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September 2019



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sunday, Sept. 8 "God's Work. Our Hands"

Service time changes to 9:30AM!

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee fellowship & service projects

11:30 AM Prayer walk

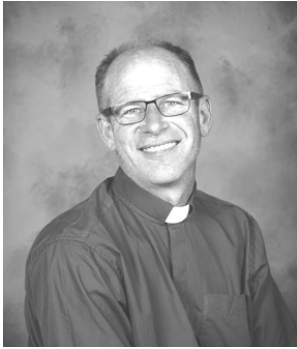
Wednesday, Sept. 11 Worship begins at 6:15

in the parking lot! Join us to kick off the school year with a parking lot party, food & fellowship, games and supper before & after worship!

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Pastor's Page



As I sit down to write this, I look outside to see a beautiful day unfolding. The weather is nice and one of the last few summer weekends is approaching. It makes my heart full and moves me to say a prayer of thanksgiving. It seems like one of those days when

God does a fist pump and says, "Yes!! Look at that!" "AND... Look at this..." Heeding the Spirit's call to look at what God is pointing me to, I turn to look at our church. We have a fantastic staff, an active and discerning council, a whole lot of groups doing all kinds of ministry, and you, the reader, the gathered people of God, the Church. You are active and courageous, willing to probe and explore, willing to experiment and test, willing to give and participate. In so many ways God has been active **through you** as God cultivates faith experiences for **all of us**. **Thank GOD!**

In a culture littered with fear and scarcity, with even many churches succumbing to fear and scarcity, we are an anomaly in this world with our distinctive and successful, Crosslake Lutheran style of proclaiming life, healing, and wholeness in the name of Christ. It is a beacon of hope in a tough world. Why are we flourishing? It seems this church has a gift for wondering what we need to "**pick up**" for ministering in this age, and, what we need to "**let go**" to minister in this age. This is a healthy behavior that makes us **nimble and responsive** in the massive cultural shifts we are experiencing. For example, a few years ago, this church noticed that families were so saturated with cultural pressures on the weekend that they struggled to participate in traditional ways of faith. So, **this church said, YES...AND**, to providing a worship experience **and a meal** on Wednesday. Wednesdays are now alive, providing faith experiences in so many ways. Our faith opportunities just keep expanding. **Thank GOD!**

Many good things do have a flipside to them. Take Sunday School for instance. Because of continued weekend pressures from sports, family life, and work, our Sunday attendance by parents with children has made big shifts to Wednesday. It is challenging to provide a meaningful faith experiences using traditional models. In order to make faithful use of our resources, the children's ministry folks suggested "letting go" and "picking up." On Sundays, we would "let go" of a classroom faith experience called "Sunday School" and "**pick up**" opportunities to provide faith experiences via "**Worship Boxes**." These boxes would change weekly to provide activities themed to the readings, songs, decorations, etc. Housed on shelves in the narthex they would replace the "busy bags" that currently hang on the tree. We will not be just keeping children busy as they open the lid, but rather moving them to discover all the ways God is active in the worship service. They will also include resources for faith activities during the week. The staff, executive council, and council have given their nod of support to this newest version of **Crosslake Lutheran saying YES...AND**. Look for the rollout of the **Worship Boxes** in the weeks to come. **Thank GOD!**

Now as I edit this, the weather has turned a bit. It is cloudy and windy. My thanksgivings for the weather might have waned a bit. My thanks though for what GOD is doing in this faith community has no end.

- Pastor Kurt

P.S. One of the fruits of the YES gatherings was hearing many of you name the importance of getting our Sunday and Wednesday people together as often as possible. **There two big events coming up! God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 8th** is an opportunity for Wednesday folks to come on Sunday to worship and participate in service opportunities. **The Parking Lot Party on September 11th** is a perfect opportunity for our Sunday folks to join in the kickoff of our Wednesday activities. Come and join the fun, food, games, and excitement. See inside for more details.

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Come one, Come all!

