



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

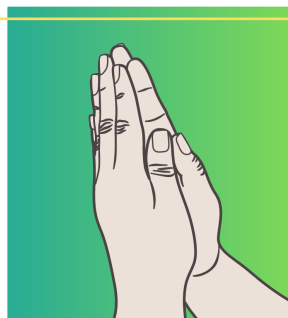
And now for something completely different... I've been a fan of the British comedy troupe Monty Python since junior high. I remember when I first saw them. It was shortly after 10:30 pm, Dad and I had returned from a basketball game with the pep band. I turned on the tv, flipped through the channels and landed on the local PBS station. On screen the camera panned to BBC program announcer sitting at a desk in the middle of a meadow. He looked at the camera, shuffled some papers, and said, "And now for something completely different." We were hooked.

September at Cross might not be completely different, but it is full of variety. On Labor Day weekend we welcome guest pastor Brandon, Sept. 13 is *God's Work Our Hands Sunday*, with our friends at Promesa de Dios, for shared worship, meal, and a few service projects. On Sept. 20, we'll mark a new church commemoration, *Christ in Creation Sunday* and welcome Maplewood's *Appropriate Response Team* members for adult education. The week after, another guest preacher.

Of course, there's more to come after that: Confirmation on *Reformation Sunday* (Oct. 25), *All Saints Sunday* (Nov. 1), *Reign of Christ Sunday* (Nov. 22), *Thanksgiving Worship* (Nov. 24) and then *Advent* begins on Nov. 29. It might not be completely different, but it promises to be completely lovely.

Pax


Pastor Scott



We Pray For:

The family and friends of Mary Vatne, Nancy, Lisa, Marya, Marv, Sheree, Marie, Janice, Niki, baby Hayden, Gabby, Creed and baby Ryker, Ray and Clara, Henry, Dawn, Brady, Judy, Dottie, BettyLu, Bruce, Kelly, Trudy and Murlyn, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, MaryJo, Lew, Barb, Lindsay, Molly, Bob, Raphael, Maja, Kenny and family, Niki, Dave Olson and family, Zach, the O'Brien 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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



STEWARDSHIP

Current Dedicated Accounts

Air Conditioning
Memorial: \$5,000.00;
Capital Improvement
Fund: \$39,712.80;
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



Below are the numbers through July, 2026

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$7,505.00	\$10,196.75	\$72,931.38	\$71,377.25	\$122,361.00	\$1,554.13
Holidays/Special Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,040.00	\$4,675.00	\$9,425.00	(\$635.00)
Interest Income Totals	\$0.00	\$3.33	\$21.70	\$23.35	\$40.00	(\$1.65)
Other Income Totals	\$4,067.00	\$4,050.33	\$32,726.23	\$32,752.35	\$79,504.00	(\$26.12)
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.33	\$1,804.33	\$12,630.35	\$12,630.35	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$13,376.33	\$16,054.74	\$122,349.66	\$121,458.30	\$232,982.00	\$891.36
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$0.00	\$331.25	\$1,533.34	\$2,618.75	\$4,275.00	\$1,085.41
Executive Board Totals	\$12,553.47	\$13,468.60	\$90,697.51	\$94,318.00	\$161,659.00	\$3,620.49
Faith Formation Totals	\$112.27	\$70.83	\$1,738.27	\$1,845.85	\$2,300.00	\$107.58
Stewardship Totals	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$2,594.15	\$3,416.65	\$6,000.00	\$822.50
Church Properties Totals	\$4,223.64	\$5,325.62	\$31,473.60	\$34,776.09	\$58,748.00	\$3,302.49
Expense Totals	\$16,889.38	\$19,237.97	\$128,036.87	\$136,975.34	\$232,982.00	\$8,938.47
Income-Expense:	(\$3,513.05)	(\$3,183.23)	(\$5,687.21)	(\$15,517.04)	\$0.00	\$9,829.83
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	(\$907.50)	\$0.00	\$8,030.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,030.66
Totals Including CLIF	(\$4,420.55)	(\$3,183.23)	\$2,343.45	(\$15,517.04)	\$0.00	\$17,860.49

Special Adult Ed Gathering, September 20, 11 am with Maplewood Community Responders



The City of Maplewood is partnering with Ramsey County and the Roots Wellness Center on the *Appropriate Response Initiative*, a pilot program where trained community responders serve our community providing outreach, distributing harm reduction supplies, delivering groceries, and connecting people to mental health, substance use, and basic needs resources. Community Responders are also trained to respond to 911 calls that do not require police involvement—offering de-escalation, support, and real solutions instead of enforcement.

You may have already met some of the Community Responders, who have joined Cross at National Night Out and volunteered at our August Community Market. Please plan on joining them for a special



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., September 21, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Dubliner Pub in St. Paul.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY is still on break and considering a new weekly schedule. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Scott.



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 will be starting soon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sharon Crist.



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 mrscott1717@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.





BAKE SALE AND LUNCH

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER
24TH**

United Sisters Fundraiser



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a United Sisters Bake Sale and lunch on October 24th. We will need donations of baked goods and few folks to make a crockpot of sloppy joes. The sale and lunch will run from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for baking, cooking and serving.

All proceeds go to the United Sisters!



God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

This year, Cross is partnering with Promesa de Dios for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 13. Our celebration will open with shared worship on Sunday morning at 10 am, followed by a shared meal and service projects into the early afternoon. Our primary service project will be assembling 100 *blessing bags* for area homeless and needy neighbors. These bags will include digital watches, personal flashlights, and individual wet wipes, all of which are already donated. We still need the following:

- socks (above ankle, black preferred)
- gloves (cotton or lighter weight ok)
- stocking caps
- soft snacks (nut-free preferred)
- individual bug wipes
- travel size hand sanitizers

A portion of the Blessing Bags will be donated to the Maplewood Appropriate Response Initiative Community Response team, who interact with the local homeless population on a regular basis.

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 13, AFTER WORSHIP



John Glenn Market Report

We had a wonderful and busy market on Wednesday, August 26th. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that helped out with this bustling market. You are the reason this all works so well.

FAMILIES: 159	SENIORS: 18
TOTAL PEOPLE: 841	ADULTS: 87
KIDS: 463	NEW FAMILIES: 87

**We gave out 9,793 lbs of food
(5,285 lbs from fresh and frozen)**

COMMUNITY MARKET DATES 2026-2027

September 23rd	December 16th	March 17th
October 21st	January 20th	April 21st
November 18th	February 24th	May 19th

John Glenn School Supplies Wishlist



Spiral Notebooks	Colored Markers
Plastic two-pocket folders	Highlighters
Colored Pencils	AAA Batteries
Glue Sticks	Pencils
Black Expo Markers	Kleenex
	Backpacks

please place all donations on the south table in the narthex



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

9/20 Myrna Schultz

9/26 Richard Polly

9/30 Lily Pfefferle

OCTOBER

10/3 Duane Gudknecht

10/10 Henry Mizinski

10/12 Cody LeMay

10/14 Nancy Brown

10/22 Dottie Bingman

10/26 Judy Ashby

10/29 Janice Neenan

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.

September 2026

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