

CROSSROADS

AUGUST 2024



Atonement Lutheran Church



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

*"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
-John 6:35*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Each week, the readings in worship follow the schedule of the Revised Common Lectionary. In this season, we are in the middle of a six-week stretch of gospel texts about bread. Over these weeks of the assigned readings, we learn a lot about God providing and we can imagine how strange it sounded to people at that time (and now!): the idea of eating the body and blood of Jesus. The countercultural nature of God's message of love and abundance shines through and we are encouraged. If God provides, what does that mean for our daily lives?

We do not live in the same culture as Jesus did--and still, we too struggle with the concept of God providing. Especially in the "hustle" culture of today, where we are repeatedly sent messages that we need to be productive in order to have value in this world. Sometimes it feels as if people lack the capacity to rest. Even when we do try to take a break or refresh, we might get pulled into aimlessly scrolling on the internet, browsing social media or looking for a good sale online. That is another highlight of our culture: many of us unwittingly identify as consumers: we find our worth in our possessions or the experiences we acquire. Or we judge our experiences of life from a consumer lens: what might be improved in our home life, our work life, or even in our church life.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to something greater. We do not come to church as consumers nor as producers. Our worth is found in our identity as children of God. We are enough just as we are. Jesus gives himself away for the sake of the world. How might we be a part of God's work?

Blessings to you as you wonder and you wander. May God bless you on this summer day and always!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Cassie

Cross of Glory Sanctuary Refresh

By Pastor Cassie Nault

I have some exciting news for you! The Council at Cross of Glory has done some thoughtful work over the past few months and we are doing a long overdue refresh of Cross of Glory's library, sanctuary, and narthex to welcome all to the love of God. Following the words from Paul's letter to the Romans, "*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God,*" (Romans 15:7) we took a look at our sanctuary and realized that it is not the most comfortable space for those who are differently abled. Also, with the addition of the Audio Visual booth during the pandemic and added seating in the narthex, our space has become less aesthetically pleasing, especially to newcomers.

When the "sanctuary refresh" team met to discuss our next steps, we were delighted to discover that most of us agreed on what might work best moving forward. It has been agreed that the technology booth will be moved into the sanctuary to allow for better sound quality. The choir and piano area will be rearranged in a way that improves the acoustics for our musical groups, and a few pews will be rearranged to allow more accessible seating options for people with wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers.

The refresh of the library will include some furniture changes, helping it function better as a multipurpose room. A round table with chairs will be added to be used as a meeting space and as a place for funeral and baptism families to meet with clergy before services. We will add a window seat with storage for quiet toys, books, and coloring pages for children who need a break from sitting in the sanctuary. We will also restore the original closets to the room, allowing storage for some of the equipment that is now stored at the front of the sanctuary.

The narthex will look much more open after the audio visual booth has been moved. We will also reduce the number of chairs in the narthex, so that it will serve as overflow seating only and those seats will be closer to the sanctuary, allowing for easier movement for all from the exterior doors to the door of the sanctuary.

Perhaps the most exciting addition to the sanctuary will be a mounted, permanent projector to help us see the words for worship more clearly. We will no longer have to duck under the projector on its cart when taking communion--nor worry about bumping into the projector stand.

All of this progress is made possible by an individual's dedicated gift toward the audio visual needs of Cross of Glory. Thank you to this donor--and to the Cross of Glory Sanctuary Refresh team: Gretchen Davis, Kevin Gaylor, Peg Lindner, Kolleen Olson, Jon Thomalla, and Matt Verkuilen. Special thanks to Melissa Emerson and Deacon Jennifer Schneider for sharing their professional expertise with the group as well.

We give thanks to God for this opportunity to be more welcoming in Jesus' name!



August

Worship at Atonement at 9:30am
Sundays, August 4, 11, 18

Worship at Silver View Park in Mounds View
Sunday, August 25

August S'more Worship

at Cross of Glory
Wednesday, August 7; 6:30pm

September

Worship at Cross of Glory at 9:30am
Sunday, September 1



Let's All Go to the Parade!

