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June 2019



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This is My Father's World *A Concert & Art Show*

Saturday, June 15 at 6:30pm

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Pastor's Page



June Blessings!

Warm weather has finally arrived! Thanks be to God! I am writing this on the evening of our Summer Kickoff

Outdoor Celebration — the sun is shining, tables are ready, games are set, campfire pits are ready to go, and people just seem a little happier in general! As we will worship around the campfire, those flames remind me that Pentecost, the celebration of the Holy Spirit's movement among us is coming! On Sunday, June 9, we will pray, one of my favorites, here's the best part: *Kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise.*

With this June comes some wonderful opportunities for serving and praising God! At the beginning of the month we look forward to our **Celebrating the Arts: This is My Father's World event**, with a music concert and art show. We thank all the artists of music and various visual arts, woods, fabrics, and crafts who will be contributing to this event that celebrates our Creator's majesty and gift of beauty in nature. We hope that you can come and be a part of the celebration, fellowship, and faith on this evening before Father's Day. See inside for more details.

Then, in the middle of the month, will be your first chance to attend a **YES! Gathering**. You can read inside to find out more about

these gatherings that will be happening throughout the summer. There are 6, and you only need to be a part of one of them. We sure hope you will add your input and insight to one of these important events in the life of our congregation.

Additionally, in June, comes the event that many have been waiting for, **Kurt's ordination!** See inside for details on that momentous event, happening at First Lutheran in Aitkin. Kurt will officially start his duties as Associate Pastor on July 7. See page 6 for more details on that!

We are also celebrating another seminarian's graduation, that of **Austin Nelson**, a life-long member of Crosslake Lutheran. Be sure to come to worship on Sunday, June 23 to hear Austin preach and congratulate him. We'll let Austin arrive late for the Outdoor service, so he can linger for some cake at the Indoor service coffee hour, celebrating him and his accomplishments!

So many wonderful blessings to thank God for, I'll close with the chorus of our Summer theme: *Come and See what God has done the earth is alive, thanks to the sun. Every plant that grows, every river that flows what a miracle, gift of creation!*

In Christ,
~Pr. Kristin

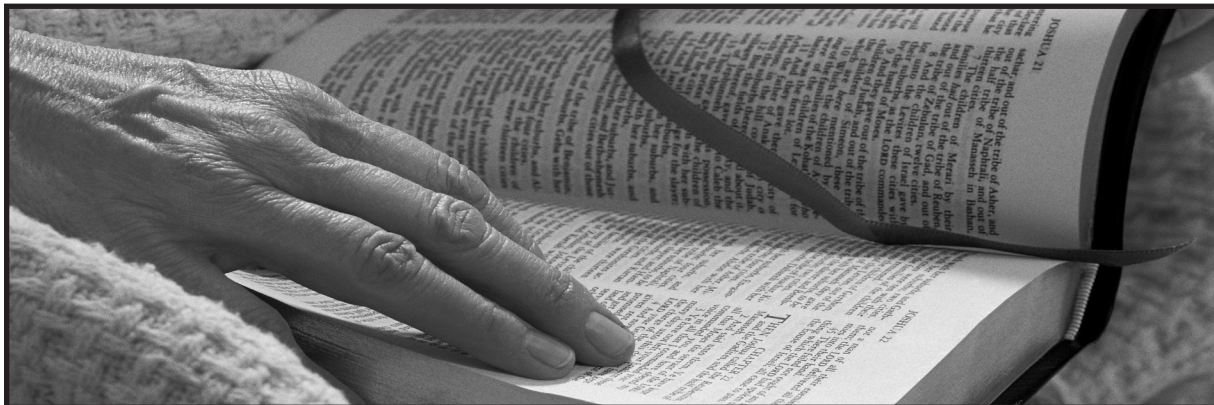
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June Bible Study

For Bible Study in June, we will be studying the upcoming scripture lessons in worship. So, on that Wednesday, we will delve deeply into what the scripture lessons will be on that coming Sunday. People have commented that this is a wonderful way to prepare for worship, and it also helps them get even more out of worship on that Sunday. Come and be a part of these lively discussions that apply scripture, both Old Testament and New Testament lessons to our daily lives. We'll meet each Wednesday of June.

