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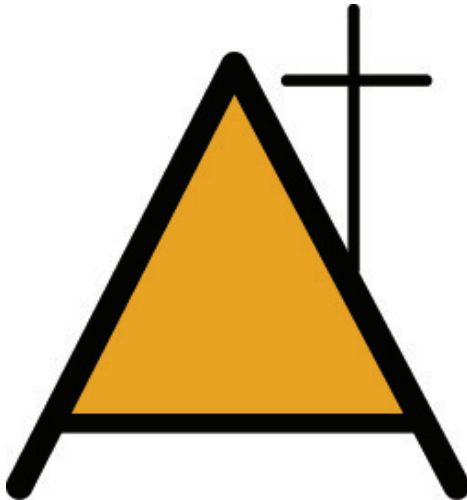
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## May 2019

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## Outdoor Worship Begins May 19th!

**On May 19th, our Worship times change to:**

*Sunday Indoor Worship at 8:30am*

*Sunday Outdoor Worship at 10:00 am*

***Last Wednesday worship is May 15!***

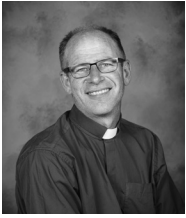
*Join us for an Outdoor celebration!*

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# Pastoral Assistant's Page



## *Hello Church!*

I write this article in the “in-between time.” It is the time after the call committee and council forwarded my name to the congregation as their candidate of choice. It is the time before the Spring Congregational Meeting and the voting on Associate Pastor position. I give thanks for the good and prayerful discernment that has happened thus far. The call committee, council, many of you, myself, and my family have been in prayer that God will do what God always does...provide a future. I have a good feeling that God may be up to something here and I know that many of you do as well. But, let's leave the future to God and do our level best to trust that **GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL.**

It shouldn't escape any of us that we actually live in the in-between time, between the hope that God will do something new in the future and the knowledge that God is doing something now. We just celebrated Easter. Before Easter, Jesus did a lot of substantial ministry, teaching and healing, casting out demons and restoring community. It was live on the ground stuff you could see, hear, touch, and taste. And many were pleased as punch with what they could see. Then it happened. It seemed the rug got pulled out from the

human side of hope. A dead God. What good is that? I was fine with the status quo of Jesus earthly ministry. That doesn't line up with MY hope, doesn't help execute MY plans. But God wouldn't and won't be limited to the human version of hope, a hope that ends at the grave, a hope that is limited by what we can see and intuit. The divine version of hope as always working ahead of human capacity. Surprising, amazing, and astounding people with a life that is more powerful than death. Giving a life that is living and a death that is just a gateway to more living. **THAT** is what happened on **EASTER.** **THAT** is what is still happening.

So, at the end of the day, I can have **MY** plans for the future that I want to inherit. **YOU** can have **YOUR** plans for the future **YOU** have designed for yourself. Our congregation can have **OUR** plans for the future **WE** want to live into. None of these are necessarily bad, but let's remember that we are dealing with a God that continually moves ahead of what we can see, of what we want to see, bringing a future that will surprise, amaze, and astound us.

