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December 2019

Worship Times for Christmas Eve

Services:

2 pm Service especially engaging for children

4 pm Candlelight, Communion and Choir

6 pm Candlelight and Communion



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Pastor's Page



December Greetings!

December can be a full month with holiday activities and preparations, but our worship rhythm gives us the gift of Advent that

calls us to take life at a slower pace, waiting and watching for Christ's presence in our life right now, as he's coming again in the future, and as we get ready to celebrate his birth again at Christmas. We invite you to join us this Advent season to watch and wait through our worship services this month both on Sunday and Wednesday. We'll be following the themes that are traditionally used with the Advent candles: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. On the first Sunday of Advent, we will have a contemplative service with an opportunity for you to light candles and have a quieter service ushering in the Advent season. We will continue these contemplative services then, on the Wednesday nights of December 4 and 11. Join us for both Sunday and Wednesday services as they will have the same theme, but different formats, scriptures, liturgy, messages, and experiences. Then, on December 15 and 18, we will look forward to our All Ages Christmas Program. Be with us for one or both of these services that so many are working to prepare for our worship experience!

Then, Christmas Eve arrives on Tuesday, December 24. We will be adding an earlier service this year at 2pm, designed especially for children. Now, there will be three services at

2pm, 4pm, and 6pm to help alleviate the parking and seating congestion of the past. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ again this year, **and all of the staff at Crosslake Lutheran prays that you and yours have a very blessed Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year!**

Speaking of the New Year, the council is also pleased to have arrived at three mission priorities from our council retreat from all the feedback of the Yes Gatherings. Please see inside for the mission priorities that we will focus on as a congregation in the next two years or so. There will be pastoral leadership with the 3G (Gather, Grow, Go) teams that will take on these goals with council liaisons, so please consider whether you would like to join one of these 3G teams. We look forward to how God will work through these new goals for our mission together! Again, we thank you for your participation in the process of the Yes Gatherings, and we will save your feedback for future goals as well. Additionally, please know that these are the three priorities that have been identified for 3G group participation and prioritization by the council; but of course beyond these three mission priorities listed, other experiments will continue to take place as they often do with matters of ministry such as the new Godsightings portion in worship, Bible study ideas, art exhibits, and youth ministry programming.

Praying you have a very blessed Christmas and New Year – Pastor Kristin

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6TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE!

Sunday, December 15th from 9 am-12 Noon

Fellowship Hall



ALL donations are free-will offering and will be given to the Crosslake Food Shelf. Last year with the proceeds we were able to provide a Christmas dinner for 50+ families. Any baked goods will be greatly appreciated! Please drop them off by 9 am on Sunday the 15th. Thanks in advance for our generosity!

Any questions, call Marge at 692-3590.



CLC Priorities for 2020/2021
(based on feedback from Yes Gatherings and Council Retreat)

1. More utilization of the Outdoor Space (3G team with Pastor Kurt)
 Summer event(s) of some sort with other churches and community invited, for example: movie nights, campfire worship, etc.
 Increased experimentation with enhancement of Sunday morning with Add On's (camping on Saturday night, Sunday morning lunch then games, etc.)

2. Speakers to address relevant life issues (Pastor Kurt and Pastor Kristin and 3G teams as needed)
 Parenting/Youth Issues
 Mental Health
 Civility Project
 MN Council of Churches Respectful Conversations

3. Enhance Nursing Home/Homebound Ministry (3G team with Pastor Kristin and Gail Smith)
 Intergenerational Visit teams
 Dog visit

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Our Youth Group THANKS the Jul Fest Bazaar for their generous contribution to our Triennial National Youth Gathering, and to the Polar Fleece blanket fund. It is so greatly appreciated!!

Thanks to Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, Catherine Anderson and the entire LYO Board for all their hard work in planning and putting on the Synod Middle School Gathering at Cragun's! We had great fellowship time with Youth and adults from all over our synod. A very meaningful experience for all!

Thank you to all who ordered FRUIT for our fundraiser! It should arrive between Dec. 6th and 18th. You will be notified when pick-up time will be.



HELP WANTED! *We need parents to cook the Wednesday meals on **DECEMBER 11th** and **DECEMBER 18th** and **January 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 19th, and May 13th!** If you could help, PLEASE contact Pat ASAP!*

On Wednesday, December 18th, we will be out caroling and visiting some of our 'homebound members'!



Joy to the World!

