



THE CROSSBEAM

SEPTEMBER 2022

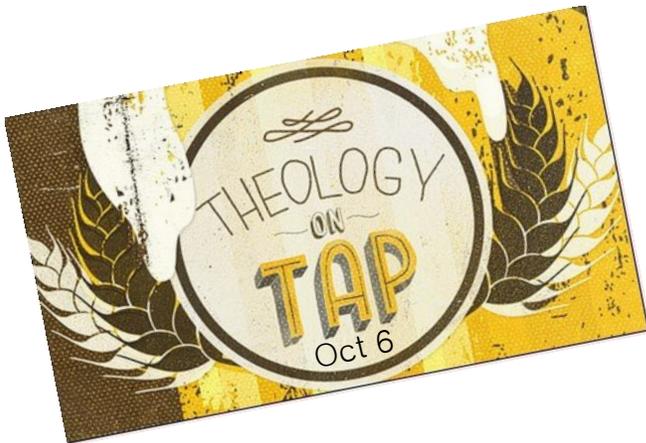
Fall Programming Is BACK!



Adult
Forum



SEPT 11th—9:30 am Worship
Stained Glass Window Dedication
Donuts! Games!



**Jubilation Ringers!
Chancel Choir!**

FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR MEMBERS:

- Gary Rue
- Jennie Hendrickson family and baby Ian Ruhberg Hendrickson
- Doug Pedersen
- Claudia Winkler
- Larry Hansen
- Sue & Chuck Metsala

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

- Greg Gelhar, friend of Lois Larson
- Cindy Knight, cousin of Rick Knight
- Roger Mickelson, cousin of Arnie Mickelson
- Keith Peterson, father of Rachel Hove and Jess Newman
- Mary Downs, cousin of Carm Greenlee
- Renee Brethorst & Kathleen Anderson, cousins of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Jeanette Waletzko, aunt of Ken Waletzko
- Jim & Bill Heuer, brother and nephew of Maxine Truax
- Wayne Westland, uncle of Carol Peterson
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Landon, Marie & Randy Rost, cousins of Kristin Walker
- Mary and Cal K, friends of Marsha Gullickson
- Tim Hansen, friend of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Trevor Randall, cousin of Natalie Boehne
- Lloyd Knight, brother of Rick Knight

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING:

- John Tjernagel
- Jan Godfrey
- Luann Roban, mother of Janelle Swanson
- Gary Warnberg

FOR COMFORT & SYMPATHY:

- Family of Dan Walker upon the death of his aunt, Marge Coggins
- Family of Jenna Burfeind upon the death of her mother
- Family of Steph Peoples upon the death of her grandmother, Helen Leslie
- Family of Nancy Norton upon the death of her mother, Ella Halverson
- Family of Bev Johnson, neighbor of Ron & Pat Nelson, upon her death

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.

**CCLC Members Celebrating September Birthdays**

Jim Milsow
 Barb Jelsma
 Leah Baroun
 Chea Hong
 Ryan Van Riper
 Gavin Rupp
 Amy Sevig
 David Weist
 Curt Peterson
 Jackson Baker
 Gary Warnberg
 Aria Wobbema
 Sue Metsala
 Maxine Truax

Doug Valen
 Margie Hartmann
 Alan Kunkel
 Andrew Kuplic
 Aaron Van Hout
 Peyton Hansen
 Cheryl Thoresen
 Jay Hendrickson
 Aaron Prabakar
 Laurel Kuplic
 Beckett Newman
 Marsha Gullickson
 Melissa Hansen

If you would prefer that your name is not listed in the Crossbeam with the monthly birthdays, please notify the office at Office@cclcmn.org or 952-941-1247.



Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite preachers, King Duncan, tells a moving story attributed to Chuck Swindoll about a man he visited one day in what he describes as a dismal veterans hospital. The day he arrived to visit, he saw a touching scene. There was a man in this hospital who had a

young son. During his long confinement in the hospital, the man had made a little wooden truck for his boy. Since the boy was not allowed to go into the ward and visit his father, an orderly had brought the gift down to the child, who was waiting in front of the hospital with his mother. The father was looking out of a fifth-floor window, watching his son unwrap the gift.