Bible study begins Wednesday, June 5 and runs through Wednesday, June 26 at 10 AM.



YES! Gatherings

This summer, you are invited to be a part of a **YES! Gathering**. At the **YES! Gathering**, we will be exploring how God calls us to say YES! to serving our Lord in many ways, as individuals and a congregation. We will celebrate our ministry and look forward together to a new chapter of ministry as Crosslake Lutheran Church. What is God calling us to do next as we Gather, Grow, and Go together? Pastor Kristin and Soon-to-be-Pastor Kurt have some ideas to share, but we also want your input.

These gatherings will be a time of mutual conversation and inspiration about what God is up to in our lives and congregation. We want as many people as possible from our congregation to be involved in these gatherings. We need your input! There will be six **YES! Gatherings** over the summer:

Thursday, June 20 at 10:00am

Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30pm

Monday, July 8 at 3:00pm

Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30pm

Saturday, August 10 at 10:00am

Sunday, August 11 at 7:00pm

Please sign up for one of these **YES! Gatherings** that will last an hour and a half. You can sign up on the clip boards at Indoor or Outdoor worship, through a tear off sheet in the bulletin that you place in the offering plate, or by calling the office. You might be saying to yourself, I don't really understand what this is all about... that's okay... we want you to just come and see... be surprised, and enjoy. There will be light munchies and good fellowship. If we don't hear from you about which gathering you are attending, we'll give you a call to see which one fits your schedule the best. Thanks in advance for your participation!



Come and See What God Has Done

That’s our theme for this Summer! It’s a wonderful song, with a catchy chorus, giving thanks to our creating God. This song also has beautiful verses that spell out the grandeur and intricacies of God’s abundance and new life in creation and people all around. It’s so fitting to sing this song in an outdoor setting as we realize our place in God’s creation as caretakers of God’s gifts.

Thanks for joining us in worship this Summer as we are a part of what God has done, and co-creators, living out God’s call to keep “doing” God’s work. Our hands. Following the call of the prophet Micah to *“act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God”* (Micah 6:8). We will be singing the chorus of this song at our Indoor worship as the Gospel Acclamation and as our beginning song at our Outdoor service most weeks.



Thank you to everyone for the cards, the well wishes from the staff, Pastor Kurt and Gail Smith for their visits, the Knit Wits for the beautiful prayer shawl, and all the thoughts and prayers for me after my accident. The Drs are pleased with my progress and I know my speedy recovery is because of all your prayers. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

-Bonnie and Tom Julian

On Wednesday, May 8th, we had MN Teen Challenge join us in worship. The special offering for them totaled \$630. Thank you for your generosity!

“We are so thankful to the many who lifted us up with cards, phone calls and Kurt Hagestuen’s visits after our granddaughter’s passing. We will always remember your kindness.”

God’s blessings to you,
-David & Marti Dickinson

Health Ministry

Happy Summer!

I hope that you will take the time to enjoy the beauty of the summer, which is finally here. There are many things happening at church now that our snowbirds are back. The **Final Gift workshop** will be held June 11th from 11:00am to 4:00pm. This day is centered around creating an end-of-life plan that is shared with those we love. Speakers include Rene Millner, attorney; Jay Kline of Kline Funeral home; Pastor Kristin, Patricia Lundeen, myself, and Becky Kalton. I will be opening up a few slots for community members, so please sign up early so that I can plan for final numbers. Suggested donation is \$20.00 which includes materials, lunches, and honorariums for speakers, but no one will be turned away because of cost.

If you have questions about the day, please see me. It is such a blessing for your loved ones to have your wishes known — truly a “Final Gift.”

Kid's Fitness materials will be going out early June for the fitness challenge of being active at least 6-hours-a-week. All K through 6th grade kids are eligible and those completing the challenge are in the drawing for the \$100 gift certificate in the fall.

Our **Home Visitation and Befriender Teams** are currently serving more than 30 people in our congregation. Many thanks to Becky Kalton and Connie Caspers who are continuing their visitation work after covering while I was in Texas this winter. It is so wonderful to have such a committed team of folks serving in the place where they feel called. Our partnership with **Care and Share Café** also enables

our **Angel Food Program** to have a supply of meals available to those who need short-term support.