**Thanks be to God.**

~ Kurt Hagestuen,  
Pastoral Assistant

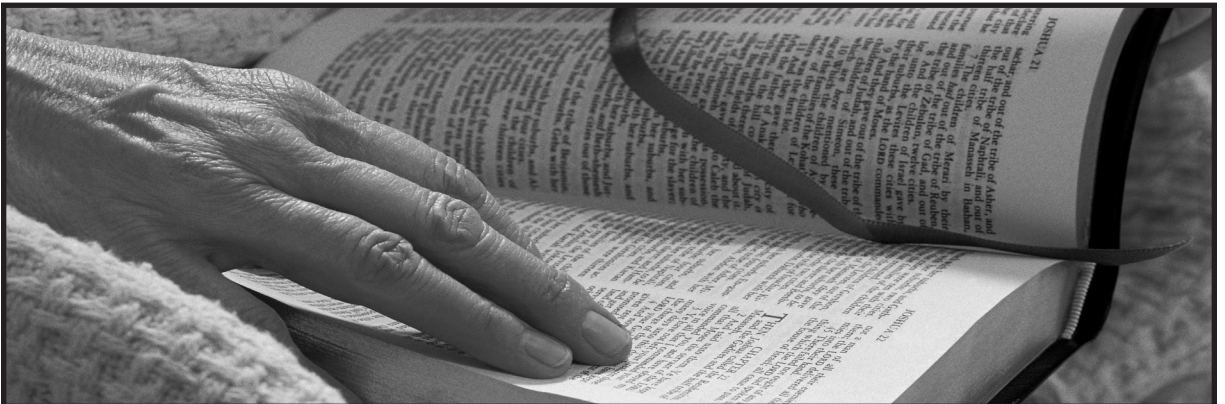
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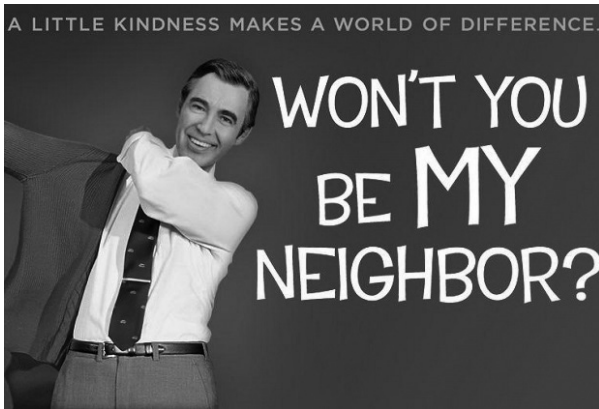
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## Bible Study — May 8 & 15

Join us for a two-part Bible Study on the Fred Rogers Documentary, entitled: **“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**

Charmingly soft-spoken and yet powerfully incisive expressing his profound ideals, Fred Rogers was a unique presence on television for generations. Through interviews of his family and colleagues, the life of this would-be pastor is explored as a man who found a more important calling to provide an oasis for children in a video sea of violent bombardment. That proved to be his landmark series, Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood (1968), a show that could gently delve into important subjects no other children’s show would have dared for that time. In doing so, Rogers experienced a career where his sweet-tempered idealism charmed and influenced the world whether it be scores of children on TV or recalcitrant authorities in government. However, that beloved personality also hid Rogers’ deep self-doubts about himself and occasional misjudgments even as he proved a rock of understanding in times of tragedy for

a world that did not always comprehend a man of such noble character. -Kenneth Chisholm

Wednesday, May 8, 10:00am – watch the documentary (1 hour and 30 minutes), meet at Crosslake Lutheran.

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00am – discuss the documentary with our insights, questions, and Bible verses to consider, meet at Crosslake Presbyterian.

Mr. Rogers was a Presbyterian pastor, so this seems like a wonderful study to share with our Presbyterian neighbors at Crosslake Presbyterian Church. So, we will meet together with our Crosslake Presbyterian friends to view the documentary at Crosslake Lutheran on May 8, and to discuss the documentary on May 15 at Crosslake Presbyterian!

## Special Worship Opportunities in May

- Wednesday, May 8:** Worship with Teen Challenge
- Sunday, May 12:** Senior Recognition Sunday and youth and family led worship
- Wednesday, May 15:** Last Wednesday Worship with Outdoor Celebration
- Sunday, May 19:** First Outdoor Worship, times of worship on Sunday change
- Sunday, May 26:** Special Memorial Day Worship at both Indoor & Outdoor
- Sunday, June 2:** Pentecost Sunday

# SUMMER KICK-OFF!

*Fun, Food, Fellowship*



**Wednesday, May 15th, 2019**

**4:30pm–Dusk**

We want to mark the end of a great year of ministry together, and look forward to God active and moving in each of our summers. This is a free event for the whole congregation and the community is welcome, too! Weather permitting, all activities will be out in the east parking lot. Come and play or watch others play, come and eat, come and visit, come sing and worship around the campfire.

**4:30 – Dusk:** Games for all ages available (except during campfire time)

**5:00 – 6:30:** Picnic supper is served. Eat when you feel ready.

**6:30 – 7:00:** Campfire Worship

**7:00 – Dusk:** S'mores, games, and food until it is gone.

**Food Menu:** Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Lemonade, Root Beer Floats, S'mores.

**Game Menu:** 9 Square in the Air, GaGa Ball, Bean Bag Toss, Ladder Golf, Human Foosball, Bubbles, Sidewalk Chalk, and more.

