

CROSSROADS



JULY 2024



Atonement Lutheran Church



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Each year, summer seems to move by more quickly. This year we have had so much rain that much of the time we have been stuck indoors. After the mild winter we enjoyed, I'm not complaining. Earlier this year, many thought it would be a dry year because we didn't see much snow over the winter—I guess you really can't predict the weather.

So it goes with ministry: we cannot predict what will happen. Even so, we spend a lot of time trying to predict and control.

In my sermon last Sunday, I mentioned the term "functional atheism," and it seemed to resonate with some of you: The modern educator Parker Palmer defines "functional atheism" as a belief that ultimate responsibility for everything rests with me."

As I preached on Sunday, "functional atheism" might seem like it's harmless—until you find yourself in the middle of a literal or figurative storm of which you have no control. We know we are not in control, however, we like to pretend that we are in control, because believing the illusion makes us more comfortable.

So much of our lives are spent trying to be comfortable. There's nothing wrong with that—and also, we as followers of Jesus know that we are called to something greater than our own comfort: we are invited to love and serve others as Jesus serves us. We are gifted with the grace God offers so that we may share that grace with others.

God is in control. And we are along on the journey. And that is a beautiful place to be. I leave you with encouragement from Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and God will strengthen your heart."

Dear ones, be of good courage! Remember God is with you!

Alleluia and Amen,
Pastor Cassie



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Community Support Center Walk a Mile for Your Neighbor Sunday, July 28th; 9am—1pm



- **Where:** Silver View Park (Silver Lake Road and County Road I), Mounds View
- **What:** A fundraising event to support the work of the Community Support Center.
- Walk on a fine path around a small lake.
- Bring your dog if he/she wants a lake walk, too.
- Get a chance to win a \$100 gift card when you donate.
- Enjoy music along the way.
- Meet folks (from local churches) who will give you a “dot”.
- Eat a free hot dog when the walk is done.
- Support this community’s effort to keep our neighbors in their homes.

Our local Community Support Center (on the corner of Silver Lake Road and 16th St) hosts their annual Walk to raise money – to help neighbors with needs. Such needs include an overview of their financial history, their current employment situation, and their ability to make future payments on items such as rent, car payment, gasoline, and phone.

This organization has ONE paid employee. All assistance is from trained volunteers – who donate their time to do the before-mentioned analysis and advice. They have authority to offer short-term money for needed payments.

Please join the Charitable Giving Team in supporting this walk and earning needed funds!

Crossroads Parish—let’s show up and walk together and support CSC!

Parade Volunteers Needed!

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

We are looking for helpers to coordinate participating in each parade.

New Brighton’s Stockyard Days Parade is Saturday, August 10 at 10am.
The deadline to register is July 20.

Mounds View’s Festival in the Park is Friday, August 16 at 6:00pm.
The deadline to register is July 31.



JOIN THE PARADE!

July

Sundays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
Worship at Atonement at 9:30am

August

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

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

September

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



S'more Worship this Summer

By the time this goes out we will have had one S'more Worship at Cross of Glory in June. Please join us for our upcoming casual S'more Worship services:

Wednesday, July 24 at Atonement; 6:30pm—Bring a lawn chair and sit by the portable fire pit Deacon Brad donated. Wood holder and wood provided by the Haselhorst family.

Wednesday, August 7 at Cross of Glory; 6:30pm—Join us at the firepit after the Jumbo Sale Presale event.



The Atonement Choir Farewell Party for Shannon



Lift Up Our Young People This Summer!



Summer Stretch is a 4-day program for youth in 6th through 12th grade to participate in service projects and community building. Together with Christ the King and Incarnation, Crossroads Parish provides staff and volunteers to provide this faith-forming experience to nearly 75 kids.

We need your help to make this happen! We are looking for 1-2 people to lead an art station on Tuesday, August 9 from 1:00-3:30pm. You will be guiding small groups of youth through an art project such as alcohol inks or paint pouring (or another medium). Please contact Jennifer Schneider for more details (schneider1650@gmail.com or 651-494-7943).

Also, we are seeking donations of snacks and drinks for each of the 4 days. These could include individual snack packs of chips, granola bars, hostess cupcakes, pudding cups, and beverages such as Capri-Sun, Sunny-D, Gatorade, etc in single-serve bottles. Donations can be dropped off at Atonement or COG between now and August 1.

Free Community VBS: Vacation Bible School

August 5th - 9th at Abiding Savior 9am - 12pm. Free community program. 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.

Summer Events Board

Many families with children are involved in a variety of activities during the summer. Please share your events on a designated bulletin board at each church.

This is a great way to support families and our younger members.

