

Cross Currents

Lutheran
Church
of the Cross
2022

November



Dear LCC family,

Romans 12:3-8 - For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Use your gifts. They were given to you to be used. Gifts are given to be cultivated; talents are given to be invested for growth and progress. All the gifts we are given by God are meant to be used, to glorify Him and to edify those around us. Maybe you have the gift of proclaiming the Good News of Christ. By all means use it. Use it right where you are, without pride, to the limit of the faith God has given you.

One gift many people have today is to be able to contribute, to give of themselves and their finances. Material resources go a long way toward blessing the kingdom of God on earth. They too were given to us to use in God's service. And for those who are so blessed, they are called to give, and give freely.

In the last six weeks the amount of time and talents that we have seen shows the real use of the time and talents of hundreds of our members.

WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, led by Your Holy Spirit, may we give cheerfully to others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Blessings,
Rob Norgon
Stewardship Chair

FALL BACK

Turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime Saturday night and get an extra hour of sleep for worship on **Sunday, Nov. 6th!**

Test and replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



ANNUAL MEETING PART I

November 20: the meeting is called for the purpose of electing people to Lutheran Church of the Cross Council, Heartland Conference, Synod Assembly, and Memorial Garden committee. The annual meeting will be held in the Celebration Center at 10:00 am.

In observance of Veteran's Day, we will honor our veterans of Us Armed Forces during worship on Sunday, November 13th.



YEAR END GIVING

For those of you considering year-end giving which involve retirement accounts (ie: IRS's, 401K's, etc); the normal process can take up to several weeks to convert funds. We suggest you contact your financial institution early December. Please use the correct mailing address: LCC P O Box 29 Nisswa, MN 56468 All giving dated 12/31/2022 will be credited to statements if received by 1/03/2023.

Please be aware the Postal Service has indicated there will be up to a five day delay in receiving 1st Class mail.



Treasurer's Report - Financial Summary 2022 General Fund

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Annual Annual
				% YTD of Budget
Income	\$ 51,563	\$ 481,940	\$ 688,900	70.0%
Expenses	\$ 59,870	\$ 488,310	\$ 688,900	70.9%
Difference	\$ (8,307)	\$ (6,639)	\$ 0	

**In the month of September our expenses were greater than our income by \$6,369.
Thank you for your continued support.**



FUNERAL

Name: Ernest Teie
 Born: December 17, 1927
 Died in Christ: September 1, 2022
 Funeral: October 16, 2022
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

WEDDING

Name: Lindsey Bock & Richard Maltby
 September 24, 2022
 Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant
 Private residence

WEDDING

Name: Tressa Johansen & Brian Dahl
 September 24, 2022
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant
 Grand View Lodge

BAPTISM

Name: Hayes Everett Owen
 Born: October 5, 2021
 Baptized: October 9, 2022
 Parents: Michael & Melissa Owen
 Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant

BAPTISM

Name: Trey Robert Hanowski
 Born: July 5, 2022
 Baptized: October 16, 2022
 Parents: Joey & Erica Hanowski
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

WEDDING

Name: Isaac Olson & Emily Gilk
 October 1, 2022
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant
 Lutheran Church of the Cross



FAMILY FUN NIGHT -

November 18

Join us for Pizza and Games followed by our “Christmas in November” organ and piano concert!

All are welcome—bring your favorite game for food, fun and fellowship!

Games and pizza in Celebration Center at 5:30pm, Christmas in November Concert in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.

JUMP IN THE CAR AND JOIN US!!

5th - 7th graders: sign up to acolyte:

<https://tinyurl.com/48emx3dv>

Playground Task Force Update



We had a great meeting with representatives from the Memorial Garden Committee, Creation Care Team, and the Properties Committee. Laura explained possibilities for future expansion of the butterfly garden, and we discussed options for installation designs.

All who were present were in agreement on moving forward to present a plan to the Church Council.

Task Force Members: Pr. Drew, Todd Whipple, Kari Erickson, Alanna LeBlanc, Sherry Pape, Autumn Loge, Danae Anderson

WANTED!

12 kids to have speaking parts in our Christmas Pageant,

SEE KARI IF INTERESTED



"One Night in Bethlehem"

9am in Celebration Center on December 11

We will rehearse on Sundays after worship and on Wednesdays after King's Kids



ATTENTION ALL LCC YOUTH, gr. 6 to 12

TOGETHER[E]

Nov. 19 - 20, 2022

GRADES 7-12

Cragun's Resort

THE NE MN SYNOD ALL YOUTH GATHERING

Let's get together to...

laugh and play

learn and grow

worship and pray

...be together.

**Plan to attend - sign up on
green clipboard outside
Kari's office**

**Deadline
is Nov. 7**

Worship On Wednesday

There's something for everyone on Wednesday evenings! New this year: school-aged children (grades 1 - 4) are welcome for Cross Kids Connection at 7pm. The lesson will be a repeat of the previous Sunday's message, along with a combination of liturgy, prayer, activities and crafts, songs, and Bible exploration. This group will meet in Classroom 3 (across from the Choir Room.) If you find yourselves waiting for a Confirmation or Route 56 student, this is a great option—and Pr. Michelle will be offering "A Time For Us" for parents at the same time.

Chat & Chow has started and you are invited - I'll be there on Nov. 11 -- Kari

CHAT & CHOW



- 10/28: Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- 11/4: Mac and Cheese & Hotdogs
- 11/11: Walking Tacos
- 11/18: Meatball Subs

**PLHS
Jrs. & Srs.
Friday Lunch
Gloria Dei Lutheran**

**Food - Fellowship
Fun - Door Prizes**

Attention LCC Youth who attend Pequot Lakes High School—Chat & Chow has resumed for the year.

Enjoy a complimentary and yummy meal on Fridays during your lunch period.

Walk on over to Gloria Dei and bring some friends.

You will enjoy food, fellowship, and there's lots of DOOR PRIZES!!

