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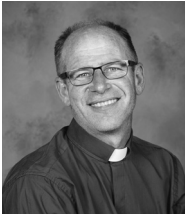
Bible Study: Being the Body of Christ



*Join us for this four part series!
Begins Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00am
See inside for more information.*

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Pastoral Assistant's Page



Here we are church.

The Northwoods gathered body of Christ launching into 2019. I have a feeling coming over me and...well... yep...I just confirmed it. It is

excitement. Do you think you have that feeling too? I will tell you a little bit about mine. Maybe that will help you locate yours. You see, I looked in the rear-view mirror and saw some things that gave me Spirit bumps (you know, the Jesus style goosebumps) about what might be in front of us.

This year marked one year of small group ministry under our belt; a whole pile of adults interacting with our 7–12 grade youth in trusted relationships, sharing life, scripture, and prayer. Our fifth graders helped feed the congregation on Maundy Thursday, baking the communion bread that would mark a lifetime of Christ feeding them. Our VBS kids and counselors took residence on our 40-acre outdoor site, being silly and serious while exploring Gods promise for life and beyond. Our older kids spent a solid week working their faith in the Texas heat with smiles. We kicked off the program year connecting with each other while serving others through God's Work, Our Hands activities. We had a Palm Sunday Festival and marked Advent by celebrating God's Generosity to us and through us.

No one was exempt from the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in this place. I saw newborns to 90 represented. We shared our stories. We met new people or took the opportunity to introduce ourselves to long time Crosslake Lutheran folk we didn't know. Now the truth is, we all had to stretch ourselves. Little kids stepped out in faith singing in front the congregation. Big kids, the grownups, stepped out of their comfort zones making crafts alongside children. We stretched ourselves financially. So many people stretched the hours they were willing to invest, so that we could all have faith experiences that matter. In all that stretching we found incredible reward.

So, heck yeah! I am excited! Are you starting to feel it now? Wowza, I wonder what God has in store with this year's investment of our time and energy. Our First Third of Life vision team will soon be reforming to cast a bold vision. It will take people to be on that team. It will take groups of people to exercise their faith again, saying "yes, I'll give that a shot," when asked to plan, lead, or participate in this or that. It will take some stretching of our personal finances so that we better equip the corporate ways God is moving here in the Northwoods. So Church, when God can move this powerfully in a year, doesn't it give you Spirit bumps for what is ahead?

Happy New Year!

~Kurt Hagestuen, Pastoral Assistant

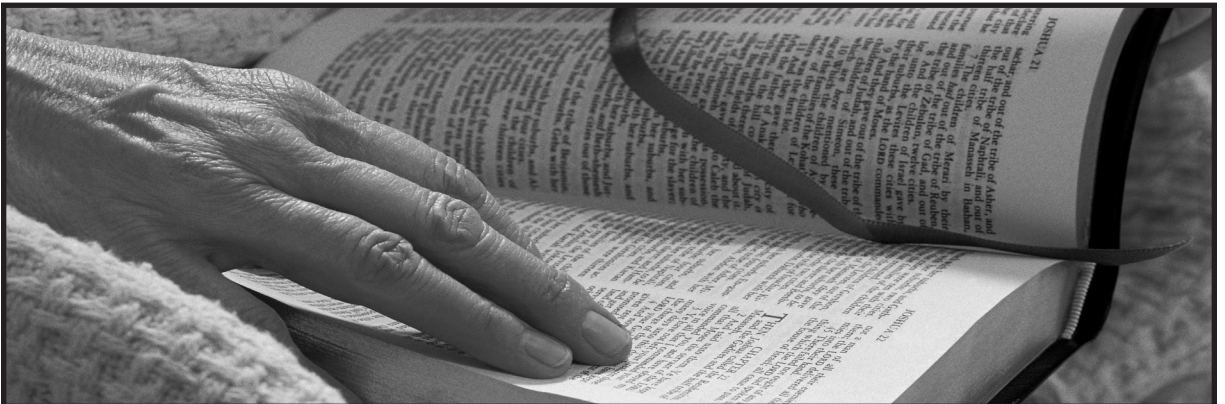
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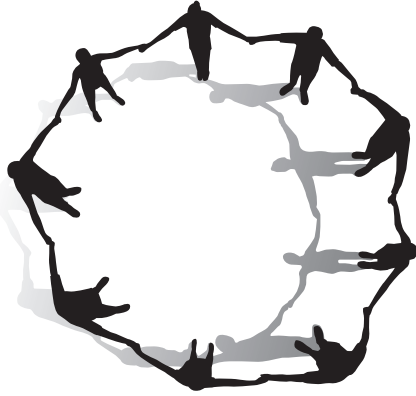
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Maintenance	Carl Weber
Groundskeeper	Brian Thull





