

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:
pastor.scott@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

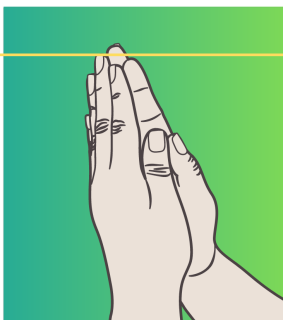
August arrived with a bit of a sigh—a bit cooler and gentler than most days this past July. It's fitting, given that on this first morning in August one of our long-time members, Mary, entered into the baptismal promise of life eternal quietly, peacefully, and surrounded by love.

Of course, birth and death, marriage and confirmation, baptism and holy communion are all full and integral events in the life of a congregation. And although we might not experience most of these with the steady and sure rhythm of days, weeks, months, and seasons, each and every one are signs of God's engagement and presence in our lives... from first breath to last and far beyond.

The weekly practice of Holy Communion is the exception... a real and tangible connection to the very presence of God in Christ by the Spirit, in, with, and under the bread and the wine, the body and blood of the incarnated Jesus. In this sacrament, we are united with all that God is, all that God has created, all that God has redeemed, all that has come before, and all which will come in the future. I look forward to our next meal.

Pax

Pastor Scott



We Pray For:

The family and friends of Mary Vatne, Nancy, Lisa, Marya, Sheree, Marie, Janice, baby Hayden, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Henry, Dawn, Brady, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Bruce, Kelly, Trudy and Murlyn, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, Mike, MaryJo, Jose and family, Lew, Barb, Lindsay, Ron, Molly, Bob, Raphael, Nancy, Maja, Kenny and family, Niki, the McDonald family, message:<1ea4d2d82729412285205867f.41393be6a9.20260801142749.406f3032a3.56c30a9f@mail47.suw111.mcdlv.net> ily, Dave Olson and family, the Marilyn Lewinski family, Zach, and the Rick Novak family.



CONSCIENCE AND CONVERSATION:

A STUDY DURING THE RECONSIDERATION OF THE SOCIAL STATEMENT *HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST*

Beginning in 2022, the ELCA Council has been reconsidering the 2009 ELCA Social Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, which opened opportunities for people in same-gendered sexual relationships to serve as rostered leaders (pastors and deacons) in the ELCA.

The second phase of this process is an opportunity for congregational discernment among ELCA congregations.

You are invited to join Pastor Scott during adult education to study, discern, and consider this important issue in our church. We will meet on four successive Sundays in August: 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23.

John Glenn School Supply Time



School supplies are back in stores. Here's the John Glenn wish list. Thanks so much for your continued support

Spiral Notebooks
Plastic two-pocket
folders
Colored Pencils
Glue Sticks
Expo Markers
(Black)

Colored Markers
Highlighters
AAA Batteries
Pencils
Kleenex
Backpacks

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

NOCHE NACIONAL AFUERA

yard games
juegos

live music
música en vivo

kids stuff
cosas de niños

meet your neighbors
conoce a tus vecinos

food and drink
comida y bebida

all are welcome
todos son bienvenidos

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 5-8 PM

Please plan on joining us as we host this exciting event. We'll be joined by our friends from Promesa de Dios, the Fleshpots of Egypt, and others. This will be a great opportunity to mingle with friends and neighbors and celebrate the goodness of community.

STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Accounts

Air Conditioning
Memorial: \$5,000.00;
Capital Improvement
Fund: \$36,677.80;
Education Memorial:
\$1,224.04;
Undesignated Gifts and
Memorials: \$8,539.64;
Community Outreach:
\$3,525.99
Fund for Missions:
\$9,100.69
(CLIF) Cross Lutheran
Investment Fund:
\$112,500.00



1. Giving remains higher than the Year to Date (YTD) budget amount due to annual pledges paid in full and members who give in advance or more than their pledged amounts. Our partners have also been very faithful in their payments for use of the building.
2. Our expenses are below the budget and this helps significantly in the bottom line to keep the YTD loss at (\$2,174.16). This is still much better than the projected (\$12,333.81)
3. Our investment in the CLIF showed a small loss for the month but with previous results for the year, this unrealized income gives us a positive YTD income of \$6,764.00.

