

The CROSS

Currents

Worship

Cross Lutheran worships every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Worship is also live-streamed via our facebook page and 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 the office at 651-777-1329 or email office@crosslutheranchurch.org

“Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.”

This beloved hymn, written in the early 19th century by Henry Lyte, has been one of my own personal favorites. There is one particular version, recorded by a songwriters' collective called Indelible Grace that often echoes in my thoughts.

Abiding is a theme that is capturing my imagination these days. One, because in our present book study on *When Church Stops Working*, the authors invite churches into a posture of *waiting*, as they term it. But this is not to be a passive waiting. It is a mindful, attentive, discerning act in itself — not working and struggling to make things happen, but hoping and looking and expecting the Holy Spirit to invite us into the future God is preparing for us.

Abiding is a Christian practice often overlooked. Many of our fellow Lutherans do not gather to worship on Ascension Day. We do. And that's good. For it is in the Ascension story—after the passion, the crucifixion, and resurrection, and before the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost—that Jesus told his followers to go home, wait, *abide*, until the Spirit comes.

And so, in these early days of June before the Feast of Pentecost, I invite you to a time of prayerful anticipation and hopeful waiting. I invite you to abide in the future the Spirit will bring.

Pax,

Scott R S.

Pastor Scott



We Pray For:

This week we pray for: Marya, Sheree, baby Hayden, Henry, Gabby and baby Creed, Roman Joseph, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Robin, Lonna, Kelly, Steve, Joetta and family, Rick, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Dean and Shirley.

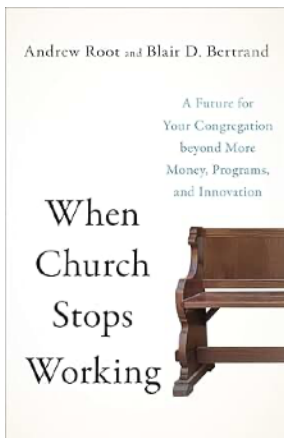
We pray for Kelly and John, missionaries in Papua, New Guinea.

We offer continued prayers for the families of Norm Sessing and Matt Wickoren.

If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Jamie Gudknecht or Pastor Scott.



Our **Adult Education** book study continues in June as we work through ***When Church Stops Working – a Future for Your Congregation***

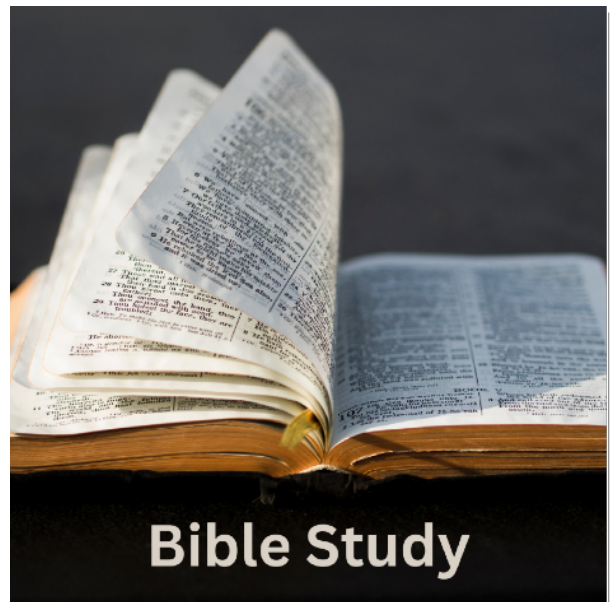


beyond More Money, Programs, and Innovation, by Andy Root and Blair Bertrand. This timely and challenging book addresses the roots of our present anxiety around the perceived *decline* of the mainline church and how congregations might

respond. In addition to our Sunday adult education gatherings, our Parish Planning Council will be studying this book over the summer.. To order your copy, please visit <https://amzn.to/41KOj6u>



Help Needed Board of Properties seeks help with odd jobs around the church. If you have an hour or two to spare, we always need help. Please call or text Scott Patterson (651-955-9108) or email mrscott1717@gmail.com



Thursday Morning Bible Study is taking a summer break. We will resume in September. Stay tuned for details.



CROSS BELL CHOIR . Practice is on Thursdays at 6:00pm. If interested or have any ringing questions, please contact Ken.

GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 15TH

Know someone in the congregation graduating this spring? Let the office or Sharon Crist know so they can be recognized.

STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning
Memorial: \$5,000.00;
Capital Improvement
Fund: \$38,351.27;
Education Memorial:
\$1,224.04;
Gifts/Memorials
(Undesignated):
\$8,539.64;
Sound System
Memorial: \$.21;
Fund for Missions
(\$1,512.09)
Cross Lutheran
Investment Fund
(CLIF):
\$112,500.00



The April financial report shows the following:

- We record the **unrealized gain or loss** from the CLIF. For April there was an unrealized gain of \$1,220.67. The year to date unrealized loss is (\$566.17).
- Our renters are consistently paying on time because we are now sending them invoices each month.
- Our offerings for April are down \$667 but because of the offerings from members to complete their entire pledge for the year our year to date offerings are \$5,991 over budget.
- Transferred from savings to checking each month is an additional \$2,146.83 recorded in income. This is not money that we have received this month – we are taking it out of the savings account. Year to date we have taken \$8,587.36 from the savings account.
- The combination of offerings and savings funds is why our income is \$6,946.67 over budget. Year to date income is \$7,875.02 which includes the \$8,587.36 from savings. Our net loss without the savings funds through April is (\$712.34)
- Boards continue to operate under budget. Year to date expenses are \$6,946.67 under budget.