Bible Study: Being the Body of Christ

by Chris T. K. Duckworth

Join us for this four part Bible study that will go with the scripture in worship on the following Sunday. No preparation necessary!

- Wed., Jan. 16 10:00am Do we see ourselves as the gifted Body of Christ? (1 Cor. 12:1-11)
- Wed., Jan. 23 10:00am What is the gift of the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- Wed., Jan. 30 10:00am How does the gift of love shape the Body of Christ? (1 Cor. 13:1-13)
- Wed., Feb. 6 10:00am Are we giving what we were given? (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Call Committee

The Council is very pleased to announce the appointed Call Committee for the Associate Pastor!

Lori Blaukat, Brian Boyda, Aundra Erickson, Karen Larson, Bob Laven, Blake Millner, and Pastor Kristin.

The first step of the Call Committee is to meet with Deacon Brenda Tibbetts from the Synod office and fill out the Ministry Site Profile for our congregation. We hope to do this in a very efficient manner!

Once the council approves the profile; we submit it to the Synod to be viewed by any candidates that are open for call, one of which will be Pastoral Assistant Kurt! Then, we can begin the interviewing process.

Please keep this process in your prayers.



Welcome New Members

Colleen (Connie) & Perry Caspers

34450 Park Dr., Crosslake, MN 56442

320-510-1823

Sponsors: Ron & Dorothy Gerdes

Connie & Perry joined our congregation on December 9th. They transfer from First Lutheran Church in LeSueur, MN. Connie is a retired Nurse Practitioner and Perry is a retired Ag. Mgr. They enjoy fishing, reading, traveling, genealogy and church activities.

William (Bill) Glas

29466 Huxtable Point Rd.,

Merrifield, MN 56465

218-765-4043

Sponsors: Don & Jacque Glas

Bill joined our congregation by affirmation of faith on September 9th. He works as a residential Building Contractor. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Larry & Sally Miller

30392 Suffolk Dr.,

Breezy Point, MN 56472

701-751-0848

Sponsors: John & Marlene Kjera

Larry & Sally joined our congregation on December 9th. They transfer from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. Larry is newly retired and worked for many years in retail management. Sally is a retired elementary teacher. In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, camping, exploring & traveling. They also enjoy doing amateur wildlife photography.

Bob & Lois Salo

41325 Peninsula Rd.,

Fifty Lakes, MN 56448

651 Sunset Lane N.,

Cambridge, MN 55008

218-763-3986 or 763-689-2518

Sponsors: Joe & Kristi Kraemer

Bob & Lois joined our congregation as Associate Members on November 18th. Bob is a retired teacher who enjoys travel, boating, collecting sports memorabilia and globes. Lois is a retired Church Secretary who enjoys handbells, crafts, travel, reading and music.

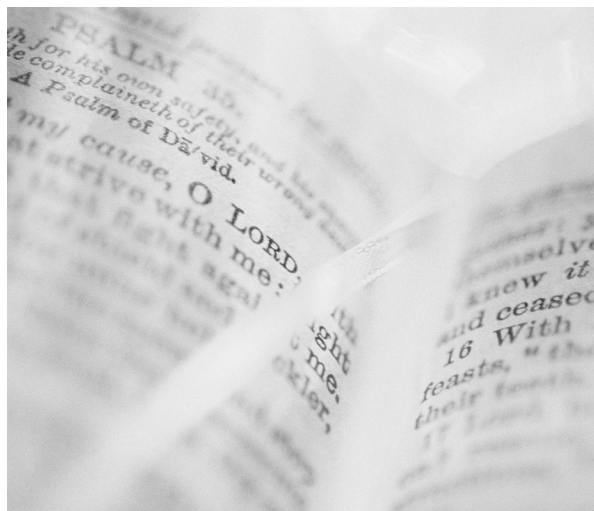
Jo Smith

PO Box 322, Crosslake, MN 56442

Sponsors: Ron & Cheryl Neal

612-807-4729

Jo joined our congregation on September 30th. She enjoys her summers here in Crosslake and spends her winters in Arizona.