The little boy opened the package, and his eyes got wide when he saw that wonderful little truck. He hugged it to his chest. Meanwhile, the father was walking back and forth waving his arms behind the windowpane trying to get his son's attention. But to his dismay, the little boy put the truck down and reached up and hugged the orderly and thanked him for the truck. And all the while the frustrated father was going through these dramatic gestures, trying to say, "It's ME, Son! I made the truck for you. I gave that to you. Look up here!" Swindoll says he could almost read the father's lips.

Finally, the mother and the orderly turned the boy's attention up to that fifth-floor window. It was then that the boy cried, "Daddy! Oh, thank you! I miss you, Daddy! Come home, Daddy. Thank you for my truck." And the father stood in the window, smiling from ear to ear with tears of pride and joy pouring down his cheeks.

Duncan concludes the story by asserting, "We are so like that little boy. We forget the One who is the source of all our blessings. We need to look up from time to time and give thanks." I couldn't agree more, which is why I suggest regular Sunday morning worship attendance as a simple way to ensure that we remember to give God thanks and praise for His abundant blessings. Here at CCLC, we will continue with our single summer worship at 9:30am through Rally Sunday, September 11th. Starting the following

Sunday, September 18th, we will go back to our regular worship schedule of 8:45am traditional and 10:45am contemporary.

If you have gotten away from regular, in-person attendance during the pandemic or over the summer months, I hope you will take the opportunity this fall to renew your worship practices. Make plans to reunite with your friends and neighbors here at CCLC as we join together in expressing thanks and praise to God, the One who is the source of all our blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Erik

SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS FALL

*Traditional Worship
8:45am*

*Sunday School, Adult
Forum, Fellowship
9:45am-10:35am*

*Contemporary Worship
10:45am*



Financial Information—*as of the end of July 2022*

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$ 379,719.63	\$ 380,230.00	\$ 605,688.00
General Expenses	(315,213.37)	(335,567.94)	(605,688.00)
General Funds Total	\$ 64,506.26	\$ 44,662.06	\$ -
Dedicated Mortgage Fund balance: January	\$ 26,471.90	\$ 26,471.90	\$ 26,471.90
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mortgage expenses	(26,471.90)	(26,471.90)	(26,471.90)
Dedicated Mortgage Fund balance	0.00	0.00	0.00



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN JUNE

	5	12	19	26	
9:30 AM					
In Person	85	105	66	83	
Online Views	38	34	46	80	
TOTAL	123	139	112	163	
MONTHLY AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					134
Y-T-D AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					221

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN JULY

	3	10	17	24	31*
9:30 AM					
In Person	55	86	70	64	101
Online Views	40	56	53	52	58
TOTAL	95	142	123	116	159
MONTHLY AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					127
Y-T-D AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					206

*Larson/Eddy wedding following worship

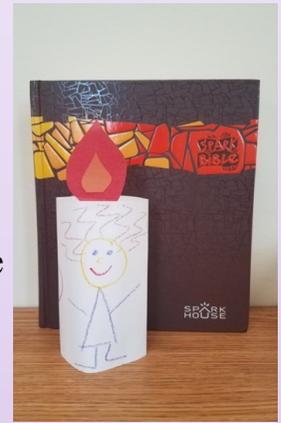


**“This little light of mine,
I’m gonna let it shine...”**

...and I’m hoping you will too!

Summer is almost over and it’s time for another year of Faith Education. I welcome all of you to get to know our amazing kids by participating in our Education program in some way this year. This will give the kids a chance to get to know you too!

There are opportunities for everyone including teaching Sunday School, leading a youth class, being a “guest speaker” during our opening, showing kids how to help in worship (usher, serve communion, etc.), and leading music. I hope that you will bless our program by sharing your time and talents with the next generation!



Rally Sunday: September 11th!

