

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

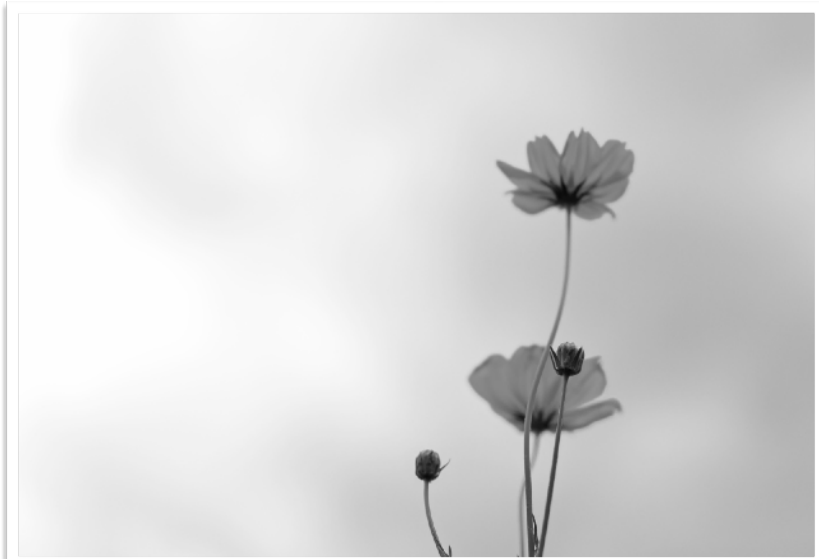
Adult education and Sunday School is ongoing. There's something for everyone.

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



Approaching Ordinary. It's quite amazing to look back and realize that three years have passed since we all began to dig out from Covid. Many had hoped that things would return to normal quickly, but it has taken a bit longer. Many had also hoped that our lives together — in community, in church, at home — would more resemble life before the pandemic. I think it's safe to say that in many, if not most, instances that we have been indelibly changed.

Maybe I'm an optimist, but I think that, in many ways, life has changed for the better. We as a world and nation, as a church and as people, have had to take a long hard look at the way we structure our lives together. It's too soon to tell for sure, but I sense that, if anything, we have learned how to better anticipate change, how to adapt to it in healthy ways, and how to learn





We Pray For:

Cliff, Margo, Roman Joseph, Marya, Marilee, Sherry, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Andrew, Judy, Sheree, Marv, Dottie, Alicia, Debbie, BettyLu, Greg, Kennedee, Kenny, Robin, Hailey, Jerrod, and Kelly.

We offer ongoing prayers for the families of Bud Nasby, Allen Stack, Dave Davidson, and Ellie Scot-Meyer.

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

from it. Sometimes, we learn new ways of doing things together. Other times, we learn which things from our past we should cherish and hold on to, and which things are better to let go.

During May, we will be wrapping up the season of Easter, focusing on how the Good News of Jesus Christ spread from Jerusalem throughout through the Greco-Roman world. Next Thursday evening at 6:00 pm, we'll gather to celebrate Christ's Ascension, on May 19 we'll celebrate Pentecost Sunday, and the week after will mark Holy Trinity Sunday.

Then, as we move to June, we will begin the season of Pentecost, which is also referred to as Ordinary Time. Of course, there's not much ordinary about it in the church, because our main focus is on the extraordinary love of God in Christ by the Holy Spirit. And yet, I am hopeful that the rhythm of life will begin to feel more ordinary than it has over the past five years — ordinary in that we will be able to experience less disruption and a more dependable cadence to our lives together and in community.

Pax,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. S." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Scott

Calling all photographers. Katie Tomek is in the process of revising our website and we could use updated photos of life at Cross. If you have high quality photos you would like to share, or are interested in doing a photo project, please contact Katie or send your photos to office@crosslutheranchurch.org



photograph courtesy of Katie Erickson



Cross Confirmation is winding down our season of learning and exploring with our friends at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. We'll gather once more for an afternoon of fun on May 5, and will look for one or two opportunities for fellowship over the summer.

Of course, the biggest thing on our own confirmation group's horizon is the summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20. We'll be meeting several times prior to the trip with youth and adult leaders from the churches who are all traveling together. 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.

Do You Have A Story to Share? As we look towards summer adult education options, Pastor Scott is looking for anyone who might have a story to share with the congregation. Similar to our My Calling series, people are invited to not only share an experience or story, but to reflect on how and where they experienced God. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Scott.

Board of Faith Formation will be meeting early in May to discuss our summer faith formation options. Stay tuned for more details.



Join us for Ascension Day Worship,
Thursday, May 9, 6:00 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive

Cross is giving blood to the Red Cross, Thursday, May 2. New donations are always needed.

Registration is on a reservation basis, so make sure you sign up online. It's easy:

- Go to American Red Cross online
- Go to: Donate Blood
- Search for Drive: 55109
- By Date: Check Refine
- Choose date (May 2) check Refine.