Kari will be serving the meal on November 11—stop by for an extra special treat:-))

7th—12th graders:
RESERVE YOUR
SUPER ROLL
VOLUNTEER SPOT BY
GOING TO THE
SIGNUPGENIUS LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/4fcs5rjm>



SUPER ROLL SUNDAY

**November 6
during Coffee
Fellowship**



Now taking orders for carryout - frosted or caramel - \$15 per dozen! Thanks for supporting our youth:-)



Hymn of the Month

November 2022 2022

Now Thank We All Our God (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT)



Text: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); Music: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

This hymn is the quintessential hymn for Thanksgiving. It is one of the few hymns we have that is exclusively devoted to thanking God for all our blessings.

The music to this hymn was composed by Johann Crüger, a German composer of many well-known hymns. Some of those hymns are "Now Thank We All Our God", "Jesu, Meine Freude – or Jesus, Priceless Treasure", "Ah, Holy Jesus" and "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness". He studied music in Berlin and was cantor of St. Nickolas Church in Berlin for 40 years. During the Thirty Years' War in Europe his family experienced much hardship and hunger. He lost children and his wife during that time. He then remarried and had another 14 children, many of them who died.

Martin Rinkart wrote the text to this wonderful hymn of thanks. The story following is written by Henry Fariepy, the National Literary Consultant for The Salvation Army in a book entitled "Songs in the Night", hymns born in trial and suffering.

When we sing the stately hymn of thanksgiving and praise "Now Thank We All Our God", we might not realize its birth in one of history's greatest periods of suffering.

Nothing brings more suffering and tragedy to our world as war. Even if one believes that war may be the necessary instrument for peace in some situations, it still leaves an aftermath of death and destruction.

One of history's longest and most terrible wars, the last of the great religious wars of Europe, was the Thirty Years' War of 1618-48. H. G. Wells described it as "one of the most cruel and destructive" of history. Germany, the main battleground between the warring Catholics and Protestants from various countries of Central Europe, suffered misery beyond description, with the German populations decimated from sixteen million to six million.

At the outset, Martin Rinkart was called to pastor a church in the walled city of Eilenberg where many fugitives took refuge. He faithfully ministered to the sick and the dying of that city for the full period of the war, enduring the famines, plagues, and marching armies that swept through the city. During the dreadful plague of 1637, he would often conduct as many as forty funerals a day and ultimately over 4,500, including that of his wife.

Yet in the midst of the horrors of that war, Rinkart wrote a "table grace" that was sung as a national thanksgiving at the end of the Thirty Years' War. It became a hymn of praise sung across the centuries throughout the world, aided in popularity by its English translation.

The experience out of which this song was born reminds us that in the worst of circumstances, we can still raise our *Te Deum* (Christian hymn) in trial, our praise amid problems and our doxology amid desolation.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thessalonians 5:18

Have a wonderful and thankful November and Thanksgiving.

Cathy Taylor, Director of Music Ministries

Cathy Taylor and Laura Raedecke present

Christmas in November

Selections for organ and piano

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30pm

Lutheran Church of the Cross Music Ministry

ALL ARE WELCOME

Free will offering will benefit our organ fund

Ponder and Prayer Group— Day and Time change-NOW **Thursdays at 9:00 AM**

Ponder and Prayer has changed to Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM. Meet in the back of the sanctuary for a time of quiet prayer and being still before the Lord. All are welcome. If you would like, head to Toning With a Purpose at 10:00 AM in the chapel hall afterwards.

WOMEN in the WORD BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Michelle for the *Women of the Word* Bible Study on **Tuesday, Nov. 1** at either **10:00 AM or 7:00 PM**. It's a time to look into Scripture and see how it relates to our lives today. Come for coffee, treats, and good conversation centered around God's Word!

Men's Breakfast

Join the LCC men for coffee, breakfast and good fellowship in the backroom of **SideTrack restaurant** on Hwy 371 **every Thursday** morning at **8:15am**. Pastor Drew will lead a short Bible Study and the remainder of the time is for fellowship and good food! Contact: Pastor Drew

A Time for Us for Parents - Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM

Parents, this is for you. While your child is in Cross Kids, Route 56, or Confirmation, join Pastor Michelle on **Wednesday** evenings from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the old youth room. In November we will begin Season 2 of *The Chosen*. We will not meet on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23. Come when you can. See you on Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30.

Pizza and Games - Friday, Nov 18

Come for a fun night of pizza and fixings and a night of lively games on **Friday, Nov 18 from 5:30-7:30 PM**. We eat and play games in the Celebration Center. Join us for fun card games, board games, and lots of good food. *Christmas in November Organ Concert* starts at 7:30 pm. Come for supper and games and stay for the organ concert and Christmas goodies.

LCC Lift

Are you willing to occasionally drive someone to church? We have people who would like to attend church services but occasionally need a "lift" to church. If you are willing to give someone a "lift", contact Lenny Hodgson.



PrimeTimers - Thursday, Nov. 10 at 12:00

Join us for an enlightening program on the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport. Our speaker is Steve Wright, the manager of



Brainerd Lakes Airport. Come for a great program to learn about our airport and future plans. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Coffee hosts will be Stacy & Keith Grothem and Marie & David Olness. Everyone over 55 is welcome. We will also be talking about our December Festival of Tables and programming for 2023. **See you Thursday, Nov. 10, 12:00 noon for a great program!**

December Festival of Tables - Thursday, Dec. 8 at 12:00



Save the date! Kick off the Christmas season with the first-ever **PrimeTimers Christmas Festival of Tables.** The lunch will be catered and tickets will go on sale at our November PrimeTimers lunch event and will be sold every Sunday in the narthex. The Brainerd High School **Windfall singing group** will be our entertainment. Watch

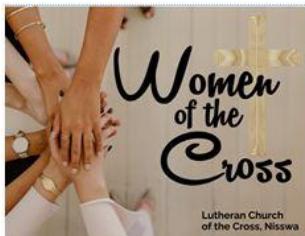
for more details. Put **Thursday, December 8, on your calendar.** Here's to a holly, jolly Christmas!



Toning with a Purpose

Join us every Thursday from **10:00—11:00am** in Chapel Hall for an hour of toning using bands and weights as we work on our core and balance. You are welcome and encouraged to work at your own intensity level. Instructor and Lead Teacher: Gloria Thomas. All free will donations are sent to *Smile Train*.





