheran.com). Go to: [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) then scroll your cursor over to the top menu "Get Involved" underneath that you will find "Sign-Up Genius" click on that icon to sign up. If you have trouble using Sign-Up Genius or don't have computer access, please call the church office number to reach Brenda and she will sign you up.

**Other Small Group Sign Up** If you would like to sign up your ministry group to use the outdoor space (15 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.

## JUL FEST

We wanted to let everyone know that many of us have been working on Jul Fest projects over the stay-at-home time since we were not able to have our Monday AM workshops. We have had a couple pickup and drop off times. If you are working on projects at home, we will be having a drop off and pickup project time on July 10th from 10:00am-Noon in the fellowship hall. Pricing is being done as items come in. We are doing social distancing and wearing our masks! It is our hopes that there will be some form of a "Jul Fest" sale in late September but, like most events, it is a wait and see how our social situation as a community goes. We will keep you posted. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Ridgley or Linda Gates.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Online at the [WELCA.org](http://WELCA.org) website a community of women come together every Tuesday at noon for a **Call to prayer**. On the same website a monthly Bible Study is being offered. Angela T. Khabeb provided the May 2020 devotional entitled "Plenty Good Room." Her discussions topics were the road to Emmaus; entertaining angels unawares; Psalm 23; hospitality; and, many rooms in my Father's house. Jesus will not socially distance from us! Also on June 22 - the guest blogger, Jennifer Michael spoke about "Participating in Faith Practices offers Hope." Jennifer discussed Psalm 55. Psalm 55:22 Cast your cares on the lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. Especially during our times of unrest.

**How are you loving your neighbor today?** Due to the global coronavirus pandemic WELCA has postponed its Gathering to August 5-18, 2021 and The Executive Board has postponed The Triennial Convention to August 2021. **WELCA meeting is tentatively scheduled for August .**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Josh Foote, Kyle Oltmann, Rosie Pearson, Sarah Sogge, David Wiltsey  
7/2 Barbara Shostak, Al Thorpe, Zeppelin Thull  
7/3 Karen Larson, Joan Riordan, Carrie Sposito  
7/4 Marilyn Carlson, Diana Gallaway  
7/5 Charlie Box, Jonathon Henry, Kevin Larson, Ivan Millard  
7/6 Elsie Anderson, Kelli Engstrom, Maverick Engstrom, Brian Hanson, Gail Nelson  
7/8 Mark Puschinsky  
7/9 Mark Bialon, Marlene Eckholm, Richard Irish, Jessica Koch  
7/10 Hannah Allen, Michael Clasen, Marlene Kjera, Pat Rogness, Alaina Rossum  
7/11 Karla Garin  
7/12 Alaina Freiberg, Jack Heidman, Lola Johnson, Barry Palm, Addison Rau  
7/13 Eric Lundborg, Jessa Tohm  
7/14 Mercedes Engstrom, Eric Gyllenblad, Roger Mastin  
7/15 David F. Hart, Jr.  
7/16 Bryan Held, Duane Lennartson, Chip Lohmiller  
7/17 Joanne Huckle, Kay Schuette, Paul Tender  
7/18 Bob Buresh, Shari Carlson  
7/19 Braydyn Brynteson  
7/20 Bobbi Anderson, Cortney Chambers, Edwin Hansen  
7/21 Brad Person  
7/22 Pat Bengston, Darrell Swanson, Kathy Swanson  
7/23 Kim Anderson, Carrie Swanson  
7/24 Sydney Balmer  
7/25 Brandon Andersen  
7/26 Anna Larson, JoAnn Maas, Madison Michaelson, Penny Skog, Don Wetter  
7/27 Ernie Byerly, Joel Harmala, Devin Lundmark  
7/28 Jan Benson  
7/29 Toni Nelson  
7/30 Marge Abell, Beau Engstrom, James Nelson, Sonja Palm  
7/31 Shirley Johnson, Karen Talbott

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Mark & Donna Puschinsky  
7/6 Larry & Kathy Allen  
Wayne & Carolyn Hegna  
7/7 Stan & Shirley Michal  
7/8 Rick & Ann Flaws  
7/13 Steve & Rene Millner  
7/14 Darrell & Susan Swanson  
7/15 Ron & Sally Helmer  
7/17 David & Kris Gardinier  
7/19 Mark & Cindy Bialon  
7/21 Tim & Natalee Bray  
7/24 Michael & Joanna O'Neil  
Mike & Cindy Myogeto  
Salvatore & Carrie Sposito  
7/25 Roland & Mary Hirman  
7/27 Devin & Kathy Lundmark  
Patrick & Deanne Trottier  
7/28 Ron & Carol Germann  
David & Connie Johnson  
7/29 Paul & Cynthia Linder  
7/30 Dave & Lory Delgehausen