Let's have some fun and gain some exposure at **New Brighton's Stockyard Days** and **Mounds View's Festival in the Park!**

Stockyard Days Parade is Saturday, August 10 at 10am.

Festival in the Park Parade is Friday, August 16 at 6:00pm.

We'll be handing out flyers with our Worship in the Park and Crossroads information.

THANK YOU to Marilyn Goldsworthy for submitting the applications for both parades and for beginning the coordination. Marilyn **could use some help** with organizing both parades so **if you can help please contact her at maylon1@juno.com**.



JOIN THE PARADE!

Free Community VBS: Vacation Bible School

Still looking for a VBS program?

Abiding Savior has a free community program **August 5th - 9th from 9am - 12pm**. Register at:
<https://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/register-for-vbs-2024/>

Children 3 years old (by 9/1/24) and potty-trained through those entering 5th grade.

Faith and a Pint Monthly Fellowship Group

Join Deacon Brad and others for Faith and a Pint—a monthly Fellowship Group—all are invited!

When: August 23 @ at 6:30pm

Where: Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park - 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Who: All ages welcome! Blue Sun Soda and other non-alcoholic options served.

What: A social get together with folks from church! Come talk about faith, the world, and your life while sipping a craft brew with your friends.

Cost: Bring a few bucks and check out their tap selection at <https://www.torgbrewery.com/>



Coffee Fundraiser

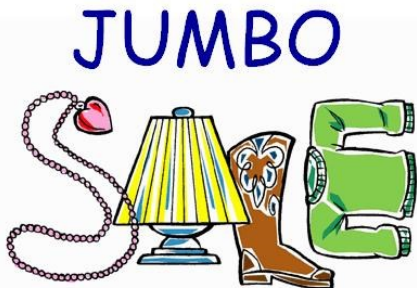
Gretchen Davis has organized a coffee fundraiser for Crossroads' budgets, earning approximately 42% of sales.

You can purchase a bag of coffee for \$15.

Choose between **medium or dark roast, whole bean or ground** and there is a **decaf medium roast** available too. Purchase one for your friends and family. They make good gifts too!



Jumbo Sale News



Cross of Glory, Atonement and Cristo Rey members are invited to come to the Pre-Sale on Wednesday, August 7 from 5:00—6:30pm.

The dates of the Jumbo Sale are:

Thursday, August 8, 9am—7pm

Friday, August 9, 9am—5pm

Saturday, August 10, 9am—Noon

Volunteers are needed during the sale. Please sign up for a shift in the narthex at Atonement. Any amount of time you can help is appreciated!

HIGHLIGHTS



S'more Worship at Atonement in July.

Let's All Go to the Dairy Queen!

Helena Mills has graciously planned an outing to the DQ. If you'd like to bike to the DQ with us, meet at Cross of Glory. If you are unable to bike, feel free to meet us there.

- **Who:** Anyone
- **What:** Bike to Dairy Queen
- **When:** August 20 at 5:00 pm
- **Where:** Meet at Cross of Glory and then bike to the Dairy Queen on Silver Lake Road
- **How:** On bikes
- **Cost:** Bring your own money for a treat

Questions? Contact Helena Mills at helenalea523@gmail.com



Coat Drive Coordinator Position Available

This year will be the 25th year of the Annual Social Concerns Winter Coat Drive! Priscilla Berg has been the long-term coordinator and is stepping down after this year. If this position interests you and you would like to continue the good work, please contact Priscilla at rapberg@comcast.net.

We will begin collecting winter coats for the drive September 9 at both churches.

Community Support Center Walk Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CSC Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors on Sunday, July 28. Crossroads—Atonement, Cross of Glory & Cristo Rey had 51 participants that walked that day. Way to go Crossroads!

So far, CSC has raised over \$10,000! It was a hot day, but 243 people came to walk and 340 miles were walked. This was raised by donations from participants and \$10 was donated to CSC for every person (or 4-legged) that completed the loop.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you would like to make a donation, use this link until August 7. Thrivent is waving the fees until then.
<https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/980242/detail>

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



God's work.
Our hands.