All families, friends, grandkids and neighbors are welcome to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new faith education year! Join us following the blessing of the stained glass window at the end of our 9:30am worship, then for donuts, games and more!

Save the date for more Faith Education Events:

Wednesday, September 14th

6th Grade Confirmation Orientation 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, September 18th

Fall Worship Schedule Begins (See pg 2 for schedule)
Please meet in the Gathering Space for Sunday School

Wednesday, September 21st

Confirmation Begins 6:30pm-7:30pm
Youth Bonfire and Games 7:30pm-8:30pm

October

Friday, October 14th - Friday Family Fun Night, 5:45pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, October 19th – NO Confirmation (MEA)
Sunday, October 23rd – NO Sunday School (MEA)
Sunday, October 30th – Trunk or Treat, following 10:45am worship

A MONUMENTAL VBS!

2 churches * 38 volunteers * 55 participants * 1 awesome God!

Thanks to the generosity of members from CCLC and Peace Lutheran, we decorated and donated:
12 Word Power Posters, 45 Water bottles to Oasis for Youth, 53 Tissue boxes to Presbyterian Homes, 425 Pounds of food and supplies to VEAP!



MORE VBS!



Luther Crest Bible Camp

“Boundless: God Beyond Measure”.

We had 14 campers and 2 chaperones travel to Alexandria, MN, for another amazing week at Luther Crest Bible Camp. We learned that God’s Welcome, Goodness, Love and Forgiveness are Boundless.

Our focus verse was Ephesians 3:19 –

“I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured.”

I can’t wait to watch our campers share these messages with our congregation!



SUMMER PLAY DATES



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Fun and Fellowship in the summer sun!

Kids of all ages enjoyed our morning play dates at local parks. Kids and parents alike were able to reunite with old friends, and make a few new friends, during "Back to School" Night.

Everyone enjoyed an ice cream sundae buffet and then ran off all the sugar during a variety of games and activities.



Volunteer Ministry



We will soon be back in the fall routine with two services, 8:45am Traditional and 10:45am Contemporary. That means we will need several more volunteers each week!

There are many ways to volunteer at CCLC:

- ◆ Greeters to welcome everyone to worship when they arrive
- ◆ Ushers to pass out bulletins and assist with questions
- ◆ Children's Sermon presenters
- ◆ Readers for the Scripture lessons
- ◆ Communion assistants
- ◆ Audio/Visual assistants
- ◆ Fellowship Hour assistants

There are many ways to sign up. Look for the signup sheet on the welcome table in the narthex, sign up in the welcome folder, or online at cclcmn.org/serve/atcclc.

Also, feel free to email Sandy Knight at volunteerministry@cclcmn.org.

If you haven't already, take that first step and become a volunteer. Be grateful that you have the incredible privilege of volunteering at CCLC!

Questions? If you have never volunteered in some of these areas and aren't sure exactly how it's done, please contact me. I would be happy to talk with you about all the ways that you can be involved in volunteering!



For even the Son of Man
came not to be served but to
serve others and to give His
life as a ransom for many.
Matthew 20:28



We would like to thank everyone who attended our wedding for the love, support, and good wishes you extended to us. It was a very special day for us, made more so by sharing it with all of you. Also, thanks to the many who were unable to attend and sent us greetings and well wishes.

We have been so blessed.

Thank you!

Lois Larson and Clyde Eddy



Music & Worship Ministry Director



It's that time of year where I put out another invitation to everyone to join the Chancel Choir, or Jubilation Ringers, or remind families with young children to have them participate in Little Ringers or Youth Choir. While I still encourage all of you to prayerfully consider joining one of these groups, I thought I'd take a different angle this time. Rather than just asking you to give, I wanted to talk a bit about what you receive when you participate in ministry of any kind at CCLC.

