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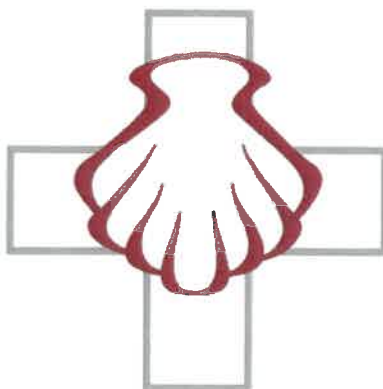
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**Celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism
with our 11th & 12th graders!**



Confirmation Sunday will be
Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31 at 9:30 am.
Join us for a spirited worship celebrating this milestone of faith
for these youth and their families plus the Reformation!

PASTORS' PAGES



October Blessings!

In October, we turn our minds to the gift of baptism as we look to the end of the month with the Affirmation of Baptism for our twenty four 11th and 12th graders. Also, it's Reformation Day that Sunday! Reformation is a perfect occasion to remember our baptism. And we also have some great occasions in October that remind us who we are as baptized people of God celebrating the couples in our church with 50th Anniversaries and 3rd and 4th graders receiving their Bibles. Lots of great milestones as we live out our faith! We hope you can be a part of these celebrations for our faith community as we gather, grow, and go together. We are living out the words from my most favorite hymn about baptism. And with so much anxiety swirling around us these days, the words from this hymn bring great comfort to my heart. The hymn is a prayer of assurance, I hope these words of promise bring you peace as well. ELW 453 Baptized and Set Free:

We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.

We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.

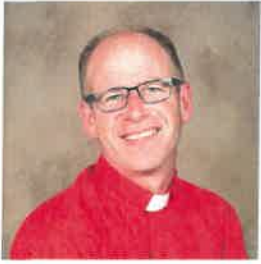
Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

In Christ,
Pr. Kristin

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact us if you are hospitalized or if you are in need of a pastoral visit. You can reach Pastor Kristin Oltmann at 952-200-1249 or Pastor Kurt Hagestuen at 218-839-2931.

Can we let our hearts be filled, even in sparse times?



We have been exploring The Little Book of Gratitude as we continue our theme of God's Generosity and Our Gratitude. In the book neuroscientist Rick Hanson is quoted as saying, "The brain takes the shape the mind rests upon." That is to say, if your mind rests on trouble or what you are lacking, it is very difficult for the brain's functionality to support all the physical and psychological benefits of a positive outlook. I am here to tell you that there are some VERY POSITIVE things for your mind to rest upon here at Crosslake Lutheran. Let your mind rest upon these so that your brain can lead your body into a spirit of GENEROSITY and GRATITUDE, or, give you good 'spirit vibes' as we head into fall.

I am writing this with a very full heart the day after our first full Wednesday night of ministry. We had a sanctuary with good amounts of parents and kids, all with their hands in the air doing the motions to the song 'Mercy is Falling.' We had two classrooms full of K-6th grade kids exploring the story of our "beginnings" or creation. One of the classroom leaders was Brittany Joyce, one of our senior high school students. I watched 7th and 12th grade small group leaders and their group get to know each other with fun questions about family, food, and vacation spots. I saw the honor to serve in the eyes of our youth as I explained the importance of the duties of being a 'worship assistant' or 'acolyte.' And I watched a gaggle of our youth ministry kids working shoulder to shoulder with the Jul Fest folks helping with the set-up for the craft and bake sale.

So here I am with a mind that is resting on Generosity and Gratitude. My brain is following with good energy working out the details for 'Confirmation' or 'Affirmation of Baptism' on October 31st. It is with a grateful outlook that we can lead teams in generosity putting on events like Trunk N Treat. The fall will be full, fun, and faith filled. It will be a good thing to rest your mind on and look for ways to continue your strong engagement.

In Christ,
Pastor Kurt

DRAWN TO THE WORD PAINTING

If you would like a signed & numbered, limited edition print of "Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand" that Pastor Paul Oman painted at Crosslake Lutheran last Sunday, order forms are available on the counter in the Narthex and in the Church Office. Varies sizes are available.



GOD'S GENEROSITY & OUR GRATITUDE

Please join us for Commitment Sunday, on Oct. 3rd or Commitment Wednesday on Oct. 6th!

This is when we make our commitment in Time, Talent, and Treasure to God for 2022. You should have received a letter about this at the end of September with a pledge card. On both Sunday, October 3 and Wednesday, October 6th, we will have a special time in worship bringing our commitments to God – in gratitude for all that God has given us. As always, these cards represent our best intentions based on what we know at the present time. They can, at any time, be adjusted should circumstances change. And we recognize that these times may be uncertain for you. We thank you for your continued participation and commitment to the life and mission of Crosslake Lutheran Church!