Jumbo Sale

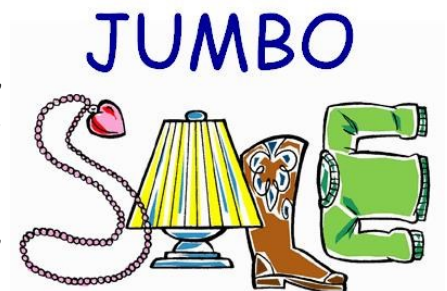
The remaining Jumbo Sale collection dates are **Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 5:30—7:00pm.** Stop by to drop off donations, help take in items, sort or fold.

The dates of the Jumbo Sale are Thursday, August 8, 9am—7pm; Friday, August 9, 9am—5pm and Saturday, August 10, 9am—Noon.

There is a **Pre-Sale for Members of Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey** Wednesday, August 7, 5:00—6:30pm. S'more Worship will follow at 6:30pm outside by the firepit. *Join us for a fun night shopping and then worshipping by the campfire!*

Items Not Accepted:

TVs, Computers, Land Line Phones, Christmas Trees, Large Exercise Equipment, Car Seats/Child Swings/Cribs, Hutches/Large Entertainment Centers, Sewing Machines



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: July 26 @ 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/>



Lutheran Night With the Twins

Sign up by July 7 to attend Lutheran Night With the Twins on **Monday, August 12.** Game time is 6:40pm; MN Twins vs. the Kansas City Royals. Tickets are \$30 each.

Indicate if you need a ride or can help with driving.

Let's go TWINS!!



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.

We've sampled it during fellowship time at and it's received good reviews!

Purchase one for your friends and family. They make good gifts too!

Notes & Care

Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jul 1 Gwen Blomseth
Jul 2 Tom Redding
Jul 5 Gwen Lentsch
Jul 11 Ava Nix
Jul 12 Iva Mills
Jul 13 Alisa Haselhorst
Jul 13 Adam Vasel
Jul 13 Pete & Lindsey Fabian (2001)
Jul 15 Carol Hoiby



Jul 16 Mary Billington
Jul 17 Lindsey Binstock
Jul 20 Paul & Bonnie Anderson (1968)
Jul 23 Allan Alt & Sue Pulvermacher-Alt (1983)
Jul 24 Ray Lucas
Jul 24 Marilyn Nelson/Paul Thompson (2021)
Jul 27 Jim Zastrow
Jul 31 Brianna Thomalla

In Our Prayers

- † Virginia Cahow
- † Linda Thorson and Lonnie Thompson
- † Carol Uecker
- † Ginger Lunde
- † Diane Lightbody
- † 9 year old Kaine
- † The Vasel Family
- † Steve Kunkel
- † Families of fallen police officers



Thanks & Joy

- ♥ Thank you Kolleen Olsen & Peg Lindner for going through all the shelves in the library.
- ♥ Thank you to both our Councils for the work they are doing for Crossroads.
- ♥ Thank you to those who came to help with our Pride event at both churches.
- ♥ Thank you to Gretchen Davis for coordinating the Coffee Fundraiser for Crossroads.
- ♥ Thanks to the RIC Committee on their work crafting a welcome statement.
- ♥ Thanks to Dave Knapp & Kevin Gaylor for their continued work on both our buildings.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

JULY MINISTRY ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Sunday, July 7	Sunday, July 28
	9:30 at Atonement	9:30 at Atonement
Worship Assistant	Jennifer Schneider	Andrea Weatherly
Lector	Lorna Schultz	Bev Knapp
Ushers/Acolyte	Judy Hill	Lindsey Fabian
Greeter	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth	Virginia Cahow
Bread Baker	No Communion	Carol Hoiby
Comm Setup	No Communion	Judy Hill
Comm Servers	No Communion	Bev Knapp
Counters	COG: Gretchen Davis, Roger Steen ALC: TBD	COG: Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed ALC: TBD
	Sunday, July 14	Sunday, August 4
	9:30 at Atonement	9:30 at Atonement
Worship Assistant	Steve Klaers	TBD
Lector	Royce King	TBD
Ushers/Acolyte	Bonnie Anderson	Carol Hoiby
Greeter	Nancy Jahnke	Carol Hoiby
Bread Baker	Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Setup	Judy Hill/Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Servers	Royce King	No Communion
Counters	COG: Jason Emerson, Roger Steen ALC: TBD	COG: Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed ALC: TBD
	Sunday, July 21	<p>S'MORE WORSHIP AT ATONEMENT</p> <p>Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30pm</p> <p>Meet outside by the portable 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	Bruce Jahnke	
Ushers/Acolyte	Judy Hill/Virginia Cahow	
Greeter	Steve & Vicki Klaers	
Bread Baker	No Communion	
Comm Setup	No Communion	
Comm Servers	No Communion	
Counters	COG: Bob Reed, Jason Emerson ALC: TBD	

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

May 2024

Welcome

Call to order 7:24pm

Roll call

Present: Matt, Peg, Paula, Claire, Kolleen, Karen, Gretchen, Cassie, Brad

Absent: Kevin, Jon, Bea

Review of actions approved since the last meeting:

Special meeting April 28 to approve adding the Welcoming statement to the constitution.