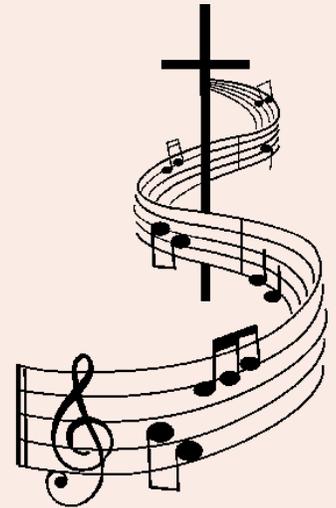
This summer I was fortunate enough to attend a music clinic with Augsburg Fortress at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights. Tom Trenney, musician/composer/director was the head clinician and gave a talk called "Preaching From The Choir." He wanted to remind us of the "why" behind what we do.

As you consider how you can get involved, and how you can give back to the community at CCLC and beyond, I wanted to share some highlights/points from Tom's talk. They really resonated with me, and I hope they resonate with you as well.

- ◆ I was called to be in ministry. I just happen to be a musician.
- ◆ Music doesn't change our circumstances. It changes us and enables us to deal with circumstances.
- ◆ If we are singing together, breathing together, we are like one body. We are one body in Christ. We become large. We do not back down.
- ◆ When thinking of our gifts: there's music that "I" can make that no one else has made and no one else ever will.
- ◆ From a new choir member: "I can't believe I get to be part of something so beautiful."
- ◆ Regarding church: Where else do we go where we are invited to be part of something so incredible?
- ◆ If you are reading this, thank you, and please come to the office and see a staff member to get a treat—and no cheating and telling your friends. Let's see how many people read it.
- ◆ Tom suggests: When people come to choir, that's probably one of the only times they'll have poetry on their lips.
- ◆ When we rehearse over and over again, the music we sing enters our minds and our hearts, and it stays there.
- ◆ The texts we sing and the messages we share help us survive difficult times.
- ◆ The point isn't just making good music. The point is helping us shape how we live. Music can open us up and help us to express the love and joy of life in Christ.

Thanks for reading. See you this fall!

Love, Jamie



Greetings to the staff and community at the Community of the Cross Lutheran Church!

We want to thank you for your kindness and hospitality on August 9, 2022. My staff and I facilitated the election in your building. Everyone we encountered was kind, helpful and welcoming. What a nice and pleasant experience. We all noticed and very much appreciated you!
God bless you!
Kathy Halley

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship		9:00am Men's Coffee Fellowship/MR 9:00am Faithfully Fit Forever 10:15am Women's Bible Study/MR 6:30pm Education Commission/ GS				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:40am 3YJ Rehearsal/SA 9:30am Worship and Stained Glass Window Dedication 10:30am Rally Sunday Activities		9:00am Men's Coffee Fellowship/MR 9:00am Faithfully Fit Forever 10:15am Women's Bible Study/MR 6:30pm Church Council/MR	6:30pm 6th Grade Confirmation Orientation 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal/SA 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/SA		7:00pm Friday Night Book Club	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45 Traditional Worship 9:45am Sunday School/ Fellowship/Adult Forum 9:45am 3YJ Rehearsal/SA 10:45am Contemporary Worship	6:00pm Monday Men's Dinner Group 6:00pm Monday Night Book Club	9:00am Men's Coffee Fellowship/MR 9:00am Faithfully Fit Forever 10:15am Women's Bible Study/MR	6:30pm Confirmation/FH 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal/SA 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/SA 7:30pm 6th-12th Grade Youth Bonfire & Games			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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You will find our October calendar and the most up-to-date information on calendar events at cclcmn.org.

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Sunday Morning Schedule starting Sept 18:**8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship****9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship Hour****10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship****Everyone is welcome!****Church Council****Eric Burfeind, President****Aaron Van Hout, Vice President****Matthew Perry, Treasurer/Finance****Stu Nelson, Stewardship****Eric Nygren, Worship, Music & Arts****Lizzie Perry, Education****Sydney McGrath, Service****Bobby Wotherspoon, Building & Grounds****Casey Auen, Outreach****Jody Walsh, Congregational Life***“Touching Lives with the Love of God”*

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