

# 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 for children resumes Rally Sunday, September 10. after worship. There's something for everyone.

## Pastoral Care

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



## On your Mark, get set, go...

My, how Summer has flown. Or at least that's the way it feels to me. The past few months have been a blur of youth trips, hot days, dry grass, hazy skies and more. And, now, kids and teachers are heading back to school, football is back on the air, and steady rhythm of Fall weeks is just around the corner.

On Sunday, September 10, we'll begin the year of Mark in the narrative lectionary. And I sense that Mark's approach to the Good News of Jesus Christ offers an appropriate and timely model for this congregation in the coming year.

Matthew's Gospel begins with a comprehensive genealogy linking the Christ Child to the line of King David and God's covenantal promise to the people of Israel. Luke opens with an account of Jesus' holy conception and ties to the fulfillment of God's promises. John places Jesus at the beginning of all time —





## We Pray For:

This week we pray for: Sharon, Caroline, BettyLu, David, Yvonne husband Bill, Wendy, Joe, Ray and Clara, Brady, David, Andrew, Sheree, Kennedee, Kenny, Judy, Andrew, Amanda, Marv, Marya, Nora, Robin, Sean, and Dottie.

We offer continued prayers for the Anderson, Brynildson, Buck, Gumatz, Hastings, Moser, and Sylvester families.

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

a cosmic vision of the Word who was God, was with God, and who put on flesh and dwelt among us.

Mark, on the other hand, simply jumps right into the story. No setup. No introductions. Simply a few words from John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of the Christ, the baptism of Jesus. and we're off.

That's kind of the way I feel this year, as we enter our third program year together. We've spent the past two years looking deeply at our lineage, our connections to God's promise, and the health of our congregation. And though that work is far from over, it has provided basis from which we can move forward and jump straight into how our story joins God's story and God's preferred future.

I am excited to explore the Gospel of Mark in the coming year. Excited for the plans that our church boards have for education, worship, properties and stewardship. Thankful for the blessings God has bestowed on us and through us. And hopeful that with every passing day we will see and sense and trust the future to which God is calling us.

I'm ready to go right now. Won't you join me?

Pax,

Pastor Scott

## A NOTE FROM CAROL HASTINGS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent me in sympathy of the death of my Mom. I am also very thankful for having so many of you attend Mom's service. It really meant so much to me to see so many loving faces in support of me and my family. My family is also very thankful for all of the memorials given to JDRE.

Lovingly yours in Christ,  
Carol

# FAITH FORMATION

**Confirmation:** The confirmation class is planning to attend the National ELCA Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans. We will be joining youth from other synod congregations and in order to make the trip as reasonably priced as possible, have to commit by October 1. Anticipated cost is about \$1500/student (includes registration, lodging, travel, and meals). We will be sharing more about raising funds for the trip in the next few months. So please stay tuned for details.

We are also excited to announce that our confirmation youth will be joining with confirmation students at Our Redeemer for a combined program lead by Pastor Scott and Pastor Karsten Nelson of Our Redeemer. In addition to participating in the larger Deep Dive confirmation activities (which involve 8 other congregations), we will be alternating bi-weekly learning sessions at Cross and Our Redeemer on Sundays around noon. We are also planning a two night lake retreat for the students on MEA Weekend, as well as some service opportunities and more. On the days we host, please take time to welcome our partners from Our Redeemer.

**Book Club:** Faith Formation has planned a Family Book Club for the coming year. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 17 at 11 am. We will discuss "The Well" by Stephanie Landsem — a historical fiction story about the Samaritan Woman who encountered Jesus at the well. You can purchase your copy through amazon.com. You do not need to have read the book to attend.

**Adult Education:** In addition to book club meetings on September 17, October 29, and December 10, Pastor Scott will be leading two bible study series this Fall. "Job" from October 1 - 22, and "Revelation" from November 5 - December 3. Stay tuned for more information.



Join us every other Thursday at 6:30 pm on the East Lawn for song, food and fellowship. Sept. 14 and 28; Oct. 12 and 26 (weather permitting). Bring a folding chair and drinks, and even a snack to share. If you play guitar or another campfire band style instrument, please join in. Lyrics and chords will be provided.

## FALL ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sept. 10	Rally Sunday Preview
Sept. 17	Book Club "The Well"
Oct. 1-Oct. 22	"Job"
Oct. 29	Book Club - Reformation
Nov. 5-Dec. 3	"Revelation"
Dec. 10	Book Club - Advent
Dec. 17	Christmas Pageant



# STEWARDSHIP

## Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$7,800.00;  
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$20,995.83;  
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;  
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$7,404.64;  
 Portico Entrance Memorial: \$3,500.00;  
 Sound System Memorial: \$21,900;  
 Fund for Missions \$13,898.24;  
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$100,000.00

## July 31, 2023 Statement of Activities



We had another net loss for the month of \$3,598.62 but the budgeted loss was \$3,830.52 so we are still running under budget. And for the entire year to date our income was \$10,954.44 compared to a net loss of \$10,654.08 so we are \$21,608.52 above the budgeted amount. Overall we continue to look strong.

