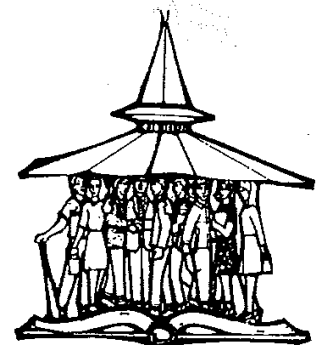


CROSS CURRENTS

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From Pastor Oslund...

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:5

We'll gather to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Cross Lutheran Church on November 2nd and this verse seems appropriate as we think about our congregation and the life we share. We get to celebrate these past 75 years of ministry because our Lord is good and he has been faithful in gathering our congregation all these years. But, he's not finished! We gather to celebrate what has been but we will also gather to give thanks for his faithfulness that will take us and our children and all those generations to come through and beyond the next 75 years.

Whether you are the first in your family to be part of Cross Church or you are the fourth generation member, together each week we gather as multiple generations who continue to get to know each other, to care and most of all to hear time and time again that we are brothers and sisters because of God's steadfast love that keeps enduring. I am careful to say that we gather each week and not just on Sundays because there are a variety of ways and times and places that we share life throughout the week. And we believe that church is not only at the corner of Frost and Prosperity but wherever two or three are gathered in Christ. So, we are church when we gather in homes, we meet at schools, we provide meals, we worship in retirement communities and when we travel for retreats and trips. Through all of this our relationships change, we become more connected and as we get to know each other we become an important support for each other.

We shape the lives of all of the children we come to know and as adults our lives are changed through sincere care and generosity. These meaningful relationships are created for life because this congregation has learned to listen and respond in love.

Tradition has been part of Cross Lutheran Church for all these 75 years. Our congregation is proud of the heritage we have in the Lutheran tradition and takes seriously what it means to be loved, forgiven and welcomed in Christ. We take seriously our calling to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and that we are all important in the life of the congregation. We also know that our culture has changed and the values and priorities of individuals and families has shifted and the way work is scheduled and activities are scheduled can make us feel pulled to try to do more, fit more in and this means that we as a congregation are challenged to seriously consider what it means to be church in an ever changing world where God's word is more important than ever. Where there is a need to belong, the need to fit in and we believe that as the body of Christ we provide that unconditional, safe, welcoming place for those in need.

While tradition has and continues to be meaningful for the life and worship of our congregation how will our tradition guide and shape us into the next decades of ministry? The only way we will know is by continuing to talk, to consider who we are called to be, to study the Bible and as we study we pray that our Lord's promised faithfulness will be our compass and our guide. We're in the midst of what can be an exciting time as we continue to talk about our hopes and dreams for ministry. We here means each and every person who is a member of this congregation.

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75th ANNIVERSARY

Thanks be to God for you and for this ministry we share. I look forward to seeing you as you come to worship, stay for conversation, and gather in community. Showing up time after time and working together is the life we are called to share. Steadfast and faithful is how our Lord promises to be. What is our faithful response?

See you as we celebrate 75 years and as we enter into future ministry together!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Oslund

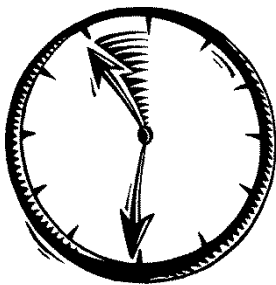
We would love it if you are early but...

REMEMBER

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday November 2nd at 2:00am

Turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday November 1st.



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK!**

Please plan to join us to celebrate the

75th Anniversary

of

Cross Lutheran Church

on

November 2, 2014

**9:00 - Festival Worship Service of
Holy Communion**

10:30 - Brunch

Tickets for the brunch, at a cost of \$5.00 per person, (children 3 years and younger are free) may be purchased on any Sunday in October at the table outside the kitchen, or by calling the church office 651-777-1329.

The last day to purchase tickets will be Sunday October 26th so we can provide our caterer with an accurate count.

