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## August 2020

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.

### 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



August greetings!

“God will make a way, where there seems to be no way . . .” This powerful refrain that we sing every Sunday at our outdoor worship keeps going through my head! And I love it! It is so true, especially for this particular time. “God works in ways, we cannot see, God will make a way for me.” I hope that you are experiencing this promise of God’s faithfulness in your own life, as we are experiencing this promise in the life of Crosslake Lutheran Church.

We continue to be so thankful for the new roof that will be possible this year. The work will begin on the roof this fall, when the weather is a bit cooler! Along with a new roof, some have wondered whether we are looking at the issue of solar panels on the roof. The council has decided to simply press pause on that issue for now, until we can have meetings again face to face to talk about it among the congregation. So, we haven’t forgotten or said no, but instead look forward to coming back to the possibility of solar panels on the roof hopefully next year!

This month, God is also making a way for us to still have some special things happening in worship, including celebrating Camp Knutson Sunday on August 2. So many people from our congregation are involved in that ministry, and we are glad we can still have a time to celebrate and financially support all the campers and families who make that community so special! Also, we will even be able to receive some new members in August, so watch for our modified ways of doing that! We will also add lectors to our Outdoor worship, down below on the deck. Now that we have a good rhythm and physical distancing established for worship leadership, we can add lectors! If you would like to read scripture at the Outdoor service, please sign up or contact our head trail blazer, Paulette Wilske.

As I write this, we are still awaiting the announcement from our schools about how learning will take place for students this fall. We hold in prayer everyone involved in that decision and its effects: families, students, teachers, school workers, bus drivers, and administrators. That decision will be good information for us as well, as we look toward fall plans for our church community. We are so blessed to have our Outdoor worship space, especially since we have a significant number in our congregation who are in the vulnerable age category. The Smart team will keep looking at all the factors involved, but please be aware that whenever indoor worship does become an option, the experience will be very different. We won’t have the buzzing conversation and laughter of people talking everywhere (that warm hospitality at which our church is so good!). People will be entering church and walking directly to a spot in a pew (probably not your “regular” spot!) that’s marked for physical distance. We won’t be able to sing together, even though we will be wearing masks. Unfortunately, singing projects too many droplets even through masks. We won’t be able to have a coffee fellowship time or any mingling afterwards. All the social parts of worship that we take for granted, just won’t be there, yet! No handshakes, no hugs. I wonder if it will feel a bit austere? So when you compare that picture of a modified indoor worship with what we’re doing for Outdoor worship now, Outdoor worship seems a little more natural! At our Outdoor worship, we can be more social because we have more distance; we can see our smiles and at least chat a little more naturally from our cars!

However, through it all, our song promises, “God will be our guide, walking closely by our side, with love and strength for each new day, God will make a way, God will make a way!” So, who knows what ways God will make possible into the future as we go along? We simply trust and pray that God will guide us with each step of the way! Thank you for your prayers, flexibility, and patience as together we seek to be a community that keeps one another safe and well for the sake of the world! We also continue to be grateful for your generous giving as Christ’s mission through Crosslake Lutheran remains vibrant and strong!

In Christ,  
Pastor Kristin

## **VBS, WORSHIP NOTES, AND GOD SPOTTING!**



Hello church, we sure do miss seeing you, but are hoping your summers are going well! In the midst of summer fun and summer rhythms we hope that you are spending some time practicing faith. You might say, “How do I practice faith? I know how to practice football and volleyball, but how do I practice faith?” Well, just as in sports there is not just one way, there are many: praying before meals, reading a Bible story or verses before bed, surprising your neighbor, parents, or children with an unexpected act of kindness. But perhaps the most important is  naming God’s presence when you see it...and THAT takes some practice. When you are hot and sweaty and someone brings you a cup of water, God just showed up. Name it by saying to the person, “I just saw Jesus in you!” When you are having the best day ever, filled with family time, joy, and fun, name it by saying, “I can feel Jesus’ love by bringing us this time together.” Even when you see someone sad or frustrated you can name it there too by saying, “Jesus is sitting with you and holding you, even in your sadness.” The better we get at this, the more we realize that Jesus is a promise keeper, and is, “with us always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt 28)

