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CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

*Join us for Sundays and
Wednesdays during Lent*

Sundays at 9:30am –
Traditional Worship with art and poetry

Wednesdays at 6:15pm –
Song and Scriptures with prayerful and
participatory experiences including
Holy Communion

Pastoral Page



March greetings!

Lent begins on March 6th this year with Ash Wednesday. We hope you can join us for this very meaningful service at 6:15pm when we receive

the cross of ashes on our forehead, reminding us that we belong to Christ as God's beloved people, and also of our frailty as humans on this earth.

As these frail, yet beloved people, in these forty days of Lent — we will be **“Cultivating & Letting Go.”** That's our Lenten theme: both remembering whose we are as we cultivate that beloved identity and letting go of all that gets in the way of us trusting and believing in God's promises for us. We will be experiencing this theme of **“Cultivating & Letting Go”** in worship on both Sundays and Wednesdays, youth ministry and Sunday School. Sundays will be a more traditional worship experience with pieces of art, poetry, and music to enhance the theme. Wednesdays will also have scripture and sing along with more of an experiential time comprised of “stations” for prayer (to pray and be prayed for), communion, candle lighting, praying at a globe, and other prayerful activities that you can do right in your pew. We hope that you will be a part of worship on both Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent. Of course, we will have soup suppers prior to our Wednesday worship and mentoring with youth on Wednesdays as well.

Our Lenten Bible Study is entitled

“Embracing Forgiveness” and although it won't exactly mirror the scriptures in worship, it will go well with the **“Cultivating & Letting Go”** worship experiences on both Sundays and Wednesdays. See inside the newsletter for more information on the Bible Study.

Additionally, we want to let you know that the Call Committee for our Associate Pastor has been hard at work on the Ministry Site Profile. The council approved that document in February. So, once it has been processed by the synod office, the Call Committee will receive paperwork of interested candidates and interested candidates will receive our Ministry Site Profile. Then, we can begin the interview process. Thanks so much to the Call Committee for their continued efforts.

Also, on a personal note, I would like to thank you for the wonderful celebrations in the month of February for both my husband Tony and me! It was so terrific to see how many from our congregation were present at his installation at Crosslake Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your participation in that celebration for our family, and we especially thank the choir for their beautiful singing and efforts! Also, a huge thanks for the celebration of the 15th anniversary of my ordination. I give thanks to God to have served and currently serve such wonderful congregations. It's a joy — thanks so much for sharing in this grateful time with me!

In Christ,
~Pastor Kristin

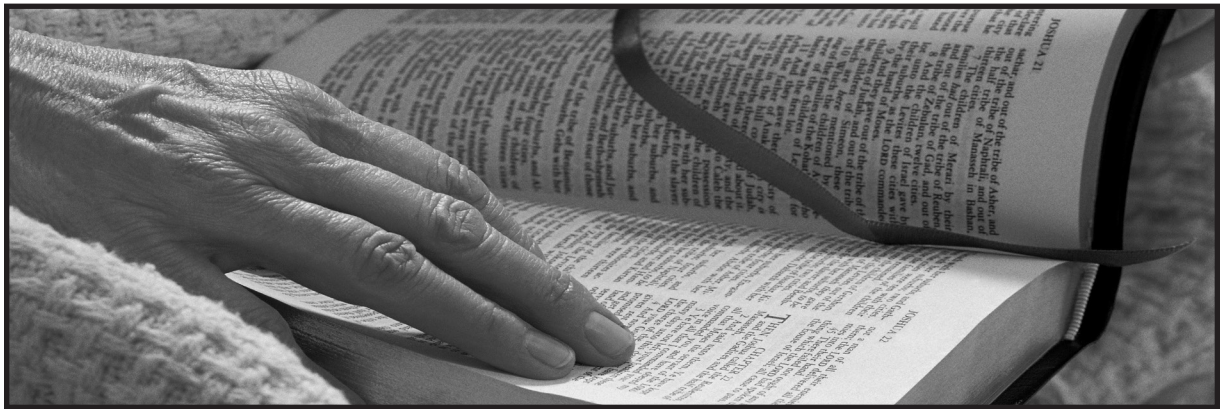
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Bible Study: Embracing Forgiveness

What It Is & What It Isn't
by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Embracing Forgiveness is welcome balm for a culture struggling for civility and reconciliation. Master storyteller and teacher Barbara Cawthorne Crafton leads a group of adults in a revealing and helpful exploration of what forgiveness is not, first of all, and then, what it is and how to find it in our lives, on both the personal and communal level. Warm, honest, realistic, and practical, Embracing Forgiveness offers tonic for troubled souls – yours and mine.