We **INVITE ALL** former members, friends, and staff to help us celebrate! If you are in contact with someone the office may have lost touch with, please make sure to let them know about our celebration! "In Christ's own love we belong together."

From: Hands, Hearts and Voices

OPPORTUNITIES

United Sisters Annual Craft and Bake Sale



Everyone is invited to join us at the annual United Sisters Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. A wide variety of crafts will be available as will numerous delicious baked goods, prepared by the ladies (and some gentlemen) of our congregation. We hope to see all of you on Saturday, October 11!

About a week before the Sale, we'll need help posting signs around town advertising the Craft and Bake Sale, and then we'll need help retrieving the signs after the Sale. We'll also need help cleaning, and sweeping after the Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday afternoon, October 11. Please talk to Roxy Horrisberger about when you'll be able to help out. Thanks in advance to all of you!!



BOOK CLUB
Tuesday October 28 at
5:30pm

Feel free to join this book club! High School through adults welcome! We will be discussing "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. Employing her trademark razor-sharp writing and assured psychological insight, Gillian Flynn delivers a fast-paced, devilishly dark, and ingeniously plotted thriller.

FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

We'll be serving dinner at the Family Service Center on Thursday October 9, from 5:30-6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to help out. Please talk to Roxy Horrisberger if you have any questions or comments.

The Shores of Lake Phalen

Evening worship on Thursdays at 6:30pm

Bible Study the 2nd Thursday at 3:30pm

All are welcome to join us for worship and study!

WELCA News

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The East Central Cluster of the WELCA will host its fall meeting on October 30th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bayport. Registration is at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. There is a \$5.00 cost for dessert.

The program will feature an explanation of the partnership that WELCA has with the Guatemala Water Project. The monetary offering will go to the effort to provide safe drinking water to people there.

Further information may be found on the United Sisters bulletin board across from the kitchen.



Tradition!

Sunday October 5th
Right after Sunday School
Lunch Provided

**Want to help continue a long time tested,
tried and true tradition?**

Come help make Marie Anderson's Famous Rosettes

**Ending time....when we're done? Yes it
may take 20 of us to do what wonderful
Marie did single handed!!**

**Intergenerational! All people over the age
of a 6th grader to 95!!! Please Sign up on
the Youth board.**

**Have Rosette irons or a deep fryer we can
borrow? Sign up on the Youth board.**

Any ????'s call Patty V.W. 651-770-9423

Hope to see you there!

All proceeds go to United Sisters bake sale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

We're back in Sunday School and we'd like to invite all children three years old through Sixth grade to join us, including your friends and neighbors. This year we're learning about prophets and parables in the Old and New Testaments.

Thanks to Leah Bergman, who is leading our Sunday School Opening again this year. The Opening is held in the Choir Loft, which is on the second floor at the top of the stairs, across from the Church Office. The Opening is for all Sunday School children and is held from 10:30-10:45am.

Again this year, the money and non-perishable food offerings contributed by the Sunday School children and by our friends of Sunday School will be going to the students at John Glenn Middle School and the Jet Fuel Backpack Program. Be sure to watch for information about future activities for the Jet Fuel Backpack Program.

Please let any of the teachers or members of the Board of Education know if you have any questions or comments, or would like to help out in any way.

WREATH SALES

Our Youth are selling Christmas Wreaths to support their 2015 Summer Youth Trip.



Either Balsam or Frasier Wreaths are available for \$20. The Balsam are dark green and very fragrant and the Frasier are known for their dark green top with flashy silver beneath, long lasting needles when kept inside, and retaining their color through spring if outside.

You can place an order with the Youth in the narthex before or after the service to place an order. It is very helpful if you can pay for your wreath when ordering.

The final day to order a wreath will be Sunday November 16th. The wreaths will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU for your support!

John Glenn Jet Fuel Store Results



Food fuels our brains.

Thanks to the generosity of worshipers Sunday, September 8th, we filled at least **52 backpacks** with food!