This will bring up Cross Lutheran with available times. If you have been a donor previously it should bring up your information. There will be the availability



to do Power Red also. Remember to do Rapid Pass and print the information. If you have questions, please see Sylvia Graham.

STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$6,526.00;
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$28,288.83;
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$8,539.64;
 Portico Entrance Memorial: \$3,500.00;
 Sound System Memorial: \$306.00;
 Fund for Missions \$5,772.39;
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$102,057.40



Our financial condition for March shows a very strong position. Some of our members have paid their entire annual pledge in February so our year to date offerings are well above the anticipated amount. We have a very strong year to date net income of \$18,542. This compares to the budgeted loss of (\$2,435). We also received a gift from the Martin/Olson Trust in March which helped increase our other income to over \$3,000 above year to date budgeted other income. Expenses remain under budget which also plays a part in our net income. The unrealized gain or loss for March was \$2,269. 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.

The March market value of the Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF) was \$112,551.26. The Board of Stewardship has decided to receive the quarterly disbursements from the CLIF and have them deposited into our savings account to use for community market expenses. Our first quarter distribution payment was \$1,083.30 and has been recorded in our dedicated accounts. We will not increase the amount of the CLIF but keep the disbursements separate as they are not being reinvested.

March 31, 2024 Statement of Activities

Carol Hastings, Financial Secretary

| | Current Month Actual | Current Month Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Annual Budget | YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Weekly Offerings Totals: | 11,780.00 | 10,263.33 | 39,323.00 | 30,790.03 | 123,160.00 | 8,532.97 |
| Holidays/Special Totals: | 2,796.00 | 2,915.00 | 3,511.00 | 3,915.00 | 7,200.00 | (404.00) |
| Interest Income Totals: | 16.23 | 12.50 | 49.88 | 37.50 | 150.00 | 12.38 |
| Other Income Totals: | 7,714.63 | 4,263.01 | 15,220.88 | 12,138.91 | 72,456.00 | 3,081.97 |
| Dedicated Funds Released Totals: | 3,317.50 | 3,317.50 | 9,952.50 | 9,952.50 | 39,810.00 | 0.00 |
| Unrealized Gains/Losses Totals: | 2,268.59 | 0.00 | 3,788.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,788.28 |
| Income Totals: | 27,892.95 | 20,771.34 | 71,845.54 | 56,833.94 | 242,776.00 | 15,011.60 |
| Expense | | | | | | |
| Lay Ministry Totals: | 520.58 | 357.92 | 890.99 | 1,073.72 | 4,295.00 | 182.73 |
| Executive Board Totals: | 13,062.97 | 14,061.83 | 39,277.17 | 42,185.53 | 168,742.00 | 2,908.36 |
| Faith Formation Totals: | 0.00 | 183.32 | 0.00 | 550.12 | 7,900.00 | 550.12 |
| Stewardship Totals: | 0.00 | 488.33 | 277.35 | 1,465.03 | 5,860.00 | 1,187.68 |
| Church Properties Totals: | 4,142.19 | 4,664.92 | 12,857.91 | 13,994.72 | 55,979.00 | 1,136.81 |
| Expense Totals: | 17,725.74 | 19,756.32 | 53,303.42 | 59,269.12 | 242,776.00 | 5,965.70 |
| Income - Expense: | 10,167.21 | 1,015.02 | 18,542.12 | (2,435.18) | 0.00 | 20,977.30 |



Hello all,

The Community Market for April was great! For example, we had 10 very large families, one with 10 members.

TOTALS FOR APRIL:

- Households: 88
- Total Persons: 492
- JG Students: 88
- Other kids: 144
- Seniors;16
- Others: 0
- Total Adults: 243
- New Families: 13 (This is always a guess)
- Pounds of food : 4,410 (2,149 from fresh & frozen)
- Volunteer Hours: 104 (60 Cross Lutheran, 44 JG with 40 of those hours being students)

The last market of this school year will be on May 15th, with volunteers to arrive at 1:00pm.

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

Hope you can all enjoy the coming spring days. A hearty thanks to all who help make this happen!

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. 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 May is *bar soap*. Please give to Sylvia, Tammy, Katie, or leave in the church office.

Ongoing Needs:

Expo markers and backpacks. Ongoing need for sweatpants.

Happy Birthday

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

JUNE

6/3 Tammy Erickson
6/4 Lena March
6/5 Miranda Haagensen
6/8 Roger Krummel
6/9 Tammy Krummel
6/9 Wayne Lund
6/17 Sherry Batterman
6/17 Scott Patterson
6/22 Kim Stack
6/25 Sharon Crist
6/26 Trevor Tolly
6/30 Laurie Weis
6/30 Ronald Knutsen

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.

Calendar May 2024

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>

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
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