



THE CROSSBEAM

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST 2023

**Seniors:
Blessings & Congratulations to
our 2023 High School Graduates !!**

**Bennett Burfeind
Mimi Flood**



**Gavin Rupp
Lorelei Wilson**

summer
worship



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am**

June 4th thru Rally Sunday (9/10)

New this summer: Holy Communion every Sunday



**STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, JUNE 26TH - THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

You will find our June/July/August calendars
with the most up-to-date info at
www.cclcmn.org, then click on "CALENDAR"



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, send them to the church office (Office@cclcmn.org) and they will be forwarded to the Prayer Ministry.

The prayer list is divided into three categories: church members, relatives of church members, and friends. Friends and relatives will only be kept on the Crossbeam list for one month, unless the person who requested the prayers calls or emails to request another month. We would still appreciate members letting us know if we can change their prayer requests to prayers of thanksgiving for healing.

FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR MEMBERS:

- Grace Hartmann
- Jennie Hendrickson & Baby Ian Ruhberg Hendrickson
- Demetria Carter

FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF MEMBERS:

- Marilyn Nelson, sister-in-law of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Tim Nelson, brother of Ron Nelson
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Renee Brethorst & Kathleen Anderson, cousins of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Jim & Bill Heuer, brother & nephew of Maxine Truax

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING:

- Landon Rost, reltve of Kristin Walker
- Sue Wilkie, Friend of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Eli, nephew of Jody Hansen
- Mary Downs, cousin of Carm Greenlee

COMFORT & SYMPATHY:

- Family & friends of Kurt Smith
- Family & Friends of Carol Gross, friend of Jim Stoops & Claire McCoy

**Funerals:**

We are saddened by the loss of
Kurt Smith

**CCLC Members Celebrating June Birthdays**

Tech Hieng Hong	Lydia Van Hout
Natalie Boehne	Kris Wilson
Kelsey Stevens	Dale Magee
Laura Little	Tim Nelson
David Little	Shannon Bodick
McKenna Rupp	Stu Nelson
Rose Marie West	Norah Anderson
Vaniths Prabakar	Sophie Nelson
Jonah Baker	Jennifer Hendrickson
Don MacElroy	
Georgia Wilson	
Abigail Abrahamson	
Doug Pedersen	
Patricia Valen	
Jim Stoops	

CCLC Members Celebrating July Birthdays

Indira Wobbema	Greg Running
Mason Coe	Jim Shultz
Lindsey Anderson	Kirk Hansen
Donald Haugo	Erik Anderson
Jess Heckman	Ashley Hansen
Brad Bodick	Casey Auen
Emily Schouten	Joleen Hover
Bill Stevens	Virgil Jelsma
Lizzy Perry	Jessica Abrahamson
Deb Welken	Linda Titze
Siobhan Wotherspoon	Mary MacElroy
Gail Szarzynski	Ashley Powers
Leila Pope	Roseanna Johnson
Arnie Mickelson	Bob Kullberg
	Joe Mork

CCLC Members Celebrating August Birthdays

Nancy Amundsen	Bobby Wotherspoon
Jackson Hove	Bennet Burfeind
Celia Heckman	Ava Robinson
Gayla Jensen	Chuck Sletten
Rick Knight	Thea Straka
Carla Steinbach	Stacy McGrath
Chuck Metsala	Bob Olson
Matt Wilson	Jenna Trenbeath
Isaac Walker	Edith Harley
Nora Walker	Dani Peoples
Curt Jackels	Demetria Carter
Peggy Pickerign	David Kuplic
Peyton Stevens	Priscilla Bailey
Cheryl Geesaman	Pr. Christine Wenzel
Barb Weldon	

Pastor's Ponderings

In Psalm 19, we hear God's creation speak:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out to all the lands, and their message to the ends of the world."

This Psalm reminds us of how we can learn a lot from creation, including from animals. The following facts about geese is helpful for our own learnings when it comes to being a community of faith together.

FACT ONE: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the birds following it. By flying in a V-formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone.

"There's a lot I can do by myself; there's a lot I can do with a partner; but the power of what I can get done with a collective is quantum. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they're going quicker and easier because they're traveling on the thrust of one another."

FACT TWO: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

"If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go and be willing to accept their help, as well as give ours to others."

FACT THREE: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

"With people as with geese, we are interdependent on each other's skills and capabilities and unique arrangement of gifts, talents, and resources. Indigenous societies call this interdependency the "good, true and beautiful."

FACT FOUR: The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed.

"We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging—and not something else. In groups where there is greater encouragement against great odds, the production is much greater. Encourage someone else's core, encourage someone else's heart."