Pastor Kurt's Installation

Bishop Tom Aitken will be preaching

Sunday, September 22, 9:30 AM

Followed by an Egg Bake breakfast

YES! gathering

YES! Sermon Series

Thanks to all of you who participated in the YES! Gatherings this summer! We had wonderful conversations and Spirit-filled discernment about future ministry for our church. We discussed that we're now in an era that theologian Phyllis Tickle terms the "500 year great rummage sale" when every 500 years or so, the church "cleans house" deciding what to dispose and what to keep, making room for new things. As

we discussed we have already been doing this in many ways, to help make our church more of a place people can say "yes" to when our culture is one that Tickle says "people now cross denominational boundaries, seek common ground, engage diverse cultures, embrace social causes as ways to live out Christ's call to serve others, and ministry takes place largely outside of church buildings." How can Crosslake Lutheran continue to have more and more ministries that address these changes for how to be church? We started some great discussions about this with the gatherings, and at our October council retreat we will pick a few of these recurring ideas to work on in the coming year. But, in the meantime we are going to have a three part sermon series that also helps us think about what it means to be a YES! church in this time of change.

On Sundays Sept. 15, 29, and Oct. 6, we will take the three letters of Y-E-S, to help us continue to think and discern about God's call to us to be a YES! church in a new era of Christianity. Join us!

Sunday, Sept. 15, **Y – Yes! You! You'all!**

Sunday, Sept. 29, **E – Everyone! Excitement!**

Sunday, Oct. 6, **S – Stewardship! Service!**

"Blessed to Be a Blessing" will be presented September 1st at both indoor and outdoor worship services, when you will hear more about this amazing opportunity of how to be part of a gift initiative program. Four teams of volunteers will each give \$250 to a charity, an organization, an individual or a family who could use a financial blessing. The funds are being provided from our "Gather, Grow, Go (3G) Fund," which is dedicated to the ministry of outreach. Please be thinking of how you can be a blessing this year to someone in our community who needs a helping hand (expenses: medical, housing, monthly, unforeseen; or temporarily unemployed ...) *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."* Hebrews 6:10 Will you be the hands to offer this gift on behalf of our church to someone in need? *"It is more blessed to give than receive."* Acts 20:35 (Questions, call Becky Kalton 218-820-8114).



YOUTH MINISTRY

LET'S CONNECT!



God's work.
Our hands.

'God's Work Our Hands' Sunday, September 8th. All youth (7-12th grades) should be at church (9:30 am) for this Fall Service Sunday! We need Parent and Youth leaders for a few of the service projects happening after worship. Join the fun!

Wednesday, September 11th PARKING LOT PARTY! Games – Food – Worship – Fun! 4:30 – 8 pm - ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME!

Wednesday, September 18th There will be a meeting for **ALL parents and youth** in 7th-12th grade at **7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!

Wednesdays, starting September 25th
7th-8th grade Youth Group from 4:00-5:30 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:15 pm. 9th – 12th grade Youth Group 7:00—8:00 pm.

LOOK AHEAD!

Sunday, October 6th Pancake Breakfast – High School to serve

Sunday, October 13th 50th Anniversary Brunch – Need 15 youth to serve

Wednesday, October 16th NO Youth Activities or Wednesday Worship (MEA)

Sunday, October 27th Confirmation

Thursday, October 31st Trunk 'N Treat

How will Jesus be at work in your life? Get involved and let's explore it together! We have many opportunities to serve! Call Pat if you have any new ideas or would like to serve in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you!

God is good!

Pat

CONSENSUS VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Admission is free. A Free-Will offering accepted at the door.



A concert exploring the diversity of Minnesota choral music.

Saturday, September 14th, 7:00pm
Crosslake Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 15th, 3:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Brainerd

Elementary School Parent Meeting **Wednesday, September 11th, 5:45 PM**

During our Parking Lot Party on September 11, parents of elementary school students will take a few minutes to hear updates on programming for the year and have an opportunity to see how they can help make the year a great year for our children.