*This event will happen, rain or shine. In case of rain we will be in the Fellowship Hall and activities may be amended slightly.*

# Health Ministry

*May flowers, finally!!!* My indoor garden is really getting big — started four colors of pumpkins to transplant as soon as I was convinced that winter was really done. It must be the farmer girl in me that still feels the pull of spring to plant something. There are so many ways to bring the color of spring and the taste of fresh vegetables to your life. One is to have container gardens which make it possible to have garden space even on decks, balconies, and in windows. I even talk to my plants and they seem to respond.

The first **Caregiver Support Group** meeting is being held on April 30, with on-going meetings to be held on the last Thursday of each month at 3:00pm. Our first meeting we will talk about caregiver stress and ways to do self care. Each month we will look at different topics of interest to the group including memory loss, respite care, long-term care options, etc. The group is open to the entire community so feel free to let your friends, neighbors, etc., know about the meeting. We are also offering the option that the loved one can come along during that time and have a separate activity so that anyone who needs to have respite care can have it at the church. Thank you to Mary and John Knight for being a part of that process.

The **Memorial Day services** are well underway in terms of planning, thank you to the many folks who are offering their time and ideas. The planning team will meet again early May to finalize the details around both the indoor and outdoor service. The outdoor will again include the flyover

which Ted Silva has arranged for so many years (keep prayers going for good weather). We were able to confirm what I know will be a great keynote speaker. **Dr. James Tuorila** is an Army veteran having served during the Vietnam war and spent most of his 30-year clinical practice in working with veterans with PTSD as part of the St. Cloud VA system. I was at one of his presentations in March



and he had a tremendous message in terms of how to help vets returning from service, especially in conflict duty stations. One of the changes for the Outdoor service is to encourage early arrival prior to the 10:00am service. Last year it was a challenge to get the traffic moving and parked prior to 10:00am so this year the Outdoor team came up with the idea to have coffee

and donuts prior to the service starting at 9:30am, along with music. Please plan for enough time to get there so that you do not miss a minute of this very powerful and meaningful remembrance of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you in advance to the many folks who are contributing to the work of this day.

I hope that you took advantage of the **Senior Expo — Power of Aging** on April 27th. This expo was put on by a team of local leaders and area churches in order to highlight all the ways to age in place and with many choices. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to that day, I enjoyed presenting with Steve Kappas our local pharmacist as the many ways that taking medications safely can be a challenge. I hope that each of you carry a list of

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medications in your wallet or on your smartphone. This could save your life if you were in a situation where you are unable to speak for yourself such as in a car accident. We are able to access medical records in the ER but it can create delays in treatment. It is also helpful to carry a list of your loved ones medications as well.

Put June 11th on your calendar if you are interested in the **Final Gift workshop**. We will repeat it twice a year. This 6-hour workshop looks at ways that we can prepare a book of final wishes for those we leave behind. The speakers include Rene Millner, attorney who reviews the legal part of that book; Pastor Kristin and Patricia, our Music director, on planning funerals; Kline Funeral Home will be here as well. The day ends with a look at advanced directives and hospice end-of-life care. This date will be open to community as well so I expect a full house, so register as soon as you see the sign-up.

Blessings and enjoy the outdoors (although watch for those pesky ticks).

-Gail Smith, RN, Parish Nurse

## ***NEWS OF THE FAMILY***

### ***Prayers for Peace and Comfort:***

The family of Dale Frandsen in their loss & sorrow. Dale passed away on April 6th. A memorial service was held at Crosslake Lutheran on April 13th.



### ***Pastoral Acts***

#### **Baptism:**

Maija Rose Maher, March 31

**Parents:** Natalia & Colton Maher

**Sponsors:** Jenny & Matt Bartella

#### **Memorial Services:**

Dale Frandsen, April 13

Jack Johnson, April 27

# ***Thanks!***

**Thank you** for the cards, hugs and expressions of sympathy during the passing of Bette Mezzenga. Crosslake Lutheran is an amazing church family.

Jan and Doris Mezzenga

**The Altar Guild** would like to thank everyone who ordered a plant or plants for the Easter Garden this year. Hopefully this made all of use ready for spring!! The many colors look beautiful!

Thank you for your generous donations to the **Crosslake Foodshelf** during the month of March. We collected \$575 as part of Minnesota Foodshare month!