FACT FIVE: When a goose gets sick, or wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own with another formation to catch up with the flock.

"If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong."

Taken from: *"Insight and Action: How to Discover and Support a Life of Integrity and Commitment to Change."* Tova Green & Peter Woodrow.

INTERIM UPDATE:



When a pastor leaves, the challenge facing the congregation is more than just calling another pastor. Together with the interim pastor, a transition team and congregation need to do the work necessary to lay a healthy foundation for a successful next chapter of ministry.

A Transition Team has been put together.

Members of the Transition Team include:

Jess Abrahamson

Jim Johnston

Sandy Knight

Andrew Kuplic

Lois Larson

Jamie Manzi-Moore

Matthew Ouellet

They will be working over the summer on:

Internal Assessment

Who You Are – Name where the congregation has been, where it sees itself now, and identify possible directions for its mission and ministry.

External Assessment

Mission Possibilities – Discern the assets and needs of the community surrounding CCLC.

Create the Ministry Site Profile

This document is used throughout the ELCA by congregations seeking a new pastor.

The congregation will have the opportunity to give input through one-on-one interviews, surveys and guided conversations during forums in the fall.

Financial Information— as of the end of April 2023

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$ 264,446.20	\$ 277,140.00	\$ 612,947.00
General Expenses	(209,381.38)	(205,099.44)	(612,947.00)
General Funds Total	\$ 55,064.82	\$ 72,040.56	\$ -
Dedicated Mortgage Fund balance: January 2023	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Receipts	8,588.15	0.00	0.00
Mortgage expenses	(10,188.15)	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)
Dedicated Mortgage Fund balance	0.00	0.00	0.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN MARCH 2023

	5	12	19	26	
8:45 AM	79	58	81	96	
Online Views	57	92	59	50	
10:45 AM	57	48	66	42	
Online Views	35	29	29	25	
Wed Lenten	68	74	96	84	
Online	51	74	45	31	
TOTAL	347	375	376	328	
MONTHLY AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					357
Y-T-D AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					269

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN APRIL 2023

	2*	9**	16***	23	30****
8:45 AM					
In Person	111	155	53	92	82
Online Views	46	80	52	47	56
10:30 AM					
In Person	35	115	80	37	104
Online Views	24	29	19	17	29
Maundy Thursday					
In Person	54				
Online	36				
Good Friday					
In Person	67				
Online	47				
Sunrise Service		150			
TOTAL IN PERSON	267	420	133	129	186
TOTAL ONLINE	153	109	71	64	85
TOTAL	420	529	204	193	271
IN PERSON Monthly Average Worship Attendance					227
ONLINE Monthly Average Worship Attendance					96
TOTAL Monthly Average Worship Attendance					323
IN PERSON YTD Average Worship Attendance					177
ONLINE YTD Average Worship Attendance					102
TOTAL YTD Average Worship Attendance					279

Music & Worship Ministry Director

Greetings everyone!

As we move into the summer months, and some of our musical groups take a well-deserved break, I wanted to take a moment to express sincere gratitude. We are so blessed to have such a talented and dedicated group of musicians that enhance our worship experience so beautifully in our Jubilation Ringers Handbell Choir. With only one hour of rehearsal each week, this group continues to rise to the challenge of preparing prayerful and meditative pieces of music that bring us all a little closer to God. Ringers, you are amazing and CCLC is better because you are here leading us in this role.

Our Chancel Choir, which has welcomed five new members this year, enhances our worship experience in such lovely, heartfelt ways. Whether it's an up-tempo spiritual, a lively celebratory Easter Hymn, or a soft reflective prayerful selection, their hearts and voices tell a beautiful story; the story of our savior's love for all of us. A special word of thanks to Chancel Choir member Natalie Boehne for your musical leadership with the kids at CCLC! From the Christmas Program to special music at services, you help the kids and all of us have fun while we worship. Thank you Chancel Choir for all you do for us!

The level of music that we experience each week at the 8:45 traditional service would not be at all possible, were it not for our Organist Marsha Gullickson, and Pianist Sandy Knight. Put them together on a prelude, postlude or a special Easter hymn, and it is magical!

The talents Marsha shares with us at the organ, as well as the piano and keyboard are always so beautiful. The time she puts into selecting and preparing perfectly appropriate preludes and postludes week after week is amazing. She leads us through our hymns with a wonderful variety of voicings on an organ that has seen better days. She always knows how to make it work, even when the organ would rather not! I encourage all of you to take a seat in your pew a few minutes before service, and to stay after the final blessing to experience the beauty of what Marsha so prayerfully brings to us. Marsha, thank you for accompanying me and others on special music, filling in when needed in 3YJ, and for all that you do. CCLC appreciates you!