GROWing Kids will be resuming on Wednesday, September 18. Children will begin in worship with their parents and after the children's message, leave worship for a 30 minute class. For more information about the year and to volunteer to help with teaching, come to our information meeting on September 11 at 5:45 pm.

Sundays are going to have a different look this year and we are excited for the changes. There will not be Sunday School. Children will be able to stay in worship with their families. We are creating Worship Boxes that they can take into worship with them. In the boxes will be a variety of tools that will help them be more fully involved in worship. We also will be providing weekly devotions for families using the Faith5 model that we have been using in our education classes. Faith5 is a simple system where children and parents can

- 1) share their highs and lows
- 2) Read a Bible verse or Bible story
- 3) Talk about the Bible reading
- 4) Pray for each other's highs and lows
- 5) Bless each other

For many of us who grew up with Sunday School as the standard educational opportunity to learn the Bible stories and hear the words of God, this might be hard to understand. But study after study shows that children look to their parents to lead them in their faith journey and children benefit when they worship regularly. We will continue to offer educational opportunities for our children on Wednesdays and on Sundays we will be sure to develop worship that is welcoming to people of all ages.

Bible Study

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September and October Bible Study Series

Revelation and the Apocalypse

What image do you have of the word Apocalypse?

Is it like the “end of days” captured in this artistic

rendering? “The Apocalypse or book of Revelation is one of the most engaging and disputed books in the Bible.” This is Dr. Koester’s opening line. Does it pique your curiosity? Have you always wanted to explore Revelation but have gotten lost in the imagery of beasts, horsemen, and dragons? Have you wondered how God could be working in this text with our cultural assumptions of the word Apocalypse? Are we supposed to read Revelation as a coded message to be unraveled? If it is a message to seven communities in Asia Minor two thousand years ago, then what do we do with it today?

Revelation has birthed beautiful music like “Holy, Holy, Holy” proclaiming God as sovereign of all. It also produced texts like “The Left Behind series” that leave you wondering whether God is good and loving. We will touch on many of these areas in our 6-week study of Revelation. We will look at the background of the apocalypse, look into the book itself and what it says, and conclude with exploring what people have done with this text. Here is roughly what you can expect. Bring your curiosity and join us on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30.

September 11th Revelation & Prophetic and Apocalyptic traditions

September 18th Origins of the Book of Revelation & Issues facing its first readers or hearers

September 25th God, the Lamb, Seven Seals & Trumpets, Temple, and Celebration

October 2nd Beasts and Evil & Harlot and Empire & the Great Battle

October 9th Suspended Judgement & New Creation and New Jerusalem

October 16th Revelation and music & Interpretations over the years



CAMP KNUTSON

The Men’s Workgroup will meet for the final time of the season on 9/13/2019. Join us at 8:30 am for breakfast and a fun time of fellowship, oh and a few hours of work.

Health Ministry

Happy Fall, my personal favorite- time for school, getting the house ready for winter, etc. I pray that your summer was restful although from the sounds of it, unlikely that many of you just sat and looked at the water. It is wonderful to see how many of our congregation are involved in the many ways that volunteers support the organizations and groups around Crosslake. Research shows that folks that involved in volunteer work are happier, tend to enjoy better emotional health and have more social relationships. There are certainly many ways to volunteer within our faith family as well.

Thank you to the many folks that participate in Health Ministry programs.

A great example is the wonderful group of women who gathered to make Angel food this past month- Mary Knight, Bert Flohr, Dorothy Gerdes, Virgene Johnson and Becky Kalton joined me in creating some wonderful home cooked meals that are part of the Angel food program. It not only produced great food but a good time was had by all! See me if you have questions about the food delivery program or need food for short-term needs.

Part of my role as a parish nurse is to assist folks finding resources for staying safely in their own home or finding an appropriate facility if staying home is no longer an option.