# Outdoor Worship



**Every Sunday at 10am**

***All are welcome!***

**May 19**

**First Outdoor Worship of the Season**

**May 26**

**Memorial Sunday Service**

**June 16**

**Blessing of Animals Sunday**

**July 14**

**Grandchildren Sunday – Free Ice Cream!**

**July 28**

**Christmas in July**

**August 4**

**Camp Knutson Sunday**

**August 11**

**Custom & Classic Car & Biker Sunday**

**August 18**

**Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat**

**September 1**

**Labor Day Weekend & Last Service Outdoors**

***Sit in a lawn chair or stay in your car — Rain or shine.***



**14019 Daggett Pine Road,  
Across from Crosslake Community Center**

**Communion available in car  
Pet-friendly**

*8:30am indoor service at Crosslake Lutheran*



# Youth Ministry

## Brunch Silent Auction Fundraiser

*Sunday, May 5th*

Join us after worship for a delicious Brunch: Egg Bake, Fruit, Muffins, Coffee, and OJ. This is a Free-will Donation event

Our entire Youth Ministry program is supporting our summer mission trip to Columbia, South Carolina and we need to help the St. Bernard Project with the cost of construction materials that will be used in the houses we will be working on.

The Silent Auction with baskets donated by our youth will end after the breakfast. Check your bids often!

This is an all-youth fundraiser for grades 7–12.

## Sunday, May 12th HS Senior Recognition

*Congratulations to our Graduating  
Senior Class of 2019!*

They are: Hannah Allen, Erin Bengtson, Jaydn Benzick, Eloise Gitchell, Nick Gyllenblad, Riley Kassahn, Hannah LaRock, Austin Meister, Dylan Mesenbrink, Karli Monahan, Emma Nevin, Sam Person, Jimmy Rasmussen, Jordan Schommer, Jaxon Siemers, and Cally Traxler. All Seniors should report to Pat in the Youth Room by 9:10 am on this day.

## Wednesday, May 15th Summer Kick-Off

*Food, Fun, and Fellowship*

Look for more info on page 4.

## Wednesday, May 22nd 'Join Hands Day'

We will be partnering with the Corps of Engineers Campground to plant flowers and plants. We have requested 2 Thrivent Action teams to help with costs. All 7–12th grade Youth are expected to help with this service project. All people of all ages are encouraged to help also! We will meet at the campgrounds at 4:15 pm.

## Garage Sale Youth Fundraiser

June 7th–8th — It is time to clean out that closet – garage – house – storage unit! Our youth are now taking donations for a Garage Sale! 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.* (Call Pat with questions.)

### Key Dates:

- **Wednesday, June 5th, Thursday, June 6th** — Set up for Garage Sale
- **Friday, June 7th, Saturday, June 8th** — Garage Sale Fundraiser
- **Wednesdays, June 12th, 19th, 6:00 pm** Youth Ministry for those going on the Mission Trip
- **Sunday, June 16th** — Send-off at Outdoor Worship 10:00am and 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
<h1>May 2019</h1>			<b>1</b> 9am Kitchen Committee Noon Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship w/GROWing Kids 7pm High School Youth Ministry	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Synod Assembly in Duluth through Sunday
<b>5</b> 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30am Brunch & Silent Auction Youth Fundraiser 10:30am Lector Enrichment	<b>6</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	<b>7</b> 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 10am-Noon Advanced Directives Working session 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	<b>8</b> 10am Adult Bible Study (Crosslake Lutheran ) Noon Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Executive Committee 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:30pm Adult Choir 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship w/Holy Communion, GROWing Kids & MN Teen Challenge 7pm High School Youth Ministry	<b>9</b> 9am Marketing Committee 1pm Welca General Meeting 2:30pm Facilities/Property	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>High School Graduate Sunday &amp; Mother's Day</b>  9:30 am Worship with Senior Recognition 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	<b>13</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.	<b>14</b> 10am-3pm Dementia Conference at Lutheran Church of the Cross-Nisswa 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	<b>15</b> 10am Adult Bible Study (Crosslake Presbyterian) Noon Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 4:30-dusk Congregational Summer Kick-Off w/games, food, & campfire worship 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical 5:30pm Finance Committee 7pm Church Council	<b>16</b>  10am Book Club 10am-Noon Advanced Directives Working session	<b>17</b>  8:30am Work Morning at Camp Knutson	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion	<b>20</b> 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Altar Guild 9am Quilters 7pm A.A. Country Cross deadline!	<b>21</b> 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class	<b>22</b> Noon Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 3pm Stewardship 4pm "Join Hands" Day (7th-12th grade & other volunteers) 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 10 am Outdoor Worship (Special Memorial Day speaker at both services)	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> No church activities—Office Closed. 7pm A.A.	<b>28</b> 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 2-3pm Pre-Diabetes class 3-4:30pm Caregiver Support Group	<b>29</b> Noon Bell Choir 1pm Knit Wits 4:30-5:15pm Adult Choir 5:15-6pm Choir rehearsal for Joseph musical	<b>30</b>  10am Country Cross assembly	<b>31</b>	

