



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

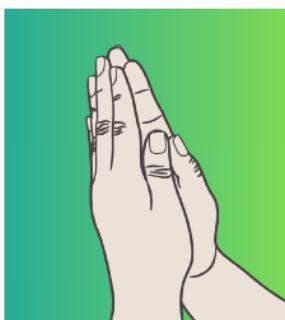
Enough is enough. This coming Sunday, we open October worship with an exploration of Exodus 16. The Israelites, just 45 days after fleeing bondage in Egypt and Pharaoh's pursuing army, are deep in the wilderness: hungry, tired, thirsty, and sore. They cry out to Moses and Aaron, "Enough is enough! You've brought us out here to die, when we could have been back in Egypt, sitting by the fleshpots of Egypt eating our fair share of meat and bread."

It's as if they'd forgotten the hardships of their lives in Egypt; the slavery, brutality, and mistreatment which had caused them to call out to God for help in the first place. All they could recall was those times when things seemed not to bad.

Modern folks are not so different then the Israelites in this way: when faced with change and challenge, our very human minds play a cruel trick on us — when forced to remember the real life experiences of the past, we tend to dismember them: breaking them into pieces and setting aside the boring and uninteresting, the painful and unpleasant. When this happens, all that is left is a pleasant nostalgia, which we yearn for when things get difficult.

But when the Israelites called out this time, it was God's turn to say "Enough is enough. Enough with the complaining, enough with the whining, enough with the griping. I'll give you stiff-necked people exactly enough. I'll give you bread every morning and meat every evening — everything you need to keep on the path I'm creating for you. Not a skosh too little, not a smidgen too much. Just enough."

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We Pray For:

Lisa, Marya, Sheree, baby Hayden, Henry, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Robin, Lonna, Kelly, Steve, Rick, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Muiren, Gayle, Dean and Shirley, Jerod, Gavin, Mary Beth, and Pat and her family.

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.

enough is enough continued...

It's easy to hold on to a nostalgic past when the future is uncertain and quite beyond our imagination. It's easy also to conceive the possibilities of the future as being more negative than they could be, making it all so much easier to hold onto a vision of the past which only includes the good. But as it was in the wilderness, the future is always unfolding, always coming, and we can't do much about it. It's how we face it that matters.

Do we flail and fight against it, screaming "enough is enough" to the heavens? Or do we open ourselves to the gift of a new day, a new month, year, era? Do we accept that we are traversing a wilderness unlike any Israel faced; a landscape unlike any our forefathers and foremothers travelled? Do we trust the call of the Holy Spirit of God as she invites us and guides us into practices and postures help us navigate the future? When the fog lifts and we find our own landscape covered completely in something so unexpected and unfamiliar that we, too, cry out "manna - what is it?," will we gather it in, receive it in faith, trusting that God is providing just enough for us to make it to the next day? Not a skosh too little, not a smidgen too much. Just enough.

Pax,

Scott R. S.

Pastor Scott



BIBLE STUDY 11 am, thursday mornings In the conference room. Each week, we take a deeper look at the preaching texts for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join!

CROSS BELL CHOIR There will still be occasional rehearsals for special music And there's room for another bell ringer or two. Questions? Contact Ken.



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



Our friends at Our Redeemer Lutheran (1390 Larpenteur) invite us to join them for **U.F.O Crafting Day**, the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 am—4 pm in the ORLC Fellowship Hall. The next U.F.O. is scheduled for **Saturday October 18th**. Bring your *Unfinished Objects* and meet new people as you tackle that crafting project that you've been wanting to get started or finished but needed a boost from other friendly crafters! Meals are on your own; but there's is a refrigerator and microwave for your use.

Quilting Ladies meet 2nd & 4th Mondays 9 am—noon in Fellowship Hall at ORLC. The only skill you need is to tie a square knot.



Any questions contact Sandy Pruden at 651.777.9637 or slpruden@hotmail.com



STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning
Memorial: \$5,000.00;
Capital Improvement
Fund: \$42,170.43;
Education Memorial:
\$1,224.04;
Gifts/Memorials
(Undesignated):
\$8,539.64;
Sound System
Memorial: \$.21;
Fund for Missions
(\$497.25)
Cross Lutheran
Investment Fund
(CLIF):
\$112,500.00



The Board of Stewardship has made a change to the monthly financial report. To show our true operating income and expense, we have moved the unrealized gain or loss from the CLIF to the bottom of the report. In the August report, our income comes from offerings, holidays, rental income, interest, and the dedicated funds release total that was needed to balance the budget.

1. For August, total income was \$17,617.13 and total expenses were \$16,266.77. For the month the net income is \$1,350.36.
2. Year to Date (YTD) income = \$144,771.17 minus YTD expenses of \$139,711.71 for the YTD net income of \$5,059.46
3. Without our rental income of \$38,099.00 and the dedicated funds of \$17,174.68 our YTD income would be \$89,467.49 that would result in a net loss of (\$50,344.22).
4. In the last 2 lines we have included the unrealized gain or loss from the CLIF which for August results in a monthly income of \$2,901.00 and a YTD income of \$14,740.20.

