



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

Friends,

I write this message in the middle of February, on the day that the federal government announced that a withdrawal of ICE and other federal agents from the cities.

Some who I have talked with today have welcomed the news. Others have said "I'll believe it when I see it."

I find myself feeling both—not yet trusting that the chaos and strife is over, and thankful that change may be in the air.

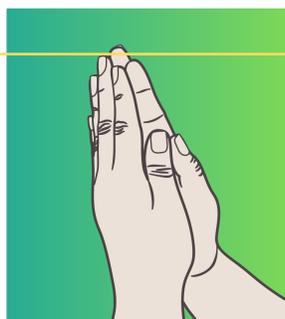
Like the flower blooms bursting forth from a carpet of snow, there is hope... and yet knowledge that another storm, perhaps a different one, could still be on the way.

In the meantime, there are still families in hiding, people anxious to venture far from work or home, businesses shuttered, children confused, and healing to be done.

So we will continue gathering weekly to pray and discuss how God may be calling us to stand up and stand out for our neighbor and need. Given that Lent starts on February 18, we'll be gathering after Wednesday evening prayer.

I invite you to join us, and listen for the newness that God is bringing forth in our world.

Pastor Scott



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, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Karen, Kimberly, Gayle, Dean and Shirley, Rick, Mary Beth, Mike, Stacey, Cristina, Wadby family, MaryJo, Jose and family, Pastor Rodolfo, and Lew.

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

SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us for soup supper each Wednesday during Lent. We will not have a soup supper on Ash Wednesday but will begin the following week on Wednesday, Feb, 25. We will serve from 5-5:45. Cleanup will then begin at 5:45 so we can head into church service at 6 o'clock. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you wish to sign up to make soup or provide dessert. Please talk to Diana Border if you have any questions.



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



MUSIC NOTES Next **choir rehearsal** will be Thurs., Feb, 17, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Regular rehearsals will resume Thurs., Mar. 5. **Bell choir** rehearsals will also resume on Thurs., March 5, from 5:30-6:30. Interested in singing or ringing? Contact Ken.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
February 18, 6 pm.



LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays in Lent, 6 pm, beginning February 25. Join us for 5 pm soup supper at 5 pm and stay for Darkness to Light community discernment and discussion afterwards.

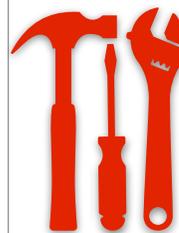


Our friends at Our Redeemer Lutheran (1390 Larpenteur) invite us to join them for **U.F.O Crafting Day**, the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 am—4 pm in the ORLC Fellowship Hall. The next U.F.O. is scheduled for **Saturday February 21st**. Bring your *Unfinished Objects* and meet new people as you 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



Board of Properties seeks help with odd jobs around the church. If you have time to spare, we have a job for you. Please call or text Scott Patterson (651-955-9108) or email mrsconfig1717@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Dedicated Accounts

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$5,000.00;
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$47,032.43;
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$8,539.64;
 Sound System Memorial: \$.21;
 Community Outreach: \$3,525.99
 Fund for Missions \$23,454.47
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$112,500.00



Year end financial highlights for 2025:

1. The trend continues to have a strong finish in December - Total income for 2025 \$28,440.17 from operations.
2. Total income was \$8,603.59 above budget and the expenses were \$19,836.58 less than budget.
3. Total giving only \$1,971.08 over budget while Other income was \$5,732.00 over budget. Dedicated funds released from savings to checking were \$25,762.00.
4. The proposed budget for 2026 shows anticipated income and expenses about the same as 2025. Income will include \$21,652 of dedicated funds released from savings. Our Boards spent time looking at all expenses and reduced or eliminated some that have been included in past budgets on a "just in case" basis.
5. Our investment in the ELCA endowment fund has shown an unrealized gain of \$15,905.91. Our quarterly cash disbursements have been at least \$1,200. This money is used along with donations to purchase the food for the Community Markets.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of all of the ministries at Cross Lutheran.