In the recent past, **stroke** is something that has impacted several of our church family. It is very important to know the emergency first aide for those experiencing stroke including recognizing the signs of stroke. We use the **acronym of FASTER** to help provide a easy way to remember what to



watch for. **F stands for facial droop.** Most of the time a corner of the mouth is lower than the other due to muscle paralysis. **A is for arms.** If the arms are raised, they are weak or fall down. **S stands for stability.** Loss of balance **T stands for talking.**

Speech is garbled or words don't make sense. **E stands for eye, blurred or loss of vision.**

R stands for react. Which is to call 911 immediately and let them know you have concerns about stroke.

Often, the helicopter will be dispatched in order to get the person to the closest stroke center that give clot busters as soon as a brain bleed is ruled out. Since most strokes involve a clot (more than 85%), the clot buster drug opens up the vessel and restores flow to the area of the brain affected. The first 3 hours are the most critical from the time of symptoms to the time of medication given in order to get the best possible outcome so time wasted is precious brain time.

Since Minnesota had a snow storm on the day that we do severe storm awareness, it is up to you to review your plan for storms and other emergencies with your family. It is a great time to test fire

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detectors, change batteries, practice a plan including a place to gather in case of fire when everyone is out of the house. Be sure you have your address clearly posted in an easy-to-find place in case you need to call 911 on your cell phone.

Our **Community Wide Caregiver Support Group** continues to grow — it is held the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm, this past month we looked at memory and challenges when memory does not work for both our loved ones, and also, we as caregivers. Please call me if you have questions about the group and let others know who might be interested

Thank you to all who make the **Memorial Day Service** another memorable event in the life of the church. Providing comfort to those in times of loss and support to those who continue to heal from the effects of war is a calling to all who serve our risen Lord.

Blessings,

-Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

Hello Church, Sunny spring greetings to you. I just wanted to take a minute to provide a few details about upcoming events. I certainly don't write this so that you feel obligated to attend anything, but rather that you might celebrate with me in the bond we share in Holy Spirit. I graduated from Luther Seminary with a Masters of Divinity (MDiv) on May 19th. The graduation with my classmates from all over the world was fantastic. My son Nathan and I celebrated both of our graduations with an open house this last Saturday.

Ordination: I will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). My

NEWS OF THE FAMILY ***Prayers for Peace and Comfort:***

Shirley McMahon and family in the death of her husband, Mike, on April 19th. Shirley & Mike were previous members of Crosslake Lutheran Church before they moved to Blaine, MN.



Jim & Holly DeVinck in the death of Jim's brother, John, on April 20th.

Marlene Yurek in the death of her husband, Tom, on May 7th.

Sue & Gary Phillips in the death of Sue's brother, Dan Ziebarth, on May 19th.

Pastoral Acts

Celebration of Life:

A celebration of life for Ward Woodwick will be held at Crosslake Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 29th at 12 noon. Visitation one hour prior to the service.

ordination service will be at 11am, June 22nd at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. Bishop Tom Aitken will preside for this special service. A meal and fellowship time will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Installation: I will begin serving as the Associate Pastor of Crosslake Lutheran on July 7th. The service of installation will happen at 9:30am Sunday, September 22nd, at Crosslake Lutheran Church with a meal and fellowship time to follow.

Thank you all for support, love, and encouragement in this powerful journey.

In Christ,

-Kurt Hagestuen, Pastoral Assistant

Summer Day Camp (VBS) With Luther Crest!



Held at Outdoor Worship Center

Day Camp Dates: July 22-25; 9am-3pm

Ages/Grades: Completed K-6th

Registration Deadline: July 12th (pre-registration is required)

Cost: \$20/child (\$40 family maximum per family)



Join us for worship, games, crafts, snacks, fun, & more!

2019 LUTHER CREST DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Completed forms can be turned in to the Church Office (PO Box 248, Crosslake MN 56442), the offering plate, or the Information Table at Outdoor Worship.