## **VBS/DAYCAMP A.K.A. BOLD TRANSFORMATIONAL FAITH**

VBS is coming to your living room! Register for either August 3-6 or August 10-13 and you will receive daily links for worship, songfest, arts and crafts, and games too! Then, in the evening, registered campers can sit down with their family and other’s families and be joined by a Luther Crest Counselor for Zoom Bible dives. Signups are continuing while I type and while we hope you could get signed up by July 29<sup>th</sup>, there may be some wiggle room. Even if you are not signed up you will still be able to access the materials. So grandparents, you could do this with your grand-kids! There is a link on the front page of our website that will give you more information. Once the content is posted, we will email you links and instructions to access these faith-forming tools. If you have questions, call or email Pastor Kurt 218-839-2931 or [pastorkurt10@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkurt10@gmail.com)

## **VBS, WORSHIP NOTES, AND GOD SPOTTING! (CONTINUED)**

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Our worship notes are online! Click the “ministries” tab on the top of our website and select “youth.” Then either during worship or after worship, just fill in all the blanks and your worship note will be automatically emailed to Pat and Pastor Kurt. Easy peasy! Parents, please remind your youth that they need 10 worship notes per year.

### **FALL PLANNING**

After the decision for what school will look like is released, we will be tinkering with fall youth and children’s ministry. At this point it will likely be a mix of online and small groups meeting at the outdoor site. While we know it may be a bit cumbersome, we need to stay connected to each other and especially stay connected to learning and growing in faith in this unique time.

Blessings to your August adventures,  
Pastor Kurt

### **AUGUST 2020 YOUTH GROUP SCOOP**

We continue to take orders for peaches through email [patnclc@aol.com](mailto:patnclc@aol.com), phone 218-692-3682 or mailing your 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.

Our youth are continuing to meet in small group ways at the outdoor worship site with social distancing rules. We are thankful for this opportunity to come together in person!

We are working on how our Fall will look like with Youth Ministry. Once we know what school guidelines are, we will make a path. Please watch for info coming soon. God is good!

Pat Netko, Youth Director

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

**CANCELED - WELCA August meetings due to continued COVID-19 restrictions.**

WELCA is tentatively scheduling a planning 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, 14019 Daggett Pine Road.

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 the [WELCA.org](http://WELCA.org) 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 [WELCA.org/faithfulfriends](http://WELCA.org/faithfulfriends)

Peace in Christ.

## COMMUNION CIRCLES

Communion Circles will continue through August at the Outdoor shelter. A group of up to 13 people, plus a pastor and wellness host (that helps implement the necessary safety procedures) share casual conversation, talk about Scripture, prayer, and Holy Communion. People have found these circles really meaningful, try it out! These circles will be offered on Tuesday at 6pm and Wednesday at 10am for up to 13 people. There is one change in the schedule – Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> there will be two time slots 10 am and 6 pm as there will be no Communion Circle on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> due to a NE MN Synod Board meeting at the Outdoor space. Please sign up through the Sign up Genius on [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) under the Get Involved tab. Or, you can call the church office to sign up.

## OUTDOOR SMALL GROUP SPACE INFORMATION

**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 Coved 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 AND QUILT RAFFLE NEWS FOR 2020

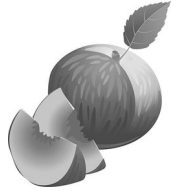
With much dismay we want to advise everyone that we will NOT be having Jul Fest / Quilt Raffle in 2020. We talked with several of the ladies of Crosslake Lutheran and the consensus was that we should not attempt to have the “Jul Fest Sale” on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We want to keep everyone safe who are shopping and working. With the uncertainty of the coming months regarding the virus we felt that cancelling this event until 2021 was the best and safest thing to do. Please know that we appreciate ALL the work people have put forth working on projects at home and hope you will continue to gather ideas for the coming year. Hopefully we will be able to resume the workshops in early 2021 and will be keeping everyone advised. On August 3 from 10AM – 11AM we will be in the fellowship hall for people to drop off completed projects to be stored for next year. Any questions please call Co-Chair’s Laurie Ridgely, Ph# 612-790-0538 or Linda Gates, Ph# 507-202-9374. We miss ALL of YOU and hope to see you and some new faces in the coming year of Jul Fest workshops!!