# Sharing God's Bounty

## *Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize*

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: "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 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions... both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning

its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus!

"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, "so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart."

And look at the prize he won! He ascended



into Heaven and now sits "at the right hand of the throne of God." Heaven is our prize, too... a prize beyond compare. Christ's promise is this:

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b).

Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: "The one

who calls you is faithful and he will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

*"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich..."*

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."*

-St. Paul

## Sunday School

Can't believe we are winding down another school year. Sunday School continues through May 5. On May 12, children, along with their parents, will be leading various parts of worship. This is also Mother's Day and Senior Recognition Sunday, so lots going on that day. Children will stay in worship for the entire service. Those who want to participate in the May 12 service can contact Karen Zeile (248-709-0092) with a phone call or text message.

## GROWing Kids

GROW will continue this year into the middle of May. May 1 is a regular meal, worship, and GROWing Kids Class. On May 8, Teen Challenge will be leading worship and we would love for our older children, grades 5-6, to remain in worship to hear their message. There will be GROWing Kids for K-4th Grade.

## Summer Kick Off!

### *Fun, Food, and Fellowship*

May 15, 4:30 PM-Dusk

We are inviting everyone to a fun evening filled with games, food, campfire sing-along and much more. Look for more information in this newsletter, on our website, and throughout the church.



### **Avoid Traffic at Outdoor Memorial Service**

The Memorial Outdoor service will be at 10 am on Sunday May 26. Last year, vehicles entering were backed up out the gate and onto CR 66 starting from about 9:45 am. Some people had to wait in line until after the service began. You're welcome to arrive earlier to help avoid traffic and arrive on time. Starting at 9:30 am, we'll have hot coffee, donuts, patriotic music and shorter lines. Come visit and enjoy the natural setting. We're pet friendly. Sit in a chair or hear the service in your car on your radio.



### **Spring is here! Really!**

The Camp Knutson Men's work group will kick-off the season on Friday, May 17th, rain or shine. We will gather in the Dining Hall at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Projects are available for all ages. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. Hope to see you at Camp.

Questions, contact Jeff Benson. 612-598-1852.



**MN Adult & Teen Challenge** will be joining us in worship on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:15 pm!



**ALLELUIA Choir (our children's choir)** completed their season on Palm Sunday, and will start a new season in the fall. Thanks to Kyle Oltmann, Henry O'Neil, "moms" Pastor Kristin, Joanna, and Pat Netko, for playing handbells to accompany the adult choir's Palm Sunday anthem!

Alleluia Choir is designed to give young people in grades 1–6 a worship music experience, through singing and playing instruments as worship leaders.

Interested parents/grandparents can talk to Patricia Lundeen, Music Ministry Director

## Spring Lector Enrichment Session Offered

*Sunday, May 5, 10:30am*

Anyone who is interested in serving as a lector (lay people who read the Scripture lessons during worship), and all those who currently participate in this ministry, are invited to attend one of these sessions.

New materials and resources will be presented as we continue to explore personal growth and support one another in our service.

Whether you attended the fall meetings or not, take advantage of this opportunity!

Questions? Talk to Patricia Lundeen (Music Ministry Director) or Pat Rogness.

## March Treasurer's Report

March	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues:	\$ 38,128	\$ 41,732	\$ (3,604)		\$ 126,476	\$ 151,609	\$ (25,133)
Expenses:	\$ 42,890	\$ 47,421	\$ 4,531		\$ 131,959	\$ 143,384	\$ 11,425
Difference:	\$ (4,762)	\$ (5,689)	\$ 927		\$ (5,483)	\$ 8,225	\$ (13,708)



In the month of March, expenses exceed revenues by \$4,762.