We'll watch thirty minutes of this group, which starts with a ten-minute presentation from Episcopal priest, Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, followed by a twenty-minute filmed interaction of the group. After the DVD, we'll have our own discussion involving scripture and life experience.

Join us for this Lenten Bible Study at 10:00am on Wednesday mornings.

Wed., March 6 Seventy Times Seven: Really?

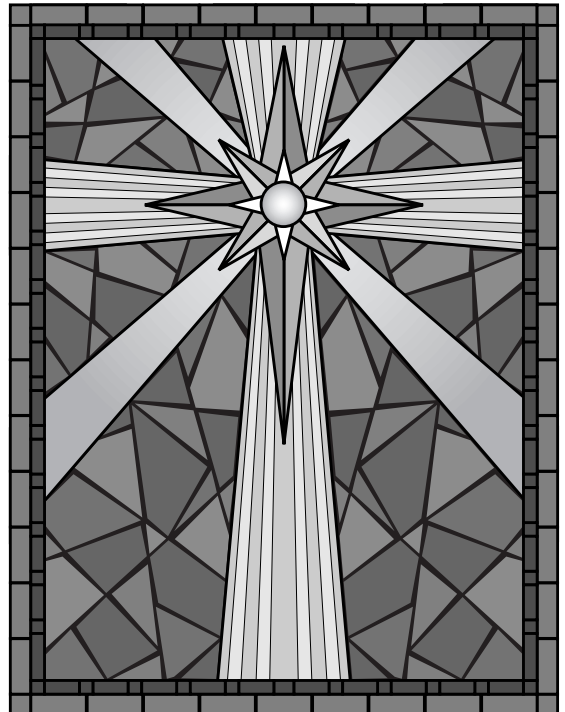
Wed., March 13 No Study – Spring Break

Wed., March 20 You Have Heard It Said

Wed., March 27 Chipping Away

Wed., April 3 How to Start

Wed., April 10 Why Forgive?



The Stewardship Minute

March ushers in the Season of Lent. The 40 days beginning on the Sunday following Ash Wednesday and ending on Maundy Thursday. During this time, we prepare our hearts and minds through prayer, and scripture readings so we may more fully understand the meaning of both the sacrifice of Jesus and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As Stewards it can also be a time to thank God for all he has given us. One idea is on each of the 40 days of Lent we write on a small slip of paper what we are thankful for and place it in a jar or container. Then on Easter morning we read each of the slips of paper. They will combine to be our Easter morning prayer of thanksgiving to the Risen Lord. Who went beyond what we have in this life to conquer death so that we as forgiven sinners may experience the joy of everlasting life.

A Lenten Prayer

God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek forgiveness and return to your love. Transform me this Lent heavenly Father, so I may become a better person. Help me to develop generosity towards others through your great love. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me strength in you.

In Jesus name I pray,

Amen

-Anonymous

Celebrating the Arts!

Theme: "This Is My Father's World"

Mission Statement: Designing an art piece can illustrate reflection and creative processes.

Be imaginary! "Whenever an inspirational talent is shown . . . God is making His presence known!"

Be bold, having faith that you serve a valuable role in God's omnipotent "This is my Father's World"!

Supporting Bible Verses: 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."

Participate!

(Closing Date: Friday, May 24, 2019)

All Ages Are Welcome!

Ideas: Photography, paintings, pencil, art sketches, drawings, poems, stories, fabric, designs, cards, carvings, other woodwork, music, iron/metal designs, needle point, jewelry, etc.

Check the recent Church Bulletin Flyer or February's Country Cross Newsletter for more details.

Questions? If needed, a Registration Form can be emailed to you. Contact Robert Salo by email (mrgeog@izoom.net) or phone (763.689.2518). Place Registration Form in offering plate or bring to Church Office.