## INK SPOTS

The Ink Spots were busy making greeting cards over the winter and have had requests for their cards. With Jul Fest being cancelled this year, we have permission to sell them, by appointment, in the Havir garage. 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!

# 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! **Cost: 10# (one layer) - \$25; 20# (two layer) – \$42**



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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/2 Chelsea Ekeberg
- 8/3 Charlie Chase
- 8/4 Mariah Anderson, Marjorie Bundgaard, Nathan Larson, Jan Mezzenga, Laurie Ridgley
- 8/5 Steve Dahlke, Jane Kleinsasser, LuAnn Nelson, Cally Traxler
- 8/6 Lori Blaukat, Judith Tender, Marlene Yurek
- 8/7 Terry Havir, Dale Johnson, Aubrey Larson
- 8/8 Jennie Clasen, Pam Wiltsey
- 8/9 Whitney Casper, Mark Groettum
- 8/10 James Gallaway, William Pearce Jr., Darlene Roach, Zach Trottier, Jim Wells
- 8/11 Kathy Allen, Tara Lundmark
- 8/12 Don Gabrielson, Jim Morris
- 8/13 Duane Ambuehl, Donna Bickford, Jenny Foote, Emmett Johnson, Dafnie Larson, Ellen Miller, Lynn Sweningson
- 8/14 Sal Sposito
- 8/15 John Kjera
- 8/16 Pat Anderson, Chad Harting, Tony Oltmann, Karson Thurlow
- 8/17 Pat Netko
- 8/18 Abby Person
- 8/19 Logan Doerr, Linda Gates, Shirley Gronholm, Griffin Nelson, Barbara Wetter
- 8/20 Robert Nelson, Karen Senst
- 8/21 Matthew Michaelson, Donna Morris, Virgie Wells
- 8/22 Cyril Thull
- 8/23 Jaydn Benzick, Ruth Carlson, Riley Kassahn, Rene Millner
- 8/24 Robyn Bragstad, Elise Flaws, Ron Helmer
- 8/25 Ainsley Erickson, Robert Wilhelm
- 8/26 Ted Silva
- 8/27 Charlotte Erickson
- 8/28 Sharon Ebertowski, Helen Estrem, Jessi Turney
- 8/29 Carolyn Box, Marnie Goerges, Ron Smith, Paul Winkelman
- 8/30 Logan Carlson, Kari Lohmiller, Barbara Shelstad, Rachel Thompson
- 8/31 Jared Bernu

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Mark & Joyce Lindner
- 8/2 Robert & Janice Moegen
- 8/3 Jeff & Jan Laurel, Jim & Nancy Newman
- 8/4 Jack & Marlene Cox
- 8/7 Robert & Sharren Nuffer
- 8/10 Richard & Charlotte Erickson
- 8/11 Joby & Brittany Goerges
- 8/12 David & Marti Dickinson, Randy & Kristi Morsch
- 8/14 Derrek & Krista Johnson
- 8/15 Brian & Sue Carlson, Ron & Dorothy Gerdes, Brian & Ellen Miller
- 8/16 Phillip & Lola Johnson, Terry & Stacey Koch, Steve & Valerie Laak
- 8/17 Ron & Leanne Ommen
- 8/18 Dennis & Marilyn Lind, Luke & Abbie Schramm
- 8/21 Don & Sharon Gabrielson
- 8/22 Brian & Julie Engen
- 8/23 Bob & Lori Blaukat, Paul & Judith Tender
- 8/24 Jeff & Bonnie Benson
- 8/25 Karl & Penny Skog
- 8/26 Ronald & Lisa Engblom
- 8/27 Jeff & Lindsay Balmer, Ronald & Sharon Huff, Daniel & Mary Jo Kelly, Douglas & Barbara Shelstad
- 8/28 Kevin & Christine Gyllenblad