YTD's performance is \$13,708 less than budget, because revenues are \$25,133 less than budget and expenses are \$11,425 less than budget

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.



# Women of the ELCA

Bring a friend and come to the WELCA general meeting on Thursday May 9th at 1:00pm to hear a presentation by historian Alan Bohme on the history of Minnesota gangsters. We will have a short meeting and refreshments will be served.

## **Save the Date:**

### ***NE MN Synod WELCA Convention/ Summer Gathering***

Sugar Lake Lodge south of Grand Rapids  
June 24-26

Registration forms are on the bulletin board<sup>14</sup> or go to <http://www.nemnsynodwomen.org/2019-summer-convention-gathering>.

There is a separate registration form for the gathering, and a form for lodging and meals at Sugar Hills. Register by May 24.

All women of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod are welcome to attend an inspiring, faith-filled, joyful, and fun gathering. There are workshops, worship services, bible studies, bonfires and a chance to enjoy the resort. Tuesday night ladies will have a chance to join One Little Piggy Sign painting. Register by June 18.

New officers will be elected and delegates to the 2020 Triennial will be chosen. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact Vicki Kopplin. 612-804-1116

See more information on the bulletin board. Scholarships are available for women 18–45.

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## **Memorial Day 2019**

Crosslake Lutheran Church will again host a community observance of Memorial Day at 10am on Sunday, May 26th, at the Outdoor Worship Center. The celebration will feature music and a guest speaker. An aerial fly-over will be performed, weather permitting. The celebration will include recognition of all veterans and military personnel in attendance. An American Legion Honor guard will provide appropriate honors to the colors and to the dead, including a bugler playing “TAPS.” Memorial Day will also be the theme of the 8:30 AM Sunday Worship Service at indoor worship.

Please join us and honor our troops, veterans, and country. The Outdoor Worship Center is located at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, across from the Crosslake Community Center across from the baseball field.



## The Stewardship Minute

It is with gratitude that this month we lift up our Endowment Trustees and their ministry of promoting and managing the Crosslake Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. These Stewards provide an invaluable gift of their time and talents as they both inform and manage the Endowment Fund on behalf of our congregation. The Trustees are proactive in explaining to our members and friends of the church how endowments work and why an endowment provides such a wonderful opportunity to help ensure future financial support for areas of need and interest. In addition, they actively manage the endowment investment portfolio to maximize return while employing a conservative investment approach.

Finally, they work closely with our Pastors and the Church Council to identify needs consistent with donor intent. We will be able to hear more about this important ministry on Sunday May 19th from Trustee Jim Nelson during the Coffee Hour after the indoor Worship Service as well as at the Outdoor Service.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

(1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

### **Crosslake Lutheran Endowment Trustees**

Dave Sorensen, Chair, Dorothy Allen, Larry Neer, Jim Nelson, Bill Randall, Ken Retrum, Ann Schrupp.



## **JOSEPH & the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

is coming to Crosslake Lutheran this summer! The Adult Choir will be presenting musical selections from JOSEPH during worship on Sunday, August 11 (indoor) and Sunday, August 18 (outdoor). For those of you who enjoy singing but cannot commit to choir on a regular basis, consider joining us for these special worship services!

JOSEPH rehearsals will be held Wednesdays, beginning May 15, from 5:15–6:00 pm in the sanctuary (regular choir rehearsal will be 4:30–5:15 pm). Contact Kristi at (701) 361-8899 or [krmorsch@gmail.com](mailto:krmorsch@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.



### *Hello!*

I am writing this article with a lump in my throat... it has been such a joy to work as your Volunteer Coordinator for the last almost two years, and this month I am saying goodbye to the best job ever! I have decided with the life changes I am going through (planning my wedding to Don, a new life) it is time for me to give up my job at Crosslake Lutheran Church. It has been a great experience; my coworkers are amazing, and I have been so blessed to work with the best volunteers. Getting to know everyone has been the most fulfilling part of my job. I thank God for the opportunity and feel God calling me into another phase of my life and welcome the changes, it is such an exciting time!

I know someone will come forward to fill this position, God always provides and is always with us. When I decided to take the position, I hadn't even been contacted about it, but felt God's calling that it was something that I needed to do for that point in my life. Please take some time for discernment, this could be your calling! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kristin or Brenda, who will be happy to discuss this with you. I will help train whoever decides to take the position, it is a fun job and a great way to get to know our fellow members.