Sunday, September 8 is our ELCA “God’s work. Our hands.” Service Day at Crossroads. WE NEED YOU to make this happen. Gather a friend(s) from any congregation and coordinate a community service project for all of us to do.

Get Your Crossroads T-shirt

An email was recently sent out with information about ordering Crossroads t-shirts. If you did not receive the email, there are printed order forms available in the narthex. **Orders received by Saturday, August 3** will have shirts ready for pickup at S’more Worship on Wednesday, August 7, in time to wear to both parades. **Orders received by Friday, August 30** will be delivered Sunday, September 8.

Here’s the link to the online Google Order Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZscXiUbpepnYB1noYECrIcFKn0s0v7brokBy9oBqpAnpLwA/viewform?usp=sharing>

Notes & Care

Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 2 Thea Binstock

Aug 2 Mary Loesch

Aug 4 Bob Reed

Aug 4 Steve & Vicki Klaers (1973)

Aug 7 Tony & Carreen Houfek

Aug 8 Cheryl Lunde

Aug 8 Scott Davis

Aug 9 Doug Cahow

Aug 9 Becky Redding

Aug 10 Lindsey Fabian

Aug 11 Jeanne Oplinger

Aug 12 Taia Nix



Aug 13 Alexey Konev

Aug 16 Lynn Miller

Aug 17 Scott & Gretchen Davis (1996)

Aug 18 Janice & Doug Wikstrom (1962)

Aug 19 Betsy Carlson

Aug 20 Emily Davis

Aug 20 Jim Lyons

Aug 21 Carol Tilden

Aug 21 Bob Schultz

Aug 24 Carreen Houfek

Aug 29 Bev Knapp

Aug 29 Ron Markham

In Our Prayers

† Diane Lightbody

† Steve Kinsel

† Bea Lea

† Family of Kay Christenson

† Ray & Grace Lucas

† Linda Schwartz



Thanks & Joy

- ♥ Many thanks to Jeff & Greg Olson & Ron Markham for diligently taking the aluminum cans to the recycle. They bag up many cans and take them all to the recycling center so the proceeds can go towards the Sunday School/Youth program.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who donated snacks & beverages for the Summer Stretch program! Your donations are appreciated.
- ♥ Thank you to all the volunteers helping to take in and sort donations!
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

AUGUST MINISTRY ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Sunday, August 4	Sunday, August 25
	9:30 at Atonement	9:30 at Silver View Park in Mounds View
Worship Assistant	Carreen Houfek	Andrea Weather
Lector	Marilyn Nelson	Carreen Houfek
Ushers/Acolyte	Carol Hoiby	Bonnie Anderson
Greeter	Carol Hoiby	Nancy & Bruce Jahnke
Bread Baker	No Communion	No Communion
Comm Setup	No Communion	No Communion
Comm Servers	No Communion	No Communion
Counters	COG: ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline	COG: ALC: Sally Kline, Royce King
	Sunday, August 11	Sunday, September 1
	9:30 at Atonement	9:30 at Cross of Glory
Worship Assistant	Steve Klaers	TBD
Lector	Vicki Klaers	Kolleen Olsen
Ushers/Acolyte	Judy Hill	Jeff Olson
Greeter	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth	Leslie Bjork
Bread Baker	Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Setup	Carol Hoiby/Judy Hill	No Communion
Comm Servers		No Communion
Counters	COG: ALC: Sally Kline, Royce King	COG: Gretchen Davis, Roger Steen ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Royce King
	Sunday, August 18	<p>S'MORE WORSHIP AT CROSS OF GLORY</p> <p>Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30pm</p> <p>Meet outside by the fire pit.</p> <p><i>Thank you to all the volunteers! If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and let the office know.</i></p> <p><i>If you would like to help during Sunday morning worship and are not on the schedule, contact the office.</i></p>
	9:30 at Atonement	
Worship Assistant	Wayne Haselhorst	
Lector	Virginia Cahow	
Ushers/Acolyte	Lindsey Fabian	
Greeter	Steve & Vicki Klaers	
Bread Baker	No Communion	
Comm Setup	No Communion	
Comm Servers	No Communion	
Counters	COG: ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Bruce Jahnke	

Atonement Prayer Ministers will be available following the 10:30 worship service on the second Sunday of each month for those requesting intercessory prayers for themselves or others. Please contact Mary Billington if you are interested in serving as a prayer minister once a month.