CAMPER NAME _____ GENDER _____ AGE _____

PARENT(S) NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

BEST CONTACT NUMBER _____ ALTERNATE PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GRADE JUST **COMPLETED BY CAMPER** (circle one) K 1 2 3 4 5 6

I give my permission for my child to participate in Luther Crest's Day Camp, to take part in the normal activities, and I authorize the camp doctor to provide any necessary emergency medical care. I understand Luther Crest assumes secondary insurance coverage; the camper's family assumes primary coverage. I also give Luther Crest permission to use any photograph of my child taken at camp in future promotion of Luther Crest.

Parent's Signature

_____ I would like to be a Day Camp Volunteer.

_____ I would like to have the Luther Crest Day Camp Team at my home for supper.

Additional registration forms, health forms and payment can be made online at www.crosslakelutheran.com.
For more information contact Karen Zeile by text or phone at 248-709-0092 or kjzeile@ameritech.net

Youth Ministry



Peaches

We will be selling fresh Colorado peaches and pears as a Youth Fundraiser. Watch for more info.

‘Join Hands’

On Wednesday, May 29nd, our Youth planted flowers and did some weeding at the Corps of Engineer Campground for the ‘Join Hands Day’ service project. Thanks to Thrivent Financial Action Teams for the two \$250.00 grants to purchase the plants. Nancy Koch at North Wedge Greenhouse did the plans and provided the plants. Thanks to all who helped! Check out the beautiful flower beds at the campground!

Garage Sale — Youth Fundraiser

Friday, June 7th, 8:00am–6:00pm

Saturday, June 8th, 8:00am–1:00pm.

HUGE Sale! Furniture, household items, clothing, books, toys, sporting goods and so much more! This is a Youth Fundraiser.

Thanks to ALL who helped with our Brunch/Silent Auction Fundraiser in May!

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, June 5th, Thursday, June 6th**
Set up for Garage Sale.
- **Friday, June 7th, Saturday, June 8th**
Garage Sale Fundraiser.
- **Wednesdays, June 12th and 19th, 6:00pm**
Youth Ministry for those going on the Mission Trip.
- **Sunday, June 16th** — Send-off at Outdoor Worship 10:00am. All those attending the Mission Trip should attend.
- **Saturday, June 22nd, 3:00pm** — Leave for Mission Trip.
- **Sunday, June 30th** — Return from Mission Trip.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Baptism of Norway Jean Luzar 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship	3 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	4 9-3pm "Days for Girls" workshop-Fellowship Hall 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	5 9am Kitchen Committee 10am Adult Bible Study Noon Bell Choir 1pm Knit Wits 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical Set up for Youth Garage Sale	6 Set up for Youth Garage Sale 9-10:30am "Last Generation" practices in sanctuary 9am Marketing Committee 12:30pm Mahjong meets in Garden Room	7 Youth Garage Sale 8am-3pm	8 Youth Garage Sale 8am-1pm
		Men's Fishing Trip to Cyrus Resort—Lake of the Woods				
9 Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion	10 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 11:30am Volunteer Coordinator Trailblazer Meeting 7pm A.A.	11 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 11am Lake Readers Book Club-Fireside Room 11am-4pm "Final Gift" workshop-Fellowship Hall 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	12 Noon Bell Choir 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Executive Committee 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical	13 9-10:30am "Last Generation" 11am Welca Spring Salad Luncheon 2:30pm Facilities Meeting Budget Kick-Off day	14	15 "This Is My Father's World" Concert 6:30pm followed by Art Exhibit and refreshments
16 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Animals & Youth Commissioning for Mission Trip	17 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	18 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	19 Noon Bell Choir 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Stewardship Committee 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical 5:30pm Finance Committee 7pm Church Council	20 9-10:30am "Last Generation" practices in sanctuary 10am Book Club 10am "Yes" Gathering-Fellowship Hall 12:30pm Mahjong meets in Garden Room Country Cross deadline!	21 8:30am Work Morning at Camp Knutson	22 Youth leave for Mission Trip to Columbia, SC thru June 30th 11am Kurt Hagestuen's Ordination at First Lutheran Church-Aitkin (lunch to follow)
23 Guest Preacher Austin Nelson 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion	24 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 9am Altar Guild 7pm A.A.	25 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class 3-4:30pm Caregiver Support Group-Fireside Room 6:30pm "Yes" Gathering-Fellowship Hall	26 10am Adult Bible Study Noon Bell Choir 1pm Knit Wits 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical	27 9-10:30am "Last Generation" practices in sanctuary 12:30pm Mahjong meets in Garden Room	28 10am Country Cross assembly	29 12 Noon Memorial Service for Ward Woodwick (visitation 1 hour prior)
30 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Baptism of Aubrey Sky Krause						