	The Board of Stewardship					YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$13,237.00	\$10,166.67	\$123,971.08	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$1,971.08
Holidays/Special Totals	\$4,609.61	\$4,350.00	\$9,688.61	\$8,675.00	\$8,675.00	\$1,013.61
Interest Income Totals	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$36.90	\$150.00	\$150.00	(\$113.10)
Other Income Totals	\$33,978.00	\$28,032.67	\$82,499.00	\$76,767.00	\$76,767.00	\$5,732.00
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$2,146.83	\$2,146.83	\$25,762.00	\$25,762.00	\$25,762.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$53,971.44	\$44,708.67	\$241,957.59	\$233,354.00	\$233,354.00	\$8,603.59
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$547.03	\$273.33	\$3,500.92	\$4,205.00	\$4,205.00	\$704.08
Executive Board Totals	\$12,602.80	\$13,644.93	\$151,865.71	\$163,739.00	\$163,739.00	\$11,873.29
Faith Formation Totals	\$32.99	\$75.00	\$1,172.72	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$827.28
Stewardship Totals	\$4,500.00	\$4,551.21	\$5,470.21	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00	\$379.79
Church Properties Totals	\$4,352.58	\$4,829.98	\$51,507.86	\$57,560.00	\$57,560.00	\$6,052.14
Expense Totals	\$22,035.40	\$23,374.45	\$213,517.42	\$233,354.00	\$233,354.00	\$19,836.58
Income-Expense:	\$31,936.04	\$21,334.22	\$28,440.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,440.17
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$1,103.90	\$0.00	\$15,905.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,905.91
Totals Including CLIF	\$33,039.94	\$21,334.22	\$44,346.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,346.08



READY TO HAVE SOME FUN?

MATH CARNIVAL is set for February 26th from 5:30-8:00pm. There will be two shifts:

5:30-6:45pm

6:45-8:00pm

You can choose whether you want to lead a game or work in the concession stand.

Watch for a sign-up in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Katie Erickson



During Lent, beginning February 22, Pastor Scott will be in the office for drop-in visits Mondays from 2 pm to 6 pm. Of course, you can always call, text, or email to schedule



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., February 16, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Dubliner Pub in Saint Paul. There's always a large group from Cross. Join us. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott.

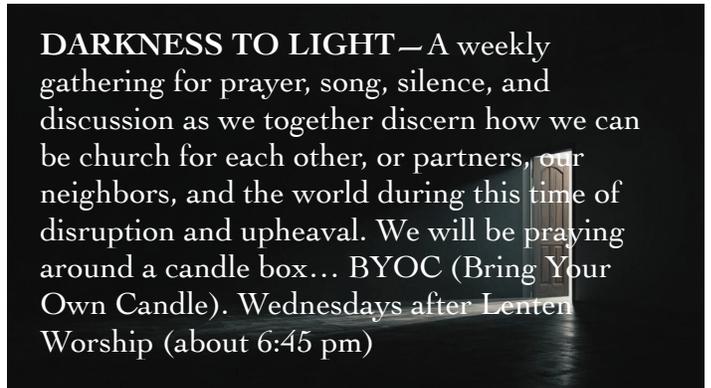


One student/one room Sunday School at Cross and **Shared Confirmation with Our Redeemer** continues to meet every other week.



ADULT EDUCATION . throughout Lent with *Fear Not*, where we engage Gospel stories where Jesus urges his followers (including us) not to fear, but to

trust. We will explore scripture, stories, song, and more. 11 am in the north community room.



DARKNESS TO LIGHT— A weekly gathering for prayer, song, silence, and discussion as we together discern how we can be church for each other, or partners, our neighbors, and the world during this time of disruption and upheaval. We will be praying around a candle box... BYOC (Bring Your Own Candle). Wednesdays after Lenten Worship (about 6:45 pm)



Heartfelt Thank You to everyone that donated items. The response was amazing.