One option to consider for staying home safely is to install a home monitoring system that can visually monitor your home interior. Your family is then able to access the camera to be sure that you are still upright and doing well. Many systems include a way to also talk to someone in the home as well as temp monitoring of the home. Technology has really improved over the past 5 years to assist in monitoring for unsafe situations. See me if you have questions about how the systems work. If you need a "Lifeline", now is the time to get that set up before everyone in your neighborhood leaves for the winter. If you already have a Lifeline, make sure that your contacts to call are updated to include your "winter" folks. Again, there are many options for call systems and many price points and features including GPS locating service (cannot be used if you have a pacemaker).



Another part of my role is to update all emergency action plans for our church. The Usher group is key to an emergency response and I will do a training session for them in September that will include the AED, what to do if someone collapses, etc. I also check all emergency equipment on a regular basis so that it is ready for use. If you see a situation that is unsafe, please see me or another staff person since prevention of injury is the best strategy. Unlit hallways that are used creates a risk for falls especially in folks that have vision issues. So if you see me turn lights on, I am trying to keep folks safe in the building.

At this time of year, please inspect your homes for wasp nests since this is the time they gather and also are more aggressive. If you are sensitive to bee stings, please make sure that your EPI pen is updated (prices have come down) and that once you use your pen you are to go the clinic or ED for further evaluation. Even if you have had a mild reaction in the past , it could be much worse

with each exposure and could be life threatening (airway closure and loss of BP). See your medical provider if you have questions about what to do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heart and Soul- September 17th doors open at 6pm. Dr. Fenstad will present "Women are from Venus, advances in diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in women. I will present the second half of the evening that will talk about memory- what it is, how memories are formed and barriers to that process including dementias.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers- Lutheran Social Services will be conducting a 6-week class on supporting caregivers. Topics include stress reduction, communication, balance and finding resources. Sheet posted with info on how to sign up.

Matter of Balance classes- also will start after labor day on Tuesdays from 1-3pm for 8 weeks. This class includes ways to prevent falls and ways to improve balance and flexibility. Offered through Crow Wing Energized. Sheet posted with info on how to sign up.

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Befriender course- September 11 and 12th, this 1.5 day course looks at how to communicate through active listening and how the Befriender program works at Crosslake Lutheran. You can attend the class and not be a part of the team if you chose- it includes great tools for communication. See me if you need more information

Thank you to everyone who make the Final Gift workshop in August a huge success- 36 participants with many from the community- we will have another course in October if enough interest.

Thought for the month: You can spend time and money staying well or spend time and money taking care of your illness - it is your choice.

- Gail Smith, RN Parish Nurse - Health Ministry

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On Sunday, October 13th, we will honor all church members who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019.

Please notify the church office if you have your 50th this year, so we can be sure to include you in this special event!

JUL FEST

- .Crafts!
- .Baked Goods!



Saturday September 28, 2019

8:30am-2:00pm

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Chicken Salad OR Shredded Beef Sandwich!

Lunch Served from 10:30 A.M. until gone..