There will be **NO Youth Group or Wednesday worship service** on December 25th or Wednesday, January 1st.

We will resume regular Wednesday Youth Ministry and Worship on Wednesday, January 8th.

**Any questions -
Any time - contact me!**

**God is good!
Pat**

Mental Health Bible Study Series

As the holiday season approaches, along come more and more opportunities for family and social gatherings; sometimes these family, friend, and social dynamics are difficult! With **one in four people living with mental illness**, perhaps some of our difficult dynamics, especially at holiday times (when stress can be higher) could be eased when we know more about mental illness, what it entails, might feel like, might look like, and can talk about it. What if mental illness wasn't an off limit topic at the Thanksgiving or Christmas table and God's love and faith were a part of the conversation, too? Let's have a Bible Study about these topics for our family, friends, and selves living with mental illness.

We will be using resources from the Northeastern MN Synod that have been created by Crisis Psychotherapists, Mental Health Therapists, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, and church workers for congregations to talk about mental health issues, faith, and life. We'll listen to parts of podcasts, discuss, share experiences (if desired), read God's Word, and see how scripture speaks to us in these conversations as the Holy Spirit moves among us.



MENTAL HEALTH BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10:00-11:30 am

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|----------------|--|
| Dec. 4 | Suicide Prevention &
Response |
| Dec. 11 | Grief |

Blessings in the Season of Preparing for the Birth of the Savior

Blessings during this time of getting ready for the birth of the Christ Child. In most households, this is a time to decorate, prepare food, gather with friends and family and make final readiness for winter. For many, it is also a time to reflect back on past Christmas seasons that may look very different from the current one. I encourage you to consider attending the **Blue Christmas service to be held December 19th** if Christmas is a time of extra sadness, loneliness, stress, mental health issues or other difficult emotions that are so unlike the Norman Rockwell picture that is in many of our heads. This service will be more reflective and look at the many ways that God is present for us even in times of difficulty when the rest of the world seems to be singing "Joy to the World". The evening service will be preceded by food & fellowship in the Fellowship hall and is open to the entire community.

December 3rd marks the Alzheimer's presentation that we are hosting which is sponsored by the University of Minnesota and features Dr. Gaugler a professor at the U who specializes in ways to best support families and professionals who care for folks with memory loss. **Our session will be held at 2pm in the Sanctuary** and is open to the entire region 5 area which includes a 5 county area. There are always new technologies and research available in the area of memory loss so I am looking forward to hearing this well-known and respected speaker. No registration is required, just come and learn. It is anticipated that one in 10 baby boomers will experience memory loss so you never know when you can be affected by this. My father has vascular dementia so it is part of my life and family history.

In this season of hustle and bustle, please consider blocking some time off for rest, renewal and enjoying times together with no distraction of technology. Understanding stress triggers and developing good self care in terms of relaxation

(which is different that sleep) and avoiding things that trigger stress are just plain good sense. In one study cited in the British Journal of Medicine, the risk of a potentially fatal heart attack peaks by 37% around 10 pm on Christmas Eve which is telling about how much goes into the holiday season (especially women). What can you give up doing that is just part of the ritual and does not have value in terms of bringing joy to self and others?

We will be getting Christmas gifts ready for those folks who are homebound or in facilities this season. We deliver approximately 20 gift bags to these special folks which include fabulous quilts



from our very talented quilter group. If you know of someone that should be on Crosslake Lutheran's list, please see me. I have a group of Jesus' elves who will deliver gifts before Christmas.

There is a new website to check out: www.crosslakecares.org is the website for education, services and connections for Seniors within our

community and surrounding area. Crosslake Cares is already busy planning for the 2020 Senior Expo which will be held the last Saturday in April. Don Shelby will be the featured speaker and there is even a rumor that Gertrude will make an appearance.

I am preparing for my travels south again at the end of December. Becky Kalton and Connie Caspers have graciously agreed to cover visitations and other parts of my role while I am gone. They did such a great job last year I am confident that the work will continue without disruption. Rest, renewal, meditation, art and healing are on my agenda for that time away on the beach. If you would like to see a great clip about the benefits of walking on the beach see the YouTube movie "the Earthing movie: the remarkable science of grounding." I know that I feel better after a walk on the sand; it is not just in my head. There are so many things about health & disease that are still a mystery. It is good to have an open but questioning mind as to how to increase our health or prevent disease. - Blessings, Gail Smith, Parish Nurse, RN

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT CAN BE DONE



TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2019



Presented by Joseph Gaugler, PhD

Dr. Gaugler is the Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging and a Professor at the University of Minnesota. His work focuses on the best way to support families and professionals who care for persons with memory loss. He aims to improve the health and well-being of carers through innovative programs and technologies.