*"Celebrating the Arts" will be held on
Father's Day Weekend, June 16, 2019.
More details will follow.*

Health Ministry

Wow, winter sure has flown by for me (sorry for you all who have endured an old-fashioned Minnesota winter). I will be back at work the first week of March. Big thank you's to Becky and Connie who have provided great visitation coverage while I was out of town. It is great to have a larger pool of folks available for visitation since my role includes a lot of time in education, referrals, program development, and coordination of several ministries (home communion, Befrienders, long-term visitation).

I have missed my Crosslake Lutheran family and feel renewed in mind, body, and spirit. I am hoping that you all will have found ways to connect with the voice of Spirit where ever you have spent the winter. I hope to be more deliberate in my committing time to spend with keeping connections with prayer life, rest, and listening for ways to further God's plan for me.

Work continues on the **Senior Expo** to be held at the end of April. I am excited about the great day that is being planned which helps folks be aware of the many resources that are available in the Crosslake area. The **“best is yet to come”** is the subtitle for this day which will be held at The Log Church and reflects ways to stay active and engaged as we live in the last third of life. I balk at the word “senior” because that's where I technically fall in age group but it is just a number and a title—how we age is related to many factors including social and spiritual connections, physical health, mental health, and purpose in our lives. If

any of those are a challenge for you, please reach out to our church since a number of critical needs can be met by participating in the church life. I will be reaching out to those who are interested in visitation ministry since we will be having another **Befriender Course** this year. We will also be planning another **“Final Gift” seminar** this spring which was well attended last year. I hope to open

it up to the community if we have openings for others. For those of you who have attended, I am planning a follow up session to act as a working time to complete things such as funeral planning and advanced directives—it is easier to do as a group for some folks and you will have a completed form at the end.

Work is already under way for the **Memorial Day**

Service. If you know of a great speaker, please contact me. A planning meeting will happen in April to address a few challenges such as traffic flow at the Outdoor service—Herb Nelson and his team have already come up with a few ideas as to ensure easy and quick moving of cars at the service which hit a record as to attendance. If you are interested in the planning process for that day, please see me.

This month begins the season of Lent. Instead of giving up something, what about adding life to increase peace, purpose, and faith? Instead of worry—add more time for giving up the control to God and trusting that there is a plan for your life that is in your higher good. It is also a great time to clear out physical and mental clutter so that the fresh air of spring can circulate in our lives. Your family

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Christian Education

The students in the Sunday Education put on a skit in worship showing the difference between “Super Bowl” of football and the “**Souper Bowl of Caring.**” Autumn Hecker and Kyle Oltmann spoke the verbal difference while Calvin and Allison Hecker and Zane and Amelia Gade Fletcher helped with the props. At the end of worship they collected a special offering. Wednesday night GROW students collected an offering also for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All the monies will go to Brainerd Soup Kitchen. A total so far of \$1218!

The Business Directory is being updated with the current businesses and any new businesses for 2019. 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 has gone out to the current businesses. 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.

“**Save The Date**” cards and e-mails will be going out to the families with children that have completed K–6th grade for the Day Camp/VBS in July 21–25. Registration will start July 1 on-line.

It is still time to register for going to **Luther Crest Camp** for the 4th–12th graders. The parents pay the deposit at time of registration, the church sends the camp \$100 for each

camper from our church, and there is a fundraiser held before camp to help the families pay for the camper fee.

The summer programs are being planned and worked on even though we are in the midst of snowstorms and cold temperature. Some changes for those summer programs also. Watch bulletins and the newsletter for details. Have a wonderful blessed 2019! Come on Spring!

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.

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will be very grateful if you clear out the junk now instead of having it done by others later.

Thank you to all who supported me as my father transitioned to long-term care. Lloyd, the farmer, has lived on his farm for almost 90 years so getting him to agree to move was no small feat. For those of you still working on that piece, the big question to ask is “can they stay home safely” and if the answer is no—then there is no other option. Often it takes a crisis to force the question but it still is not easy. I am grateful his dog will continue to visit and that he can visit the farm as his strength allows. Trusting God’s plan and having support has made it easier for me and my family.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the snowbanks unless you can somehow make them gone within the next week.