Cross of Glory Council Minutes

June 2024

Welcome

Call to order 7:30pm

Roll call

Present: Kevin, Paula, Karen, Cassie, Peg, Kolleen, Bea, Claire, Matt, Gretchen

Absent: Brad, Jon

Review of actions approved since the last meeting:

none

Review of minutes and to-do's from last meeting

Peg motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer Report

Bingo extra expense - Marie ordered 200 hard bingo cards and ball hopper so that we are in compliance with the State of Minnesota (we were borrowing the hard cards prior to this purchase). Matt approved the expense.

Treasurer's Report was not reviewed; all should review on own time and raise questions to Jon

Matt has requested a QR code for each church to be used for all fundraising efforts.

Team Reports

Active Teams

Property (Kevin) - Outside faucet - replaced the seals, still drips. Existing faucet is cemented to the wall. This is a discontinued faucet and not easily replaced, Kevin will continue to work on fixing the faucet.

Bob Reed would like to purchase a new hose reel, and spend \$139 that was pledged for the flower gardens. Gretchen motioned to give Bob approval to spend \$150, seconded by Peg, motion carried.

List of property projects as part of action list

Recycle/Compost/Trash bins - Kevin will get them ordered by the end of the month. We received a grant to purchase these.

Outside trash bins are not sufficient to handle all of our garbage. Should we get a commercial dumpster? Might need to be fenced or walled in. Would likely need to build something to have a commercial dumpster. The new recycling bins should reduce our trash volume. Kolleen motioned to add one more bin to our trash contract. (cost: \$10/month) Karen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: Kevin has capacity in his personal trash bin, if a need arises)

The neighbor's fence is complete. Kevin will provide feedback to the installers.

Constitution & ByLaws (Karen)

Any expected updates for now or ok to move inactive for now. Agreed to consider this team inactive.

Worship & Music (Paula)

Dad's root beer floats for Father's day were a hit

Aug 25 outdoor service

Looking for a way to get people to commit to helping out

Marketing/Communications (Matt)

Matt is working on Website expansions/News items/Communications

Continuing to work on NEWS items

Rotating promotions banners

Youth page coming soon. Graphic novel art will be included (Matt knows the artist and has permission to post his work.)

Utilizing Remind

How can we promote and use that more?

Outreach (Brad/Peg)

Pride - Went well at Cross of Glory. Lots of smiles, honks, and waves, and ice freezes handed out to passers-by. 8 people and one dog from COG were present. One family of 5 parked in the lot and visited while enjoying the cool treats.

Bingo Updates

Next bingo event TBD

Might do bingo at Mounds View Festival in the Park (Scouts are interested in collaborating)

Ministry Partner Updates (Rentals/Space users, etc.) - MattV

Cub Scout Troop (we are chartering them)

Girl Scout Troop

New Birth Adventist Church

Filipino Church

Cristo Rey

Some growing pains these first few weeks as we get into a routine with the Filipino congregation, but they are very enthusiastic about being here, helping wherever they can and partnering on any work to be done.

Kitchen use

We need to teach and document the expectations for how to use and clean for everyone who uses the kitchen. We need a very specific checklist of what needs to be done. Dawn, Marie and Paula will create the list.

Youth (Claire + Youth Representative)

Welcome Bea!

Financial/Fundraising (Jon/Gretchen)

Counter Procedures Update

Counters needed - volunteers Shelley Markham, Matt V, Karen Mills...Gretchen will make an announcement/invitation on Sunday.

QR Codes for giving

Coffee fundraiser program, off to a good start - Gretchen

Crossroads Parish Coffee Fundraiser Details

Matt has requested targeted reports on Fundraising (ie how much raised)

Jumbo Sale Updates (Paula)

6/18 - first collection - LOTS donated, very busy night. The entire mess that started in the narthex was put away into the rooms. Had a great turn out of volunteers (maybe 20 people!!)