October Bible Study

Wed. Oct. 6	10 AM	The First Will Be Last and Last First Little Book of Gratitude chapters 7 & 8
Wed. Oct. 13	10 AM	Bible Study on Scripture for Sunday
Wed. Oct. 20		No Bible Study
Wed. Oct. 27		No Bible Study



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Prayers for Peace and Comfort to those in our congregation who have suffered a loss:



- **The family of Don Corbin in their loss & sorrow.** Don passed away on Sunday, August 29th in Crosslake.
- **The family of Cindy Bialon in their loss & sorrow.** Cindy passed away on Saturday, August 28th in Crosslake.
- **Eugene & Arlene Courneya** in the death of his brother, Gerald (Jerry) Courneya on September 2nd in Cottage Grove, MN.
- **Bob & Aundra Erickson** in the death of his mom, Sue, on September 23rd in St. Michael, MN.

PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Services: Don Corbin, September 3
Cindy Bialon, September 4
Gloria Digre, September 10 (graveside service)

Baptisms: Sadie Jo Eichhorst, September 5
Parents: Kory & Samantha Eichhorst
Sponsors: Barbara Miller, Kyle Eichhorst, and Erin Sennott

Landin Mitchel Hallin and Harlow Robert Hallin, September 26
Parents: Shawn & Janelle Hallin
Sponsors: Jeff & Kim Fern

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Elected to the Church Council at our Annual Meeting on September 26th: Rocky Chapin (1st term), Sally Miller (1st term), Jeff Benson (2nd term) and Mike O'Neil (2nd term).

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Our Youth Ministry Program is in full swing! We are blessed by the great participation of our young people and our adult small group leaders and all those who help with Youth Ministry!

HELP NEEDED! We need families to cook on several Wednesdays, please contact Pat if you could help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 10th Confirmation RETREAT and service project – Those getting Confirmed must attend this retreat – more info will be given to those involved.

Wednesday, October 20th – **NO YOUTH GROUPS or Wednesday Worship (MEA)**

Sunday, October 31st – **CONFIRMATION** – Confirmation students should meet in the youth room no later than 9:10 am. Expect to stay for pictures and cake after the service.

Sunday, October 31st – **TRUNK 'N TREAT – 5:00 p.m.** This is a service project done by 7th-12 grade Youth. All are expected to JOYFULLY SERVE! We need parent help with games, the kitchen and for clean-up. Please contact Pat if you could help with this. *We are looking for people to decorate their vehicles in a family-friendly manner and give out treats.* Please sign up if you would like to be part of the fun! Trunk 'N Treating starts at 5:00 p.m. Please watch for more info regarding the inside activities. We will let you know.

Wednesday, November 24th - **NO YOUTH GROUPS (Thanksgiving)**

Any questions – contact Pat!
GOD IS GOOD – ALL THE TIME!

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

August:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	YTD:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 41,553	\$ 49,528	\$ (7,975)		\$ 413,196	\$ 395,041	\$ 18,155
Expenses:	\$ 45,733	\$ 49,426	\$ 3,693		\$ 358,606	\$ 390,910	\$ 32,304
Difference:	\$ (4,180)	\$ 102	\$ 4,282		\$ 54,590	\$ 4,131	\$ 50,459



In the month of **August**, expenses exceed revenues by \$4,180.

YTD REVENUES INCLUDE \$70,275 RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS PART OF THE CARES ACT AND THE PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS.

YTD's performance would be \$19,816 less than budget, because revenues would have been \$52,120 less than budget, and expenses are less than budget by \$32,304.

HEALTH MINISTRY



WOW, where did summer go? And how is that it is already October. Sooo many thanks to all who made the annual "Heart and Soul" evening a success! I appreciate everyone's attendance and support as we looked at ways to reduce mind, body and spirit clutter in our lives. Everything that we own takes energy in terms of economics and support, so looking at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle are ways to honor our world and our own finite energy. *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* is a wonderful book by Margareta Magnusson which provides a humorous approach to clearing things from our home that we no longer need. In her words, you can do death clearing before or leave your loved ones with "a mess". Having just cleared out my family home of so much stuff that had no meaning to those my parents left behind gives me new appreciation for what I have to do at my house. Dr. Fenstad talked about myths that need to be corrected about women's heart health which was well received and we appreciated his leaving much time for questions. I appreciate the on-going support of Minneapolis Heart Institute by their presence at our yearly seminar and as my other work site as a nurse there.