Blessings,

~Gail Smith, Parish Nurse

Sunday School

We are beginning our journey through Lent in March. Sunday lessons will be following the readings from Sunday morning; usually the Gospel but sometimes we will look at other readings as well. Through the Faith5 practice, we share highs and lows, read a Bible story, talk about the story, learn through games or crafts or just conversation, pray and then, as the children leave the classroom, each child is blessed by the teacher. We are finding that this framework for our class time has been very positive.

GROWing Kids

Ash Wednesday is March 6 and our children will stay in Worship with their family. They also will participate in worship on March 13. During our Lenten worship on Wednesdays, the congregation will have an opportunity to visit a variety of prayer stations set up throughout the sanctuary and we want our children to have an opportunity to participate as well so they will have a chance to do that on March 13 and probably one more Wednesday during Lent.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Souper Bowl of Caring collection on Souper Bowl Sunday. Through your generosity, we were able to donate over \$1200 to the Brainerd Soup kitchen.

Musical

Children to present a musical during worship in May. "Amazing Grace" is a children's musical that we are hoping to present to the congregation this spring. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, March 24

immediately after worship and on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:45 PM. Both meetings will take place in classroom 5/6. Children and parents are both encouraged to attend. At the meeting, we will talk about the play, the rehearsal schedule, which will be set up based on the schedules of those participating, and the performance date.

This is the first time we have tried to put together a performance like this. The play has between 6-11 speaking parts and can accommodate more children who would be part of the choir. Doing this will depend on how many of our children will be able to commit to the schedule.

If you have any questions, call or text Karen Zeile (248-709-0092).

"This is My Father's World" Art Show

Over Father's Day weekend, we will be displaying art created by members of this congregation. This includes artwork created by children!!

If your child wants to show a piece of artwork, this is what they have to do:

- 1) Pick out a piece of artwork. It can be photography, drawing, jewelry, painting, a three dimensional piece made from clay or maybe even made with legos!
- 2) Fill out and turn in the registration form that is available from the church office.
- 3) Pick a Bible verse to go with your artwork. If you need help with that, bring your artwork to Sunday School or GROWing Kids and we will help you find a verse that fits.
- 4) Turn in your completed artwork to the church.

Youth Ministry



Garage Sale—Youth Fundraiser—It is time to clean out that closet — garage — house — storage unit! Our youth will be taking donations for a Garage Sale! We will begin collecting your items in early April. If you need help in hauling larger items, we can make arrangements to help you. We will be unable to accept any, mattresses, old electronics, appliances, cribs or car seats. The date for the actual Garage Sale will be announced next month. (Call Pat with questions.)



Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 3rd.

This is a Youth Fundraiser.

Ash[†] Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on March 6th. This marks the entry into Lent and is done by the, “imposition of ashes,” fancy lingo for having your forehead smudged with ashes in the sign of the cross. A reminder that GOD is GOD and we are not. We will have the 7–8th grade youth come after school as normal for youth ministry. Then we will have supper and worship. We are strongly encouraging your family to mark this Wednesday as holy, special, and set apart. We encourage you to bend and stretch your schedules so that you can attend the Lenten Worship (March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th). For the 6 Wednesdays in Lent, 7–8th grade youth will meet with their mentors after the 6:15 worship service.

Mission Trip—Columbia, South Carolina will be the destination for our summer 2019 Mission Trip, leaving Saturday June 22nd and returning Sunday, June 30th. Columbia was hit hard in 2015 with Hurricane Joaquin causing widespread flooding and damage. There are many families still waiting to get back into their homes. We will be working with SBP (St. Bernard Project) and will be doing construction tasks as needed to help make this happen. We look forward to helping in this mission!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2019					1	2
3 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30am Pancake Breakfast 10:30am Alleluia Choir	4 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.F.	5 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 3pm Senior Expo Planning Meeting in the Fireside Room	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 9am Kitchen Committee 10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir practice 5:30-6:10pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (No GROWing Kids) 7pm Mentors/Youth Orientation 7pm High School Youth Ministry	7	8	9 Daylights Savings time begins (turn clocks ahead 1 hour after midnight)
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31 9:30am Worship with Sunday School 10:30am coffee/fellowship 10:30am Alleluia Choir						

Sharing God's Bounty

The Name that Is Above Every Name

Obedience has become an almost ignored concept. Some parents believe that requiring obedience from their children stifles their creative and emotional development. Many couples remove the word "obey" from the vows that brides give to their grooms.

