

The CROSS Currents

Worship

Cross Lutheran worships every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Worship is also live-streamed via our facebook page and on our YouTube channel. Please join us.

Faith Formation

Adult education and Sunday School is ongoing. There's something for everyone.

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care concern or request, please email Pastor Scott at:
pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org
or phone direct 612 859 1134

Church Calendar

If you have additions, changes, and/or questions about the church calendar, please contact Katie Tomek, administrative assistant at 651-777-1329 or email office@crosslutheranchurch.org



Three Days. During Holy Week, Christians around the world gather to remember, reflect on, and rejoice in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. These three days — Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday — have been commonly called the **Triduum** (“three days” in Latin). This practice extends back to the 4th century and is based on an understanding that the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ cannot be separated one from the other, so the three days are celebrated as *one continual worship*.

Our 2024 celebration of the Triduum will begin at 6 pm on Thursday, March 28 with our **Maundy Thursday** worship, where we remember Christ’s final commands to his disciples during their last communal supper before his arrest and crucifixion. The word “**maundy**” is taken from the Latin ‘*mandatum*’ which means “command.” Our central focus of worship will be the mandate that we live out the promise of Christ’s presence embodied in this meal every time we gather and share. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy





We Pray For:

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This week we pray for: Bud and Margo, Roman Joseph, Marya, Marilee, Sherry, Sharon, Ray and Clara, Kay, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Andrew, Judy, Sheree, Marv, Dottie, Alicia, Debbie, BettyLu, David, Greg, Kennedee, Kenny, Robin, Hailey, Jerrod, and Kelly.

If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Pastor Scott or Katie Tomek, Admin. Assistant.

meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

As Maundy Thursday is the first of the three days, the Triduum, we do not end worship with a traditional rite of sending, but rather depart in solemn silence after stripping the altar of all paraments and items, leaving it bare in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.

Since we begin worship on Thursday evening with confession and forgiveness, we do not do so on Good Friday, instead continuing where we left off Thursday evening with word and song. **Good Friday** has traditionally been celebrated with a **Tenebrae** at Cross, which is a retelling of the Christ's crucifixion in song and reading. As worship progresses, the house lights are slowly dimmed, the Christ candle is removed from the Sanctuary, and worship ends with the "Strepitus" - a loud noise symbolizing the earthquake and agony of creation at the death of Christ.

On **Easter Sunday**, we will gather with joy and celebration to remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with word and song, prayer and rejoicing, and by sharing the body and blood of the Risen Christ in Holy Communion. Pax,

On their own, each of these three worships are special and meaningful. When celebrated as Triduum, they invite us into deeper connection to God's acts of faithfulness and salvation through Jesus. If you are able to join for all three, please do. It will be a blessing

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Pastor Scott

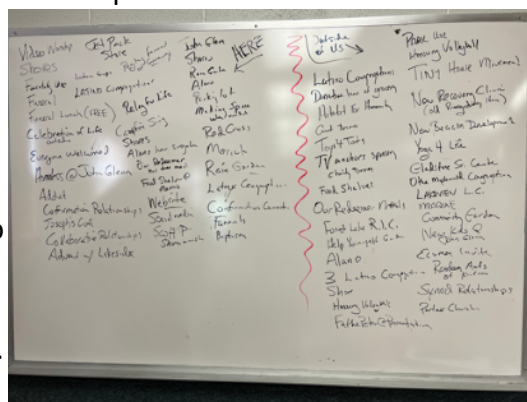


Cross Confirmation has been active this winter and spring, with bi-weekly learning sessions, a Deep Dive trip to Vertical Endeavors to think about effort and trust through rock climbing, and more. We'll continue meeting with our friends from Our Redeemer until late May, and have a couple of other big events planned, including a Deep Dive trip to Circus Juventus.



Of course, the biggest thing on the horizon is the confirmation youth's trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20. Look for more information about the gathering and how you may support Pastor Scott and our confirmation youth — Amelia, Henry, and Kirby — in the future.

Learning to Listen. During Lent, the Board of Faith Formation has sponsored a series of communal discussions where we've shared with each other stories of where we have experienced God's presence in our past and present. We have also shared stories of where we have experienced our life together as if God wasn't present. We'll regather in April to review and continue to discern where we might be called into God's preferred future.