The Flu Shot Clinic is set for October 26th from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. As in the past, we will have high and regular dose vaccines available and sign up sheets are available in the Narthex after worship or in the church office during the week. At this time we will not be offering COVID vaccines since they are available in the community and the process is separate with our vendor. The booster dose is only approved at present for those with ongoing cancer or immune issues so check with your provider if you have questions about that process. I attended a workshop produced by Mayo Clinic this past month about COVID and the take away was that unless you wear a well-fitting mask properly, it does not provide the protection that you believe you have. If you have questions, please see me. We will continue to provide masks for those who chose to wear them indoors and monitor community rates of infection, although it is hard to distinguish the common cold and flu without a COVID test which has gone up in price. Good handwashing is still the best way to stay well as well as immune support through rest, good nutrition and judicious use of immune supplements like Vitamin D and C (check with your provider first before starting any new supplements).

Thank you for everyone who provided support for the **Senior Expo** especially Paulette Wilske, my partner in the Gertrude Ted talk which dealt with memory loss. The Pequot Adult Education is sponsoring a Zoom series about memory loss. You can call 218-568-9200 to signup for these free classes in October. Paulette and I will also be speaking at the **Lakes Area Memory Awareness Conference** on October 19th being held in Nisswa. Thanks also to Becky Kalton for providing the Diabetes Prevention class and to Norma and Gina who are teaching a full course of "Matter of Balance". Amazing team of God's workers.

Thank you to all who worked to provide support for the **Angel Food program** which continues to provide food for those needing food support. We have a supply of home cooked food in our freezer; see Brenda or me if you need food support. We will also be partnering with Care 'N Share again as they package up extra food for our program (thank you Herb & Lori Nelson for your work there). I also appreciate everyone who took the time to support three young men serving in the military through your cards of support and encouragement. I still have my cards from when I served in the Gulf war as communities send letters of support to me. You will never know how much that means to a lonely soldier especially during these trying times. Packages will be sent out in the next week that will include goodies from home which will be especially nice around the holidays. Another way that we show God's love to his people. Stay well and find other ways to serve.

Blessings,
Gail Smith RN, Parish Nurse

PANDEMIC PASTIMES

The display remains set up in the Fellowship Hall. Please take time to see the creative ways our congregational members spent their extra “stay-at-home” time during the pandemic. **The display will remain in place until the week of the 24th—items can be picked up during office hours or Sunday morning.**

TRUNK ‘N TREAT

Sunday, October 31st – – 5 PM



We will be looking for people to decorate their vehicles in a family -friendly manner and give out treats. This is open to the public! Please sign up if you would like to be part of the fun! Trunk ‘N Treating starts at 5:00 pm. Please watch for more info regarding the inside activities as the date gets closer!



STAY CONNECTED

— WINTER ADDRESSES — Going away for the winter? Please call or email the church office (clc@crosslake.net) with your winter address and the dates you are leaving & coming back. This will ensure you receive church mailings while you are gone! The post office doesn't forward 4th class mail (newsletter, etc.) Thank you! ~ Brenda LaRock, Office Manager

Volunteer Opportunities at

Care N' Share Café in Emily and Brainerd Soup Kitchen

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

Crosslake Lutheran has committed to helping our neighbors at the Care N' Share Café in Emily and the Brainerd Soup Kitchen located on Oak Street. Volunteers are needed.

Can You help??

Care N' Share is all about helping our neighbors in the community by providing a free meal every Wednesday. Care N' Share is searching for individuals or a group to join our existing volunteers to assist in packaging meals on Wednesdays from noon – 2pm. No experience necessary! Meals are delivered to about 150 home-bound people within a 30 mile radius of Emily. Pre-reserved meals are also available for pick up at Care N' Share by calling 952-240-7963 by noon and picked up between 1:00 and 2:30 pm on Wednesday. Care N' Share is located in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church on Highway 6 in Emily.

Crosslake Lutheran serves at the Brainerd Soup Kitchen on random dates from 5-6pm, April - November.

Contact Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 or lorinelson@brainerd.net to get on the email list for volunteer opportunities at either the Care N Share Café in Emily or the Brainerd Soup Kitchen, or if you need more volunteer information. Join us for fun, meet new people and help out our community.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Crosslake Foodshelf: The foodshelf is open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9 am—Noon.



Greetings,

Thanks to those who were able to attend our September General Meeting. Your input regarding the revision of our name of operation was greatly valued and appreciated!

Women of Crosslake Lutheran (formerly WELCA) will remain the umbrella under which the various women's committees will operate through the leadership and direction of their current and future chair-person(s). The Leadership, Treasury and Secretarial support will continue as usual for meetings.

On October 7th, women who signed up will be attending a private tour of the Charles A. Lindbergh Museum in Little Falls.