Rooms are color-coded this year. Heard lots of positive feedback. Will purchase a tent 20X40 with sides (\$500) Fellowship hall will be used for toys and food purchases. Clothes, shoes etc. will be setup outside in tent for the sale (and left outside overnight, if merchandise is stolen, they need it more than we do, and there will be less to box up at the end of the sale)

Inactive Teams

Constitution

Old Business

Building Task Force Updates

Nursery is repurposed for Filipino church office and storage

New space will be the "Quiet Room" with quiet toys and books - is needed to be functional by September.

Jon has a quote for a new projector. We need the projector in place first before making other decisions.

Will sell most of the furniture from the library at the jumbo sale

Library is all cleaned out, lots of books for the jumbo sale

Will have one shelf with Bibles and Bible-related books to keep.

New Business

Rental Agreement Work (New Birth/FACC)

Sample rental agreements received - Matt would like help reviewing and coming up with our own standard agreement.

All council should review the samples provided and be ready to discuss at the July council meeting

Drums and keyboard in the sanctuary - renters have permission to keep their equipment for the interim. This is NOT long term, this will be covered in the rental agreement that nothing will be left in the sanctuary week-to-week.

Affirmations

- ♥ Thank you to all the volunteers who worked and donated items for the jumbo sale
- ♥ Thank you to Kevin for working on the outside faucet
- ♥ Thank you to Dawn for being AWESOME and specifically for ordering all the RIC stuff
- ♥ Thank you to Pastor Cassie, Deacon Brad and Pastora Ana for all their dedicated service
- ♥ Thank you to Bob Reed and Linda Radtke for planting and watering
- ♥ Thank you Marie and Jon for all the volunteering
- ♥ Thank you to the campers and families for the delicious sweet rolls and to Becky for coordinating
- ♥ Thank you to Mike for keeping the church beautiful
- ♥ Thank you to the Mills family for the Pride event
- ♥ Thank you for Gretchen/Jaime/Claire for being on the Hymn selection committee
- ♥ Thank you to Paula for being the Church Lady Extraordinaire
- ♥ Thank you to Bea for joining council

Adjournment

Karen motioned to adjourn seconded by Claire. Motion Carried. Time: 9:13 pm

Close with Lord's Prayer

August 2024 - Crossroads Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Seeds Camp 9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	29 8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	30 Summer Stretch	31 Ox Roots Camp	1 Ox Roots Camp 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 6:30pm - C-FACC	2 Ox Roots Camp Seeds Camp 5pm - C-New Birth	3 Seeds Camp 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
4 Seeds Camp 9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	5 8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	6 Summer Stretch	7 Summer Stretch 5pm - C-Member Event 6:30pm - C-S'more	8 Church Offices Closed Summer Stretch 9am - C-Jumbo Sale 9:30am - A-Mary Circle 1pm - A-Game Day	9 Church Offices Closed 9am - C-Jumbo Sale	10 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-Jumbo Sale 10am - NB Parade
11 A-Prayer Ministers Camp Wapo 9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm 5pm - C-FACC VBS	12 Camp Wapo 8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group 5pm - C-FACC VBS 6pm - A-Property 6:40pm - Twins Game	13 Camp Wapo 5pm - C-FACC VBS	14 Camp Wapo 4pm - C-Worship 5pm - C-FACC VBS	15 Camp Wapo 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 5pm - C-FACC VBS 6:30pm - C-FACC	16 Camp Wapo 5pm - C-FACC VBS 5pm - C-New Birth 6pm - MV Parade	17 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
18 9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	19 8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	20 5pm - C-Bike to DQ	21 6:30pm - A-Council	22 Church Offices Closed 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 6:30pm - C-FACC	23 Church Offices Closed 5pm - C-New Birth	24 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
25 9:30am - Worship in the 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	26 8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	27	28	29 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 6:30pm - C-FACC	30 5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - Faith and a Pint	31 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC

Contact Us

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

Atonement Mornings until Noon

Cross of Glory Afternoons until 5pm

Due to appointments, things that come up or schedule changes, please call ahead to be sure someone will be at the church.

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