10:30 AM

The Center

803 Kingwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401

2:00 PM

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Have Questions?

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Prayers for Peace and Comfort:

- The family of Linnea Anderson in their loss & sorrow. Linnea passed away on November 2nd in Naples, FL.
- The family of Tom Sweningson in their loss & sorrow. Tom passed away on November 5th in Minneapolis.
- The family of Mary Beth (Birkeland) MacMillan in their loss & sorrow. Mary Beth passed away on November 9th.
- Norm & Gloria Kroeger, in the death of Norm's father, Frederick Kroeger, on November 13th in Roseville, MN.
- The family of Ted Lundgren, in their loss & sorrow. Ted passed away on November 20th in Pine River.



PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Services

Linnea Anderson, November 16th

Tom Sweningson, November 19th

Mary Beth MacMillan, November 22nd

Ted Lundgren, December 1st

Thank you to the following members who served at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd in November: Vicki Kopplin, Jim & Nancy Newman, Carolyn & Roy Silcox and Gervaise Wilhelm

KNIT WITS: The Knit Wits will have their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4th at 12:30 pm. It will be a potluck with games to follow. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Call Dorothy Gerdes (692-3583) if you have any questions.

October Treasurer's Report

October:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 39,185	\$ 48,969	\$ (9,784)		\$ 441,247	\$ 492,063	\$ (50,816)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 43,381</u>	<u>\$ 45,796</u>	<u>\$ 2,415</u>		<u>\$ 462,783</u>	<u>\$ 499,178</u>	<u>\$ 36,395</u>
Difference:	\$ (4,196)	\$ 3,173	\$ (7,369)		\$ (21,536)	\$ (7,115)	\$ (14,421)



In the month of **October**, expenses exceed revenues by \$4,196. YTD's performance is \$14,421 less than budget, because revenues are \$50,816 less than budget and expenses are \$36,395 less than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am coffee/fellowship 1pm Memorial Service for Ted Lundgren (visitation one hour prior to the service)	2 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	3 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2pm Alzheimer's Presentation 2pm Post-Core Diabetes class 3pm Creation Care meeting	4 9am Kitchen Committee 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Knit Wits Christmas Party Noon Bell Choir 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir / 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Advent Worship with Holy Communion 6:15-7pm Christmas Program Rehearsal 7pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Ministry	5 9am-Noon "Days for Girls" workshop in Fellowship Hall 9am Marketing Committee 2pm Endowment Committee	6	7
8 9:30am Worship with Endowment Shadow Box Dedication 10:30am coffee/fellowship 10:30am-12:30pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal	9 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	10 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2:30pm Worship & Music Committee	11 10am Bible Study Noon Bell Choir at Golden Horizons 1pm Knit Wits / 3pm Executive Committee 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm Finance Committee 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Advent Worship 5:30-7pm Christmas Program Rehearsal (if needed) 7pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Ministry	12 11am Welca Scandinavian Christmas Brunch	13	14
15 9am-Noon Christmas Bake Sale 9:30 am Worship with All Ages Christmas Program: "Twas the evening of Christmas" & Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	16 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	17 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 3pm Caregiver Support Group 7pm Church Council	18 No Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 11:30am-1pm Stewardship Committee 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:45pm Adult Choir 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship with All Ages Christmas Program: " <i>Twas the evening of Christmas</i> " 7pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Ministry	19 No Book Club 2:30pm Facilities/Property Meeting 6:15pm Blue Christmas Worship Service (5:30pm light supper & fellowship)	20 Country Cross deadline!	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am coffee/fellowship	23 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	24 Christmas Eve Worship 2 pm Service especially engaging for children 4pm Candlelight, Communion & Choir 6pm Candlelight and Communion	25 Merry Christmas! (Church Office closed)	26	27 10am Country Cross assembly	28
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am coffee/fellowship	30 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	31 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting	December 2019			

ENDOWMENT NEWS

My Country Cross articles can get a little long, so here is a tip. Skip the first three paragraphs and go right to the most exciting news.* The first few paragraphs deal with some of the other important accomplishments of the endowment trustees since the last time I wrote anything. First, we just finished a great brochure that talks about ways and reasons for you to consider establishing an endowment gift. These brochures are in easy to read form and can be found somewhere in the church. You need to look for them.