Sandy shares her musical skills at the piano with all of us so generously and beautifully. She accompanies the choir and goes above and beyond to make sure each piece is prayerful, musical, and that the choir is well supported. She accompanies special music selections and rings in the Jubilation Ringers Handbell Choir. Sandy, thank you for all that you do behind the scenes as well as front and center, and for sharing your love of music with our congregation. CCLC appreciates you!

I must also express my gratitude for the fantastic musicians at our 10:45 contemporary service, 3YJ. Under the strong and talented leadership of Janelle Swanson, week after week this group brings our worship experience from prayerful meditation to rousing joy with a great variety of Contemporary Christian music. I've had the privilege of helping out with AV at many of our 10:45 services, and one of the many blessings I've received in that is getting to pray and sing with such an inspired and talented group of people. Thank you 3YJ for blessing us with your music!

Finally, none of us at any of our services could do what we do in music ministry if it weren't for our dedicated volunteers in our AV/Sound Ministry! Bill Little, Jennifer Rodgers, Eric Nygren, Margie Hartmann, Aaron VanHout, Chris Abrahamson, Dan Walker, Stalin Ponnusamy, and Josh Baker, thank you all for making sure that everyone can hear us, that everyone can see us on our livestream, and that we can pray and sing along with the slides. We can't thank you enough, and you are so appreciated for all you do behind the scenes!

I hope that you will join me in thanking these folks for all they do, when you see them in person. I also hope that each of you will consider getting on board in one of these ministries. There's a place for you in any of these groups, and if you aren't a musical person, we still need so much more help in our AV/Sound Ministry. The blessings you receive and the hearts you inspire when participating in these ministries are many.

Thankfully yours in Christ, Jamie Manzi-Moore, Music and Worship Director



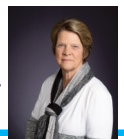
Volunteer Coordinator

Summertime, and the livin' is easy!



But the need for volunteers continues! We need greeters, readers, and communion servers every Sunday during the summer. There will be one service at 9:30am and we will be celebrating Holy Communion each week. Summer is a good time to sign on for a new volunteer opportunity. You will work closely with an experienced volunteer until you are comfortable with the process. Let's keep the 'Year of the Volunteer' active all summer!

Sandy Knight, Volunteer Coordinator, volunteerministry@cclcmn.org, 952-457-2024



CCLC CELEBRATES!

The Third Grade Class received their First Communion in April:

(From left) Dax Wabs, Lydia VanHout, Thea Straka, Garrion Schouten,
Jason Robinson, Mikko Renstrom, Danielle Peoples



Confirmed in May into the Body of Christ:

(Front row) Samantha Zemlicka, Jillian Kunkel, Jaden Rupp
(Back row) Jenna Trenbeath, Amelia Cosgrove, Evan Walker, Pr. Christine



**“This little light of mine,
I’m gonna let it shine”
...but I couldn’t shine without you!
THANK YOU!!!**



Thank you to parents for making Faith Education an important part of your child's life. Thank you to students for blessing us with your joy and for sharing your gifts with us.

Thank you to all of the amazing adult teachers: Lindsey Anderson, Mike Baroun, Jane Hansen, Margie Hartmann, Jess Heckman, Lizzie Perry, Kim Robinson, Bill Stevens, Jenna Van Hout and Kristi Wobbema.

Thank you to all of the amazing youth teachers: Abby, Adalyta, Axel, Carolyn, Davis, Evan, Harper, Jillian, Josie, Kelsey, Kiersten, Matthew, Peyton, Sophie N, Sophie O, and Stella

Thank you to our amazing staff and congregation that supports everything we do. Thank you all for another amazing year!

⇒ Jenna, Children's Ministry



MOTHER'S DAY CHILDREN'S CHORUS



**Sunday Morning Schedule:
Unity Sunday @ 9:30am
Holy Communion every week
Everyone is welcome!**

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Summer Time: SAVE THE DATES

Sunday School may be over, but the summer fun is just beginning!

Watch your emails for more details about these activities:

Tuesday, June 13th, 6:00pm — BBQ with the Team & Council followed by Men's Softball vs Peace LC

Tuesday, June 20th 6:15pm — CCLC Men's Softball & Family Night Picnic

Tuesday, July 11th 10:30pm — Play date at Moir Park

Wednesday, July 19th 6:30pm — Luther Crest Camper "Get To Know You"

Monday, August 14th 10:30am — Chalk-n-Bubbles at Presbyterian Homes

Wednesday, August 16th 6:30pm — Back to School Night



"Touching Lives with the Love of God"

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