Vote result: 43 yes to 4 no—PASSED

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

Peg motioned to accept as presented; seconded by Karen; motion carried unanimously

Current Action Items List

Team Reports

Property (Kevin)

Update on fence installation - via email, approved \$1500 (from the improvement fund) to give to the neighbor who is installing a fence between the church property and the neighbor's property. Benefit to the church is to provide safety for our youth who are outside.

Update on recycling bins.

To live up to our welcoming statement, we need an entrance that is accessible - Kevin to request a quote.

Constitution & ByLaws (Karen)

Karen will email the updated constitution with the welcoming statement.

Worship & Music (Paula)

Marketing/Communications (Matt)

Website is up and running with no issues.

Went live the Friday before Cristo Rey's first service.

Will add Reconciling in Christ logos.

Need a volunteer to make two signs with the welcoming statement to hang next to the flag - Karen.

Outreach (Brad/Peg)

Bingo 5/28

Youth (Claire + Youth Representative)

Claire will look into opportunities for the youth for the summer.

Financial (Jon/Gretchen)

Old Business

Additional Income Ideas (BRAINSTORM - Additional Income Ideas)

Space Costs Updates vs. Rental Costs (Matt V)

Boy Scout Troop/Charter Organization Updates

Matt talked to Roger, who is excited about being the Charter Organization Rep. Organization Head role will be held by Council President (Matt).

New Business

Contract only through the end of 2024, then the prices will likely increase.

Sunrise sold the building May 1, no one told the congregation. Jay is the church administrator, our space works for what they need. They are able to pay us \$1000/month.

Question: There are some conflicts with the proposed times, for example there will be COG people here until 10:30. At least half of the fellowship hall is taken over by the jumbo sale for the summer.

The storage room where the tables are have 3 shelves that need to be sorted through and could make space there. Two storage units in the brick room, one for fall festival one for Mike's tools.

Peg motioned to move forward with the Filipino American Christian Church (FACC) renting our space for

\$1000 per month until 12/31/2024. Claire seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Paine - parent led homeschool program (M-W 8:30am - 1pm). 1 classroom, kitchen, fellowship hall
No longer needed.

NOT VIABLE: Hal Erks - Harbon Montessori (M-F 7am - 6pm). Been in New Brighton for 50 years.
3 classrooms. 20 students per classroom, nursery, fellowship hall. Year-round operations. Have been
meeting at a small Christian church in New Brighton. Looking for new space. We cannot provide space
year round. Not viable.

Building changes to help us practice our welcoming statement.

Move the AV equipment to the sanctuary—Ideas: remove 2 pews from the back to provide space for the
AV equipment.

Mount projector(s) from the ceiling.

Custodial room needs updates.

Claire motions to release the nursery so it can be office/storage for FACC congregation. Library will be the
quiet room/nursery temporarily. Nursery toys to be sold at the Jumbo sale. Will keep select (quiet) toys.

Paula will get feedback from Rochelle Benson for ideas for the new space. Cassie and Paula will sort
through toys. Seconded by Karen, motion carried unanimously.

Building task force - Peg, Kolleen, Paula, Kevin, Matt, Claire, Brad and Cassie.

Affirmations:

- ♥ Kevin for continued property work
- ♥ Everyone who made the Spring Plant Sale happen
- ♥ RIC task force
- ♥ Bea for agreeing to join council
- ♥ Marilyn continued dedication to the Sunday School
- ♥ Dani for continued dedication to the Youth Group
- ♥ Peg and Kolleen for going through Library assets
- ♥ Paula for taking phone calls about everything
- ♥ Matt for fielding all the questions around rental opportunities
- ♥ Deacon Brad for always having an eye for outreach opportunities
- ♥ Campers and their families for sweet rolls
- ♥ Dawn for plant sales and keeping everything running smoothly from the church office
- ♥ Gretchen for playing piano while Ivan celebrated Orthodox Easter
- ♥ Choir for all the beautiful music

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Karen, seconded by Kolleen.

Adjourned at 8:59, Lord's Prayer

July 2024 - Crossroads Parish

Crossroads55112 Calendar, calendar@atonementmb.org, calendar@crossglorymv.org Jul 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	5:30pm - C-Sale	6:30pm - A - Cristo Rey	Offices Closed 6:30pm - C-FACC	A-Cristo Rey Offices Closed 5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group 5pm - A-Property	5:30pm - C-Sale	4pm - C-Worship 6:30pm - A - Cristo Rey	9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 6:30pm - C-FACC	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A-Prayer Ministers 9:30am - A-Worship 11:30am - C-FACC 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 10am - Walking Group	5:30pm - C-Sale 6:30pm - C-Boy Scouts	BWCA 6:30pm - A - Cristo Rey 6:30pm - C-Council	BWCA 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible Junk 6:30pm - C-FACC	BWCA 5pm - C-New Birth	BWCA 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 4pm - C-FACC
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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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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THIRD MONDAY
of the month.

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