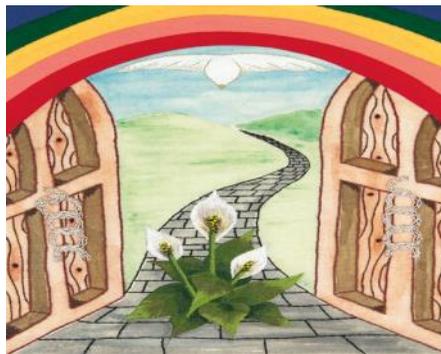
Gather Bible Study Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue with the three-part Bible Study written by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith entitled, *Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith*. Rev. Olson-Smith writes, "Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture." Our September discussion was very thought-provoking, lively, and brought all of us closer to each other in Christ.

Session 3: *Creatures*, offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs, and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

Betty Arveson will be leading the Bible Study, and Kate Carlson will be providing treats. *Please note the time change back to 10:00 a.m.*

World Day of Prayer at LCC



For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you to all who volunteered and assisted in any way with LCC World Day of Prayer on October 2nd! By jointly using our various God given gifts, we provided and enjoyed traditions and brought awareness of the needs in other countries of the world. We also worshiped using the theme verse of Jeremiah 29:11 where God promises that He has a plan for each of us, has not created anyone else with our same skills and abilities, loves us and wants to know what's happening in our lives. His Plan for our lives far outweighs the plans that we have for ourselves! Thanks again for your willingness to donate your time and talents to LCC's 2022 World Day of Prayer!!!

Your Sister in Christ, Carolyn Blanck
2022 LCC World Day of Prayer Coordinator



Women of the Cross (Women of the ELCA)

Upcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Inviting all Women: the Women's Annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletters, bulletins, and e-blasts!



2022 LCC Christmas Tree of Sharing

Plan now to join other LCC members in gifting children and adults whose lives are touched by violence, abuse or addiction and brighten the lives of the elderly. Watch for the 2022 LCC Christmas Tree of Sharing, which will be coming soon to LCC. This year's Sharing Tree Gifts will benefit Children of Adult and Teen Challenge Participants, Residents of Hills Crossing Senior Living, Participants of Breath of Life Adult Day Care, Families at Mid MN Women's Center and Students with ISD 181 Collaborative Services in the Nisswa Area. **Choose an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift requested on the ornament, bring the unwrapped gift - with the ornament attached - back to LCC and place it under the Christmas Tree of Sharing.** A Tree of Sharing will be in the Narthex and also one in the Celebration Center Hallway **Sunday, November 27th- Sunday, December 11th. Monday, December 12th, is the last day we can accept gifts for the LCC Christmas Tree of Sharing.** Thank you in advance for sharing with God's children as we celebrate His gift of the Christ Child given for all.

*(LCC Christmas Tree of Sharing is sponsored by
LCC Women of the ELCA aka LCC Women of the Cross)*

Did You Know?

THE NE MN SYNOD OFFICE OF THE BISHOP IN DULUTH HAS BEEN SOLD. AND, in a BOLD unanimous decision by the Synod Council, a generous "reparations gift" (a portion of the Property Sale) has been given to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. "This is a natural outpouring of the ELCA's understanding of God, our baptismal identity, and our theology", said the press release.

Inquiries regarding this action can be made to Bishop Amy Odgren or Deacon Colleen Bernu, Synod Minister of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, at colleen.bernu@nemnsynod.org or [\(218\) 724-4424](tel:2187244424).

Note:

This "Did You Know" is the first installment of brief messages on racial justice. You are invited to meet with "People for Racial Justice" every third Monday at 7:00 PM in the Conservatory, next to the Choir Room. Let's grow together advocating racial justice by the help of God. Terry Frovik, Convener.

Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen News

If you would like to help, sign up on the Soup Kitchen calendar in the hall by the bathrooms, or call, email, or text Ann Bergin at 218-820-5511 or georgiabergin@gmail.com.



Our team is also serving Weds. Suppers on Nov. 16, Jan. 11, and Feb. 1.



By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." Acts 20:35

FAST FOOD FAITH

5th—8th graders are invited to join Kari for a special event that will include games, food, and a devotion!!

We will meet in Celebration Center at 4pm on Sunday, November 27.

Not only will we be eating some yummy "fast food," but we will be learning about how Jesus used food many times in His ministry and how we can (and do!) too.

Food, **F**un and **F**ellowship -

Fast **F**ood **F**aith!!!

Sign up on the clipboard outside of Kari's office. All are welcome!





Please sign up to lend a hand— we will need some help with the pie and coffee—two shifts:

5:45 to 6:15 to set up (need 5 people)

7:00 to 8:00 to serve and clean up (need 5 people)

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX—THANK YOU!! - Sally Hodgson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Nov
facility calendar for:			Nov
		<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Women in the Word 10:00 Coffee Clutch 7:00 Women in the Word</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Text S 9:30 Quilt 5:30 Bells 5:45 Supp 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
<p>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship/ Rolls 10:00 Worship & Music Committee 10:15 Cross Kids Connection</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Suicide Loss Survivor Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting /Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Coffee Clutch 5:00 Lakes Area Food Shelf Board Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 Text S 10:00 Gathe 5:30 Bells 5:45 Suppe 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
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<p>20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Annual Meeting Part I 10:15 Cross Kids Connections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Warming Shelter Week</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 MOPS 1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 People for Racial Justice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Coffee Clutch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 Text S 5:30 Bells 6:20 Thank 7:00 Pie Fe</p>
<p>27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Cross Kids Connection 11:30 CYFM Fast Food Faith Event</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Coffee Clutch 10:00 Novel Ideas Book Club</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 Text 5:30 Bells 5:45 Supp 6:00 King 6:20 Wor 7:00 Conf 7:00 Sr. C</p>