Health Ministry

Whew, another Christmas season in the books, so many times of wonder and WOWs especially in our church family activities. Last month I encouraged you to find the wonder of the Christmas story and there were sooo many opportunities to say WOW. The Christmas program, Christmas EVE with the glowing candles, the new snow on the branches, the packages wrapped for the gift-sharing trees, the goodies on the tables at the WELCA lunch, the birth of the Savior — so many chances to look with wonder at the wonder of the season!

Just because Christmas is passed does not mean that the story is over — in fact, it is just the beginning. It is my hope that you carry the love, hope, joy, and peace into the new year and look for ways to bring that to those who need the message.

One of the ways you can do that is to check up on those who are living alone and need just a little bit of support to live safely. A phone call, a shoveling of the walk, the hot meal, or ride to church services go a long way to ease to challenges of the season. If you do not know of anyone who needs help, please check with one of the church staff members who can connect you with someone

in need.

I will be gone for the months of January and February but Becky Kalton and Connie Caspers will cover visitation for Health Ministry. Becky was the person for most of last year's coverage and I am so happy to have her back along with Connie



Caspers who will cover February. I know that you will enjoy getting to know these two very special people better. I will be available by phone and will check in with some of my folks regularly from Texas. I so look forward to time to rest, relax, renew, and restore mind/body and spirit. There is nothing like the ocean to provide a

backdrop for peace on earth. Please call the church if you need a visit from Health ministry and Brenda will let you know how to reach either Becky or Connie.

Save the Date — I am part of a group called Crosslake Cares which is a group that looks at ways to improve the quality of life for those in the area. Pastor Kristin is a board member of the group, which consists of all area churches, community leadership, key business leaders, and others who are interested in building a better life

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for those in the Crosslake areas. As a part of our activity, we are planning a **Senior Expo for April 27th, 2019** entitled “**the Power of Aging, the Best is Yet to Come**” which will be hosted by the Log Church. Details will be coming out over the next few months including a keynote speaker and other events that are of interest to seniors. I am excited about the growing partnership of these diverse group members — a great way to combine resources into events and programs that can benefit the entire community.

The flu season is already here, it is not too late for immunizations that we hope will be a good match for the current strain of the flu. Good hand washing and avoiding public areas if you are sick is still one of the best ways to stay healthy.

Thank you to the many folks who delivered Christmas gifts to those in facilities and those who are homebound. The Befriender team also made Christmas brighter for those we serve. If you would like more information about the Befriender program, please call. We will be hosting another class this year if there is interest. Thank you to Nancy Westerberg who is the co-leader of that group.

Safe travels to all who are going to their winter homes and blessed season to those who stay here and enjoy the peace of the Minnesota winter. Spring is only 80 days away (at least on the calendar).

-Blessings Gail Smith, Parish Nurse





Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Program such a wonderful experience. The children were amazing!! And so patient and kind and well behaved!! Parents were helpful and accommodating. Vickey Leonard helped get our costumes in order. Beth Nelson, Andrea Haar, and Joanna O'Neil kept everything running smoothly, both at the dress rehearsal and at both performances. Dave Nordgren and Diana Gallaway made sure everyone could be heard. The choir was great and the bells were beautiful. A special thanks to Pastor Kristin, Intern Kurt, Patricia Lundeen, and Kristi Morsch who helped plan and direct the program. Our children shared a wonderful message with all of us. Noel!! A King is Born!!

Sunday School

Our Sunday School classes will meet in January on the 6th, 13th, and 27th. Children are dismissed after the children's message and return to worship by the closing hymn. There is Family Worship on Sunday, January 20th. Children will remain in worship with their family on this day.

GROWing Kids

GROWing Kids will have Godly Play on Wednesday, January 2. Regular classes will be held the rest of the month. Children are dismissed after the children's message and remain in class until worship is over.