Next, our budget for next year was approved at our last meeting along with the election of new officers. Additionally, following several meetings with the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation (BLACF), we decided to join forces designed to help us with a portion of our invested capital and also to get their assistance in helping in the areas of marketing and in setting up an individual endowment account. Investments of endowment monies need to be conservatively managed to get a safe, long term return on the assets. A portion of the investments are in equities with the remainder in either cash or laddered CDs.

Also of interest to you, might be to know some of the areas where the trustees have approved expenditures during the year. These include monies for the beautification of the bell tower, outdoor worship, scholarships, and new and better microphones in the fellowship hall and the church sanctuary.

* Here is the fun part of this article where you need to begin reading if you took the tip noted above. As you walk from the sanctuary toward the Fellowship Hall, you will see a shadow box mounted on the left. This shadow box pays tribute to those who have established an endowment fund over the past several years. The box is made of a very fine black walnut wood and the box was made for us by Roy Silcox. Roy is truly a master of the wood; be sure to tell him "Thank You".

That's all for now; have a great day.

This article was written by Larry Neer, an Endowment Trustee.

COMMUNICATING WITH REMIND

Beginning November 1, I have been communicating with parents using the Remind app. You probably are familiar with it from your children's school. If not, you can download the app onto your phone. To become part of the GROWing Kids group, type in the app code for GROWing Kids. It is **@ackg3f**. If you prefer email messages, email rmd.at/ackg3f.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On November 6, we began our rehearsals for our Christmas Program, *"Twas the Evening of Christmas"*. Rehearsals in December will be as follows:

December 4: 6:15-7:00

December 8: Making costume headpieces from 9:30-10:30

Dress Rehearsal from 10:30-12:30

December 11: 5:30-7:00 (if needed)

If no rehearsal is needed on December 11, we will be celebrating Jesus' birth with a fun evening of games and Christmas treats.

The programs will be held on:

Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 AM and

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:15 PM.



There will be no GROWing Kids on December 25 or January 1. We will meet again on January 8 for Godly Play!!

The Candle of Hope (Dec. 1-7)

For the first week of Advent, we light the candle of Hope. We give thanks that God is present with us. This gives us reason to hope.

Candle Lighting

We light this first Advent candle, the candle of Hope.

The candle reminds us to look for signs of God's presence all around us.

Wonder Together

I wonder what I might do differently if I remembered that God is present with me all the time. I wonder how I might better remember to place my hope and trust in God.

The Candle of Peace (Dec. 8-14)

For the second week of Advent, we relight the candle of Hope and add the candle of Peace. We give thanks that God is present in our relationships.

Candle Lighting

We light this second Advent candle, the candle of Peace.

This candle reminds us that God can create peace where there is trouble & conflict.

Wonder Together

I wonder how I can feel God's peace with me when someone is mean to me.

I wonder what a hug from God would feel like.

The Candle of Love (Dec 15-21)

Week 3

For the third week of Advent, we relight the candles of Hope and Peace and add the candle of Love. God is love. We give thanks that God shows us what love is.

Candle Lighting

We light this third Advent Candle, the candle of Love.

This candle reminds us that God sent his son, Jesus, to show us what love looks like.

Wonder Together

I wonder why God loves me so much.

I wonder how I can show others how much God loves them.

The Candle of Joy (Dec 22-24)

For the fourth week of Advent, we relight the candles of Hope, Peace and Love and add the candle of Joy. We give thanks that God is with us. God gives us joy.

Candle Lighting

We light this fourth Advent candle, the candle of Joy.

This candle reminds us to rejoice because God is with us.

Wonder Together

I wonder what the things are that fill God with joy.

I wonder why God decided to come to earth as a baby.

WELCA SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Crosslake Lutheran women--- join your sisters from CLC for our annual Scandinavian Christmas Brunch on Thursday, December 12th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Along with the delicious egg bake and rice pudding, there will be a wonderful assortment of breads and sweets. We will be entertained by our CLC Bell Choir and a Christmas sing-along with the CLC Band.

See the WELCA bulletin board to sign up for the Brunch and for the breads and sweets you wish to bring. Attendance is limited to 100, so sign up soon (deadline is December 4th). You don't need to be "Scandinavian" to enjoy this wonderful day of food and fellowship. All women of Crosslake Lutheran's faith community are welcome!

