

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

Like a good neighbor...

I suppose most of us could finish this little advertising jingle without much trouble. But what does it sound like—what does it look like—when we finish the line with the words *Cross Lutheran*?

It has been my experience that being a good neighbor is built into the DNA of this congregation. Witness our work with John Glenn, our burgeoning collaborations with Our Redeemer, our connection to Shores of Lake Phalen, and our growing partnerships with Promesa de Dios, Ebenezer Elim, and Adventista del Septimo Dia.

These things do not go un-noticed. Something as positive and as wholesome as the yard signs spread around the property can have a big effect. Last week, our office received this email from a neighbor:

I wanted to reach out to you and thank you for those wonderful yard signs you have along the road. I work in the trauma unit at Regions hospital and sometimes on the way home the messages they express are exactly what I need to hear to help me through a hard day. I'm not religious by any means and I appreciate that they are fairly neutral in their perspective. I live in the neighborhood and appreciate the positive vibes.

Thanks, Matt

We have more opportunities to good neighbors this summer. Our new digital sign will help us share the good news in a more visible way. We're planning a neighborhood gathering this August in partnership with other congregations. So stay tuned.

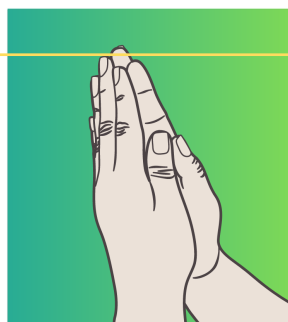
Pax

Pastor Scott

We Pray For:

Lisa, Marya, Sheree, Marie, baby Hayden, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Henry, Dawn, Brady, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Rick, Lonna, Bruce, Kelly, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, Mike, MaryJo, Jose and family, Lew, the Johns family, Barb, Janice, Lindsay, Ron, Molly, Bob, Raphael, the McDonald family, Dave Olson and family, the Marilyn Lewinski family, and the Rick Novak 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 through June in the community room. Future sessions will focus on conceptions and understandings of early Christianity, Martin Luther, 19th and 20th Century America, and present day ELCA thoughts, practices and understandings regarding Heaven and Hell.



Bishop Election May 15-16

The Rev. **Justin Grimm** has been elected to a six-year term as bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He was elected on the third ballot during the 2026 Synod Assembly, held

May 15-16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran in Mahtomedi.

Bishop-Elect Grimm currently serves as the synod's director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for congregational vitality, a position he's held since 2015. He previously served as lead pastor at Advent Lutheran Church in Lake Ann, Mich., after first serving as the mission developer.

He is a graduate of Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa) and Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minn.). He was ordained in 2005. The bishop-elect grew up in Madison, S.D., where he attended Trinity Lutheran Church. He currently resides in Shoreview, Minn.

He takes office Aug. 1, succeeding the Rev. Patricia Lull, who is completing her second term as bishop. An installation service will be held Sept. 13 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley.



NEIGHBORLY CONNECTIONS



Join Our Redeemer Lutheran (1390 Larpenteur) for **Unfinished Objects Crafting Group**, every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am—4 pm in the ORLC Fellowship Hall. Bring your *Unfinished Objects* and meet new people. **Our Redeemer Quilting Ladies** meet 2nd & 4th Mondays 9 am—noon in the ORLC Fellowship Hall. Any questions contact Sandy Pruden:

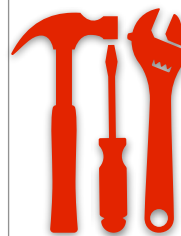
651.777.9637 or
slpruden@hotmail.com



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



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



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: \$46,899.95;

Education Memorial:
\$1,224.04;

Undesignated Gifts and Memorials:
\$8,539.64;

Community Outreach:
\$3,525.99

Fund for Missions:
\$14,400.36

(CLIF) Cross Lutheran Investment Fund:
\$112,500.00



1. Our income is strong because of the families who have given their entire annual pledge, those who give more than their pledged amount, the income from our renters and the funds transferred from savings to checking as approved for the budget. Boards continue to operate below 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.
2. Boards continue to operate well below the budget through April.
3. Our investment in the ELCA Endowment Fund had an amazing month with unrealized income of \$8,981 compared to the March unrealized loss of (\$7,261).