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



## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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



- Sharon & Ken Mulder in the death of Sharon's mom, Caroline Theobald, on June 19th in Waseca, MN.
- The family and friends of Joni O'Donnell in their loss & sorrow. Joni passed on July 10th in Brainerd.
- Karen & Kim Zeile in the death of Karen's dad, Roger Philip Durkee, on July 16th.

## FINANCIALS

### 2020 Financial Report

<b>June:</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<b>YTD:</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 43,448	\$ 41,713	\$ 1,735		\$ 288,158	\$ 286,584	\$ 1,574
Expenses:	<u>\$ 45,243</u>	<u>\$ 51,709</u>	<u>\$ 6,466</u>		<u>\$ 266,558</u>	<u>\$ 275,934</u>	<u>\$ 9,376</u>
Difference:	\$ (1,795)	\$ (9,996)	\$ 8,201		\$ 21,600	\$ 10,650	\$ 10,950

In the month of **June**, expenses exceed revenues by \$1,795.

YTD's performance is \$10,950 more than budget, because revenues are \$1,574 more than budget and expenses are \$9,376 less than budget.

## FABRIC NEEDED

Thank you for the additional monetary donations we have received. When you get a chance, please 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 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 Blasberg, [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.



## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\*All activities at Outdoor Worship space unless noted otherwise

- August 2 Camp Knutson Sunday 10 am (special offering for camp)
- August 3 Jul Fest Donation Drop offs in Fellowship Hall 10-11 am
- August 4 Communion Circle 6 pm
- August 5 Communion Circle 10 am; Knit Wits 1 pm;  
Youth notified small group meeting 6 pm
- August 10 Befriender Team meeting 1 pm
- August 11 Communion Circle 10 am and 6 pm
- August 12 NE MN Synod LYO Board planning meeting 9-5 pm;  
Youth notified small group meeting 6 pm
- August 13 Endowment Committee 3 pm
- August 18 Finance Committee 4:30 pm; Communion Circle 6 pm;  
Church Council meeting via Zoom 7 pm
- August 19 Communion Circle 10 am; Knit Wits 1 pm;  
Youth notified small group meeting 6 pm
- August 25 Communion Circle 6 pm
- August 26 Communion Circle 10 am; Mission and Ministry Investment Team 11:30 am;  
Knit Wits 1 pm; Youth notified small group meeting 6 pm
- August 27 Camp Knutson Volunteers meeting 10 am

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## LAKES AREA MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Lakes Area Music Festival continues its 2020 season with concerts via Facebook Live on August 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and August 8 at 2 p.m. The midweek offering, *Imagining America*, will feature the “Nonet for strings, winds, and piano” by British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a descendant of American enslaved people. The evening will round out with Antonin Dvora's “Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81” with Van Cliburn and Tchaikovsky competition prize-winner, Kenny Bromberg. Friday, Aug. 6 kicks off the weekend with *City of Angels*, which includes well known cinematic works by the late Ennio Morricone, Philip Glass, and a string quintet by Erich Korngold, again featuring Kenny Bromberg. Praised by the New York Times for his “nobility and rich tone,” GRAMMY® Award-winning bass-baritone, Dashon Burton leads the Aug. 7 concert, *Paradox of Praise*. After a mixed set of German lieder and songs by the great American composers Florence Price and Margaret Bonds, the program features Mendelssohn’s Lutheran-flavored second trio for piano and strings, featuring Queen Elizabeth Competition prizewinner, Henry Kramer, piano. The weekend finishes on Aug. 8 with *Suites Françoise's* – a collection of playful dance-inspired music from J.S. Bach to Gorgy Ligeti. Additional details can be found at [lakesareamusic.org](https://lakesareamusic.org)