

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

Sunday School is ongoing, as is Adult education. 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



Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler. Let the Good Times Roll. As I count the days before attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans with our confirmation youth — Amelia, Henry, and Kirby — I am excited and hopeful.

As I look back on my own faith formation, experiences such as the Gathering resonate strongly and deeply. My little Lutheran church in Hudson, Colorado, collaborated with dozens of other congregations up and down the Front Range — from Fort Collins to Greeley to Longmont and Boulder — in monthly shared youth group gatherings. The highlight was a weekend Winter trip to Wild Basin Lodge on the border of Rocky Mountain National Park. Even more impactful were summer trips to Lutheran Valley Retreat, a church camp North of Colorado Springs. I was a youth camper three years, and a junior counselor before my junior and senior years of high school.

These experiences opened me to a call to attend Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, one of the 26 colleges and universities of the ELCA. Bethany led to active involvement as a youth group leader and musician at Saint Andrews Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO, while I attended grad school at Mizzou, and later on when I came back to Columbia in the





We Pray For:

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This month we pray for:
Andrew, Marya, Marilee,
Cooper, Margo, Roman Joseph, ,
Sherry, Ray and Clara, Dawn,
Brady, Richard, Judy, Sheree,
Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Greg,
Kennedee, Robin, Hailey,
Jerrod, Lonna, Heather, Joe and
Family, and Kelly.

We pray for Kelly and John,
missionaries in Papua, New
Guinea.

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

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

mid-90s. It was at Saint Andrews that I worked through the sense of call that led us to Luther Seminary and ordained ministry.

I'm not saying that our trip to New Orleans will eventually lead to Kirby, Henry, or Amelia eventually enter seminary (though that would be really cool if it did). But I do think that experiences such as these, when combined with the love and support of family and congregation, can contribute to a life-long active relationship with the church and all the good things it offers. More importantly, these experiences can open one to a deeper, more committed relationship to God in Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Recently, *The Confirmation Project*, a recent joint study of confirmation trends and practices conducted in partnership with the ELCA, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the Episcopal Church, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, reveal five things that contribute most to youth staying engaged in an active and ongoing relationship with a faith community:

- Faith in the Home – far and away the strongest factor
- Youth Program/Youth Group attendance
- Vacation Bible School attendance
- Sunday worship attendance
- Camp attendance

Of those five, the ELCA Youth Gathering brings together the experience of youth group , vacation bible school, and camp in a unique and very intensive way. Note also, that the other two factors include Sunday worship attendance and Faith in the Home (far and away the strongest factor). Both of those are also ways which our local congregation can help with ongoing faith formation.

So as we look forward to our youth adventure New Orleans, I'd invite you to think about ways we as a congregation can continue to support faith in the home and regular Sunday worship — not only for our youth, but for us all... and anyone who might find faith and life at Cross Lutheran Church a blessing and a joy.

Let the good times roll,

Pastor Scott

For more information about The Confirmation Project, visit theconfirmationproject.com



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

Thank you to everyone who purchased shares to support our youth at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Our confirmation youth (Amelia, Henry, and Kirby) and Pastor Scott (who is blessed to tag along) will be

joining around and 20,000 Lutheran youth and adult chaperones for 5 amazing days of service and learning, fellowship, worship, and fun.

Because of your support, \$2900.00 was raised to support this trip. and an additional anonymous donor also gifted \$75 in fun money for each of our youth.

Please keep our youth in your prayers and plan on blessing them in worship on July 14 as we send them off to an experience of a lifetime.

And plan on joining Amelia, Henry, Kirby, and Pastor Scott for a **special presentation** of their trip on **Sunday, July 28**, during **adult education**.



Thursday morning Bible study is continuing throughout the summer (although there will be a week or two that Pastor Scott is away). Study begins at (or around) 10:30 am, and there are usually treats. Join us for lively discussions on the coming week's scriptures and a great time connecting with each other. It's open to everyone, so come on out!

STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$6,526.00;
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$29,358.83;
 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 \$3,024.41;
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$102,057.40



The prepaid pledges are no longer making up as much of the difference in offerings as we had another net loss for the month. Our total income year to date is still positive due to total offerings, and the gift received in March from the Martin/Olson Trust.

We are showing a May net income year to date of \$10,000 which compares to the net loss of \$6,000. It is very important to also note that our expenses year to date in May are \$7,600 below the budgeted amount.

Our CLIF had a unrealized gain for May and the current market value is \$112,010.