Sharing God's Bounty

Overcoming Pride

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote the following about pride: *"Pride is the one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine they are guilty of themselves."* We demonstrate pride when go our own way and do our own thing. It is "my will be done" not "thy will be done."

Pride is sinful and destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Through faith, we are changed by God from being self-serving, proud people into people who are humble and seek the welfare of others before ourselves. God changes us from being people who always want to be in control into people who desire to be controlled by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). In

Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

Through faith, we understand our need for humility. We become more humble as God molds and transforms us by the renewing of

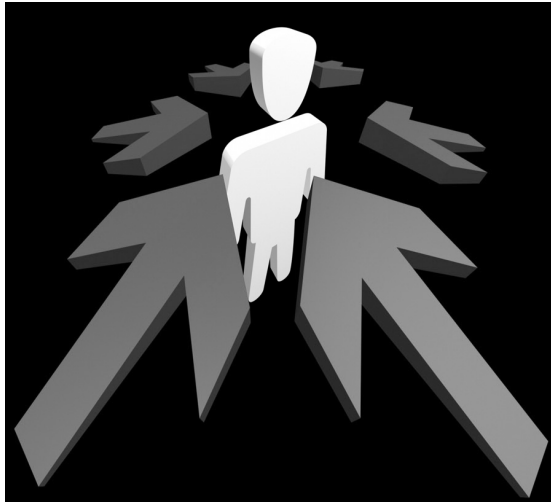
our mind (Romans 12:2).

Pride has no place in our lives as Christians and stewards. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8:3-4). The inference is that, although we are insignificant, God has exalted us: "You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet."

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. Humility is the decision to "let God be God." We are stewards through humility. We are to honor him with what we have, what we are, and what he will make of us.

Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others: Time, Good Example, Acceptance, Seeing the Best in People, Self-esteem, Self-disclosure, Helping Someone Learn Something New, Listening, Fun, Letting Others Give to You.



KID'S KORNER

"Let the little children come to me." Mark 10:14

Look for the blue and green tents located somewhere in our worship area and that is where you will find **Kid's Korner** this summer. **Kid's Korner** is open throughout the worship service and is a place where children through 6th grade can come and do activities that are kid friendly. There will usually be a craft they can make that relates to the worship theme, books to read, coloring pages, children's worship activity sheets and toys to help them worship in an age-appropriate way.

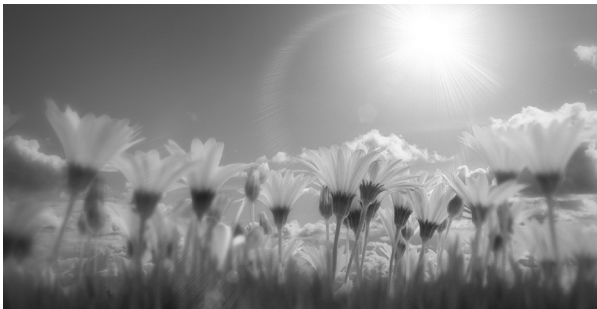
There will be a person present throughout the worship hour to help guide the children. Parents can sit close to the tents, offering their children the option of going back and forth between you and **Kid's Korner**.

If you would like to volunteer to be present at the tents during worship, contact Karen Zeile, 248-709-0092.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **Summer Kick-Off** a success. Thanks to the kitchen crew and the grill masters. Thanks for the crew who set up and took down the games. Thanks to the planning team who made this nugget of an idea into a reality. Thanks to Pat Netko for the ice cream for our Root Beer Floats. Thanks to Pastor Kristin and Pastoral Assistant Kurt for leading worship.