Looking Forward

WELCA will meet on January 9th for a Bible Study led by Connie Caspers. We will use the *Gather* magazine study.

Save the dates February 6th and 7th for the WELCA retreat at Camp Knutson.

LSS PERSONAL CARE KITS & SCHOOL KITS: We have gotten off to a very good start with kit ingathering! At this time the only items needed for the school kits are scissors, crayons, and 70 pg. spiral notebooks. We have a lot of toothbrushes for the personal care kits but need all of the other items: lightweight dark bath towels (20"x40" to 27"x52'), metal nail clippers, sturdy combs and bath size bars of soap. . Just a reminder — the towels need to be no more than 27" x 52", the combs should be the large sturdy kind but not picks. The donation boxes are on the shelf in the fellowship hallway. Thanks for your contributions so far!

Sharing God's Bounty

Gold, Incense, and Myrrh . . . and a Message to All

How much do babies appreciate the gifts they receive when they are born? Did Jesus, being the Son of God as well as the son of Mary, value the gifts the Magi brought? We would think those gifts impractical for a baby, but then this was not an ordinary

baby. That gold bought food and lodging and everything that was needed by the holy family as they fled to Egypt and then got established in a new home. The incense was burned as their prayers ascended to the

Father in Heaven, and the myrrh was used some thirty years later to anoint the body later of the Baby grown to be our Savior. "The gifts are traditional gifts of the East," the Concordia Commentary on Matthew 2:11 tells us.

We can be sure that these gifts were appreciated by our Lord, for St. Paul writes, *"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12). Were the gifts of the shepherds that first Christmas night acceptable as well? What did the



shepherds bring? The Bible does not record their bringing any gift at all – except, that is, the gift of their running to the stable with anticipation, the gift of their humble worship as their anticipation turned to realization, and the gift of their *"spread [ing] the word concerning what had been told them"* as they returned to their flocks,

"glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen" (Luke 2:17, 20).

It is obvious the willingness was there as the shepherds brought gifts according to what they had. Therefore, according to Scripture, their gifts were acceptable. We, too,

can be sure that our gifts are appreciated by our Lord – the gifts of our treasures – our gold and silver and the gifts of our praise and adoration as we witness to what we have heard and seen. Like the Magi and the shepherds, we are drawn to the manger bed. Like them, we kneel in awe and adoration. Like them, we use the gifts God gives us, wherever we are, wherever God places us, to *"spread the word concerning what [has] been told [us]."*

Good News!

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We received \$399 in offerings for the Crosslake Food Shelf at the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24th.

The offering from the Patricia Lundeen Concert in October was \$1,200. \$600 was donated to LSS Senior Meals-Crosslake and \$600 will be used towards the purchase of additional handbells.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Members & Friends in the Military

SSG DUSTIN BENSON, grandson of Jeff & Bonnie Benson—Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque

NM MAJOR ANDREW BURNS, son-in-law of Kim and Karen Zeile—Test Pilot School, Pax River Navy Base

MAJOR MICHAEL FAZIO, Son-in-law of Mike & Laurie Ridgley—Walter Reed Army Hospital, Maryland

CAPTAIN TYSON GERDES, grandson of Ron & Dorothy Gerdes—Alaska LT.

NATHAN HAGESTUEN, son of Kurt & Kelly Hagestuen, Navy, US Naval Training and Education—Pensacola, FL

COLONEL TIMOTHY HELFRICH, son-in-law of Kim and Karen Zeile—Hanscom Air Force Base, Concord, MA

SGT. TIMOTHY NEAL, son of Ron & Cheryl Neal—Fort Leonard Wood, MO

PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS MICHAEL PUCKETT, nephew of Joe & Shirley Gorg, Navy, North Africa

TECH SGT. JONATHON SOUTHWELL, son-in-law of Ron & Michelle Schmidt—Hanscom Air Force Base

SGT. MITCHELL TOLLEFSON, grandson of Ramona Sandberg. US Army—Fort Lewis, WA

LT. JARED WEDEL, son-in-law of Karen Boehler—NAS Corpus Christi, TX

JULIE WILHELMI & DAN NICHOLS, niece & nephew-in-law of Vickey Leonard—Dulles Airport, VA (Julie) Pentagon, VA (Dan)



