



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

The Reformation began, for all intents and purposes, on All Hallows Eve—October 31, 1517—when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. All Hallows Eve, known commonly in our own day and age as Halloween, was the first day of *Allhallowtide*: three days of solemn observance in the Western Christian tradition, where the faithful remembered the dead and honored the saints.

On All Hallows' Eve, worshippers would prepare themselves with fasting and prayer, in anticipation of the Feast of All Saints Day. After worship, folks would celebrate in a variety of ways. Some decorated graveyards with flowers and candles. Others, believing that on this particular evening the veil between the material world and the afterlife was at its thinnest, would wear masks and costumes to disguise their identities from the dead. Others would pray out loud as they walked through darkened forests so the souls of the dead might be comforted. In some communities the church bells would ring in memory of the day. Some of these traditions have found their way into our own present Halloween, which has become, in a very American way, one of the biggest retail events of the year.

Day two, All Saints Day, was celebrated as a Christian feast—a holy day to honor the *Church Triumphant*, the saints and martyrs of the church, as well as those blessed ones who had not yet been canonized and who, as of yet, had no special feast day.



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, Bruce, Kelly, Steve, Rick, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Muiren, Kimberly, Gayle, Dean and Shirley, Jerod, Ruthann, and Mary Beth.

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.

Day three, All Souls Day, was reserved for the rest of the faithful departed—those who had not been proclaimed officially as saints by the Church. In some cultures, bands of children or poor people would go from house to house *souling*: a practice of begging money, fruit, or specially baked treats—sometimes called *soulcakes*. It was a precursor to our present day Trick or Treating.

Some scholars claim that Luther timed the bold act of nailing the Theses to the door of the church so that more people would see it. After all, All Saints worship drew some of the largest crowds of the year.

But as we know, the document challenged the selling of indulgences, slips of paper which granted freedom from hell and purgatory. It was a bold move which launched a movement which spread across Europe and altered the face of the Western Church forever.

As the Reformation spread, other church practices were challenged, including the one which separated saints from souls. *Simul Justus Et Peccator*, the Reformers proclaimed: we are all sinners and saints. *Sinners* by our own self-centered actions; *Saints* by the grace of God granted through faith. That's something to celebrate.

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 November 16th**. 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 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

Dedicated Account Balances

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$5,000.00;
Capital Improvement Fund: \$43,018.43;
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



1. Through the 3rd quarter all of our operating income is very close to what we budgeted and our expenses are well below the budgeted amount. This results in a small net income of \$1,872.60. This amount includes the dedicated funds being transferred from savings to checking and our rental income.

2. Our members give faithfully and all of our boards are very good stewards of our finances and our property.

We are thankful that God continues His good works through our hands and pray that we continue to hear His calling for us.

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	\$7,417.00	\$10,166.67	\$92,193.08	\$91,499.99	\$122,000.00	\$693.09
Holidays/Special Totals	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$4,724.00	\$3,925.00	\$8,675.00	\$799.00
Interest Income Totals	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$27.41	\$112.50	\$150.00	(\$85.09)
Other Income Totals	\$4,090.00	\$4,082.67	\$42,189.00	\$40,568.99	\$76,767.00	\$1,620.01
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$2,146.83	\$2,146.83	\$19,321.51	\$19,321.51	\$25,762.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$13,683.83	\$16,408.67	\$158,455.00	\$155,427.99	\$233,354.00	\$3,027.01
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$193.00	\$273.33	\$2,043.69	\$2,935.01	\$4,205.00	\$891.32
Executive Board Totals	\$13,003.45	\$13,644.93	\$114,028.45	\$122,804.21	\$163,739.00	\$8,775.76
Faith Formation Totals	\$21.69	\$75.00	\$1,139.73	\$1,775.00	\$2,000.00	\$635.27
Stewardship Totals	\$0.00	\$51.21	\$937.79	\$1,196.37	\$5,850.00	\$258.58
Church Properties Totals	\$3,652.55	\$4,982.65	\$38,432.74	\$43,217.39	\$57,560.00	\$4,784.65
Expense Totals	\$16,870.69	\$19,027.12	\$156,582.40	\$171,927.98	\$233,354.00	\$15,345.58
Income-Expense:	(\$3,186.86)	(\$2,618.45)	\$1,872.60	(\$16,499.99)	\$0.00	\$18,372.59
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$4,056.81	\$0.00	\$13,737.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,737.55
Totals Including CLIF	\$869.95	(\$2,618.45)	\$15,610.15	(\$16,499.99)	\$0.00	\$32,110.14



Our one student/one room every other Sunday School has started. Welcome, Noah, and thanks to Caroline Border for leading. • Adult Education is transitioning from an excellent series on Deitrich Bonhoeffer to our next focus. Stay tuned for details • Shared Confirmation with Our Redeemer is well underway. Our focus this year is the New Testament.