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$9,455.00	\$10,196.75	\$47,516.38	\$40,787.00	\$122,361.00	\$6,729.38
Holidays/Special Totals	\$2,305.00	\$2,300.00	\$3,865.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,425.00	(\$635.00)
Interest Income Totals	\$3.51	\$3.33	\$14.36	\$13.36	\$40.00	\$1.00
Other Income Totals	\$4,464.00	\$4,050.33	\$20,525.23	\$19,851.36	\$79,504.00	\$673.87
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.33	\$1,804.33	\$7,217.36	\$7,217.36	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$18,031.84	\$18,354.74	\$79,138.33	\$72,369.08	\$232,982.00	\$6,769.25
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$1,048.55	\$631.25	\$1,517.34	\$1,625.00	\$4,275.00	\$107.66
Executive Board Totals	\$12,095.72	\$13,468.60	\$51,158.05	\$53,912.20	\$161,659.00	\$2,754.15
Faith Formation Totals	\$0.00	\$70.83	\$0.00	\$658.36	\$2,300.00	\$658.36
Stewardship Totals	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$1,371.16	\$2,166.64	\$6,000.00	\$795.48
Church Properties Totals	\$4,572.80	\$4,610.91	\$18,676.74	\$19,513.94	\$58,748.00	\$837.20
Expense Totals	\$17,717.07	\$18,948.26	\$72,723.29	\$77,876.14	\$232,982.00	\$5,152.85
Income-Expense:	\$314.77	(\$593.52)	\$6,415.04	(\$5,507.06)	\$0.00	\$11,922.10
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$8,981.28	\$0.00	\$6,017.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,017.50
Totals Including CLIF	\$9,296.05	(\$593.52)	\$12,432.54	(\$5,507.06)	\$0.00	\$17,939.60



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt**

is Mon., June 15, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Dubliner Pub in St. Paul. This month, the band will be joined by friend, Nashville recording artist, and honorary Fleshpot Becky Buller.

Becky is the the 2015 International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Songwriter of the year, and 2016 Fiddler and Female Vocalist of the year. She is the first woman to receive the fiddler nod and also the first person to win in both vocal and instrumental categories. Becky co-wrote the 2018 IBMA Gospel Song of the Year (“Speakin’ to That Mountain”), and a 2023 Minnesota Music Hall of Fame inductee.

She moonlights with the *First Ladies of Bluegrass*, a super group featuring the first women to win their respective instrumental categories at the IBMA awards: [Alison Brown](#) (banjo), [Missy Raines](#) (bass), [Sierra Hull](#) (mandolin), Becky (fiddle), and [Molly Tuttle](#) (guitar).

There’s always a large group from Cross. But this will be a full house, so plan accordingly.



Pastor Scott’s Monday afternoon drop-in office hours have changed to Thursdays, 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. pastorscott@crosslutheranchurch.org • 612 859-1134



One student/one room Sunday School at Cross and **Shared Confirmation with Our Redeemer** will be taking a summer break. We will resume in September.



The cost of **Altar Flowers** has increased. One vase is now \$30 and two vases for \$50. The order forms in the Narthex have been updated.





John Glenn Market Report

COMMUNITY MARKET - MAY 20TH

We had a great market on May 20th. We even got our produce pallet this month! Thanks to all the volunteers that make our market run so smoothly each month.

MAY 20th Statistics:

Households: 85
Total people: 437
Kids: 215
Adults: 206
Seniors: 17

Total Pounds of Food

4,902 pounds of food with 2,627 from Fresh & Frozen.

Total Volunteer Hours

110 (80 from Cross/28 from John Glenn)

**Next Community Market: August
(Dates to be determined)**

Blessings to all,

Jamie Gudknecht

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

Happy Birthday

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

JULY

7/8 Marya Pfefferle

7/10 Dave Jackson

7/11 Mary Vatne

7/14 Kay Olson

7/17 Marilee Jackson

7/20 Chris Long

7/26 Diana 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 (pastor.scott@crosslutheranchurch.org) or office@crosslutheranchurch.org.

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

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 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	1 9:00AM New Reminder	2 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours -- by appt only 4:00PM Cross BLM Meeting 5:30PM BLM Meeting	3 2:15PM Pastor Scott Drop In Office 7:00PM Adventista Septimo Dia	4 11:00AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 2:15PM Pastor Scott Office by appt 6:30PM Choir Practice	5 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - by appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim	6 9:00AM Adventista del Septimo Dia 2:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Septimo Dia
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Tuesday Singalong

Every other Tuesday, beginning June 2
6 pm under the Portico
bring your voice, bring your instrument

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