PROCEEDS BENEFIT MANY LOCAL CHARITIES



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship Indoor with Holy Communion 9:30am coffee/fellowship 10am Outdoor Worship (last one)	2 Labor Day Holiday (Church Office closed) No church activities 7pm A.A.	3 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm "Matter of Balance"	4 9am Kitchen Committee Noon Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 4:30pm Adult Choir practice	5 1pm Worship & Music Committee 4:30pm Befriender Team Meeting	6 Set-up for "God's Work. Our Hands."	7
8 Worship Schedule Changes "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday 9:30am Worship with Blessing of Backpacks 10:30am coffee/fellowship and service projects 11:30am Prayer Walk	9 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 1 pm "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" 7pm A.A.	10 8am-1pm Lefse making in the kitchen 9am Marketing Committee 9am-Noon "Days for Girls" workshop (Fellowship Hall) 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm "Matter of Balance" 2-3pm Post-Core Diabetes class	11 10am Adult Bible Study Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 12:30-4:30pm Befriender Course 3pm Executive Committee 4:30-8pm Parking Lot Party 5-6:30pm Food served 5:45pm Elementary School (K-6th grade) Parent Mtg. 6:15pm Campfire Worship in parking lot	12 8:30-3pm Befriender Course Noon-6pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 1pm Welca General Meeting (sanctuary) 2:30pm Facilities/Property Meeting	13 8:30am Churchmen's Work Morning at Camp Knutson	14 7pm "Consensus" Concert (sanctuary)
15 9:00am Duluth East Choir 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Commissioning of Trailblazers 10:30am coffee/fellowship	16 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 11 am Lake Readers Book Club in Fireside Room 1 pm "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" 7pm A.A.	17 9:30am Ink Spots 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm "Matter of Balance" 3-4pm Caregiver Support Group 6-8pm "Heart & Soul" for women	18 10am Adult Bible Study Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:45pm Adult Choir practice 5:30pm Finance Committee 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship w/Holy Communion (GROWing Kids excused from worship) 7pm Youth (7-12 grade) Parent Mtg. 7pm Church Council	19 10am Book Club 2pm Endowment Committee meets in Fireside Room	20 Country Cross deadline!	21
22 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Installation of Pastor Kurt (Guest—Bishop Tom Aitken) 10:30am Egg Bake Breakfast	23 9am Jul Fest Workshop 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 10am Annual Report assembly No Altar Guild 7pm A.A.	24 8am-1pm Lefse making in the kitchen 10am Pastors' Study Group-Brainerd 1pm Staff Meeting 1-3pm "Matter of Balance"	25 10am Adult Bible Study Bell Choir / 1pm Knit Wits 4pm 7th & 8th grade Youth Ministry 4:45pm Adult Choir practice 5:30-6:10pm Supper 6:15pm Worship (GROWing Kids excused from worship) 7pm HS Youth Ministry 8pm Set up for Jul Fest	26 Set up for Jul Fest	27 Set up for Jul Fest 10am Country Cross assembly	28 JUL FEST BAZAAR 8:30AM-2PM
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in the Fellowship Hall	30 9am Jul Fest Wrap-up 9am 500 Club 9am Quilters 7pm A.A.					
September 2019						

Jul Fest Bazaar – Sept. 28th



It will soon be time for the 43rd Jul Fest Bazaar on September 28th! We would like to invite all of the women of Crosslake Lutheran Church to be a part of this fun event. The signup sheets for helping at the bazaar are on the bulletin board going into the fellowship hall. Please stop and take a look to see if there is a slot that would work for you to come and help us raise monies for our community mission's donation. There are opportunities for you to help on Thurs. Sept. 26th & 27th as well as the day of the sale. You may not have been able to come to the workshops but we would love to have you join us to make the event a success, meet some new friends and make the bazaar a success. The money is donated to over 20 groups around the Crosslake area.

We also have a group making lefse on Tuesdays. If you are interested, see the signup sheets on the bulletin board.

BAKERY NEEDS - We are asking for baked goods to sell at the bazaar, so look up some good recipes you have baked in the past or some new ones you need to try and donate them to the sale. We will be accepting the baked goods on Friday, Sept. 27th. The shoppers "love the pies" (please consider baking one of these). We request that you don't bring cream pies because of the holding time. Cookies, bars, candies (please package in no more than 1 dozen per package), breads, rolls, jams, jellies, pickles, salsas, etc. We love to see your baking goodies!! We also need cookies to share with our guests at the sale for the morning coffee. Please mark them as "coffee time treats". If your baked goods contain nuts, place a tag on it to indicate the contents. Please come and join the fun!! If you have any questions, please call Linda Gates.