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<p>Study ers of Praise er s Kids hip w/ Communion / Route 56/Cross Kids choir/HSYG/Time for Us</p>	<p>3 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 7:00 A.A. </p>	<p>4 9:00 55+ Drivers Discount Program</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Study er Bible Study of Praise er Kids hip w/ Communion / Route 56/Cross Kids choir/Time for Us</p>	<p>10 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 12:00 PrimeTimers 7:00 Church Council 7:00 A.A.</p>	<p>11 11:00 Chat N Chow 7:00 Legacy Chorale Concert </p>	<p>12</p>
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<p>Study of Praise giving Eve Worship llowship</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED </p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED </p>	<p>26</p>
<p>Study of Praise er s Kids hip w/ Communion / Route 56/Cross Kids choir/Time for Us</p>			<p>Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.</p>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Carly Maine, Ethan Trosdahl
2. Barbara Thell
3. Michael Baker, Keaton Brill, Alex Hernandez, Janet Horn, Allyson Smith, Eunice Wiebolt
4. Janet Bedard,
5. Eugene Schroeder, Dennis Skjod
6. Roger Johnson, James Kuusisto
7. Joseph Milli, Nash Tietz
8. Sheree Hansen, Pam Johnson, Jonah Schwanke
- 9.
10. Betty Huseby, Eva Oium, Jody Rasinski
11. Joe Winegar
12. Lowell Carlson, Mac Chandler, Jane Johnson, Dennis Lueck
13. Sharol Rude, Amy Strother
14. Carter Loge
15. Peggy Beck, Greg Larson, Roger Salfer, Rachel Sullivan, Claudette Tollefsrud
16. Violet Anderson, Rick Skogen
17. Loni Hiles
- 18.
19. Daniel Fiebelkorn, Brad Henry, Gavin Johnson
20. Bob Burns, Michelle Nelson
21. Tami Evanson, Alex Jones, Greg Nygren, Jarrett Tietz
22. David Pederson, John Wallin, Brian Wermager, Garrett Westin
23. Deborah Fiebelkorn
- 24.
25. Aron Anderson, Taena Evanson, Taunya Loge, Lee Oseland
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27. Diane Anderson, Marcie Hofmann, Jan Peterson
28. Russ Doering, Cooper Jacobs
29. Nancy Buckley, Meriel Park
30. Joe Ciardelli, Ruby Dirkes, Carter Fritz



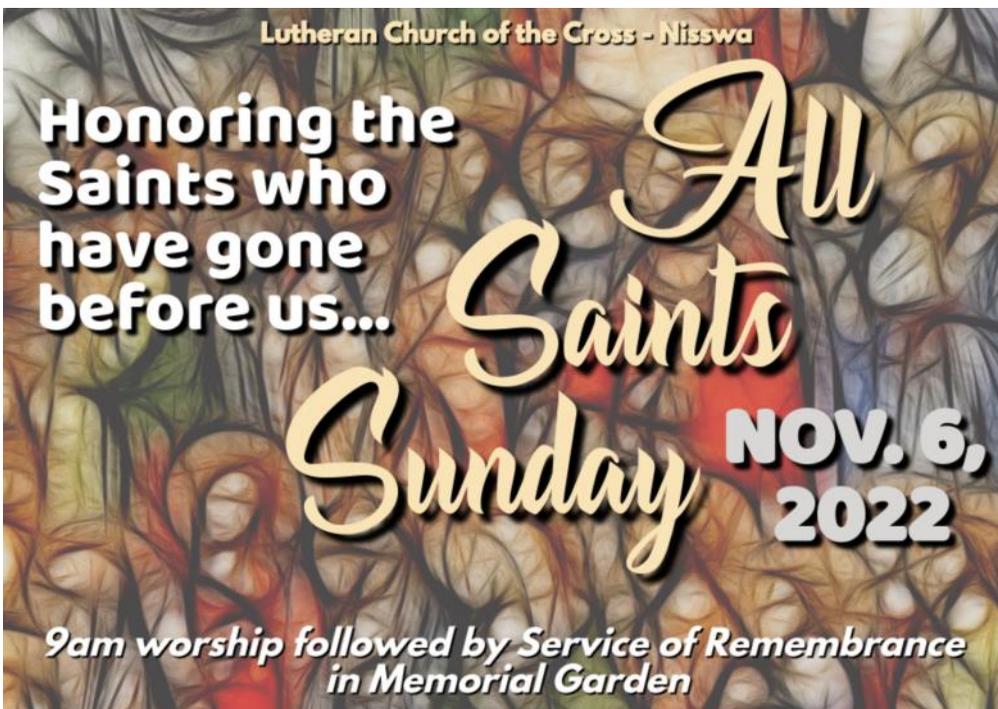
ART & FAITH GALLERY

*A Tribute Exhibition
Celebrating the Life and Art of
Vickie Reph
(1947 – 2020)*

The LCC Art and Faith group is pleased to share this exhibit of Vickie's work from Sunday November 20th, and ending on Sunday, January 1st.

Vickie Reph was an accomplished artist and beloved member of Lutheran Church of the Cross. Her art career goes back many years creating and painting ceramics—figures, pottery and dishes—many of which are still in use today.

More recently Vickie turned to watercolor painting and soon her paintings were reproduced as limited edition prints and notecards and had a wide distribution in the area.



Lutheran Church of the Cross - Nisswa

**Honoring the
Saints who
have gone
before us...**

**All
Saints
Sunday**

**NOV. 6,
2022**

*9am worship followed by Service of Remembrance
in Memorial Garden*

LCC September 2022 Rummage Sale Donation Distributions

LCC Internal Ministries@ 35% =	\$ 8,050
State/Community @ 25% =	\$ 5,750
Nation/World @ 25% + 15% Most Need=	<u>\$ 9,200</u>
TOTAL	\$23,000

LCC INTERNAL MINISTRIES @ 35% = \$8,050

LCC Children Youth and Family Ministry (Camperships for Luther Crest)	\$1,500
LCC Children Youth and Family Ministry (Playground Task Force project)	\$ 500
LCC Creation Care Team (Match funds for this Eco Faith Network and ministry)	\$ 200
LCC Foundation (Future investment of LCC and its ministries)	\$1,000
LCC Rummage Sale (LCC office supplies, copy machine usage)	\$ 200
LCC Rummage Sale (Cordless vacuum cleaner -1/2 cost estimate)	\$ 300
LCC Scholarship for High School Graduates (Scholarships for higher learning)	\$1,000
LCC Novel Ideas Book Club Ministry (Purchase books for group discussion and library)	\$ 800
TOTAL LCC INTERNAL MINISTRIES	\$5,500