Crosslake Lutheran is planning a group trip to Holden Village in Washington State. The trip will be for one week in August 2019. Reservations can be made after January 1st. We will try for August 10–17 or 17–24. Let us know your preference. Holden Village is a church camp and retreat center located in a remote area of the Cascade Mountains. You can learn more about it at www.holdenvillage.org. You can also check the bulletin board at church. If you are interested, send me an email at sueandbrianc@hotmail.com.

~Brian Carlson



Youth Ministry



Happy New Year!

We thank all of you who ordered from our Fruit Fundraiser and especially all those who helped unload the truck and helped get the orders out. Many hands make light work! *Thank you so much!*



In December, we went 'caroling' and visited our home-bound friends. We brought gifts and had some nice conversation. A meaningful experience for all! Please check out the Crosslake Lutheran Church Facebook page to see pictures!

There will be a parent meeting in January regarding our upcoming Mission Trip. Please watch for more info!



A special thanks to all of our **Faith 5 Small Group Leaders** — Jodi Schott, Christy Potocki, Lori Blaukat, Kari Lohmiller, Shari Monahan, Karen Senst, Jill Anderson, Kris Geschwill, Kathy Allen, Lisa Slepica, and Bob Erickson. *We are so grateful for your time and all you do!*

Giving brings **JOY** to our hearts and it is our work to do here on Earth. It is my **HOPE** that 'giving' becomes a way of life for our youth. The **LOVE** of Jesus is in our hearts and guides our actions. May all of our actions be **FAITHFUL!** May **PEACE** be with you all!

~Pat Netko, Youth Director



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2019</h1>		1 New Years Holiday (Church Office closed)	2 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship (GROWing Kids excused from worship) 7pm High School Youth Ministry	3	4	5
6 8:30am Adult Choir practice 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30am coffee/fellowship	7 9am Jul Fest Workshop resumes 9am Altar Guild 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters Noon Staff Meeting 7pm A.A.	8 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 4-5pm Post-Core Diabetes class	9 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Executive Committee 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 5:30pm Alleluia Choir 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship with Holy Communion (GROWing Kids excused from worship) 7pm High School Youth Ministry	10 9am Marketing Meeting	11	12
13 8:30am Adult Choir practice 9:30am Worship with Sunday School & Baptism of Lucille Pearo 10:30am coffee/fellowship 10:30am Alleluia Choir	14 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters Noon Staff Meeting 7pm A.A.	15 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd	16 9:30-11am Senior Expo Planning Meeting—Fireside Room 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 5:30pm Alleluia Choir 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship (GROWing Kids excused from worship) 7pm High School Youth Ministry 7pm Church Council	17 10am Book Club	18	19
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Sharing God's Bounty

Forgetting What Is Behind

“Forget about it.” It’s a phrase we may say to ourselves when we don’t want to face up to something. Perhaps we give it in the form of advice to someone who’s complaining about an offense he’s received. According to Paul, it’s a good thing to do. It’s counsel he followed himself: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13b-14).

Paul had a past anyone would want to forget. In his Pharisaical zeal, he had caused the imprisonment, persecution, and even death of many who were followers of the Way. All that changed, we know, when he himself faced Jesus on the road to Damascus. Yet, from our reading of Scripture, we know he didn’t “forget what was behind.” He brought it up many times as he explained the change that Jesus had brought about in his life to the other apostles and as he testified in the highest courts of the day.

Like Paul, we can’t forget about our past

sins ... and maybe that’s good, as long as we remember that Christ has forgotten them! Remembrance of our sins serves the purpose of keeping us humble and grateful, aware that we walk in God’s ways only as we rely on him to lead us, thankful that he forgives all sin, past, present, and future. Then we are not



encumbered by guilt (1 John 3:20). We can “[forget] what’s behind” and “press on toward the goal” that Christ has lain out before us as we serve him with all the gifts he so graciously gives us.

We begin a new year in God’s grace.

We also begin each day, sometimes each moment, as newly forgiven, cleansed stewards equipped through Word and Sacrament to fulfill God’s purposes for our lives.

Our own growth and the growth of our church depend on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others. As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life. Membership is responsibility - the response to the call to ministry, and service. To be a church member is to answer that call with time and talent.