To expect employees to obey their employers is certainly not acceptable.

To God, however, obedience is not only acceptable, it is required. Disobedience to God is what is known as sin. And sin separates us from God and from each other. Sin prevents us from living the abundant life that

Christ came to give us (John 10:10). On the other hand, obedience is proof of love: "If you love me, you will obey what I command," Jesus says (John 14:15).

Unfortunately, as sinful beings, we are unable to obey our Lord's commands fully. Even the great apostle Paul struggled with this reality. He confessed, "I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out" (Romans 7:18). As he relates his dilemma — the dilemma all Christians face — he asks, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (For as surely as day follows night,

death follows disobedience) He answers exultantly, "Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25)

Jesus has lived the perfect life in our place. Jesus willingly emptied himself, made himself nothing, "and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:7-9).



Jesus did what we cannot do. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, dead and buried, would not stay there! Jesus has risen! He is exalted to the highest place! He has given us his Spirit, the Counselor, who lives

with us and in us (John 14:16-17), to sanctify us for obedience to our Father and service to others. This Spirit equips and enables us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and all his gifts. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in God's service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love.

Celebrating the Arts!

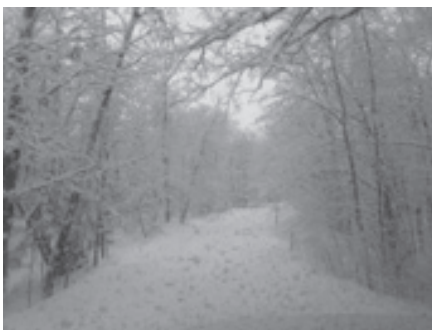
Theme: “This Is My Father’s World”

Make a piece of art that goes with this theme!



Counted Cross Stitch

Example:
The Lord's Prayer



Photography Example:

“Silence with God” Habakkuk 2:20
“Let all the earth be silent before Him.”



Jewelry Example:

“Bird’s Nest with
Four Eggs”

Matthew 13: 31-32 He told them another parable: “*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.*”

Youth: “Gather. Grow. Go.” We need your perspectives! “Young Wisdom” teaches all ages!

CLC’s mission statement emphasizes:

“**Gather.** God is calling us to ‘renew’ our worship experiences for our culture that’s more visually oriented and seeks more interaction. Youth! Your talents impact the “eduworship” experience at CLC.

“**Grow.** God has consistently reminded us that youth are not just the future of our church, they are our current church.” Supporting Bible verse: Proverbs 22:6 states: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Youth! “Celebrating the Arts” encourages you to grow!

“**Go.** We are called to celebrate and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that all people may know Christ’s love for us, for the whole human race, and for the whole creation.” Youth! Celebrating the Arts will illustrate and share your love for Jesus Christ!

Ideas: Photography paintings pencil art sketches/drawings poems stories fabric designs cards carvings other woodwork music iron/metal designs needle point jewelry

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Dates to Remember:

1. Closing Date: Friday, May 24, 2019
2. "Celebrating the Arts" will be held on Father's Day Weekend, June 16, 2019.

More details will follow.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers begin with Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and are served beginning at 5:30pm, followed by a Lenten Service at 6:15pm each Wednesday evening during Lent.

We are asking for donations of bars and cookies for each supper and there are openings for other ways to help. Please check the sign up board posted in the Fellowship Hall to see where help is needed. In partnership with the kitchen committee we are keeping the Lenten Soup Suppers simple, a servants meal, with restrained table settings and restrained fanfare.

The menu is: soup, bread, herring, crackers, dessert and drink. A peanut butter and/or jelly sandwich option will be available each week. Come, as the servants we are, to gather around tables for food and fellowship, then joining together in prayer, song, and devotion in the worship space.

Country Cross Newsletter Submission Guidelines

- All submission are due by the 20th of the previous month. If submitted late, I will try to get them in but the layout is based on the number of entries I receive on the 20th.
- In the subject line of your email, include the month you wish your article or announcement to appear and the title of your article.
- Use plain text, without formatting (e.g., do not use bold, italics, pictures, or boxes.).
- Place your article as plain text in the body of your email or attach it as a Word or RTF document, and send it to:
molly@seriouslyfunmarketing.com
- All photographs should be .jpg files and be included with the article.