Carol Hastings, Financial Secretary
 Board of Stewardship

May 31, 2024 Statement of Activities

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals:	7,961.00	10,263.33	56,073.00	51,316.69	123,160.00	4,756.31
Holidays/Special Totals:	150.00	135.00	3,961.00	4,050.00	7,200.00	(89.00)
Interest Income Totals:	16.59	12.50	81.36	62.50	150.00	18.86
Other Income Totals:	3,950.62	4,201.89	23,346.50	20,542.69	72,456.00	2,803.81
Dedicated Funds Released Totals:	3,317.50	3,317.50	16,587.50	16,587.50	39,810.00	0.00
Unrealized Gains/Losses Totals:	0.00	0.00	1,204.35	0.00	0.00	1,204.35
Income Totals:	15,395.71	17,930.22	101,253.71	92,559.38	242,776.00	8,694.33
Expense						
Lay Ministry Totals:	6.00	357.92	1,332.47	1,789.56	4,295.00	457.09
Executive Board Totals:	14,889.12	14,061.83	67,677.24	70,309.19	168,742.00	2,631.95
Faith Formation Totals:	0.00	183.32	0.00	916.76	7,900.00	916.76
Stewardship Totals:	0.00	488.33	827.33	2,441.69	5,860.00	1,614.36
Church Properties Totals:	3,889.93	4,664.92	21,342.59	23,324.56	55,979.00	1,981.97
Expense Totals:	18,785.05	19,756.32	91,179.63	98,781.76	242,776.00	7,602.13
Income - Expense:	(3,389.34)	(1,826.10)	10,074.08	(6,222.38)	0.00	16,296.46



Community Market is paused for the summer. Thank you to everyone who helped make it so impactful for the 2023-2024 school year! We will resume again in September.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

July 14 and August 11. The Board of Lay Ministry voted to worship outside on the East Lawn, weather permitting on Sunday, July 14 and August 11 at 9:30 am. Invite your friends and neighbors. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and let's take advantage of the wonderful weather and tree-covered yard. Stay tuned for more details.

BELL CHOIR

Bell choir will be commencing in June to serve a few Sundays in July and August this summer. Our next rehearsal will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 11th (no rehearsal this week due to Independence Day).

Please contact Ken at worship@crosslutheranchurch.org if you have any questions.



LITURGY MODIFICATION

The Board of Lay Ministry decided, recently to modify our liturgy so that there aren't so many long periods of standing during worship, which is an increasing issue among many. We will continue to rise and stand on those sections where it is recommended in ELCA liturgical guidelines, but have removed the indication to stand from other sections. Of course, if you would like to stand, please do. But do not feel you must on those sections of the liturgy which are not marked with an *.



PHOTOS WANTED

Katie Tomek is in the process of updating and expanding our website. However, we are in need of good photos of life at Cross. If you have any to share, or would like to



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

The Board of Church Properties recommended improvements be made to our property at a cost of \$15,000. The first is refurbishing the parking lot, at a cost of \$10,000. The second is cement work to correct warped sidewalks, and the installation of bollards to protect the portico (requested by our insurance company) at a cost of \$5,000.

This meeting was held after church on June 2nd, and was passed by the congregation. Thank you for your input and votes!



A FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN packing event will be held Saturday, July 20.

Join us at 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136, Eagan, MN 55121 from 9:00 — 11:15 am to pack food. Immediately after, we'll be having lunch at the Gaubert home (1382 St Andrew Boulevard, Eagan, MN 55123.

Space is limited. Please reserve your spot on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday

JULY

7/6 Amanda Egginger
7/7 James Struntz
7/8 Judy Hawley
7/8 Thea Koenigsmark
7/9 Willow Munt
7/10 Dave Jackson
7/11 Mary Vatne
7/14 Kay Olson
7/17 Marilee Jackson
7/20 Christopher Long
7/21 Robert Bobick
7/22 Linda Kenny
7/24 Ann-Louise French
7/26 Diana Border

AUGUST

8/2 Jenna Knutsen
8/2 Terra Donahue
8/2 Amanda Tolly
8/2 Richard Schultz
8/4 Sylvia Graham
8/9 Sophia Frey
8/11 Timothy Frey
8/13 Kim Brynildson
8/15 Jamie Gudknecht
8/15 Paul Schafer
8/16 Lillian Tryggestad
8/18 Justin March
8/20 Howard Vansteenburgh
8/20 Stephanie Drost
8/26 Joan Jensen
8/31 Cindy Hom

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 July 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
30 7:30am - Cross 9:30am - In Person Worship 9:30am - Worship Live Stream @ 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday School 11am - Adult Education @ Cross 1pm - Promesa De Dios	1	2 1pm - Pastor Scott Office Hours -- 6pm - Cross Lay Ministry Meeting	3 1pm - Pastor Scott's Office Hours 7pm - Adventista Del Séptimo Dia	4 8am - OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE	5 1pm - Pastor Scott's Office Hours 7pm - Ebenezer Elim	6 9am - Adventista del Séptimo Dia 1:30pm - Cross Organ Practice 5pm - Adventista del Séptimo Dia
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