Carol Hastings  
 Board of Stewardship



### Income

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Weekly Offerings Totals:	12,108.50	10,375.00	77,879.65	72,625.00	124,500.00	5,254.65
Holidays/Special Totals:	65.00	0.00	4,377.00	4,300.00	7,650.00	77.00
Interest Income Totals:	17.13	1.25	78.76	8.75	15.00	70.01
Other Income Totals:	2,450.00	3,317.92	37,528.06	25,225.40	62,015.00	12,302.66
Dedicated Funds Released Totals:	3,037.07	3,037.07	21,259.31	21,259.31	37,201.34	0.00
<b>Income Totals:</b>	<b>17,677.70</b>	<b>16,731.24</b>	<b>141,122.78</b>	<b>123,418.46</b>	<b>231,381.34</b>	<b>17,704.32</b>

### Expense

Lay Ministry Totals:	12,953.94	13,625.19	92,773.49	95,016.39	163,142.34	2,242.90
Faith Formation Totals:	3,503.25	2,764.58	4,333.06	4,352.10	5,675.00	19.04
Stewardship Totals:	900.00	71.67	3,241.90	1,501.65	7,360.00	(1,740.25)
Church Properties Totals:	3,919.13	4,100.32	29,819.89	33,202.40	55,204.00	3,382.51
<b>Expense Totals:</b>	<b>21,276.32</b>	<b>20,561.76</b>	<b>130,168.34</b>	<b>134,072.54</b>	<b>231,381.34</b>	<b>3,904.20</b>

**Income - Expense:** (3,598.62) (3,830.52) 10,954.44 (10,654.08) 0.00 21,608.52



John Glenn Community Market began up again on Wednesday, August 30 during the Middle School Open House. What a great first market of the school year!

**You Served:**

Households :155  
JG students:177  
Other kids in family :250  
Seniors: 2  
Total Adults: 413  
New Families 96

**Total persons: 842**

Volunteer Hours: 95  
Pounds of food 7,382 with 3,843 from fresh and frozen.



**John Glenn School  
Supply Drive**

It's that time again! School supplies are on sale and are greatly needed at John Glenn Middle School. The following supplies are needed for the beginning of the school year. Your donations can be placed in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Items Needed:**

*due to your generosity, September needs have been filled. Stay tuned for updates.*

**Ongoing Needs:**

Expo markers and backpacks.

CONFIRMATION



# 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING New Orleans JULY 16-20, 2024



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

## MYLE

Multicultural Youth  
Leadership Event of the ELCA  
JULY 13-16, 2024

## the tAble

An ELCA Gathering of  
Youth with Disabilities  
JULY 13-16, 2024

## Young Adult Gathering

A new ELCA Gathering  
for Young Adults  
JULY 16-20, 2024

 [fb.com/youthgathering](https://fb.com/youthgathering)

    [@elcagathering](https://@elcagathering)

 [elca.org/gathering](https://elca.org/gathering)

*Stay tuned for more information about our Summer 2024 youth trip to New Orleans.*

# Happy Birthday

## SEPTEMBER

9/2 Caroline March  
9/2 Celia March  
9/4 JoDee Bridges  
9/15 Debbie Walker  
9/19 Kaylie Egginger  
9/20 Myrna Schultz  
9/24 Matheu Mizinski  
9/25 Patricia Bobick  
9/25 Laine Linroth  
9/26 Richard Polly  
9/30 Lily Pfefferle

## OCTOBER

10/3 Duane Gudknecht  
10/5 Amelia Haagensen  
10/10 Henry Mizinski  
10/12 Cody LeMay  
10/14 Nancy Brown  
10/18 Jeanne Haagensen  
10/18 Lona Stepnick  
10/18 Joel Lund  
10/22 Dottie Bingman  
10/25 Jack Egginger  
10/26 Judy Ashby  
10/26 Rose Border  
10/29 Janice Neenan

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

Coffee and Fellowship, 10:30am

Summer education schedule is limited.

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](mailto:pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org)) or

Katie ([office@crosslutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@crosslutheranchurch.org)).

In a pastoral care emergency, please call or text

Pastor Scott directly, 612-859-1134.

# September 2023

Click the link to open the Cross calendar:

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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