For all those who stayed late and helped with clean-up, a special thanks to you. Without even asking, you rolled up your sleeves and made quick work of the cleanup. And finally, thank you to all the families who came together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food!



Camp Knutson Men's Work Party

Friday, June 21st. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am.

Volunteer Coordinator Trailblazing

Do you like to talk with people? Help them feel comfortable and at home? Help them connect with others and serve God? Then, you might be called to our next ministry adventure as we re-format the Volunteer Coordinator position into a ministry for many.

We are looking for around 12 trailblazers to work together to help design, format, and carry out a ministry team that would invite people into service opportunities in our church. Here is a possible way this team could work. 12 trailblazers would form into teams of two. Each team would take two months out of the year. During those two months, the team of 2 would find people to serve as ushers, kitchen helpers, etc. There would still be sign ups available for all of these service opportunities, so trailblazers would only actively be finding people for places that weren't already covered. Additionally, if desired, trailblazers could meet together for meaningful discussion every quarter or so, to check-in, see how things are going, and

also talk about hospitality, ministry, and any enrichment for these service positions in the church.

We also imagine that there would be one lead person, perhaps in a stipend position, that would consistently maintain the Sign-Up Genius information, for people who sign up to serve on-line and also as a "fall back" person, if a trailblazer needs help, or someone can't serve at the last minute to help find a replacement.

If you are interested in being the steady, computer person, or one of the trailblazers, or simply a part of the conversation for how this new ministry endeavor might come about, we invite you to an exploratory meeting, aka trailblazing! No commitment necessary or expected!

Please talk to Pastor Kristin with any questions you may have or if you are interested, but can't make the meeting.

Trailblazing begins (aka the exploratory meeting is on) Monday, June 10, at 11:30am! Join us!

April Treasurer's Report

April	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 39,813	\$ 46,930	\$ (7,117)		\$ 166,288	\$ 198,538	\$ (32,250)
Expenses:	\$ 41,283	\$ 45,181	\$ 3,898		\$ 173,241	\$ 188,565	\$ 15,324
Difference:	\$ (1,470)	\$ 1,749	\$ 3,219		\$ (6,953)	\$ 9,973	\$ (16,926)



In the month of April, expenses exceed revenues by \$1,470.

YTD's performance is \$16,926 less than budget, because revenues are \$32,250 less than budget and expenses are \$15,324 less than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.



The Crosslake Lutheran Church will have their **Spring Luncheon** on June 13 at 11:00am. CLC members are asked to bring a salad and sign up on the bulletin board. Visiting guests should call the church office at 218-692-3682. Groups of eight may call to reserve a table. Entertainment will be provided by the mother-daughter team, “TurtleDoves.”

Are you 70½ and required to take a “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from your IRA’s?

If you own an individual retirement account (IRA), once you reach age 70½ you will be required to start taking a RMD on an annual basis. That distribution will now be subject to tax.

You may want to consider directing all or some of that RMD to fulfill your annual Church pledge or other charitable giving. The distribution can still count toward your RMD and the Church/charity will not have to pay any tax on that gift. In addition to an income tax savings you may be able to minimize estate taxes also if structured properly. You accomplish thoughtful tax savings and support your charitable giving.

Check with your tax preparer or financial advisor to see if this tax planning and savings strategy can benefit you.

We had the honor of attending the NE Minnesota Synod Spring Conference in Duluth May 3–5. We went along with Pastor Kristin and Pastoral Assistant Kurt. There were over 300 pastors and church members attending with several guests. One topic of discussion centered around the election of a new bishop next year, who will be replacing Bishop Tom Aiken, whose term of office will be ending.

Several resolutions were passed, and officers elected.

The speakers and multicultural musicians all were inspiring and it was interesting to hear plans and news from various officers of the synod. We were impressed with the work of our NE MN Synod in India, Honduras, and Russia, and appreciated hearing about their lives and Lutheran churches.

Handmade quilts and items sold during the convention in the Marketplace raised \$13,000 for World Hunger. There was a moving communion ceremony before we adjourned and all of us returned home with a new understanding of worship and our Synod to share with our respective congregations.