Posted on our bulletin board is a Situation Report on the Haiti Earthquake by the Lutheran Disaster Response team from ELCA. It notes how we can help.

Loving God, it is so hard to see beyond our own interests. We spend most of our day trying to prove if we are worthy. Lift our eyes to see the communities which need our talents and compassion. Help us to measure ourselves less by what we achieve than in how faithfully we follow Jesus' example of service to those on the edges. Most of all, remind us that we need not prove we are worthy of love, because you have claimed us in our baptism. Amen.

Yours In Christ,
Kathy Bahma, Co-Chair

THANK YOU

"We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. Thank you to my church family; you are all so special." - Love, Sharon Corbin

Thank you to Bob Nelson and John Repp for constructing the canvas frame for our "Drawn to the Word" worship service. Your expertise was greatly appreciated! And thanks also to Jeff Benson for moving the altar!

Thanks to Jeff Benson for putting up our new Visitor Parking signs.

Thank you Sam Shirey for the new wooden indoor hallway signs you see around the building. They were made from one of our maple trees on the property that had to be cut down. Beautiful work Sam!



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On Sunday, October 10th, we will honor the following couples who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in either 2020 or 2021. Please join us for a celebration brunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship that Sunday!

*John & Gail Boline
John & Joan Callender
Rick & Shirley Johnson
Jerry & Vicki Kopplin*

*Norm & Gloria Kroeger
Jim & Janet Marr
Ken & Sharon Mulder
Terry & Vicki Nygaard*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Tim Gerdes, Kathy Millard, Joselyn Oanes, Kaycie Tohm
10/2 Samantha Bittner, Dennis Blosberg, Carrie Joyce, Sally Miller
10/3 Susan Mainquist, Kathy Strampe, Autumn Thull
10/4 Ervin Rasset
10/5 Lynn Hart, Leah Heggerston, Kelton Potocki, Cole Young, Deniece Young
10/6 Sean Bengtson, Jeff Boozell, Tony Glaser, Andrea Haar, Joyce Lanning, Margery Lee, Paulette Wilske
10/7 Kathleen Bahma, Dennis Lind, Robert Salo
10/8 Richard Elmquist
10/9 Whitney Garin, Janet Marr, Stevie Thull
10/10 Joanne Heidman, Sharren Nuffer
10/11 Bob Blaukat, Paula Buresh, Darlene Erickson, Paul Johnson, Martin Joyce, Cheryl Neal, Gary Schwartz
10/12 Janet Hennies, Julie Schwarze
10/13 Rebecca Kalton
10/14 Wayne Hegna, Zachary Senst, Quinn Trottier
10/15 Sharon Elmquist, Katelyn McBrien
10/16 Kent Mainquist, Amanda Nordgren
10/17 Sanibel Goerges, Lincoln Miller
10/18 Marit Reese
10/19 Lance Bragstad, Karla Frederickson
10/20 Braelyn Erickson, Charles Hicks, Marilyn Lind, Kim Olesen
10/21 Judith Schrader, Sam Scheuss, Karli Skog, Kristin Skog
10/23 John Carlson, Annette Ecklund, Jordan Geschwill, Carol Irish, George O'Neil
10/24 Aundra Erickson, Ethan Johnson
10/25 Hannah LaRock, Chris Trombley
10/26 Larry Geschwill, Mattie Rossum, Karlie Trottier
10/27 Joseph Kepner, Aidan Koch, Leah Nevin
10/28 Ronald Larson, Jack Riordan
10/29 Chad Anderson, Ashton Benzick, Barb Dahlberg, Rick Johnson, Roger Okerman, Lucille Pearo
10/30 Nancy Westerberg
10/31 Jesse Engen, Parker Schott, Kelsey Williams

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Justin & Kayla Benzick
Larry & Mary Neer
Ron & Michelle Schmidt
10/3 Brandon & Laura Pederson
10/4 Anthony & Crystle Gerdes
10/5 Gene & Jan Darnell
Phil & Jodi Schott
10/6 Mike & Jennie Clasen
10/7 Rich & Marit Reese
10/8 Corey & Amy Ledin
10/9 Eric & Holly Frederick
10/11 Chad & Jodell Rau
Steve & Kimberly Rollins
10/12 Thomas & Betsy Schroeder
10/16 Dave & Helen Nordgren
10/17 Bill & Vicki Abbott
Brian & Cindi Boyda
10/21 Herb & Lori Nelson
10/24 Kent & Sally Mainquist
10/28 Gary & Barb Schwartz
David & Kathryn Sorensen

**Please remember these
people in prayer
on their
Birthday and/or Anniversary.**



