



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

It's the first of October and my thoughts have turned to tires. Good, dependable all-weather tires that provide a quiet but smooth ride, and more importantly, give me good traction and control on snowy and icy roads. 'Cause, believe it or not, Winter is coming and the tread on my current tires is starting to thin.

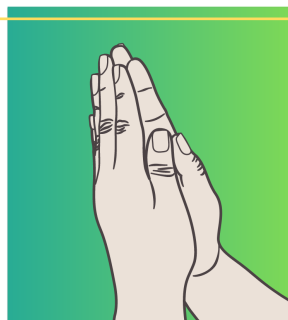
Now whether the coming Winter will be milder than usual, warmer than usual, or much more cold and harsh remains to be seen. The forecasters and pundits are making their predictions, and so has the good old Farmers Almanac. But no matter what the prediction, we know in Minnesota that cold and snow will be in the forecast. Hence, the all-weather tires.

Here at Cross, Winter is bearing down as well. and we have a sense of what's in store: Advent Wednesdays and Christmas week, Reformation and All Saints Sunday, toy drives and budget planning, bake sales and Carols and Ales at the Dubliner (pro tip: come early). We'll even have a Confirmation celebration at the end of this month.

Of course, there will be a few surprises on our road ahead, but nothing that we cannot handle together. So as I kick the tires here at Cross as we look toward the beginning of the new Church year and the end of the fiscal year I give thanks for where we are together, and look forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit is calling us into the future.

Pax

Pastor Scott



We Pray For:

The family and friends of Mary Vatne, Marv, Nancy, Ray and Clara, Sheree, Lisa, Marya, Marie, Janice, Bob and Pru, Niki, Gabby, Creed and baby Ryker, Brady, Judy, Dottie, BettyLu, Bruce, Laura, Kelly, Trudy and Murlyn, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, MaryJo, Lew, Barb, Lindsay, Molly, Bob, Raphael, Maja, Kenny and family, Niki, 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.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



We give thanks for our brothers and sisters at Promesa de Dios for joining us Sept. 6 for God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We shared a lively and lovely English and Spanish worship, tasty food from South of the Border, and a service project that created over 140 blessing bags for the homeless and a set of new yard signs for the lawn. Thanks to all who helped.

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 August, 2026

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual
Income						
Weekly Offerings Totals	\$9,850.00	\$10,196.75	\$82,781.38	\$81,574.00	\$122,361.00	\$1,207.38
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	\$26.68	\$40.00	(\$4.98)
Other Income Totals	\$4,017.00	\$4,050.33	\$36,743.23	\$36,802.68	\$79,504.00	(\$59.45)
Dedicated Funds Released Totals	\$1,804.33	\$1,804.33	\$14,434.68	\$14,434.68	\$21,652.00	\$0.00
Income Totals	\$15,671.33	\$16,054.74	\$138,020.99	\$137,513.04	\$232,982.00	\$507.95
Expenses						
Lay Ministry Totals	\$753.88	\$331.25	\$2,287.22	\$2,950.00	\$4,275.00	\$662.78
Executive Board Totals	\$12,312.43	\$13,468.60	\$103,009.94	\$107,786.60	\$161,659.00	\$4,776.66
Faith Formation Totals	\$135.20	\$70.83	\$1,873.47	\$1,916.68	\$2,300.00	\$43.21
Stewardship Totals	\$1,044.00	\$1,166.67	\$3,638.15	\$4,583.32	\$6,000.00	\$945.17
Church Properties Totals	\$4,807.60	\$4,610.91	\$36,281.20	\$39,387.00	\$58,748.00	\$3,105.80
Expense Totals	\$19,053.11	\$19,648.26	\$147,089.98	\$156,623.60	\$232,982.00	\$9,533.62
Income-Expense:	(\$3,381.78)	(\$3,593.52)	(\$9,068.99)	(\$19,110.56)	\$0.00	\$10,041.57
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Totals	\$1,796.94	\$0.00	\$9,827.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,827.60
Totals Including CLIF	(\$1,584.84)	(\$3,593.52)	\$758.61	(\$19,110.56)	\$0.00	\$19,869.17



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 IS a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for baking, cooking and serving.

All proceeds go to the United Sisters!



The next **Hymntap with Pastor Scott and the Fleshpots of Egypt** is Mon., October 19, 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.





John Glenn Market Report

We had a wonderful and busy market on Wednesday, September 23rd. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that helped out with this bustling market. You are the reason this all works so well.

FAMILIES: 94

SENIORS: 12

TOTAL PEOPLE: 486

ADULTS: 194

KIDS: 271

NEW FAMILIES: 23

**We gave out 8,017 lbs of food
(4,947 lbs from fresh and frozen)**

COMMUNITY MARKET DATES 2026-2027

October 21st

December 16th

March 17th

January 20th

April 21st

November 18th

February 24th

May 19th



Fall Launching Pad Items

Sweatpants

Sizes: Kids L, XL

Adults: S - XXL

Fem. Hygiene Products

Pads

Bar Soap

Ongoing:

Kleenex, Black

ExpoMarkers,

Coats

Happy Birthday

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

NOVEMBER

11/1 Ronald Hanson
11/1 Marion Lindstrom
11/1 LuAnn Lund
11/19 Diana Swanson
11/21 Keith Lindquist
11/26 Lette 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.

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

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 7:30AM Cross Worship/Education 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 1:00PM Promesa Da Dios 5:00PM Ebenezer Elim	28 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office Hours --- by appt only 6:00PM Stewardship Meeting	29 1:00PM Pastor Scott Office by appt 7:00PM Adventista Septimo Dia	30 10:30AM Bible Study with Pastor Scott 1:00PM Worship at Shores of Lake Phalen 2:15PM Pastor Scott Drop In Office 5:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Choir Practice	1 1:00PM Pastor Scott's Office Hours - By appt only. 7:00PM Ebenezer Elim	2 9:00AM Adventista del Septimo Dia 2:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Septimo Dia	3 9:00AM Adventista del Septimo Dia 2:30PM Cross Organ Practice 5:00PM Adventista del Septimo Dia
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