-Nancy Westerberg, and Jerry and Vicki Kopplin



Concert & Art Show

Saturday, June 15 at 6:30pm



Happy Spring/Summer! The sun is shining, birds are singing, trees are budding – signs of our “Father’s World” are all around us in nature.

“This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise the morning light, the lily white, declare their makers praise. This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair, in the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere”
 Verses to the Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” ~Maltbie



An Evening Concert celebrating the opening of “This Is My Father’s World” Art Exhibit!

Handbell Choir and Instrumentalists
 Crosslake Lutheran Church Sanctuary
Saturday, June 15; 6:30pm

Followed by, “This Is My Father’s World”
 Art Exhibit in the Fellowship Hall,
 Refreshments Provided!

Please Join Our “Celebrating the Arts” at Crosslake Lutheran Church!!!

Proverbs 24: 3–4

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”

The Stewardship Minute

On June 23rd at both the indoor and outdoor Worship Services there will be a very special dedication ceremony of prayer shawls. These shawls are knit by a wonderful group of Stewards who lovingly call themselves the “Knit Wits”. This ministry knits the shawls to be distributed to anyone in need of God’s Blessing. They are knit in prayer with the hope the shawl will be a reminder to the recipient that they are not alone. The shawl can be used by the recipient to create a sacred space in which to find comfort and strength through meditation and prayer. More than 75 beautiful shawls are created each year by the Knit Wits ministry to spread the healing power of prayer to those in need.

If you knit or crochet, please consider becoming a part of this ministry. All are welcome! For more information please attend Worship on Sunday June 23rd. or contact Gerry Schroeder or Brenda in the Church office. The Knit Wits meet each Wednesday at 1:00 o’clock in the Fireside Room.

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” *John 14:13-14. (NIV)*

-The Stewardship Team

DAYS FOR GIRLS

What is “Days for Girls?”

Days for Girls (DfG) was founded by Celeste Mergens after a trip to Kenya in 2008, when she learned that girls in an orphanage were facing huge challenges each month because they lacked access to hygiene options. As she was preparing to return to Nairobi, Celeste asked, “What are girls doing for feminine hygiene?” The orphanage director said, “Nothing. They wait in their rooms.” Missing school 3–5 days every month.

Today, DfG has reached more than one million women and girls in 124+ countries with DfG kits and education about feminine hygiene, reproductive health, and value as women. This translates into over 115 million days of dignity, health, and opportunity!

DfG kits include a colorful drawstring bag, washable pads (made of two parts: a waterproof shield and liner), washcloth, small bar of soap, panties, and two Ziploc freezer bags that can be used for clean and soiled items. The bags have also been used as to wash soiled items. The

liners are colorful and not embarrassing to hang on a clothes line.

Our Associate Pastor Kurt’s wife, Kelly and her co-chair Lisa, hand carry these kits to Haiti. Our goal before their trip in 2020 is 300 kits which translates to 300 bags, 600 waterproof shields and 2,400 flannel liners! We can do this with your help!

Crosslake Lutheran will host a “sew-a-thon” sponsored by Thrivent Financial on Tuesday, June 4, from 9:00am to 3:00pm (bring your own lunch and sewing machine if you want to sew). Free Thrivent T-shirts are available while supplies last. Kit supplies will be provided. You don’t have to sew to attend workshops.

Other workshops will be held on July 9, August 6, and September 10, from 9:00am to noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Carlson at sueandbrianc@hotmail.com or 952-356-7516 or Jeanne Blosberg at blosbdj@crosslake.net or 218-820-0135.

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

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS BRANDON PRYOR, son of Ron & Michelle Schmidt

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

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.