Welcome Kenneth Kusiak, our new organist and director of music

Kenneth began as interim organist at Cross Lutheran in December 2023, and accepted the role of Director of Music in February 2024.

A native of north-central Wisconsin, Kenneth has resided in Minneapolis since 2015. He is a graduate of St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, with a degree in music, incorporating an emphasis on both instrumental and choral education. He has also been an accompanist since high school, and has been an active accompanist and chamber musician in the Minneapolis area. He is also currently the orchestral keyboardist for the Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ken's hobbies include reading, trivia, and the outdoors, especially hiking and camping in autumn.

STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$6,526.00;
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$27,191.83;
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$7,989.64;
 Portico Entrance Memorial: \$3,500.00;
 Sound System Memorial: \$306.00;
 Fund for Missions \$3,772.39;
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$102,057.40



Our financial condition for February shows a very strong position. Some of our members have paid their entire annual pledge so our offerings are well above the anticipated amount. This has corrected the deficit we saw in January and we have a very strong year to date net income of \$8,375 This compares to the budgeted loss of (\$3,450). Expenses remain under budget which also plays a part in our net income. We need to remember that each month we are recording the unrealized gain or loss from our CLIF and we are moving \$3,317.50 from savings to checking. These figures are included in our net income.

Carol Hastings
 Financial Secretary

February 29, 2024 Statement of Activities

	Current Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals:	19,504.00	10,263.33	27,543.00	20,526.70	123,160.00	7,016.30
Holidays/Special Totals:	715.00	1,000.00	715.00	1,000.00	7,200.00	(285.00)
Interest Income Totals:	12.96	12.50	33.65	25.00	150.00	8.65
Other Income Totals:	4,085.00	4,263.01	7,506.25	7,875.90	72,456.00	(369.65)
Dedicated Funds Released Totals:	3,317.50	3,317.50	6,635.00	6,635.00	39,810.00	0.00
Unrealized Gains/Losses Totals:	1,230.24	0.00	1,519.69	0.00	0.00	1,519.69
Income Totals:	28,864.70	18,856.34	43,952.59	36,062.60	242,776.00	7,889.99
Expense						
Lay Ministry Totals:	294.11	357.92	370.41	715.80	4,295.00	345.39
Executive Board Totals:	14,030.48	14,061.83	26,214.20	28,123.70	168,742.00	1,909.50
Faith Formation Totals:	0.00	183.32	0.00	366.80	7,900.00	366.80
Stewardship Totals:	277.35	488.33	277.35	976.70	5,860.00	699.35
Church Properties Totals:	4,285.56	4,664.92	8,715.72	9,329.80	55,979.00	614.08
Expense Totals:	18,887.50	19,756.32	35,577.68	39,512.80	242,776.00	3,935.12



We had another great Community Market. Several very large families this month (7,8, or 9 family members)

Households served=82
Total Persons=448
Total kids=214 (80 JG students, 134 other kids in family)
Seniors=16
Other=3
Total adults=218
New families=10

Total pounds of food=4,853 (2,451 from fresh & frozen)
Total volunteer hours=96 (Cross Lutheran=56, JG=40)

As some of you know, our food choices and prices do remain a challenge, but I do feel families are grateful. Any items remaining at the end of the day were left at JG for Miss Vivian to distribute.

This has also been a great year. This year we will have had 10 distributions (Barring a snowstorm in April or May).

The **next Community Market will be on April 17th**, with volunteers to arrive at 1:00pm.

There is a great need for paper bags with handles- so please bring some if you can!

Have a great Easter and thanks to all!

Sylvia Graham



John Glenn School Supply Drive

Our members continue to donate a different item each month to help keep the Launching Pad well stocked for students. March is Personal Cleaning Cloths, April is socks and May is Bar Soap.

THANKS TO ALL! School supplies are always needed at John Glenn Middle School. Your donations can be placed in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Items Needed:

The donation items for April is *socks*. Please give to Sylvia, Tammy, Katie, or leave in the church office.

Ongoing Needs:

Expo markers and backpacks. Coats when sales are good.