I am sitting in front of the fire, my Christmas tree all aglow as I reflect on the wonderful All Ages Christmas Program that I attended last night — I attended last Sunday,

too. The various musical offering, skits, and readings were amazing, thank you to everyone who had a part in this! Joining together in ministry and mission is what we do here at Crosslake Lutheran Church and everyone has a part to play in this endeavor. From Pastor Kristin, Kurt (no longer our Intern but our Pastoral Assistant!), Karen and Patricia I don't know who put the most hours and effort into getting the program/worship ready. Add to that all the parents and grandparents who made sure their kids were available for the many practices leading up to the program. What an incredible worship opportunity!

I am hoping that those of you who did not return your time, talent, and pledge sheets will get them returned to the church office soon. The “second chance” mailing went out a week or so ago so with Christmas they are probably sitting on your desk until after the holidays. These sheets are the main way I develop my listings of volunteers and get you plugged into the opportunities that appeal to you. What is the saying about many hands make light work? It makes sense, and, working with others makes for an interesting time to connect and get to know each other. Having a passion for the work we do is such a gift, and I have found that in my position as Volunteer Coordinator. I do have to search to fill spots from time to time,

but overall if you are available you say “yes.”

As we go into the “quieter season” at church, with so many of our members away basking in the sun and surf, those who are left here do take on a larger role. I appreciate your willingness to step in and put your faith into action. We still need the same number of ushers, greeters, kitchen helpers even when our numbers are lower. Same thing for the Friday group that puts the bulletins together, or the Country Cross assemblers. Before you begin your winter hibernation (ok, something I tend to do myself once it gets cold and snowy out) think about how you chose to spend your time. There is plenty of time for all the things we really want to do, and I hope you really want to volunteer!

I resist the urge to list off the volunteers who have helped in one way or another the previous month. It is so easy to forget someone, even to forget someone that is a consistent, dependable friend and volunteer. Instead I will say that everyone who volunteers is special and that I think in most cases the person volunteering gets so much more out of the experience than they expect to. The connections we make enrich our lives in so many ways. Thank you, I value you and the unique qualities that you bring to each new opportunity. Thank you for making worship a priority in your life.

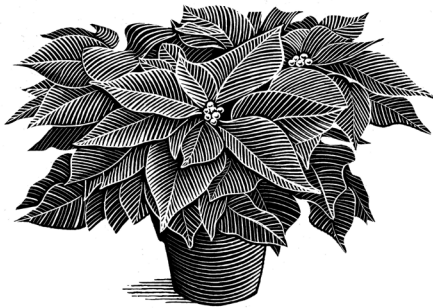
Last month I somehow missed an error in my email address. I am so sorry for listing it incorrectly, that really made it difficult for people to get ahold of me. My work email is kitty.fallgren@aol.com and I also use my home email for those of you who are already used to using that one, ckfall@crosslake.net.

Accidentally combining them in my article last month was very confusing!

To put your faith into action, please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall or contact me at kitty.fallgren@aol.com, or my cell phone 218-537-0728. As always, you can contact the church office at 692-3682. For those who would like, you can go to the church website (www.crosslake.lutheran.com), click on "Get involved" at the top of the page. Click on "SignUpGenius" then choose where you want to volunteer and click on sign up. Be sure to hit the submit button at the bottom of the page to process your sign up.

Best wishes for a New Year of opportunities and challenges, thank you for having a heart for mission and ministry, which enriches our lives and the lives we touch. God has uniquely gifted us for a purpose, let's find yours!

- Kitty Fallgren, Volunteer Coordinator



The Altar Guild would like to Thank everyone who purchased a poinsettia this year for the Christmas Season! The beautiful red blooms are so beautiful as we enter the worship center and Narthex and make it very festive! Thanks for your help! Please pickup your plants by January 7th.

-Altar Guild



Jul Fest Workshops to Begin!

Jul Fest workshops will start up on Monday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall meeting most every Monday through September. Anyone interested in helping make items for the annual bazaar are WELCOME to meet. If you are new to the church and are curious, come and check it out.

The bazaar will be held on September 28th, 2019. You can create crafts, work with painting, sewing, or any project you like to work on we are open to new ideas! Please bring samples or share your ideas with us. We meet from 9:00 to 12:00 but you can come and go as your schedules permit. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and hopefully some new! Of course we have coffee and fellowship time around 10:00.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Prayers for Peace and Comfort:

The family of Shirley Blaisdell in their loss & sorrow.

Ted Silva in the death of his brother, Chuck, in Provincetown, MA on December 12th.