COMMUNITY/STATE @ 25% = \$5,750

Breath of Life (Face masks for staff supporting adult day care)	\$ 400
Central Lakes College Food Pantry (Stocking on-campus food pantry for single parent students)	\$ 500
Family Services Collaborative – Lakes Area (Gas cards for transportation crisis)	\$ 500
Minneapolis Children’s Hospital	\$1,000
Teen and Adult Challenge (Local Chapter – fake pill and other issues)	\$1,000
Rising Hope Foundation Brainerd Freedom Ranch (Support of sex trafficking safe home)	\$ 500
Warming Shelter/Bridges of Hope (Basic operational needs for shelter)	\$1,000
YMCA Hours for Showers Fund (Provide towels/soap for showers for homeless)	\$ 500
TOTAL COMMUNITY/STATE	\$5,400

NATION/WORLD @ 25% = \$5,750 + 15% MOST NEED = \$3,450

TOTAL @ 40% = \$9,200

Bright Stars of Bethlehem (Scholarship – Dar al Kamina University, Bethlehem, Palestine)	\$ 300
Global Health Ministries (Training medical staff @Phoebe & Curran hospitals in Liberia)	\$1,000
Global Mission Team of LCC (Support Pastor Bradn Buerkle – ELCA Missionary)	\$ 500
Global Mission Team of LCC – NE MN Synod (Support PK School in LaCanada, Honduras)	\$ 500
Global Mission Team of LCC – NE MN Synod (Seminary student scholarship – India)	\$1,400
Global Mission Team of LCC – NE MN Synod (Augusta Victoria Hospital – East Jerusalem)	\$1,500
Lord of Life Lutheran Church (Dental chair vacuum unit/Dominican Republic mission)	\$ 300
Lutheran Disaster Relief (Hurricane Ian Relief)	\$1,000
Lutheran Disaster Relief (Eastern Europe Ukraine Relief)	\$1,000
Missionary Flights International (Fuel to fly food, clothing, supplies to Haiti/Jamaica)	\$1,000
Sonshine Ministries – Mexico (Supply food, medical, Sunday school supplies for poor)	\$ 400

TOTAL NATION/WORLD \$8,900

TOTAL LCC MINISTRIES, STATE, WORLD \$19,800

NOTE: NET RUMMAGE SALE INCOME: \$32,935

LESS GARAGE ADDITION PAYMENT - \$5,000

LESS WELCA: WOMEN OF THE CROSS (15%) - \$4,940

TOTAL AVAILABLE: (ROUNDED TO \$23,000) \$22,995

A big thank you to all who contributed time, donations, and made purchases.

We are accepting donations beginning November 1st. See list of acceptable items and those items we cannot accept. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Week Family Devotions

MONDAY:

- Look up and read Psalm 107:1
- Give thanks to God because His love is with us forever! His love for us never ends, and our thankfulness to God should never end. We have a day set aside to be thankful for our many blessings, — full of family and food, two of our wonderful blessings! As We also know the true source of ALL of our blessings—God!
- What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day blessing? Share 3 more of your very special blessings. What else are you thankful for? How does it make you feel to know that God's love never ends?
- Let's praise the Lord for everything He has made. Go around and have everyone say something the Lord has made that they are thankful for. We should never stop giving thanks to God!

TUESDAY:

- Look up and read James 1:17
- Every good thing is from God. God never changes—He is the same, and His gifts are the same, no matter what is going on. What an important reminder about how perfectly He loves us!
- What good gifts can you thank God for today? What do you think it means that God never changes? Why do you think it's important to thank God, even in hard times?
- Can you think of some of the biggest blessings in your life this year? What is something good that has happened? Did you see God show His beauty and love in the middle of something hard? Let's share those things together, and then praise God for His good gifts to us.

WEDNESDAY

- Look up and read Psalm 95:1-6
- We have so many reasons to come to God with thanksgiving and praise. Psalm 95 lists some of them—see how many you can find.
- What do you think it means to “make a joyful noise”? What is your favorite part of God's creation? What is one way you can show your thanks to God by taking care of the things He made?
- Let's take a moment to think about all the things we have to thank God for, and how He calls us to love the things He has created. Then let's pray and ask Him to always help us be aware of His blessings and to be grateful for them.

THURSDAY:

- Look up and read Ephesians 5:19-20.
- As we give thanks with our family and friends, let's also remember to give thanks to God. This verse also says to sing songs to God in our hearts all of the time. Even when we can't actually sing, our hearts should always be praising God.
- What do you think it means to praise God in your heart If you had to choose just one or two words to shout out to God in thanksgiving, what would it be? Can you think of one more thing to be thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving Day?
- Sing the doxology together to close out this beautiful week of thanksgiving—*Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*



The Bridge on 7th

Thanks to our generous community and incredible community partners, we opened an overnight warming shelter last year on December 3rd. We were blessed to provide 943 safe, warm nights of sleep to 78 different people last season. The shelter closed for the summer months and re-opened on September 15th at "The Bridges on 7th." Our shelter provides rest seven days per week to those 18 years of age and older from 7 p.m. – 8 a.m. So far this season, we've provided 381 nights of sleep to 50 different people. We have been markedly busier - and our cold nights are just starting. Help us provide our neighbors in need with a safe, warm place to sleep.

As part of National Homelessness Awareness Month, please join us as we work to raise \$100,000 to continue providing a safe, warm place to sleep for our neighbors in need. On November 7th-11th, several members of our congregation are sleeping out to raise awareness and funds for the second season of the Warming Shelter. Donations can be given online through Bridges of Hope at <https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org> or to LCC with Warming Shelter in the memo line of your check. See Ray and Betty Arveson or Pastor Michelle with questions.

Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter

The Brainerd Lakes Area has a new Warming Shelter operated by Bridges of Hope. It provides a safe and warm place for the homeless to sleep at night during the cold winter months. LCC will be volunteering at the Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter, 1926 South 7th St., the week of November 20-27. We are looking for volunteers to work at one of two shifts. You may work one time, two times, or as many days as you are able. The shift times are 6:30-10:00 PM or 6:00-8:30 AM. There will also be a paid staff member present. Call or talk to Darrell Barnack at 218-963-6059.

Training video link: each volunteer is required to watch this training video prior to volunteering.

<https://ministrygrid.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/WPGQ/45c4e6e3-e5dd-4aee-ab62-1f71c6a061bf>

Ministry Grid is safe, secure, and only retains your basic login information.

Volunteer sign up link: <https://whocanbethere.com/SignUp/week-of-nov-20/114wmwtBIXW>

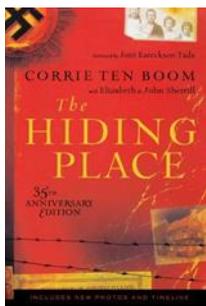
Novel Idea Book Club

November 29	<i>Hiding Place</i> by Corrie Ten Boom
December 27	<i>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse</i> by Charlie Mackesy



Please join us on Tuesday, November 29th at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall for discussion, food & fellowship! Everyone is welcome whether or not you've had a chance to read this month's book. Bring a friend!

NOVEMBER NOVEL IDEAS BOOK



Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil.

Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people. For 35 years, millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.

LIBRARY TREASURES

In order to offer you a larger selection of books in the library, we do pull out some appropriate, gently used books from the rummage sale donations. We have added a number of "new to us" books from several authors, and just a few of those are listed below. The adult books can be found in the "Recent Additions" section – so please check them out!

Kristin Hannah
 Nicholas Sparks
 Billy Graham
 Nathan Jorgenson
 William Kent Krueger

Youth

Tiger Woods by Nicholas Edwards
Invisible Stanley (Flat Stanley) by Jeff Brown
You Are Special by Max Lucado

Children

Several new board books can be found in the bins.



CREATION CARE



SHARING MARKET RAISED \$790 FOR THE FOOD SHELF

The Creation Care Team's Sharing Market brought in \$790, all of which will be given to the area Food Shelf. Cash is always welcome for this organization because they can purchase the food items they need, often at a discounted price. THANK YOU to all who brought produce from their gardens, homemade jellies and jams, and beautiful cut flower arrangements. And another THANK YOU to all who so generously gave to this worthy cause. Just imagine....people would put a twenty dollar bill into the slotted can for just a zucchini and bag of carrots, and not want any change! That is true generosity.

LCC'S NEW POLLINATOR GARDEN INSPIRES DOZENS MORE CHURCHES TO DO THE SAME

In just one year, the Creation Care Team's Pollinator Demonstration Plot in LCC's front boulevard has filled with glorious blooms, with numerous sightings of Monarchs and bumble bees enjoying the bounty. All of this was the result of **grants from the ELCA NE Synod EcoFaith Network and Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District.** A part of our grant requirement was helping other churches to do the same thing, and your LCC Creation Care Team has been a part of an EcoFaith Network project to provide guidance for them.

To date, nearly **two dozen churches in the NE Synod, St. Paul area, Wisconsin and even Sioux Falls, SD** have started a pollinator garden, or are working on one this fall. The Creation Care Team from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Outing made a field trip to see our garden this summer, and were inspired to go back and create their own. We are pleased that we have been a part of making this possible, and are grateful to the visionary members of LCC who supported this project to help our struggling pollinators find wildflower gardens for feeding and breeding throughout their migrations.

Everyone reading this can also do their part in providing sustenance for butterflies and bees by creating wildflower plots in backyards and front yards throughout the area. The Creation Care Team would be happy to provide you with the information you need to do this. Whether you make a very small plot or a larger one, our beloved pollinators will love it!

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022

We Assemble in God's Name

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Council President Mike Smith

Present:

Mike Smith, Michelle Ruen, Drew Bakken, Jenny Stubbs, Brian Stubbs, Colleen Both, Darrell Paske, Rachel Gerhartz, Dale Peterson, Sarah Tietz, and Rob Norgon.

Devotion: Rob Norgon

Announcement: None

Officer Reports:

Council Minutes (September 2022)

- **Motion to approve by Drew Bakken; Second by Dale Peterson**
Treasurer's report
- **Motion to approve by Brian Stubbs; Second by Rachel Gerhartz**

New Business:

1. Fall Programming:

Fall 2023 rummage sale dates are being discussed to coordinate with a possible earlier start date for church fall programming.

2. Nominating Committee

Nominating committee will be assembled to prepare for upcoming council elections. Three persons are needed for each group below; Pr. Drew will confirm how many spots are needed to fill for the upcoming year.

- a. Heartland Conference**
- b. Synod Assembly**
- c. Memorial Garden**

Old Business:

1. Constitution Update

Committee is about $\frac{2}{3}$ way through the Constitution and hopefully the bylaws will be complete by the next meeting.

2. Two Services

LCC will continue forward with the current service schedule until more attendance data can be gathered re: Sundays that aren't festival or special event Sundays as well as our change in church attendance as snowbirds migrate:). Change in service times also affects children's programming and volunteer coordination, so there is much to consider.

3. Playground Committee

LCC member Jon Henke, of Sourcewell, is putting together a presentation about the possibilities of a new play area for LCC's youngest members. Members of the Property, Memorial Garden and Creation Care Team will work together with the Playground Task Force to determine the best location.

4. New Directory

Still on the docket, but has been delayed a bit while Laurie's office is moved to new location. More information will be coming out shortly re: member photo submissions.