Some articles/announcements may be edited due to space constraints.

If you ever have questions regarding marketing, you are welcome to call me at 218-838-8002 or email me at molly@seriouslyfunmarketing.com.

-Molly Ring, Marketing

Women of the ELCA

Save the Date:

***April 4, 2019—1:00pm WELCA
General Meeting***

Presenter—Master Gardener, Jennifer Knutson speaking on a variety of garden and landscape topics

April 11, 2019—Heartland Conference
Spring Gathering at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmö. Registration 8:00 to 9:00 am. Watch for details in March bulletins and sign-up sheets on bulletin board.



Sunday, March 10th

Daylights savings time begins.

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour after midnight on Saturday, March 9th.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Prayers for Peace and Comfort:

The family of John Thull in their loss and sorrow.

The family of Roger Carlson and Joel Carlson in their loss and sorrow.

Dave & Kris Gardinier in the death of their brother-in-law, John Stangl.

Dave & Marti Dickinson in the death of their granddaughter, Allison Norberg, in the Twin Cities.



Pastoral Acts:

Memorial Services:

Roger Carlson, February 2nd

John Thull, February 23rd

Joel Carlson, February 24th

Thanks!

Thank you to those that served at the Brainerd Soup Kitchen in February: Connie & Perry Caspers, Jim & Nancy Newman and Roy & Carolyn Silcox

Endowment Update

The Endowment Committee trustees have been busy and wanted to share with you what is going on. Before we get to that, we want to encourage you to read this article to the end. There is a tax saving idea that can help both you and the church. This idea is based on the new tax laws that are now in effect.

Back to the update; the trustees have made a financial commitment that should be of interest to you as a member of Crosslake Lutheran Church. First, we have agreed to purchase new microphones and equipment needed for the church Sanctuary. This should eliminate the problems encountered during the many special programs involving youth groups and other presentations which call for the hand-held microphones. Also approved was an increase in the money provided to our graduating high school seniors to help them with their chosen education choice. We also approved funds to be used for need-based Youth Mission Trips, scholarship money for Bible Camp, and money set aside for grounds and the Bell Tower beautification.

Please continue to read for the promised tax idea.

Did you know that if you have a federal income tax liability and you use the standard deduction (under the new tax law, this is most of us) you can allocate a portion of your

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA and save money. Here is what you need to do. You need to request your IRA administrator to send a portion of your RMD directly to the church. This distribution can be used to pay your annual pledge or to set up an endowment account in your name. How this works is that you can increase your pledge by 20% and save 22% off your Federal Income Tax Liability.

An example would be, if you currently pledge \$1,000 per year to the church, it costs you \$1,000. If you have \$1,200 from your RMD sent directly to Crosslake Lutheran, it costs you only \$936 (\$1,200 less \$264 in a federal taxes tax decrease). You save \$64. This example assumes a Federal Tax Rate of 22% and can work for any amount you choose. Both you and the church are winners.

One last thing, this idea is for regular IRA distributions and is not available for a 401K distribution. The Endowment Committee is neither a financial advisor nor a certified tax professional. You need to contact your own tax specialist and IRA administrator to implement this idea.

That's all folks.

~The Endowment Committee



Once it gets to March, I begin to believe that winter won't last forever. It may still feel like that with the snow and the cold, but something changes in my thinking once that calendar turns over to March. First, we "spring ahead" on Saturday, March 9 so the brighter mornings get my brain jump-started, then Spring officially arrives on March 20.

Before Spring arrives, we begin our journey through the season of Lent. God works within us, calling us to pray and to seek his face. We face our own mortality and the need for self-examination, repentance and the renewal of our spirits. Our worship in this season, our intentional devotion, contemplation and the sharing of our stories, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears strengthens our relationship with each other and with God. Going through this season prepares us for what comes next.

Thank you to my winter volunteers!

You are a hardy, dedicated bunch, willing to bundle up and make your way to church on some bitterly cold mornings when you'd rather think twice about getting out from under your covers. Whether we have 100 attendees at worship or a full house, it takes just as many ushers, greeters, kitchen helpers, and a whole host of other volunteers to join in the ministry and mission we share at Crosslake Lutheran Church. I know that many of you prefer to be more involved during this quieter time of the year.