Jul Fest Gift Baskets



We are looking for "Gift Baskets" for the Jul Fest Sale on September 28th. You may not be able to join us for our workshops on Mondays and this would be a great opportunity to contribute to the charities we will be gifting to. If you, yourself, or you and a few friends, want to go together and make up a gift basket to donate to the sale, we have baskets and containers you can use to put your items in. You can pick your own theme, anything goes!! Please use new items. If you have questions contact Linda Gates by email: gates.lb@hotmail.com or call 507-202-9374. The baskets can be dropped off on Monday morning in the Fellowship Hall or in the church office (please mark them for Jul Fest). *Thank You in advance!*



We are hosting the **Blood Drive on Thursday, September 12th, from Noon to 6 pm.** If you would like to volunteer to work a 2-hour shift at the registration table or food canteen, or if you want to make an appointment to give blood, please call the church office at (218-692-3682). ***"Give blood—it saves lives!"***

We are ONE church.

Let's celebrate that! Here are two great events where we can bring our Wednesday and Sunday people together.

Sunday, September 8th God's Work. Our Hands. Crosslake Lutheran will celebrate the gift of sharing our faith with our hands.

9:30 am Worship This is our first worship combining our indoor and outdoor worshippers with a special focus on our call to service.

10:30 am Busy hands Time with a short coffee fellowship and orientation to the projects we will do together.

11:30 Prayer Walk We will take a short walk passing by the post office, school, midtown area, campground office, and the lake pausing at each place to say a prayer for the activity of each place.

Wednesday September 11th Parking Lot Party! We will celebrate the return of our Wednesday afternoon and evening activities with Games, Food, Campfire worship, and Fellowship.

4:30– 8:00 Games will be available. Big kid and little kid 9 square, gaga ball, sidewalk chalk, beanbag toss, can jam, and more!

5:00-6:30 Food will be served. Our kitchen crew will be serving Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips, and more.

6:15 Campfire Worship featuring our indoor and outdoor musicians.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Prayers for Peace and Comfort:

Jodi Schott and family in the death of her mom, Bernie Engdahl on August 24th in Alexandria, MN.

Kristi Kraemer and family in the death of her father, Mike Landecker, on July 31st in Breezy Point, MN.

Karen & Ron Larson in the death of Karen's dad, Carol Nielsen, on August 19th in Buffalo, MN.

The family of Dale Dickie in their loss & sorrow. Dale passed away on August 16th in Crosslake.

Rejoice with: Katelyn & Cody Chambers on the birth of their son, Jack Shawn Chambers, born on August 20th. All are doing well!

PASTORAL ACTS:

Memorial Service: Dale Dickie, August 22nd.



A Prayer Booster: Our God is an Awesome God, He reigns in Heaven Above with Wisdom, Power and Love, Our God is an Awesome God.” This praise chorus reminds us that we belong to the Lord of the universe and He desires and deserves our worship each day. And He, being present with us and in us, is able to do more than we can ask or think. Our hearts are grateful for the prayers of our church family that take the time to bring the needs of our own AND those given to us by others, to God’s throne because of Jesus’ promises. The ongoing presence of God’s Living Word, the communion of Him and His people, the music that honors His Name and lifts us up to the Heaven; these can be a vital part of the healing and redeeming Love that we see happening week by week in our congregation. For this, we can be sooo thankful. Blessings to you, for your care and prayers for Bob and the health issues and hospitalizations these past weeks. With our Love, Bob & Jan Moengen

July Treasurer’s Report

<u>July:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:	\$ 48,221	\$ 50,639	\$ (2,418)		\$ 301,023	\$ 348,920	\$ (47,897)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 50,760</u>	<u>\$ 55,111</u>	<u>\$ 4,351</u>		<u>\$ 331,346</u>	<u>\$ 362,124</u>	<u>\$ 30,778</u>
Difference:	\$ (2,539)	\$ (4,472)	\$ 1,933		\$ (30,323)	\$ (13,204)	\$ (17,119)

In the month of **July**, expenses exceed revenues by \$2,539.

YTD’s performance is \$17,119 less than budget, because revenues are \$47,897 less than budget and expenses are \$30,778 less than budget.

Complete financial reports are available in the finance mailbox.

