

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

On the first of May, when I was young, my sister and I would make and deliver May Day baskets to friends in the neighborhood. Now, growing up in tiny Keenesburg, Colorado (the town slogan was "500 Happy People and a Few Soreheads"), that meant the whole town was our neighborhood.



So we would make little baskets from paper cups and pipe cleaners or paper cones and ribbon, decorate them with flowers and spring colors, and fill with candy and treats. Then we sneak over to a friend's house, place the baskets at the front door, ring the door bell and run. It was like playing ding-dong-dash but with a little treat at the end.

The key was to not get caught. Sometimes though, if you really 'liked' the other person, you'd dally around and get caught anyway, just so they'd know.

It was a sweet and charming little tradition: one I don't think is celebrated much anymore. But it was also a small reminder that life, like Springtime and the Holy Spirit, has its delightful joys and surprises. And you never know when, or how, they will show up.

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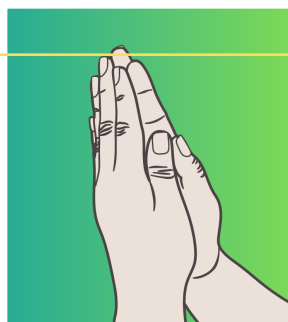
Pastor Scott

Our

We Pray For:

Lisa, Marya, Sheree, Marie, baby Hayden, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Henry, Dawn, Brady, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Lonna, Bruce, Kelly, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, Mike, MaryJo, Jose and family, Lew, the Johns family, Barb, Janice, Lindsay, Ron, the McDonald family, and the Marilyn Lewinski family.

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



HEAVEN HELL

Pastor Scott's adult education series on Heaven and Hell continues on May 3 at 11 am in the community room. We will take two week break and resume May 24. Future sessions will focus on conceptions and understandings of early Christianity, Martin Luther, 19th and 20th Century America, and present day ELCA thoughts and practices regarding Heaven and Hell.



Bishop Election May 15-16

After twelve years of good and faithful service, Bishop Patricia Lull will be retiring from the office. The Saint Paul Area Synod will be electing a new bishop to a six-year term at our Synod Assembly, May 15-16 at St. Andrews in Mahtomedi.

Pastor Scott, Diana Border and Rita Gaubert will be representing Cross at this important juncture in the life of our church together.



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 Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays. Watch Sunday bulletin for dates. Interested in singing or ringing? Contact Ken.



NEIGHBORLY CONNECTIONS



unfinished objects crafting group

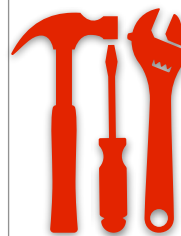
Our friends at Our Redeemer Lutheran (1390 Larpenteur) invite us to join them for **U.F.O Crafting Day**, the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 am—4 pm in the

ORLC Fellowship Hall. 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

Current Dedicated Accounts

Air Conditioning Memorial: \$5,000.00;
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$44,828.58;
 Education Memorial: \$1,224.04;
 Gifts/Memorials (Undesignated): \$8,539.64;
 Sound System Memorial: \$.21;
 Community Outreach: \$3,525.99
 Fund for Missions \$23,587.63
 Cross Lutheran Investment Fund (CLIF): **Income**
\$112,500.00



1. Weekly offerings are above our budgeted amount because 2 families have fulfilled their annual pledge already.
2. Boards continue to operate below our budgeted amounts which along with the increased giving gives us a year-to-date income of \$6,100 that is \$11,000 above the March budget.
3. This income is before the unrealized income from CLIF which for March was a loss of \$7,261. January and February both had an unrealized gain so the year-to-date loss from the CLIF is (\$2964) and decreases our income to \$3,136.

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$12,239.00	\$10,196.75	\$38,061.38	\$30,590.25	\$122,361.00	\$7,471.13
Holidays/Special Totals	\$1,295.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,560.00	\$2,200.00	\$9,425.00	(\$640.00)
Interest Income Totals	\$3.66	\$3.33	\$10.85	\$10.03	\$40.00	\$0.82
Other Income Totals	\$7,652.23	\$7,550.33	\$16,061.23	\$15,801.03	\$79,504.00	\$260.20
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.33	\$1,804.33	\$5,413.03	\$5,413.03	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$22,994.22	\$20,554.74	\$61,106.49	\$54,014.34	\$232,982.00	\$7,092.15
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$84.74	\$331.25	\$468.79	\$993.75	\$4,275.00	\$524.96
Executive Board Totals	\$12,769.86	\$13,468.60	\$39,062.33	\$40,443.60	\$161,659.00	\$1,381.27
Faith Formation Totals	\$0.00	\$445.83	\$0.00	\$587.53	\$2,300.00	\$587.53
Stewardship Totals	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$1,371.16	\$1,999.97	\$6,000.00	\$628.81
Church Properties Totals	\$4,681.67	\$4,966.42	\$14,103.94	\$14,903.03	\$58,748.00	\$799.09
Expense Totals	\$17,536.27	\$19,253.77	\$55,006.22	\$58,927.88	\$232,982.00	\$3,921.66
Income-Expense:	\$5,457.95	\$1,300.97	\$6,100.27	(\$4,913.54)	\$0.00	\$11,013.81
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	(\$7,261.20)	\$0.00	(\$2,963.78)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,963.78)
Totals Including CLIF	(\$1,803.25)	\$1,300.97	\$3,136.49	(\$4,913.54)	\$0.00	\$8,050.03



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., May 18, 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.



Pastor Scott's Monday afternoon drop-in office hours (2 pm to 6 pm) will continue Mondays on May 4, May 24, and May 31. Pastor Scott will be on vacation the other weeks. Of course, you can always call, text, or email to schedule a meeting at any other time during the week. pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org • 612 859-1134



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





John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - APRIL 22ND

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.

APRIL 22nd Statistics:

Households: 86

Total people: 414

Kids: 214

Adults: 191

Seniors: 9

New Families: 4

Total Pounds of Food

3,678 pounds of food with 1,646 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

108 (80 from Cross/28 from John Glenn)

**Next Community Market: May 20th
(Last One for 25-26 School Year)**

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

Happy Birthday

MAY

5/2 Scott Simmons
5/3 Dave Olson
5/11 Marie Anderson
5/11 Dawn Mizinski
5/15 Nico Villodres
5/17 Kay Stack
5/18 Kirby Doughty Crist
5/23 Carolyn Border

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

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.



The annual John Glenn/Cross Lutheran sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, May 11th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Schedule online at:

[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

Enter zip code 55109 under Give Blood/Find Drive. Cross will be listed with time slots.

OR you can call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

There is a \$20 eGift card for donating



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00AM Stewardship Celebration Coffee Hour 1:00PM Promesa De Dios 5:00PM Ebenezer Elim 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Pastor Scott Drop In Office 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only 6:00PM Cross PPC Meeting 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Pastor Scott office by appt 	<p>30</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>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours -- by appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adventista del Septimo Dia 2:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Septimo Dia
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Ascension Day

Of Jesus Christ

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MAY

CROSS
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