The Time & Talent report has been compiled and has so much good information for those who head up the different ministries at Crosslake Lutheran Church and for those just looking to connect with those they share interests with. If you are searching for someone who would be a good fit for a certain project, please contact me and I can help you fit the pieces together. I am very pleased with the willingness of so many of our members to be called upon at any time for any need! Seeing these words over and over "call me whenever you need help," "I am available any time," or "you can call me last minute if you need me," amaze and encourage me in this position, this calling as your volunteer coordinator.

Signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall

give a picture of who is needed in the next few weeks, please sign up as you are available and able to join us! You may also sign up by visiting the SignUpGenius accessed through our church website or you may contact me at kitty.fallgren@aol.com , at my cell 218-537-0728 or at home 218-692-1114 to discuss volunteer opportunities or other comments or questions. If you are looking for volunteers to help with your project, I have a lot of ideas!

Thank you for your encouragement and support in my calling as your volunteer coordinator. We do this together, as a team, and I truly appreciate all that you contribute in time, talent, prayers, in whatever way and capacity that you are able. We are blessed!

-Kitty Fallgren, Volunteer Coordinator

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.

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Sharon Barsness, Dave Gardinier, Michael Goerges, Christine Gyllenblad, Stacey Koch, Mark Lindner, Michele McFeters
- 3/2 Andrea Dumond, Rick Flaws, Erin Wurdeman
- 3/3 Samantha Allen, James DeVinck, Kathrine Royce
- 3/4 Marty Davis, Donald Glas, Addison Gorr, Randy Morsch, Deborah Sjoblom
- 3/5 Harry Folsom
- 3/6 Brynn Carlson, Stan Michal, Ramona Sandberg
- 3/7 David Arndt, Phyllis Bengtson, Paul Houle
- 3/8 Morgan LaRock
- 3/9 Kenneth Bressler, Eli Buckentin, **???** Gallaway, LillyAnn Garin, Susie Lande, Gerald Giles
- 3/10 LillyAnn Vanderpool
- 3/11 Diane Anderson, Ron Germann, Coco Keim
- 3/12 Dale Blosberg, Nate Engen, Dave Schwarze
- 3/13 Violet Hemming
- 3/14 Dorothy Gerdes, Elmer Larson, Paul Linder
- 3/15 Dave Johnson, Marilyn Hollenback, David Sorensen
- 3/16 Robert Mesenbrink
- 3/17 Cassie Brynteson, Barbara Donovan, Mary Hirman, Julene Mastin
- 3/18 Chuck Beavers, Shelli Farone, Gary Goerges, Sally Helmer
- 3/19 China Held, Crystal Kozelka, Neil McEwen, Nancy Newman, Mike Potocki, Chad Rau
- 3/20 Thomas Julian, Bonnie Sass
- 3/21 Priscilla Balmer, Brody Box, Garnet Devine, JenniferJohnson
- 3/22 Gloria Brinkman, Gerald Gilbert, Mary Kay Rolighed
- 3/24 Cindy Bialon, Gene Darnell, Jackie Rasmussen
- 3/25 Harvey Hollenback, Kathryn Lund, Doris Mezzenga, Beth Wolf
- 3/26 Laura Squires, Alex Windschitl
- 3/27 Avery Gorr, Daniel Heggerston, Jennifer Smetana
- 3/28 Kaitlyn Beavers, Kamryn Beavers
- 3/29 Jeff Balmer, John Boline, Anthony Gerdes
- 3/30 Mitch Hecker
- 3/31 Connor Chambers

March Anniversaries

- 3/2 Al & Gloria Brinkman
- 3/14 John & Julie Null
- 3/15 Heidi & Steve Engen
Kristine & Terry Havir
- 3/18 Earl & Gail Bancroft
- 3/20 Ray & Bev Westby
- 3/21 Ronald & Donna Bickford
- 3/22 Roger & Julene Mastin



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Lenten Bible Study:
Embracing Forgiveness

Join us for this 5-week study
Wednesdays
March 6 – April 10 at 10:00am