Sharing God's Love

As God's people, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' command to "Love [our] neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39). We can share God's love because he has first loved us (1 John 4:19). God is the source of love that we give to others. When we love others, God's love is made complete (1 John 4:17). Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to share the love that God has given to us with others. In Romans 12:13 Paul wrote, "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." To the Galatians Paul wrote, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

The following two contrasting stories in Scripture help us see how love can make such a huge difference in our relationship with and our attitude toward people:

In the story of Cain and Abel, we see Cain's total disregard for his brother Abel. After Cain had killed Abel, the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9). Cain was a man without faith and love. God's love did not dwell in Cain, and it showed in his actions. Cain also showed his lack of love for God by giving an inferior gift.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), God's Word gives us an example of how we are to share our love with others. Traveling on the road to Jericho, the Good Samaritan found a man who had been beaten and robbed. The Good Samaritan stopped and attended to the injured person. After he had bandaged his wounds, he took him to an inn where he paid for his

room and care. The Samaritan sacrificed money, time, and possessions and risked his own health and safety for this wounded stranger. By putting no limits on how far he was willing to go to help this man, the Samaritan demonstrated the love we should have for others. As God's



people filled with his love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others.

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Motivated by Christ's love and empowered by his Spirit, we will be eager to share God's love with others as we perform acts of service.

God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

WELCA GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar to attend the WELCA general meeting on Thursday, September 12, at 1:00pm in the church sanctuary. After refreshments and installation of new officers, Sue & Brian Carlson will give a presentation on their trip to Africa and the 'Days for Girls' project.

Congratulations to Vicki Kopplin on her election as president of the Northeastern MN Women of the ELCA. Also, congratulations to Paulette Wilske on her election to the Heartland Conference Committee.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for the 'Summer Gathering' resolutions and also to sign up for Lefse making, Jul Fest and the 'Fall Gathering.'

Please check out the WELCA information below and on the next page for a listing of meeting details and upcoming events. We hope to see you September 12th!



All women of Crosslake Lutheran Church are blessed with membership in Women of the ELCA

MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.”

Board Positions

Co-Chair:	Janet Marr	Open Position
Co-Secretary:	Diane Anderson	Open Position
Co-Treasurer:	Connie Caspers	Carolyn Silcox
Co-Programs:	Nancy Westerberg	Open Position

Funerals: Jean Blosberg

Jul Fest: Linda Gates

Prayer Partners: Open Position

Quilting: Jean Blosberg, Jacque Glas

Prayer Partners: Open Position

Library: Gloria Brinkman, Bonnie Sass

Mission Support: Lori Nelson

LSS/Paul Bunyan Region Aux: Kay Antos, Marilyn Blowers

Knit Wits: Gerry Schroeder, Dorothy Gerdes

Church Council Liaison: Jaci Peterson

Women of the ELCA Meetings and Events 2019-2020

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| September 12 | General Meeting 1PM and “Days For Girls” Presentation by Sue and Brian Carlson |
| September 28 | Jul Fest |
| October 10 | Heartland Conference Fall Gathering at Trinity, Milaca |
| October 24 | General Meeting 1PM and Harvest Cooking by Eunice Wiebolt |
| November 14 | General Meeting 1PM and Thankoffering Service |
| December 12 | Christmas Luncheon 11AM and Christmas Entertainment |
| January 9 | Bible Study |
| February 6 & 7 | Retreat at Camp Knutson |
| April TBA | Heartland Conference Spring Gathering |
| April TBA | General Meeting 1PM and Master Gardening Presentation |
| May 14 | General Meeting 1PM and Loon Center Presentation |
| June 11 | Spring Salad Luncheon 11AM and Entertainment |
| June 15-17 | NE MN Women of the ELCA Summer Gathering |
| July 16-19 | Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering |
| August 13 | General Meeting 1PM Board Election and Report from Triennial Gathering |