Bible and Hymnal Care

Did something look different when you went to worship recently? The Bibles and hymnals are now being placed sideways! Please leave books on their sides, spine up, in the pew holder at the end of worship, to protect them from damage and warping, which begins to happen if they stand upright. As a result, many Bibles awaiting repair have been removed from the pews to the Sunday school room. Additional Bibles for use are in the coat room.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is upon us! Join us for special worship services on the following days:

Sunday, March 24 at 9:39am: Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 28 at 6pm: Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 29 at 6pm: Good Friday
Sunday, March 31 at 7:30am (sunrise) and
9:30am (celebration): Easter!

He is risen indeed!



A Recipe!

A Recipe from Sherry Batterman:

Tomato Basil Soup: 1 family size tomato soup, mixed with blender or mixer 8 ounces of room temperature cream cheese, until blended. Chop & saute one medium onion, 1 tsp basil, 1 tsp paprika, 1 tsp garlic powder 1, Tbls brown sugar & one 15 ounce can of petite diced tomatoes. Heat together. Heat tomato soup & cream cheese in microwave first & then add to diced tomatoes. The cream cheese mixture makes it easy to burn, so keep stirring until hot & mixed well. ENJOY!

Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, April 14th!

Please join us for a **SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR** Honoring ALL for the many volunteer hours given to make all of the Cross Lutheran missions and outreach programs a huge success.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Happy Birthday

APRIL

4/1 Sheree Kieffer
4/1 Matt Wickoren
4/2 Bonnie Dischinger
4/3 Anjela Bohrman
4/4 Daniel Erickson
4/4 Andrew Border
4/6 Katherine Erickson
4/7 Raymond Volkers
4/11 Michele Simon
4/11 Brianna Brynildson
4/12 Allison Hawley-
March
4/13 Signey Oslund
4/16 Emily Bridges
4/16 Martin McKinnon
4/17 Rita Gaubert
4/18 Sawyer Drost
4/19 Simon Oslund

MAY

5/2 Scott Simmons
5/3 Owen Drost
5/3 Dave Olson
5/5 Ed Stepnick
5/7 Jim Haagensen
5/11 Marie Anderson
5/11 Dawn Mizinski
5/13 Joshua Frey
5/17 Kay Stack
5/18 Kirby Doughty Crist
5/18 Nora Oslund
5/20 Cliff McGinnis
5/23 Jared Brynildson
5/23 Carolyn Border
5/24 Katie Krummel
5/26 Wendy Knutsen
5/26 Robert Preuss
5/26 Marlow Frey
5/29 Margo Nasby
5/31 Ahria King

Join us every Sunday at 9:30am for worship
onsite and online on You Tube or Facebook.

Coffee and Fellowship, 10:30am

Adult education at 11:00am on Sundays in the Community
Room.

Call the office or visit the online calendar for details.

To schedule or request a pastoral care visit or conversation,
please call the office (651-777-1329) or email Pastor Scott
(pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org) or
Katie (office@crosslutheranchurch.org).

In a pastoral care emergency, please call or text
Pastor Scott directly, 612-859-1134.

Events printed here are subject to change. For the updated calendar, please click the link to open the Cross online calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/o/r?pli=1>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
M	24	25	26	27	28	29
A	7:30 AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30 AM in Person Worship Service 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM Adult Education 1:00 PM Promesa De Dios 5:00 PM Ebenezer Elim	1:00 PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt only 6:00 PM Cross PPC Meeting	1:00 PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt. 7:00 PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	8:00 AM Katie Tomek Office 10:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 11:30 AM Pastor Scott Office --- by appt 3:00 PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 4:15 PM Pastor Scott Office 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday	1:00 PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt only. 6:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM Ebenezer Elim	9:00 AM Adventista del Séptimo Día 1:30 PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00 PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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C	7:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service 7:30 AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30 AM Easter in Person Worship Service 9:30 AM Easter in Person Worship Service 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 AM Adult Education 1:00 PM Promesa De Dios 5:00 PM Ebenezer Elim	1:00 PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt only 6:00 PM Cross Lay Ministry Meeting	1:00 PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt. 7:00 PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	8:00 AM Katie Tomek Office 10:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 11:30 AM Pastor Scott Office --- by appt 3:00 PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 4:15 PM Pastor Scott Office 6:00 PM Choir Practice	1:00 PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt only. 7:00 PM Ebenezer Elim	9:00 AM Adventista del Séptimo Día 1:30 PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00 PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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