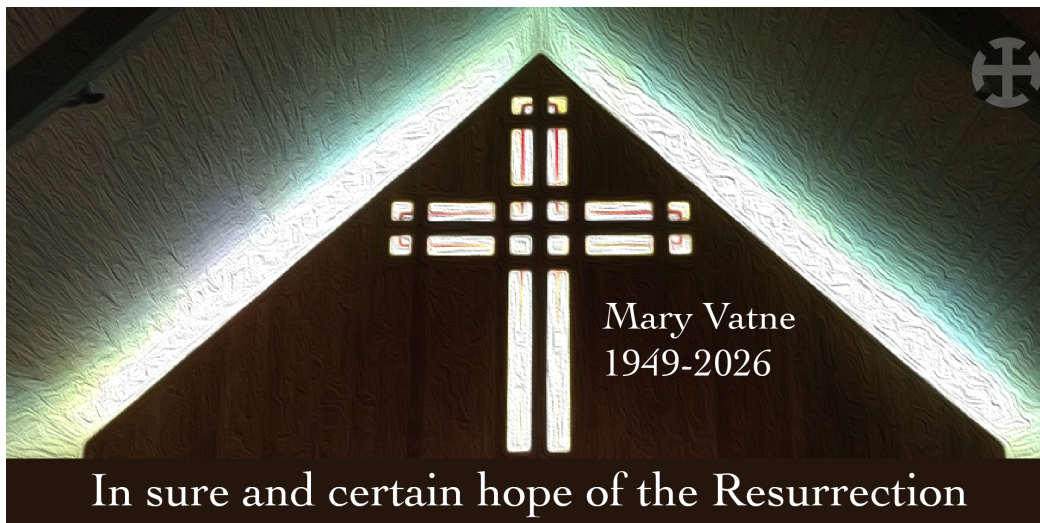
Giving statements for the 2nd quarter were sent by mail or email. Please review your statements and contact Carol if there are any discrepancies or if you haven't received your statement. The best way to contact her is through her Church email:

carol@crosslutheranchurch.org

Thank you,

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	\$5,968.00	\$10,196.75	\$65,426.38	\$61,180.50	\$122,361.00	\$4,245.88
Holidays/Special Totals	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$4,040.00	\$4,675.00	\$9,425.00	(\$635.00)
Interest Income Totals	\$3.55	\$3.33	\$21.70	\$20.02	\$40.00	\$1.68
Other Income Totals	\$4,017.00	\$4,050.33	\$28,659.23	\$28,702.02	\$79,504.00	(\$42.79)
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.33	\$1,804.33	\$10,826.02	\$10,826.02	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	<u>\$11,842.88</u>	<u>\$16,054.74</u>	<u>\$108,973.33</u>	<u>\$105,403.56</u>	<u>\$232,982.00</u>	<u>\$3,569.77</u>
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$10.00	\$331.25	\$1,533.34	\$2,287.50	\$4,275.00	\$754.16
Executive Board Totals	\$12,284.30	\$13,468.60	\$78,144.04	\$80,849.40	\$161,659.00	\$2,705.36
Faith Formation Totals	\$1,626.00	\$1,045.83	\$1,626.00	\$1,775.02	\$2,300.00	\$149.02
Stewardship Totals	\$97.99	\$41.67	\$2,594.15	\$3,374.98	\$6,000.00	\$780.83
Church Properties Totals	\$4,428.58	\$4,610.91	\$27,249.96	\$29,450.47	\$58,748.00	\$2,200.51
Expense Totals	<u>\$18,446.87</u>	<u>\$19,498.26</u>	<u>\$111,147.49</u>	<u>\$117,737.37</u>	<u>\$232,982.00</u>	<u>\$6,589.88</u>
Income-Expense:	(\$6,603.99)	(\$3,443.52)	(\$2,174.16)	(\$12,333.81)	\$0.00	\$10,159.65
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	(\$253.65)	\$0.00	\$8,938.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,938.16
Totals Including CLIF	<u>(\$6,857.64)</u>	<u>(\$3,443.52)</u>	<u>\$6,764.00</u>	<u>(\$12,333.81)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$19,097.81</u>



With grief and hope, we share the news that long-time Cross member Mary Vatne died this Saturday, August 1, surrounded by her beloved brothers, sisters, and life-long friend, Dottie. In honoring Mary's wishes, there will be no funeral. The Lutheran rite of committal was led by

Pastor Scott the bedside. Please keep Mary's family and loved ones in your prayers. We will be announcing further details about gifts and memorials as soon as information is available.



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., August 17, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Dubliner Pub in St. Paul.



BIBLE STUDY Is presently on a short summer break. Stay tuned for updates in our weekly bulletin.



Pastor Scott's drop-in office hours are Thursdays, 2:15 pm to 6 pm. Of course, you can always call, text, or email to schedule a meeting at any other time during the week.

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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.



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



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

Can you believe it it already Community Market Time? WHERE has the summer gone?

Our biggest and busiest Market is Wednesday, August 26th. The Market is from 3:00-6:00pm with set-up beginning at 1:30pm. We will have lots to pack. Last year we fed 187 families at this market.

Pizza will be served to all the wonderful volunteers. I will have a sign-up for this market so I know how many people will be there to feed.

Questions? See Jamie

COMMUNITY MARKET DATES 2026-2027

August 26th (Open House)

January 20th

September 23rd

February 24th

October 21st

March 17th

November 18th

April 21st

December 16th

May 19th

Happy Birthday

AUGUST

8/2 Dick Schultz
8/3 Rona Villodres
8/13 Kim Brynildson
8/15 Jamie Gudknecht
8/15 Paul Schafer
8/20 Howard Vansteenburgh

SEPTEMBER

9/20 Myrna Schultz
9/26 Richard Polly
9/30 Lily Pfefferle

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.



Tuesday Singalong

Every other Tuesday, beginning June 2
6 pm under the Portico
bring your voice, bring your instrument
Stay tuned for singalong dates

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