DONATIONS FOR OUR PARTNER MINISTRIES

We have 27 families in our partner ministries in continued need of help with food and toiletries. Below is a list of items that would help them out

TOMATOES

SALT

AVOCADOS

PAPER TOWELS

CILANTRO

LAUNDRY SOAP

CABBAGE

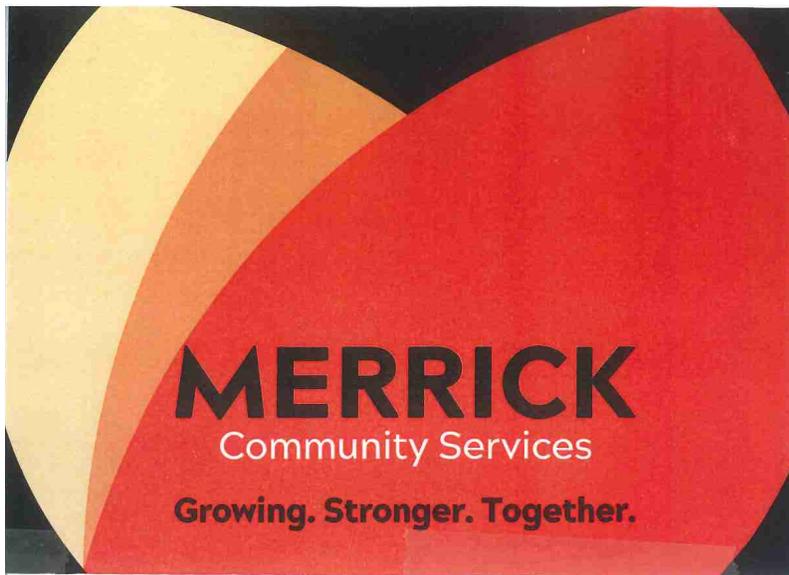
BATH BAR SOAP

CELERY

TOOTHPASTE

BELL PEPPERS

Please put any items needing refrigeration in the fridge. All other items can be left on table in Narthex.



Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your participation in our 2025 Holiday Toy Drive and Distribution. With your help, we were able to distribute toys to over 1,000 children in Ramsey County.

Cheers to 2026 and more events where we can serve our community. Thank you for partnering with us!

-Marissa & MCS staff



John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - January 21st

We had a great market on January 21st. In addition to the market, we packed 16 boxes for delivery to families due to fear of ICE agents. Thanks to all the volunteers that make our market run so smoothly each month.

January 21st Statistics:

Households: 81

Total people: 459

Kids: 245

Adults: 197

Seniors: 12

New Families: 5

Total Pounds of Food

5,914 pounds of food with 2,393 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

135 (82 from Cross/63 from John Glenn)

Next Community Market: February 18th

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

2/8. Clara Volkens

2/12 Marv Gardner

2/18 Elise Simmons

MARCH

3/8 Phyllis Moser

3/14 Lisa LeMay

3/16 Nick Gudknecht

3/16 Carol Hastings

3/18 Andy Gudknecht

3/19 Jimmie Gaubert

3/29 Bob Ruscher

3/31 Jenna Stepnick

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 (pastor.scott@crosslutheranchurch.org) or office@crosslutheranchurch.org.

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

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education ☞ 9:30AM Worship ☞ 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship ☞ 11:00AM Adult Education ☞ 12:00PM Confirmation ☞ 12:00PM Confirmation @ Cross ☞ 1:00PM Promesa De Ebenezer 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 6:30PM Fleshpots of Egypt @ Dubliner Pub 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt only 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 1:30PM Community Market ☞ 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship ☞ 6:45PM Darkness to Light gathering ☞ 7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 11:00AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott ☞ 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen ☞ 2:00PM Pastor Scott Office by appt ☞ 6:30PM Choir Practice 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt only. ☞ 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día ☞ 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice ☞ 5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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MARCH 2026

<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education ☞ 9:30AM Worship ☞ 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship ☞ 11:00AM Deep Dive Confirmation Event @ ☞ 1:00PM Promesa De Ebenezer ☞ 5:00PM Ebenezer 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 2:00PM Pastor Scott Drop In Office 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt only ☞ 4:00PM Cross BLM Meeting 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 5:00PM Lenten Soup Supper ☞ 6:00PM Lenten Wednesday Prayer/Worship ☞ 6:45PM Darkness to Light gathering ☞ 7:00PM Adventista Del Séptimo Día 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 11:00AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott ☞ 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen ☞ 2:00PM Pastor Scott Office by appt ☞ 5:30PM Bell Choir ☞ 6:30PM Choir Practice 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt only. ☞ 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 9:00AM Adventista del Séptimo Día ☞ 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice ☞ 5:00PM Adventista del Séptimo Día
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