September Birthdays

- 9/1 Leo Bolz-Andolshek, Hunter Goerges, Michael Lommen, Jeff Lundborg, Lorraine Northagen, Elizabeth Pulsifer
- 9/2 Brandon Anderson, Jack Hennies
- 9/3 Sarah Ostroviak, Perry Caspers, Evan Morgan
- 9/4 Orion Ball, Bonnie Benson, Paisley Gerdes, Ken Hersey
- 9/5 Britta Bittner, Pam Goerges
- 9/7 Dan Beavers, Cookie Schultz
- 9/8 Michael Haar, Debbie Patrick, Diana Thompson
- 9/9 Marty Kassahn, Madeline Pederson
- 9/10 Gail Bancroft, Chad Ekeberg, Bob Erickson, Brad Mesenbrink, Austin Mesenbrink, Kassi Owens, Susan Swanson
- 9/11 Bill Abbott, Joyce Lindner, Dean Schliek
- 9/12 Christopher Clasen, Austin Nelson, Herb Nelson, Doug Rolighed
- 9/13 Colby Andersen, Kayla Joyce, Reed Mainquist, Jeanne Thull
- 9/14 Griffin Andersen, Kaitlyn Geschwill
- 9/15 Jeff Benson, Lory Delgehausen
- 9/16 Carol Kraft, Michael Myogeto, David Nordgren
- 9/17 Megan Nordgren, Joel Schramm
- 9/18 Bonnie Julian, John Rappath
- 9/19 Willis Berndt, Curt Johnson
- 9/20 Lilix Gustafson, Terry Koch, Steve Laak
- 9/21 Carolyn Hegna, Jordan Schommer
- 9/22 Carrie Harmala, Margaret Heggerston, Larry Koenig, Lora McChesney
- 9/23 Dave Delgehausen, Jason Nelson, Walker Spray, Adele Suomela
- 9/24 Brian Berglin, Arlen Johnson, Jude Johnson, Sharon Thorson
- 9/25 David Dickinson, Doris Palmer
- 9/26 Karen Zeile
- 9/27 Emma Ekeberg, Jody Wolf
- 9/28 Brittney Engblom, Corey Ledin
- 9/29 Eugene Courneya, Holly Frederick, Eleanor Heggerston, Rich Reese
- 9/30 Kay Antos, Roberta Flohr, Scott Siemers

September Anniversaries

- 9/2 John & Marilyn Carlson, Kenneth & Gloria Digre, Ralph & Carole Taylor
- 9/3 Curtis & Caryn Johnson, Dave & Julie Schwarze
- 9/6 Jim & Diana Gallaway, Mark & Lori Johnson
Paul & Cindy Johnson, Tom & Lynn Sweningson
- 9/7 Brad & Becky Mesenbrink
- 9/9 Robert & Kathleen Bahma
- 9/10 Buck & Karla Garin, Marty & Schondra Kassahn,
Roy & Carol Kraft, Adam & Courtney Thull
- 9/11 Ryan & Christne Schultz
- 9/12 Willis & Glenda Berndt, Brian & Linda Gates
- 9/15 Don & Jacque Glas
- 9/18 Kevin & Donna Larson, Julie & Allen Rose
- 9/20 Gerald & Elaine Gilbert
- 9/22 Mike & Christy Potocki
- 9/23 Marlin & June Gens
- 9/24 Jared & Lori Bernu, Larry & Kristin Geschwill,
Mitch & RaeAnn Hecker, Miles & Patricia
Johnson, Michael & Shari Monahan
- 9/25 Justin & Kaycie Tohm
- 9/26 Ken & Sharon Mulder
- 9/29 Joel & Nina Knippel, Steven & Paulette Wilske



Our Members & Friends in the Military 19

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

NATHAN HAGESTUEN, son of Kurt & Kelly Hagestuen, Navy, Great Lakes Naval Academy

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

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



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Join us for our Annual Meeting, Sept. 29, 2019, after the 9:30 worship service in the fellowship hall. We will be celebrating God's ministry through us, voting on church leadership, hearing an update on roof replacement for 2021, and voting on the 2020 budget. Watch for your packet in the mail!