December Birthdays

- 12/1 Clare Foote, Darby Harmala, Reed Olander
 12/3 Jeanne Blosberg, Bailey Tohm, Patrick Trottier
 12/4 Brianna Anick, Josh Senst, Luna Thull
 12/6 Darrell Bonner, Kathy Brodin, Kailey Gerdes
 12/7 Daniel Kelly, Mary Fowler, Hunter Nybakken,
 Marty Vangen
 12/8 Sheree Goerges, Jan Hughes, Eli Johnson,
 Martha Nyemaster, Vanny Palm, Jodi Schott,
 Karl Skog, Carissa Maher
 12/9 Brian Larsen, Jan Lobben, Ken Retrum
 12/10 Troy Anderson, Quady Bernu, Brian Maher,
 Douglas Shelstad
 12/11 Sigurd Anderson, Robin Lundborg, Teddy
 Lundgren, Theodore Merickel
 12/12 Gerald Kopplin, Steve Nelson, Harper Thompson
 12/13 Jo Smith
 12/14 Dane Boozell
 12/15 Joanie Harrell, Casey Johnson,
 Lyndsey Johnson
 12/16 Doran Buckentin, Courtney Carpenter,
 James Rasmussen, Michael Scheuss
 12/17 Mary Hardwick, Holland Lommen, Amy
 Myogeto, Christy Potocki
 12/18 John Ebertowski, Brittany Goerges
 12/19 Jean Erickson, Mary Jo Kelly, Levi Loken,
 Ken Rosburg, Julie Schmidt
 12/20 Dana Balmer, Jack Cox, Jackson Goerges,
 Rita Houle, Alexander VanAllen
 12/21 Mike Goerges, Bob Michaelson, Karen Olander
 12/22 Holly DeVinck, Marti Dickinson, James
 Newman, Michael O'Neil
 12/23 John Andrews, Donna Groettum, Donna Larson
 12/24 Holly Chase
 12/25 Joel Carlson, Judy Stuber
 12/26 Susan Anderson, Kevin McCulloch, Jason Gorr
 12/28 Linda Joyce, Andrew Peterson, Dorothy
 Schueler
 12/29 Kimberly Johnson, Spencer Sanford
 12/30 Glenda Berndt, Regina Nevin
 12/31 Adelyn Benzick, Calvin Hecker, Harrison
 Lommen, Larry Neer

December Anniversaries

- 12/1 Jack & Joanne Heidman
 12/2 Paul & Rita Houle
 12/5 Richard & Lois Haglund
 12/6 Brandon & Jill Andersen
 12/8 Neil & Maxine McEwen
 12/12 Charles & Traci Beavers
 Michael & Jeri-Sue Lommen
 12/17 Ann & Bob Michaelson
 12/18 Tom & Sharon Barsness
 John & Carol Repp
 12/22 William & Kathryn Lund
 Tony & Marie Wagner
 12/26 Harvey & Marilyn Hollenback
 Linda & Max Martz
 12/27 Gerald & Vicki Kopplin
 Robert & Lois Salo
 12/28 Tracy & Barbara Donovan
 Joe & Kristi Kraemer
 12/29 Arlen & Marlys Thorsgaard
 12/30 Ryan & Mary Aarestad
 Bruce & Marjorie Bundgaard
 12/31 Ken & Ginny Hersey





CHECK US OUT! Your church library has recently received many books by Christian fiction authors, including Henderson, Kirkpatrick and Lewis. We also have the recently written books “Educated”, “The Art of Racing in the Rain”, and the cookbooks written by our recent WELCA speaker. Winter is the perfect time for catching up on your reading — check us out!

DINERS CLUB SIGN UP FOR JANUARY TO APRIL 2020

New groups will be formed to meet from January to April 2019. Diners is a way to meet and get to know new people.

Groups of 6-8 meet in homes for potluck, or in restaurants. Some groups meet for appetizers and then go to a restaurant

for the main course. Many groups go to brunch after church or take in a play or musical production. Some groups have enjoyed a progressive meal at several homes.



The most important part of Diners is fellowship! Last year an Individuals Group was formed. Please sign up under Individuals if that interests you.

Sign up on the bulletin board before December 23. Questions?? Nancy Westerberg (612-481-5235)

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Blue Christmas Worship and Fellowship

Thursday, December 19

6:15 pm

Join us for light supper & fellowship at 5:30 pm
and a special Christmas service at 6:15 pm.



Crosslake Lutheran invites you to a special holiday service designed for those for whom the holidays might be difficult. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, the church cares about you and invites you to a special time of food, fellowship, music, and worship .”