Thank You

WOW! \$981 from the Bake Sale on December 16th. Thank you Crosslake Lutheran Church for your support of the Crosslake Food Shelf!

- Doris Mezzenga

Thanks to everybody that donated baked goodies and bought at the 5th Annual Christmas Bake Sale. The \$981 helped many families this Christmas season.

-Marge Lee

Thank you to those who helped at the Care 'N Share Café in Emily this past month

-John & Marilyn Carlson and
Herb & Lori Nelson.

PASTORAL ACTS:

Memorial Service:

Shirley Blaisdell, December 15th

Baptism:

Everett Eugene Gerdes, December 9th

Parents: Anthony & Crystle Gerdes

Sponsors: Jennifer & Emmet Smith,
Sarah Swanson, & Shawn Gerdes

November Treasurer's Report

November	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 33,562	\$ 39,385	\$ (5,823)		\$ 451,924	\$ 476,666	\$ (24,742)
Expenses:	\$ 36,951	\$ 36,880	\$ 71		\$ 476,168	\$ 473,599	\$ (2,569)
Difference:	\$ (3,389)	\$ 2,505	\$ (5,894)		\$ (24,244)	\$ 3,067	\$ (27,311)



In the month of November, expenses exceed revenues by \$3,389.

YTD's performance is \$27,311 less than budget, because revenues are \$24,742 less than budget and expenses are \$2,569 more than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

Stewardship Minute

This month we lift up the **Columbarium Ministry**. This group of dedicated Stewards is responsible for administering all aspects of the Crosslake Lutheran Church Columbarium. Among the items they are responsible for are financial oversight, long range planning, and providing information to our members about the option of cremation and internment. Our Columbarium is located on the church grounds and provides a space for visiting a loved one, meditating or just sitting quietly listening to the bubbling fountain. You can find out more about this important ministry on Sunday,

January 13th. Kris Havar will be making a brief presentation at the beginning of our coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. You can also find out more information by contacting Brenda in the church office.

Columbarium Board Members:

Karen Larson

Helen Estrem

Kris Havar – Chair

Brian Hanson – Council Liaison

Jesus said to her, *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;”* John 11:25 (NIV)

Christian Education Matters

The Advent Tree Service Project started on Nov. 28 at the Advent Celebration and Wednesday Service. Through the Clearing House of Crow Wing County at the Salvation Army, We received names and sizes with suggestions for members of 14 families, total of 48 individuals, that needed help this holiday season.

Thank You to all of the congregation that picked an ornament, shopped and brought back the gifts before the 10th. Your support of this service project is appreciated.

It is time for work to start on renewing the Business Directory. The Church Business Directory has info and ads on businesses in this area that are owned by members of Crosslake Lutheran. Ads are a full page (\$60), a 1/2 page (\$40) or business card size (\$20). A reminder letter will go out next month to the current ads and business owner. Any new business/member that would like to place an ad should

contact Vickey Leonard 218-543- 4380 and the Ad content can be e-mailed or dropped off at the Church office with Brenda. The Church Directory is put out on line on the church’s website and in hard copy available in the church office.

We are thinking ahead now to **“Souper Bowl Sunday”** coming up in February. That is the Service Project for the Brainerd Soup Kitchen. If you are a snow bird, you can still take part by sending a check marked for the Souper Bowl Collection.

Have a wonderful blessed 2019!

Anyone wishing to help in our many areas, let us know. It may be a commitment of only a day or a week or a month. We welcome you and your ideas. We meet the second Sunday after the church service.

Christian Education Does Matter!!!! As WE reach (teach) to our children, so shall they respond.



2019 Bishop's Convocation on Mental Health and Faith

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl, Adjunct Professor, Luther Seminary

Saturday, January 19, 2019: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
418 8th Ave NE, Brainerd, MN**

The Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl holds a Ph.D. in Pastoral Care and Counseling with particular emphasis on the congregation. Her dissertation, “Congregations as Trinitarian Communities: Accepting, Welcoming, and Supporting People with Chronic Mental Illness,” explores congregations who have welcomed people with mental illness into the life of the congregation. She teaches the course “Ministry with Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families.”

This Convocation is open to all people; you may invite friends who are asking questions about Faith and Mental Illness. Please register on the synod website at www.nemnsynod.org or call the synod office: 218-724-4424.