We are thankful for the faithful giving of our members and friends.

The Board of Stewardship
Carol Hastings
Financial Secretary

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated (or tried to donate) blood at the Blood Drive.
35 pints of blood were collected!

ONE DONATION CAN SAVE THREE LIVES!



A FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
packing event will be held
Saturday, July 19.

Join us at 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136,
Eagan, MN 55121 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:15 am
to pack food. Last year, the food we
packed went to Haiti and the Philippines.
Immediately following packing, we will be
having lunch at the Gaubert home (1382
St. Andrew Boulevard, Eagan, MN 55123).
Questions? Contact Rita at
rkdgaubert@gmail.com.

Please reserve your spot on the signup
sheet in the Narthex.

Monday, June 30th, 11:00 am

Join us at Cross Lutheran Church for
lunch and visiting. Bring a chair - we will
sit outside if the weather is nice.

Lunch Will Be Provided

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*United Sisters
Lunch Party*





John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - MAY 21st

Our May Community Market had a good turnout, serving 60 families. We even gave out more power strips, light bulbs, and shower heads thanks to Merrick. Thanks to all! Financial donors, Cross Lutheran Volunteers, John Glenn Volunteers, John Glenn Staff, Josh at Merrick, and especially Katie for helping navigate it all. See you in August!

MAY 21st Statistics:

Households: 60
Total people: 309
Kids: 140
Adults: 155
Seniors: 14
2 New Families

Total Pounds of Food

5,181.71 pounds of food with 2,750 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

101 (64 Hrs Cross Lutheran/37 Hrs John Glenn)

Next Community Market: August 27th

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

JOHN GLENN JET LAUNCHING PAD
WATCH FOR THE NEW DONATION LIST
LATER THIS SUMMER!

COMMUNITY MARKET DATES

2025-2026 School Year

August 27th - 3:00-6:00pm (Open House)

September 24th

October 29th

November 19th

December 17th

January 21st

February 18th

March 18th

April 22nd

May 20th

Happy Birthday

JUNE

6/1 Linda Duncan

6/3 Tammy Erickson

6/9 Wayne Lund

6/17 Sherry Batterman

6/17 Scott Patterson

6/22 Kim Stack

6/25 Sharon Crist

JULY

7/8 Marya Pfefferle

7/10 Dave Jackson

7/11 Mary Vatne

7/14 Kay Olson

7/17 Marilee Jackson

7/20 Chris Long

7/26 Diana Border

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.

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please call the office (651-777-1329) or email Pastor Scott
(pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org) or
office@crosslutheranchurch.org.

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

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div><div>1</div><div>7:30AM Cross Worship/Education</div><div>9:30AM Worship</div><div>10:30AM Coffee Fellowship</div><div>11:00AM Adult Education</div><div>1:00PM Promesa De Dios</div><div>5:00PM Ebenezer Elim</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>	<div><div>3</div><div>1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt. only</div><div>3:00PM Cross BLM Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div>1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt.</div><div>7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día</div><div>7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día</div><div>7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día</div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div>10:30AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott</div><div>11:30AM Pastor Scott Office --- by appt.</div><div>3:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen</div><div>4:15PM Pastor Scott Office</div><div>6:00PM Choir Practice</div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt. only.</div><div>7:00PM Ebenezer Elim</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día</div><div>11:00AM Board of Faith Formation (BFF's)</div><div>1:30PM Cross Organ Practice</div><div>5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día</div></div>
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

CROSS CURRENTS AUGUST 1978

WHERE WERE YOU?

I CAME TO YOUR CHURCH LAST SUNDAY
I WALKED UP AND DOWN THE AISLE,
I NOTICED YOUR SEAT WAS VACANT
SAID THE MASTER, WITH A KINDLY SMILE.
YES, I WAS AT HOME, I ANSWERED,
SOME FOLKS FROM UP SALEM WAY
DROVE DOWN FOR A WEEKEND VISIT,
SO WE STAYED IN THE HOUSE ALL DAY.
OR, WE OVERSLEPT THIS MORNING,
BUT I GO WHEN EVER I CAN.
THE MASTER GAZED AT ME SADLY
AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SPEAK,
MY CHILD, HE REPLIED, ARE THERE NOT
SIX OTHER DAYS IN THE WEEK?
I SAW I HAD GRIEVED MY MASTER,
AS SLOWLY HE TURNED AWAY,
AND I VOWED HE'D NOT FIND ME ABSENT
AGAIN ON HIS HOLY DAY.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



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