



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

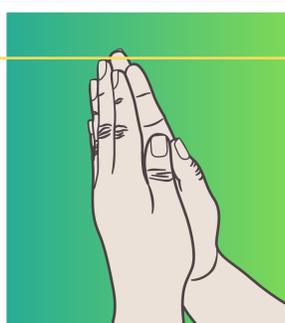
Friends, the season of Lent is an invitation to reflect and discern our call as people of faith in the midst of the harsh realities of the world around us. Moreso, it provides an opportunity to act on God's call to love our neighbor, seek justice, and strive for peace.

Given the circumstances of the past two months alone—the still simmering federal ICE occupation of the Twin Cities; our government's military invasion of Venezuela and armed removal of its president; and now a new and costly war with Iran which may very well last for months, even years—we are surrounded by reminders of dust and death, ash and sorrow.

As difficult as it might seem at the moment, I am thankful for the lenten practices we are sharing at Cross. Wednesday soup suppers are a welcome opportunity to gather as friends and share a meal. Holden evening prayer, which follows, gives us an opportunity to bring our hopes and prayers, fears and concerns, before God in a gentle and faithful way. After Holden, there's further opportunity for discernment and reflection by candlelight and conversation. In addition to Sunday worship and coffee hour, you are also invited to adult education at 11:00 as we explore Jesus's call to *Be Not Afraid* through scripture, song, and sharing.

I hope and pray that together, our lenten practices will help point us towards the hope and joy of the coming resurrection.

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, Lew, the Johns family, Barb, and Marilyn Lewinski family.

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



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Set your clock forward one hour

SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us for soup supper each Wednesday during Lent. 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

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 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.



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.



NEIGHBORLY CONNECTIONS



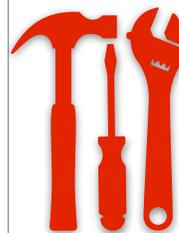
unfinished objects crafting group

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 March 14th**. 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: \$48,692.43;
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$8,539.64;
 Sound System Memorial: \$.21;
 Community Outreach: \$3,525.99
 Fund for Missions \$21,495.14
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): \$112,500.00



January Report

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$8,322.00	\$10,196.75	\$8,322.00	\$10,196.75	\$122,361.00	(\$1,874.75)
Holidays/Special Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,425.00	\$0.00
Interest Income Totals	\$0.00	\$3.37	\$0.00	\$3.37	\$40.00	(\$3.37)
Other Income Totals	\$4,166.00	\$4,200.37	\$4,166.00	\$4,200.37	\$79,504.00	(\$34.37)
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.37	\$1,804.37	\$1,804.37	\$1,804.37	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$14,292.37	\$16,204.86	\$14,292.37	\$16,204.86	\$232,982.00	(\$1,912.49)
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$167.99	\$331.25	\$167.99	\$331.25	\$4,275.00	\$163.26
Executive Board Totals	\$13,422.18	\$13,506.40	\$13,422.18	\$13,506.40	\$161,659.00	\$84.22
Faith Formation Totals	\$0.00	\$70.87	\$0.00	\$70.87	\$2,300.00	\$70.87
Stewardship Totals	\$246.16	\$291.63	\$246.16	\$291.63	\$6,000.00	\$45.47
Church Properties Totals	\$4,906.31	\$4,813.20	\$4,906.31	\$4,813.20	\$58,748.00	(\$93.11)
Expense Totals	\$18,742.64	\$19,013.35	\$18,742.64	\$19,013.35	\$232,982.00	\$270.71
Income-Expense:	(\$4,450.27)	(\$2,808.49)	(\$4,450.27)	(\$2,808.49)	\$0.00	(\$1,641.78)
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$3,396.02	\$0.00	\$3,396.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,396.02
Totals Including CLIF	(\$1,054.25)	(\$2,808.49)	(\$1,054.25)	(\$2,808.49)	\$0.00	\$1,754.24



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., March 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.



Throughout Lent, 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 a meeting at any other time during the week.



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)



John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - February 18th

We had a great market on February 18th. In addition to the market, we continue to pack 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.

February 18th Statistics:

Households: 77
Total people: 374
Kids: 187
Adults: 163
Seniors: 24
New Families: 10

Total Pounds of Food

4,912 pounds of food with 2,458 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

105 (77 from Cross/28 from John Glenn)

Next Community Market: March 18th

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

Happy Birthday

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

APRIL

4/1 Sheree Kieffer
4/2 Bonnie Dischinger
4/4 Andrew Border
4/4 Dan Erickson
4/6 Katie Erickson
4/7 Raymond Volkers
4/17 Rita Gaubert
4/28 Patty VanderWaal

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.

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 @ Cross 1:00PM Promesa De Dios 5:00PM Ebenezer Elim 	<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 5:30PM BLM Meeting 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM Lenten Soup Supper 5:00PM Lenten Wednesday Prayer/Worship 6:45PM Darkness to Light gathering 	<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 Rehearsal 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 Septimo Dia 1:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Septimo Dia
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Easter Flowers

**ORDER YOUR FLOWERS FOR EASTER
*BEFORE MARCH 15TH***

Envelopes available in the Narthex. Lots of different flowers and colors available.

The white Hydrangea is no longer available

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