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



## THANK YOU

A note to God's Helping Hands, Endowment Committee: Thank you so much for your very generous contribution to the face mask effort and Days for Girls kits. To date we have sewn over 1900 face masks. They have been distributed through CRMC in addition to local businesses and individuals. Days for Girls kits is an ongoing effort with Pastor Kurt's wife and her co-chair Lisa distributing the kits when they travel to Haiti each year. Your substantial contribution allows us to keep working on these missions. Thank you! - Sue Carlson on behalf of the face mask effort and Days for Girls.



## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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

- Lora & Dave McChesney in the death of Lora's mom, Marilyn Petersmeyer, on June 6th.
- Steve & LuAnn Nelson in the death of their niece, Krystal Mossengren-Magnuson, on June 9th.
- The family of Marge Thulin in their loss & sorrow. Marge passed away on Thursday, June 11th in Brainerd.
- The family and friends of Joyce Sullivan whose Columbarium internment was on June 18th.

## FINANCIALS

### 2020 Financial Report

<b>May:</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<b>YTD:</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 45,414	\$ 55,187	\$ (9,773)		\$ 244,711	\$ 244,871	\$ (160)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 43,646</u>	<u>\$ 46,879</u>	<u>\$ 3,233</u>		<u>\$ 221,315</u>	<u>\$ 224,226</u>	<u>\$ 2,911</u>
Difference:	\$ 1,768	\$ 8,308	\$ (6,540)		\$ 23,396	\$ 20,645	\$ 2,751

In the month of **May**, revenues exceed expenses by \$1,768.

YTD's performance is \$2,751 more than budget, because revenues are \$160 less than budget but expenses are also \$2,911 less than budget.

**Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.**

**Committee budgets are due in to Tracy by Thursday, July 9th.**

## DONATIONS

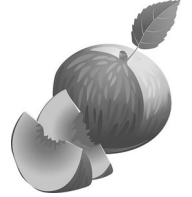
**FABRIC STILL NEEDED** Go through your stash and see if you have cotton or cotton/poly fabric that can be used for face masks, surgical caps, our quilting group, our Jul Fest bazaar sewing projects and Days for Girls reusable feminine hygiene kits. All of these projects are ongoing in the midst of our social distancing. Contact Sue Carlson, [sueandbrianc@hotmail.com](mailto:sueandbrianc@hotmail.com), 952-356-7516 or Jeanne Blosberg, [blosbdj@crosslake.net](mailto:blosbdj@crosslake.net), 218-820-0135. Sue has a drop off bin on their front porch at 7198 Fairway Lane, Breezy Point if you want to drive by and drop off. Thank you for your stash!

## 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.

# PEACH ORDER FORM

Due to a frost event that happened in Colorado in April, 50-60% of the crop was lost. There will be NO PEARS this year, and the cost of peaches is up from last year. The orchard fully expects this to be a temporary, one-year increase. We will be taking orders through email – [patnclc@aol.com](mailto:patnclc@aol.com), phone 218-692-3682 or mail this order form to Crosslake Lutheran, PO Box 248, Crosslake MN 56442. Money will be collected when you pick up your order. Peaches are expected in late August. We thank you for your support!



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## NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Camp Knutson Volunteers will be hosting the annual fundraising Night Under the Stars event “**ROOTED TOGETHER WITH LOVE**” on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to benefit Camp Knutson campers with identified needs. This year’s event will be a virtual gathering with an online auction so that guests may safely participate from home during the COVID-19 outbreak. Our on-line auction will be open for bidding July 15th through July 21<sup>st</sup>. A virtual reception will start at 6:45 pm with the event being LIVESTREAM at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are complimentary! You will learn about the life-giving mission of Camp Knutson and the valuable role camp plays in the lives of those who need it the most. **Your support for our campers is more important now than ever as campers face a summer without the opportunity to connect in person to their camp friends and community.** Guests who register will receive an email with instructions for joining the virtual event and online auction. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at [camp.knutson@lssmn.org](mailto:camp.knutson@lssmn.org) or at 218-543-4232.



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