We want our financial reporting to be as clear as possible so that everyone understands that we are dependent on giving from our members and those outside the congregation that support our missions, our rental income and the funds that are being moved from savings to checking.

The Board of Stewardship

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$11,451.00	\$10,166.67	\$84,776.08	\$81,333.32	\$122,000.00	\$3,442.76
Holidays/Special Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,694.00	\$3,925.00	\$8,675.00	\$769.00
Interest Income Totals	\$3.30	\$12.50	\$27.41	\$100.00	\$150.00	(\$72.59)
Other Income Totals	\$4,016.00	\$4,082.67	\$38,099.00	\$36,486.32	\$76,767.00	\$1,612.68
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$2,146.83	\$2,146.83	\$17,174.68	\$17,174.68	\$25,762.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$17,617.13	\$16,408.67	\$144,771.17	\$139,019.32	\$233,354.00	\$5,751.85
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$7.45	\$273.33	\$1,850.69	\$2,661.68	\$4,205.00	\$810.99
Executive Board Totals	\$12,726.75	\$13,644.93	\$101,025.00	\$109,159.28	\$163,739.00	\$8,134.28
Faith Formation Totals	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$1,118.04	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$581.96
Stewardship Totals	\$0.00	\$51.21	\$937.79	\$1,145.16	\$5,850.00	\$207.37
Church Properties Totals	\$3,532.57	\$3,996.65	\$34,780.19	\$38,234.74	\$57,560.00	\$3,454.55
Expense Totals	\$16,266.77	\$18,041.12	\$139,711.71	\$152,900.86	\$233,354.00	\$13,189.15
Income-Expense:	\$1,350.36	(\$1,632.45)	\$5,059.46	(\$13,881.54)	\$0.00	\$18,941.00
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$1,550.64	\$0.00	\$9,680.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,680.74
Totals Including CLIF	\$2,901.00	(\$1,632.45)	\$14,740.20	(\$13,881.54)	\$0.00	\$28,621.74



All God's Critters Have a Place in this Choir.

Join us every other Wednesday at 5:30 for an hour of singing and fellowship. Everyone's welcome (the ability to sing is not required). If you play a string instrument, bring it along — the more the merrier. Bring a lawn chair, friends and family are always welcome. Next two Singalingalingalongs are October 15 and 29.

Board of Faith Formation



Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

—in a house divided and a world on fire—

a six week look at the life,
ministry, and theology of
one of the most impactful

Lutheran pastors and
theologians of the 20th

Century. Join us in the
north side Community room

Sundays from 11 am–noon.



CROSS CLEANUP DAY, Saturday, October 25, 1:30 pm–4:00 pm. An old saying goes: cleanliness is next to Godliness." Let's find out together. All are invited; many are hoped for. Wear your best work clothes and bring a friend — the more the merrier.



John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - September 24th

We had another great market on September 24th. Next month we will welcome Weaver Elementary families to our market as we expand the great work we do.

September 24th Statistics:

Households: 98
Total people: 493
Kids: 227
Adults: 241
Seniors: 25

Total Pounds of Food

6,174 pounds of food with 3,590 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

98 (68 from Cross/30 from John Glenn)

Next Community Market: October 29th

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

10/3 Duane Gudknecht
10/10 Henry Mizinski
10/12 Cody LeMay
10/14 Nancy Brown
10/22 Dottie Bingman
10/26 Judy Ashby
10/26 Rose Border
10/29 Janice Neenan

NOVEMBER

11/1 Ronald Hanson
11/1 Marion Lindstrom
11/1 LuAnn Lund
11/19 Diana Swanson
11/21 Keith Lindquist
11/26 Lette Pfefferle

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
office@crosslutheranchurch.org.

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

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30AM Shores @ Cross Worship 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00AM Adult Education 1:00PM Promesa De Dios 5:00PM Ebenezer Elim	29 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only	30 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only	1 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt. 7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	2 11:00AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 11:30AM Pastor Scott Office --- by appt 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 4:15PM Pastor Scott Office 6:30PM Bell Choir Practice	3 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim	4 9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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19 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00AM Adult Education 1:00PM Promesa De Dios 5:00PM Ebenezer Elim	20 6:30PM Flishpots of Egypt @ Dubliner Pub	21 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only 6:00PM Cross Board of Stewardship 6:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	22 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt. 1:30PM Community Market 7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	23 11:00AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 11:30AM Pastor Scott Office --- by appt 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 4:15PM Pastor Scott Office 6:30PM Bell Choir Practice	24 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim	25 9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día 1:30PM Cross Clean Up Day 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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Want to see something in the next Cross Currents?
Let me know! Always looking for new ideas.

Jamie

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