If we have enough people who are interested in attending, we will carpool in the church van. Let the church office know if you'd like to attend.



“New” Singers In The New Year!

Crosslake Lutheran Church Adult Choir welcomes “new” singers to join us in 2019.

During January & February we will practice Sunday mornings at 8:23am in the sanctuary. We sing for 9:30am worship on the following Sundays: Jan 6, 3, 20 and Feb 17 & 24. In preparation for the Lenten season and Easter, we will resume our Wednesday rehearsal time at 4:30 pm beginning in March. The choir sings for Sunday worship three times a month, occasionally a Wednesday worship, and for special events.

You are encouraged to sing whether it's for a special event, for a season, or for the year! Together let's make a joyful noise to the Lord in song!

If you have any questions, please call Kristi Morsch (701) 361-8899.

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. 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

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EM3 ALEX SENST, son of Karen & Neal Senst, Navy—Yokosuka Navel Station, Japan

SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHON SOUTHWELL, son-in-law of Ron & Michelle Schmidt—Grand Forks, ND Air Force Base

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

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

SALLY E. WHITE, granddaughter of Jack Johnson. Air Force—Saudi Arabia

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



PRAYER CALENDAR: Please remember these people in prayer on their Birthday and/or Anniversary.

January Birthdays

- 1/1 Dale Dickie, Miryah Pearson-Humphrey
- 1/2 Leah Glaser
- 1/3 Haylie Beavers, Kris Gardinier
- 1/4 Tom Barsness, Allen Rose, Grayson Schmidt, Brak Shramm
- 1/5 Kathryn Sorensen
- 1/6 Brian Scheuss
- 1/7 Natalee Bray, Quinn Bray, Lisa Engblom, Eileen Nissen
- 1/8 Stanley Blaisdell, Susan Phillips
- 1/9 John Ebertowski, Bodie Nybakken, Marlys Thorsgaard
- 1/10 Earl Bancroft, Charlie McCulloch, Clay Wolf
- 1/11 Sharon Mulder
- 1/12 Don Corbin, Kayla Sather, Duane Swanson
- 1/13 Carol Meister, Eric Swanson
- 1/14 Lori Johnson, Max Martz
- 1/15 Ray Gallett, Julie Gerdes, Miles Johnson, Alyssa DeVries
- 1/16 Mary Aarestad, Steve Engen, Don Erickson
- 1/17 Ron Ommen
- 1/18 Jon Larson
- 1/19 Bill Lund, Shirley Michal, Griffin Miller, Dylan Pederson
- 1/20 Robin Goerges, Jaedyn Knippel, Nancy Schwab
- 1/21 Ken Anderson, Marilyn Blowers, Cole Engen, Joseph Kraemer, Janice Moengen, Ryan Monahan, Cale Wolf
- 1/22 Mari Freiberg, Andrew Garin
- 1/23 Brian Boyda, Autumn Hecker
- 1/24 Chuck Fields, Greta Harmala, Kaitlyn Millner
- 1/25 Owen Gitchell, Lois Haglund
- 1/26 Leanne Ommen, Donna Puschinsky
- 1/27 Al Benson, Mike Gaffey, Tristan Schliek
- 1/28 Maxine Gallett, Samantha Palm
- 1/29 Ryan Aarestad, Stacey Gorr
- 1/30 Joel Miller
- 1/31 Gray Gitchell, Bobbi James

January Anniversaries

- 1/1 Doris & Jan Mezzenga
- 1/2 Joe & Sheree Goerges
- 1/3 Roy & Carolyn Silcox
- 1/4 Ted & Helen Silva
- 1/6 Andrew & Linda Peterson
- 1/9 Dean & Jo Tollefson
- 1/12 Jack & Joan Riordan
- 1/15 Brian & Autumn Thull
- 1/21 Robert & Kathleen Nelson
- 1/23 Carl & Judith Weber
- 1/27 Jody & Chad Harting
- 1/28 Ted & Terry Pederson



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2019 Bishop's Convocation on Mental Health and Faith

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl, Adjunct Professor, Luther Seminary

Saturday, January 19, 2019: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

If we have enough people who are interested in attending, we will carpool in the church van.

Let the church office know if you'd like to attend and please see Page 16 for more information.