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Drew:

- As we began the new school year here at Lutheran Church of the Cross, I was able to meet with our Confirmation guides, and parents. I know that I say this every year but I am excited to walk with our youth as we take a deeper look into the Lords' Prayer.
- I also had the opportunity to partake in some continuing education in September, and to dive deeper into our upcoming Advent and Lenten texts for the year. I also had the chance to do some self-care at this retreat as well.
- We had a wonderful Rally Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, and new member Sundays. Great things are happening here at Lutheran Church of the Cross. We welcome: Mark, Shawna, Jackson, Wyatt, and Tucker Williams - Hans, Erin, Karlton, and Kaya Anderson - Seth, Nikki, Nora, Natalie, and Henrik Nelson - Michael, Anna, Heidi, Hazel and Hunter Haarstad - Barb Pisani - Nancy Buckley—Janet Bedard - Dan and Sue Kuhn - Mark Gruebmeier and Lynn Durrenberger - Mike and Deb Cranny - Dale and Lynn Christenson - Marty and Cassi Holmstrom - Dean and Diane Dalzell - John and Marilyn Quist - Steve and Meriel Park - and Bill and Barb Scrimgeour.
- We also welcome through their Affirmation of Baptism: Kaya Anderson, Alex Andrist, Abby Bakken, Landen Brill, Gage Germundson, Carter Loge, Michael Oseland, and Jerett Tietz as new adult members here at Lutheran Church of the Cross.
- And I am also excited to have Pastor Hans on staff part time working with our High School youth ministry and to help teach confirmation. Pastor Hans has agreed to work here at LCC for 10 hours a week.
- My prayers go out to Sheri McSherry as she takes a medical leave of absence from her position as Volunteer Coordinator. In her absence Sally Hodgson has agreed to help us out temporarily. Please keep Sheri in your prayers.

***A motion was made by Pr. Drew to receive the list of new confirmands into the church as adult members, Second by Sarah Tietz.**

Pastor Michelle:

- We welcomed forty wonderful new members on September 25. It was a special morning with a cake reception following the service. The New Member committee hosted a sloppy joe supper on Thursday, September 15, at 6:00-7:30 PM. Thank you to the New Member committee of Jim & Jean Kraft, Jim & Joan Roberts, Joanie Swanson, Carol Smith, and Pr Michelle. Staff and council members introduced themselves. New members were introduced and heard of opportunities to get plugged in to Lutheran Church of the Cross. Welcome to our wonderful new members!
- The *World Day of Prayer* service, sponsored by Women of the Cross - the LCC Women of ELCA, was held on October 2. The women put together a special service, including Irish dancers, layperson volunteers, and a celebratory reception and time of fellowship, including treats from the highlighted nations - England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The service was centered around Jeremiah 29:11—*For I know the plans I have for you.* I was asked to lead a Bible Study focused around this verse during the coffee hour. Thanks, Women of the Cross.
- The Rummage Sale, Sept. 22-24, was a huge success. Thank you to those that were in leadership roles, volunteered to work, provided food, or shopped. It was a vivid demonstration of what can happen when many hands, feet, and hearts work together. Thank you to all involved.
- I was in Strawberry Point, IA at Camp Ewalu on Sept. 26-27 participating in the Wartburg Seminary pilot class. The class is led by WTS Vice President Kris Stache and Rev John Largen, spouse of WTS President Kristin Largen. The rest of the class periods will be on ZOOM, and I can join in from my office or home. Our text is titled Pastoral Imagination and focuses on Spirituality in ministry and in our churches. The other text is Twelve Pastoral Practices for the Life and Mission of the Church. It appears to be an exciting opportunity for me.

- The Stewardship Breakfast, organized and led by Rob Norgon, was very well attended. Thank you, Rob! The Ministry Fair was spread out throughout the Celebration Center and highlighted small groups, ministries, and other opportunities here at LCC. Thank you to all who took part.
- I will be meeting with Sally Hodgson in the near future to set up an organized Visitation Ministry schedule. This will be a wonderful addition to meet the needs of our shut-ins.
- The Nursery has been scheduled through Christmas! Thank you to all who have volunteered to help!

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Rob Norgon

We served breakfast to 200+ of our members!

A heartfelt thank you to:

Brian Stubbs	Pastor Michelle	Darrell Paske
Ron Reph	Barb Pisani	Mike Smith
John Wallin	Loretta Norgon	Joan Roberts
Pastor Drew	Brad Henry	Jim Roberts
Joanie Swanson	Dick Rickbeil	Connie Peterson
Dale Peterson	Colleen Bakken	George Olson
Sarah Tietz	Brad Swanson	

We started cooking pancakes at 8 a.m. I learned a new MOS (military occupational specialist) by mixing the pancake mix with “big berth”, the industrial size mixer. We used 30 pounds of pancake mix and used all the pancakes as the last of the members went through the line. We cooked 5 bags of sausages, and 40 pounds of liquid eggs for the scrambled eggs. We used up 5 bottles of syrup and still have a case left.

Thrivent gave us a \$250 grant and we used \$222.78.

The ministry committee outdid themselves in the table layout and setup. They also provided the placemats and centerpieces. Thank you for your service to the church.

Thank you cards were emailed as well as an AAR (after action report). I have received many responses after only a day. All this information will be used to create job descriptions, task lists, and suggestions to improve our breakfast. All this will be available for the next pancake breakfast.

You can take the man out of the uniform, but you can't take the military out of the man!

Social Concerns & Global Missions: Bonnie Stevens

• Warming Shelter Nov. 20-27

Darrell Barnack has taken the lead on training of LCC Volunteers for the Overnight Warming Shelter in Brainerd. Ann Hunnicutt, the Shelter director, will be at Primetimers this week and will be available for training and background checks for those who would like to add their names to the list of volunteers. LCC has agreed to staff the week of November 20-27 with morning and evening volunteers. Training will also be available online and Pastor Michelle, Darrell Barnack and I can see that you receive the links to complete the online training.

- The remainder of the **Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen** days for LCC are covered. Please remember our assigned monthly day is the first Thursday of each month. Please sign up as a small group, as a family or as a group of friends. It's a very rewarding ministry and strengthens our involvement with our neighbors in the Greater Lakes Area community.
- Emma Trees is spearheading a clothes drive and there are receiving boxes in the Narthex. Thank you, Emma!