This is a wonderful gift! We will stretch our dollars as far as we can shopping for specials, using coupons and waiting until the timing is just right. This will enable us to fill even more than 52 backpacks. Your gifts enable this wonderful program to be a reality for those in need at John Glenn Middle School!

Thank you to the Oslund Family for minding the Store!

Thanks also to all who bring in food items regularly and deposit them in the baskets in the narthex! Currently, 16 oz. creamy peanut butter in plastic containers, larger cans of chicken and jelly in plastic containers are items in demand.

God's work, Our hands!

Nursery

Because of new procedures and retirements, we are really in need new volunteers to join the wonderful people who have already volunteered. Its fine if you'd like to volunteer with someone else or only 1 Sunday during the year – it all helps! Teenagers to grandparents are invited to join us. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in helping out in the Nursery during a Sunday morning church service. Please let me know, also, if you have any questions or comments.



Thanks in advance--- Roxy Horrisberger

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCES

	August <u>Actual</u>	August <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Annual <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget Bal.</u>
<i>Income:</i>						
Weekly Offerings	13,145.51	14,119.50	107,006.85	112,956.00	169,434.00	(5,949.15)
Holidays/Special	2.00	0	5,637.81	4,710.00	11,110.00	927.81
Other Income	3,509.05	2,852.50	21,742.69	23,520.00	34,930.00	(1,777.31)
Dedicated Funds Released	<u>310.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>	<u>2,480.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>(520.00)</u>
Total Income	16,966.56	17,347.00	136,867.35	144,186.00	219,974.00	(7,318.65)
<i>Expense:</i>						
Lay Ministry	14,979.42	15,193.59	124,383.42	121,548.64	182,323.00	(2,834.78)
Education	367.75	422.92	2,567.15	3,383.32	5,075.00	816.17
Youth Ministry	7,685.04	4,056.17	10,189.99	4,674.32	5,124.00	(5,515.67)
Stewardship	0	145.83	780.60	1,166.68	1,750.00	386.08
Church Properties	<u>2,383.02</u>	<u>3,276.33</u>	<u>24,147.54</u>	<u>26,210.68</u>	<u>39,316.00</u>	<u>2,063.14</u>
Total Expense	25,415.23	23,094.84	162,068.70	156,983.64	233,588.00	(5,085.06)
Income - Expense	<u>(8,448.67)</u>	<u>(5,747.84)</u>	<u>(25,201.35)</u>	<u>(12,767.64)</u>	<u>(13,614.00)</u>	<u>(12,403.71)</u>

Through August Memorial Fund Balances: Altar Guild = \$436.15; Air Conditioning = \$2,100;
Portico Door Entrance/Stoop Roof = \$2,500; Artwork = \$(55.96)

Do you use a single footed cane?

Do you feel shaky in need of more support? Add 2 or more extra feet on that cane to make it a tri or even quad footed cane. Contact the place where you found the cane – Walgreens or Handicapped Services.

Need to climb stairs – add a chair lift to your stairs. Need a lift to get from your bed to chair or to the bathroom or commode? Need to roll your chair from room to room – Add guides on the wheelchair arms.

I have asked these questions as they come to mind.

Remember: Cement doesn't bounce or give if you fall on it.

Walkers can be pushed or have someone push a wheelchair, a walker can be folded.

A motorized wheelchair has a battery that needs charging.

Metro Mobility can move you for a price as they have a lift to get you on the van and you cannot drive.

Do you find it hard to pick things up from the chair and off the floor? There is an item at Walgreen's call the Golden Retriever and the other is the Pick Stick.

AARP locally will help put you in touch with people in businesses that can help you.

I hope you have found this information helpful.

A Friend

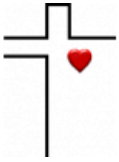
Cross Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Cross Lutheran Church is a community of believers united by our baptism into Christ Jesus. We are committed to proclaiming and teaching the Good News of God's love and sharing His love by serving our neighbors in all we do. We invite all to be a part of our fellowship as we grow in grace and follow Christ.