Sweatpants

Sizes: Kids L, XL

Adults: S - XXL

Fem. Hygiene Products

Pads

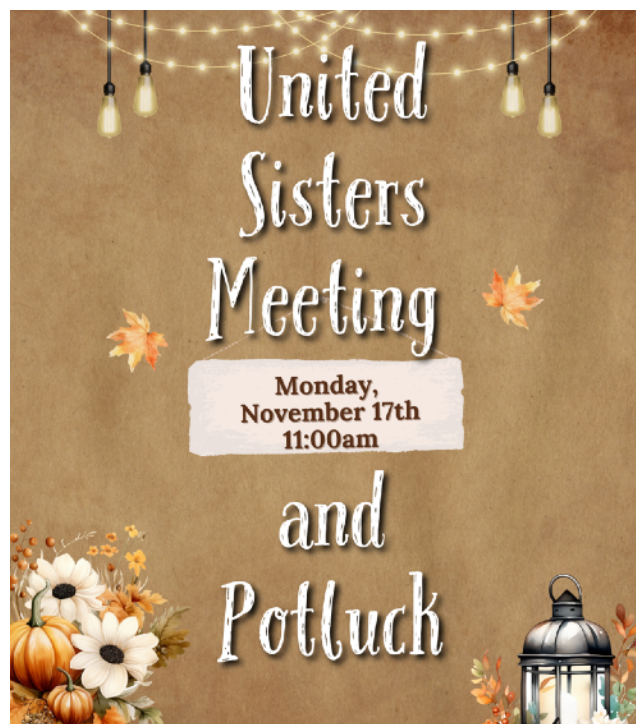
Bar Soap

Ongoing:

Kleenex, Black

ExpoMarkers,

Coats



The Board of Stewardship will be collecting funds for the next week for Lutheran World Relief. LWR works throughout the world in communities in crisis. If you would like to give, please make checks to *Cross Lutheran Church* and we will send one donation on behalf of the church.

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does" Martin Luther





John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - October 29th

We had a great market on October 29th. We welcomed Weaver families and were very busy. We also had a wonderful volunteer turnout making for a smooth market. Next month may be very busy if food benefits are ended for those in need.

October 29th Statistics:

Households: 116

Total people: 617

Kids: 290

Adults: 286

Seniors: 41

Total Pounds of Food

7,202 pounds of food with 3,613 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

138 (94 from Cross/44 from John Glenn)

Next Community Market: November 19th

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

Happy Birthday

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

DECEMBER

12/1 Kelli Simmons
12/6 Nic Villodres
12/11 Peter Brown
12/16 Jim 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.

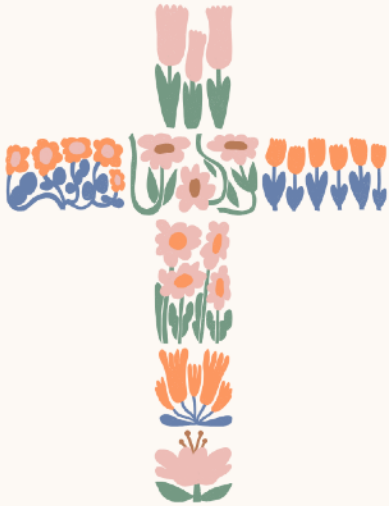
To schedule or request a pastoral care visit or conversation,
please call the office (651-777-1329) or email Pastor Scott
(pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org) or
office@crosslutheranchurch.org.

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

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 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	27 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only 6:00PM Cross PPC Meeting	28 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only 6:00PM Cross PPC Meeting	29 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt. 1:30PM Community Market 7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día	30 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 Choir Practice	31 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim	1 9:00AM New Reminder 9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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PLEDGE SUNDAY 11/16



Join us for worship service on November 16th when we will return our Statements of Intent for 2026. You will be receiving a letter from the Board of Stewardship, a Pledge card for 2026 and your 3rd quarter giving statements.

During the worship service we will have time to place our pledges in a basket. If you want, you can place them in the offering plate. The pledges are vital to the budget planning process which will begin at the end of the year for 2026. If you are not in church on the 16th, please return your pledge card to the church office by then.

Please review your statement and report any discrepancies to Carol Hastings. The best way is to send her an email at: carol@crosslutheranchurch.org.



Tuesday,
November 25,
6:00 pm

CROSS
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