Worship and Music: Brian Stubbs

W&M met on Sept 18, 2022

1. Budget \$9,000 budget; we have spent \$5,296.81 (58%) – last year was \$5,999.73. Organ

fund has \$3,205.45, Bell choir fund has \$241.84. Cheryl requested that moneys given for her father's memorial be put in the bell choir fund. Pr. Drew will talk to Karen-Finance.

2. Altar Guild – Darrell reported that he has all bread makers needed. Would like a few more volunteers to set up communion.

3. Music – Cathy reported that all choirs are up and running. Carol Smith – King's Kids; Cheryl Karlgaard – Bells of Praise; Brian Stubbs – Senior Choir;

4. Sanctuary Decoration-no report

5. Video – Pastor Drew reported that we are getting two new speakers for outdoor worship, on backorder currently, we have a donor for those.

6. We continue to have sound issues and hope we can get retraining from the installer. We've waited a year now for this.

7. Wednesday worship – started September 28 - we discussed starting sooner in Sept next year—maybe move the garage sale earlier - or use sanctuary? It felt disconnected from Rally day to wait so long.

Special services:

Rally day – Great turnout and very fun day

Stewardship – October 9, with Ministry Fair afterwards

Reformation – October 30, with Trunk or Treat in afternoon

All Saints – November 6

Christ the King – November 20

Thanksgiving Eve – November 23 with Pie social

Advent – starts November 27

Musical Extravaganza – December 11

Christmas Eve – December 24

Upcoming:

1. Ernie Teie Funeral – Sunday, October 16, 2:00, choir will sing

Children and Family Ministry: Rachel Gerhartz

- Weds. programming is off to a great start – Kari has had 16 kids in Route 56 each week and with Betty Arveson's help, it looks to be a GREAT year!!

- Rte. 56 met at Nisswa Falls for mini golf on the 9th and it was a small group, but we had lots of fun.

- Cross Kids Connection is catching on on Weds. nights - it has been a struggle to get volunteers to staff this, but I will keep plugging away at it.

- Our CYFM team served Weds. supper this week and we will prepare and serve at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen on November 3.

- Donations are coming in for Trunk or Treat - all council members are invited and encouraged to participate in this event which has become a great outreach ministry for our church.

- Our Ministry Fair was successful and everyone enjoyed the great breakfast and fellowship our Stewardship Committee provided. Thanks to all the helpers:-)

- Kari is looking into options for our Christmas Pageant for December.

- Bonnie Stevens has obtained a Thrivent Grant for Rte. 56 to once again package holiday cookies for the CLC pantry.

- Numbers are great for Cross Kids on Sunday mornings and we have discussed options for kids programming if/when we go to two services; we have also had greater attendance in our Nursery the last few weeks.

- Playground Task Force will meet with Jon and the Memorial Garden, Properties and Creation Care Team to discuss options and location. We have had wonderful meetings so far and with Jon's help, are sure we can come up with something that will meet the needs of our church. Complete report is in the October newsletter.

Congregational Life: Joanie Swanson

New Member Sunday was held on Sept 25 with a reception after church. What an absolutely spirit filled day. Welcome to all and thank you to the committee and Council members for all the help in making this day so special.

October 9th a Stewardship Breakfast was held after the service and a wonderful informative Ministry Fair with tables filled with something for everyone.

Groups are thriving. Church Attendance is thriving. We've come out of a scary time of wondering if we could ever feel normal again. We are healing and people are wanting to continue to discover their faith journey here with us at LCC!

Thanks be to God!

Property: Dale Peterson

Here is an update of the major LCC Property projects:

1. Painting of Church Building exterior – nearing completion

- a. Lower Styrofoam areas are scheduled to be repaired and painted this fall
- b. Bell Tower is scheduled to be painted this fall
- c. The 2 storage sheds will be addressed in 2023

2. Addition to Garage – nearing completion

- a. New garage was ready for fall rummage sale
- b. Electrical inspection to be completed this fall
- c. Divider wall to be erected in north garage
- d. Door access between the old and new garage to be installed

3. Relocation of Church Offices – nearing completion

- a. Installed opening to hallway, window, and door in new church office space
- b. LCC staff will relocate as spaces are available

4. Seal Cracks in the Parking Lot

- a. Planned for spring 2023
- b. Received estimate

5. Snow Removal

- a. Obtaining estimates for plowing and sanding

Youth and Family Ministry: Sarah Tietz

Report included with Children & Family Ministry report.

Personnel: Darrell Paske

- Pastor Hans Anderson has joined the staff of LCC. He will be working 5 to 10 hours a week with youth ministry and Wednesday night services. He and his family have recently joined LCC.
- Sheri McSherry has taken a medical leave of absence from her position as Lay Ministry Coordinator. Sally Hodgson has agreed to return as Lay Ministry Coordinator during Sheri's absence.

Meeting Adjourned/Closing Prayer: Pr. Michelle Ruen
Respectfully submitted by Jenny Stubbs, Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7:00 pm

Devotions: Darrell Paske

All are welcome at Council meetings. Approved minutes and approved financial reports are available in the church office to any member upon request. If you would like to have something on the Council meeting agenda, please submit it in writing addressed to President Mike Smith and delivered to the office manager in the church office no less than one week prior to the monthly Council meeting, the council meets the second Thursday of the month. If the request is submitted less than one week prior to the next Council meeting it will be addressed at the following monthly meeting.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,
 Today we give thanks for our many blessings,
 As we pray for those in need, we give thanks
 For our family and friends as we pray for those who are lonely.
 We give thanks for our freedoms as we pray for those who are oppressed.
 We give thanks for our good health as we pray for those who are ill.
 We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity as we share our blessings
 with others.
 On this day of Thanksgiving, may the love of God enfold us,
 The peace of God dwell within us and the joy of God uplift us. Amen.
 Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of LCC

Update
 your
 Information



If you would like to receive weekly eblast notifications, please email the church office at laurie@lccnisswa.org with the email address you wish us to use.

Have you changed your phone number, or no longer use your landline, changed your mailing address, etc.? If so, please let us know so we can update our database.

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4-hour refresher course for returning students

Classes held at Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 4 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Director of Music Ministry/Organist	Cathy Taylor	218-961-2053
Financial Secretary	Karen Wiele	218-961-2016
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