Visit our **NEW** website at: www.crosslutheranchurch.org

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Our condolences to...



Cindy, Brenda and Becky and their families on the death of her husband and their father, Dave Hom

Marion Lindstrom on the death of her brother, Bill Weegman

Richard and Dottie Bingman on the death of Richard's nephew, Michael Bingman

Megan Barron on the death of her grandmother, Virginia Barron

October Birthday Blessings



DAY

2	Dustin Vanek
3	Duane Gudknecht
4	Gerald Rivard
5	Amelia Haagensen
10	Henry Mizinski
12	Cody LeMay
14	George Hansen
18	Jeannie Haagensen
18	Joel Lund
18	Lona Stepnick
22	Dottie Bingman
26	Judy Ashby
26	Rose Border
26	Linnea Zager



FOUND!

There are a number of bowls and serving dishes in the kitchen. If you provided a dish for a funeral and haven't picked up your container, PLEASE check the kitchen counter by the refrigerator. We would like to have this area cleaned up for the Bake Sale. (There is an older green Pyrex bowl that someone is sure to be missing!)
THANKS!!

Cross Lutheran Church Prays for... Our prayers are requested for the following members:

Marya Pfefferle
Sharon Olson
Sharon Peterson
Marv and Pat Gardner



Our prayers are requested for these non-members:

Gabriel Friend (Dan and Tammy's nephew)
Ethel Wischer (Vi Amiot's sister)
Diane (Friend of Kim Stack – Brain cancer returned)
Barbara Hoveland (Nola's daughter-in-law)
Chris Combs (Friend of Bob Brynildson – cancer)
Lynn Koop (Healing)
Marlene Havlik (Cancer – Valerie Addis' mother)
Trinity Engberg (Leukemia – Friend of Knutsens)
Don Abfalter (Dan and Jami Stack)
Jim Caruth (Chris Sletten's stepdad)
Greg Volkers (Ray & Clara's son, rare kidney disease)
Holly (breast cancer - friend of Lyndsay Long)
Jeff Dahn (Clay Duncan's grandson)
Tonya Brown (Nola's niece)
Eileen (kidney dialysis)
Taylor Boyles (Linda Kenny's granddaughter)

To have your name added to the list or removed, please speak with Pastor or Lay Minister or call the church office.

Prayers for Armed Forces

We pray for those who serve in our nation's armed forces during the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church. Your personal prayers are requested for these people currently serving:



Tim Hemquist (Member of CLC—USAF)
Matthew Preuss (Pastor's nephew—USMC)
Philip Kroll (husband of Angela Kroll)
Jonathan Carter (Quigley's son – USAF)



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COMMUNITY
SERVICES**
Where People Count

Serving the East Side of Saint Paul since 1908

July 17, 2014

Dear Cross Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all of us at Merrick Community Services, thank you very much for your food donation of 329 pounds towards our Food Shelf in the months of May & June. We are extremely grateful for your generosity.

Your support of Merrick Community Services is one of the most direct ways to support children, strengthen families and promote independence for seniors and individuals on Saint Paul's East Side and Maplewood. Your contribution to Merrick helps us to provide essential core services to those in critical need.

We are seeing increasing evidence that our services are needed now more than ever. Just this past year, Merrick Community Services served over 16,000 children, youth, adults, and seniors with programs addressing immediate needs and leading to self-sufficiency. Our proven approach ensures that your investment benefits not only those in need, but the health and well-being of our Saint Paul, East Side and Maplewood communities.

Each year Merrick Community Services continues to advance its mission to make a difference in the lives of residents on Saint Paul's East Side. With the help from generous supporters, such as you, we will be able to accomplish our goals.

Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts to build a brighter future for children, families and residents!

In gratitude,

Daniel A. Rodriguez
Executive Director

*Merrick Community Services is a 501 © (3) nonprofit organization.
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No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.
Please consider this letter as your official receipt.*

*Your donation
has made
a huge
difference!
Thank you!*

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Executive Director

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