June Birthdays

- 6/1 Lindsay Balmer, Heather Gade, Eloise Gitchell,
Jaci Peterson, Thomas White
- 6/2 Emma Flaws, June Gens, Roger Peterson,
Ellie Saxerud
- 6/3 Lois Benson, Deanna Dubel, Kevin Gyllenblad,
Sidney Larsen, Dave Loken, Jeff Miller
- 6/4 Sawyer Goerges, Ezekyel Johnson, Elizabeth
Larson, Zack Olander, Lois Salo,
Jacob Swanson
- 6/5 Kellen Bonner, Michael Monahan
- 6/6 Veronica Johnson, Alex Senst, Marjorie Thulin
- 6/7 Brynn Freiberg, Claire Glaser, Sandra
Okerman, Jeff Schommer, Helen Silva,
Jean Smeby
- 6/8 Ann Flaws, Brandon Pederson, Janessa Potocki
- 6/9 Ashley Hanson
- 6/10 Mason Kassahn, Don Reierson
- 6/11 Ronald Bickford
- 6/12 Zane Gade, Madison Koch, Dan Otterson
- 6/13 Buck Garin, Marlys Winkelman
- 6/14 Ardie Lennartson
- 6/16 Erin Bengtson, Helen Nordgren
- 6/17 Huck Heggerston
- 6/18 Joan Baker, Gloria Digre, Richard Peterson,
Stella Spray
- 6/19 Jody Miller, Brian Johnson
- 6/20 Rachel Anderson, Sun Beavers
- 6/21 Skylar Doerr, Jodell Rau
- 6/22 Deanna Engen, Marlin Gens, Chase Larson,
Alan Sherve
- 6/23 Justin Benzick
- 6/24 Jacob Box, Mallory Goerges, Declan Johnson,
Renee Ranson, Justin Tohm
- 6/25 Lori Bernu, Bill Glas, Dylan Mesenbrink
- 6/26 John Marchwick, Allison Hecker,
Kathleen Prigge, David Topinka
- 6/27 Kiana Dusek, Roger Joyce
- 6/28 Brenda Anderson, Jaden Bray, Alden
Hardwick, Julie Koenig, Michael Ridgley
- 6/29 Jeff Laurel, Kelsey Miller, Daniel Nevin
- 6/30 Cindi Boyda, Marilyn Eid, Shawn Gerdes,
Justin Knippel, Hailey Millner, John Repp,
Julie Rose, Dayton Thompson

June Anniversaries

- 6/1 Mark & Donna Groettum
Chuck & Jan Hughes
- 6/2 Marlo & Elayne Miller
- 6/3 Richard & JoAnn Maas
- 6/5 Richard & Sharon Elmquist
Don & Deanna Engen,
Brian & Kristin Larsen
- 6/7 Marty & Amy Gitchell,
Richard & Greta Peterson
- 6/9 Joseph & Holly Chase,
Dan & Jill Otterson,
Loren & Jean Smeby
- 6/11 John & Marlene Kjera,
James & Janet Marr
- 6/12 David & Elsa Bengtson
- 6/13 Sean & Hannah Bengtson,
Brent & Beth Nelson
- 6/14 Duane & Ardie Lennartson,
David & Lora McChesney
- 6/15 Jim & Holly DeVinck,
Richard & Shirley Johnson
- 6/18 Ronald & Karen Larson
- 6/19 Randy & Rebecca Kraft,
David & Judy Topinka
- 6/20 James & Linnea Anderson,
Terry & Vicki Nygaard
- 6/21 Warren & Marlene Heidemann,
Larry & Julie Koenig
- 6/22 Sigurd & Elsie Anderson,
Alden & Mary Hardwick,
Leon & Brenda LaRock,
Thomas & Carla White
- 6/23 John & Linda Andrews,
Dale & Jeanne Blosberg,
Dale & Barb Johnson,
Mike & Robin Goerges
- 6/24 Gordon & Marilyn Eid,
Dan & Leah Heggerston,
Michael & Joanna O'Neil,
Joe & Pam Wiltsey
- 6/25 Del & Marilyn Blowers,
John Rappath & Stephanie Haider
- 6/26 Al & Lois Benson,
Dale & Barbara Johnson,
Jim & Ellen Nelson,
David & Ann Schrupp
- 6/27 John & Gail Boline

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Sunday, June 23

Guest Preacher:
Austin Nelson, MDiv.

Help us celebrate with Crosslake Lutheran member, Austin Nelson, as he graduated from Luther Seminary this past May with his Master of Divinity degree!

He will be at both services to preach!