There is some computer work, but it can be learned in a short period of time.

I have always tried to be a little/no stress kind of coordinator, working with our members to find a place to join in the ministry we share at Crosslake Lutheran Church that also works with your work/family life and the time you have available. I know that you will be just as welcoming with whoever steps into this position. I thank God for the opportunity this position has given me.

God bless you and watch over you,  
-Kitty Fallgren



# 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.*

## May Birthdays

- 5/2 John Baudler, BJ Eckman, Carol Repp  
 5/3 Heidi Engen, Joby Goerges, Aubrey Johnson, Sierra Larson, Brian Meister  
 5/4 Jody Harting  
 5/5 Alyse Anderson, Steve Box, Sharon Gabrielson, Caryn Johnson, Robert Moengen, Kristi Morsch, Brent Nybakken, Emma Schott, Gervaise Wilhelm  
 5/6 Kimberly Rollins, Brandon Pulsifer, Linda Walker  
 5/7 Amil Aasland, Traci Beavers, Ardys Hjerpe, Robert Kalton, Kendall Nelson, Lauren Nelson, Bruce Westerberg  
 5/8 Tracy Donovan, Joanne Haferman, Steve Millner, Stephanie Mitchell, Ken Mulder, Stephanie Thurlow  
 5/9 Thomas Schuette  
 5/10 Kenneth Digre, Kristin Geschwill, Linda Martz, Dawson Siemers, Thomas Swenson  
 5/11 Barbara Hanson, Ronald Huff, Kathleen Nelson, Marijane Pearce, Brad Rasmussen  
 5/12 Kirk Larson, Christine Schultz, Roy Silcox  
 5/13 Chase Anderson, Charles Beavers, Krista Johnson, Brook Trottier, Judy Weber  
 5/14 Kathy Berglin, Hunter Larson, Whitney Marchwick  
 5/15 Lisa Doerr, Caylee Foote, Elaine Gilbert, Joseph Gorg, Ryder Schultz  
 5/16 Tyler Nybakken, Kailee Sposito  
 5/17 Shelby Balmer, Kaisa Bernu, Chris Haar  
 5/19 Eli Goerges, Jack Goerges  
 5/20 Don Halverson, Laura Pederson  
 5/21 Sydney Johnson, Cori Kivel  
 5/22 Britta Boozell, Deanna Frandsen, Shirley Gorg, Cindy McCulloch, Karli Monahan, Judy Topinka  
 5/23 Connie Caspers, Kalan Larson  
 5/24 Brook Hennies, Kristin Oltmann, Ryan Schultz  
 5/25 Henry O'Neil  
 5/26 Paige Blosberg, Alexandra Palm, Gary Phillips, Kati Senst  
 5/27 Jordyn Anderson, Dave Hart  
 5/28 Mariah Beavers, Kyra Blaukat  
 5/29 Linnea Anderson, Richard Erickson  
 5/30 Nancy Cantwell, Jim Meister  
 5/31 Gordon Eid, Nessa Engen, David Jensen, Lori Nelson

## May Anniversaries

- 5/2 Ron & Cheryl Neal  
 5/4 John & Mary Knight  
 5/6 Kenneth & Patricia Bressler  
 Ken & Cookie Schultz  
 5/8 Warren & Jane Kleinsasser  
 5/11 Don & Darlene Erickson  
 Doug & Kay Rolighed  
 5/15 Duane & Kathy Swanson  
 5/16 Jim & Joanne Haferman  
 5/18 Chris & Karen Olander  
 5/19 Keith & Eileen Nissen  
 5/20 Kevin & Sharon Thorson  
 5/21 Joseph & Shirley Gorg  
 Rhett & Kimberly Johnson  
 5/22 Al & Nancy Schwab  
 5/24 Barry & Vandora Palm  
 5/25 Brian & Barbara Hanson  
 5/26 Donald & Sharon Corbin  
 Tim & Julie Gerdes  
 Ted & Pat Lundgren  
 5/27 Steve & Deb Dahlke  
 5/31 Bruce & Kathy Berglin  
 Chip & Kari Lohmiller  
 Sam & Ann Shirey





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**Wednesday, May 8 at 6:15 PM**

*Join us for Worship with Teen Challenge*  
*Congregational dinner at 5:30 before worship,*  
*all are welcome!*