


# Cross Currents

Lutheran  
Church  
of the Cross  
2022

# December



Advent is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of the new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation, anticipating the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember the true meaning of Jesus' birth - through prayer, reflections, and special music.

In Advent we are invited to step away from the frenzy of parties and shopping and consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming.

I invite you to join me in some self-reflection during Advent and encourage you to add Rene Swoops' prayer to your advent tradition:

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.  
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.  
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,  
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.  
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.  
You came as a baby born in a manger.  
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,  
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.  
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,  
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.  
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.  
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."  
"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.  
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.  
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.  
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.  
Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.  
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.  
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.  
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.  
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.  
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.  
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.  
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray. Amen

Blessings,  
Pastor Drew

# Pastor Hans has some plans...



Advent is a season of watching and waiting, of worship...singing the *Holden Evening Prayer*. So too, may we as LCC watch, wait, and worship in a wonderfully wild way! To travel to Holden Village... to walk with one another, to worship with one another, and to be in a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, that welcomes all people into the North Cascade Mountains above Lake Chelan, Washington. It's a place set apart for deepening relationships with one another.

## LCC Congregational Trip July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup> 2023



I have been in communication with the Holden Village staff and have received some exciting news and information to share with you:

- Registration for summer of 2023 opens on January 5.
- The week of July 31-August 4 is available to us.
- The cost will be confirmed after the Holden board meeting in mid-December. Based on last year's costs, it will be approximately \$107/night/adult; \$82/night/age 4—17; and free for children age 3 and under. Discounts will likely be available for staying more than 3 nights, as well as bringing a group of 15 or more.
- Summer programming will likely be similar to 2022 programming and is available for adults, youth, and children alike.
- Holden Village has a wonderful website. I encourage you to visit and browse around it's pages to learn and see what a stay at Holden might involve what the atmosphere and environment is like. Check it out at: <https://www.holdenvillage.org/>
- Grace Marshall and Val Cannard head up registration at Holden, and they are willing and able to help us with our planning and welcome us to journey into the wilderness!

**ANYONE** from LCC may take part in this trip opportunity. I originally proposed it as an option for a youth summer trip, but we want to open it up to our entire church family. There will be special adventures planned for our High School Youth while at Holden; the *Narnia Program* is available for kids through age 12 and is fantastic!

**REGISTRATION** will begin in December. After we have a group of interested participants signed up, we will explore options for the best mode of travel to Chelan, WA (planes, trains, automobiles...!)

**NEED MORE INFO OR HAVE CURIOSITIES?** Email me (Pr. Hans) at [handerson347@gmail.com](mailto:handerson347@gmail.com). You can always catch me at church or ask an LCC staff member, too.

In Christ, *Pastor Hans*

## Treasurer's Report - Financial Summary 2022 General Fund

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	Annual <u>Budget</u>	% YTD of Annual <u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 70,858	\$ 552,798	\$ 688,900	80.2%
Expenses	\$ 58,278	\$ 546,588	\$ 688,900	79.3%
Difference	\$ 12,580	\$ 6,210	\$ 0	

**In the month of October our income was greater than our expenses by \$12,580.  
Thank you for your continued support.**

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### **FUNERAL**

Name: Linda Anderson  
 Born: December 28, 1948  
 Died in Christ: October 26, 2022  
 Funeral: November 3, 2022  
 Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant

### **FUNERAL**

Name: Dan Halland  
 Born: June 19, 1945  
 Died in Christ: November 4, 2022  
 Funeral: November 11, 2022  
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

**Update  
your  
Information!**



*If you would like to receive weekly eblast notifications, please email the church office at [laurie@lccnisswa.org](mailto: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.*

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENT**  
**Skiing & Tubing at Mt. Ski Gull**  
**December 11, 1pm**



**Sign up to reserve your spots on Kari's bulletin board!**

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**Cross Kids Need You!**

Looking for folks to share the teaching responsibilities for Weds. evening Cross Kids. This class is for 1st - 4th graders and meets in Classroom #3 following worship. Teaching materials are provided and will be in the room ready to go for this class which ends at 8pm.

**Contact Kari if you can help**



## Playground Task Force Update



We have continued our meetings working with Jon and looking at plans that have been submitted by designers. Our goal is to have a structure that blends with the environment and the structures surrounding the community garden and Memorial garden, so we will continue our work with Jon and the designers.

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

Lutheran Church of the Cross

# Parent's Day Out

An afternoon of fun for the kids  
and free time for the parents!

**Saturday,  
December  
3, 2022**

**3pm  
to 6pm**

All Cross Kids, birth - 4th gr. are welcome and invited to attend this afternoon of games, devotion, crafts, stories and activities, including supper. Parents are welcome to spend their time as they like - running errands, shopping, wrapping, napping, etc!

REGISTER AT: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8mv4y9>

December 11, 2022

## Musical Extravaganza

with Cross Kids Christmas Pageant

One Night in Bethlehem

9am in  
Celebration  
Center



Featuring Cross Kids, King's Kids, Bells of Praise + Sr. Choir

PAGEANT REHEARSALS

ON WEDS. AT 6:30PM AND SUN. AT 10AM

Dec. 11 Coffee Fellowship follows worship, featuring  
Donut Hole Bar, Yogurt Parfaits, and Hot Cocoa



5th—8th graders  
are encouraged to  
sign up to acolyte!



Our Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team  
served at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in  
November!



Thanks to our dedicated nursery  
attendants for taking great care of  
our littlest worshippers on 'Sunday  
mornings: Emma Trees, Anne,  
Hannah & Eli Hayes, Colleen,  
Abby & Rebecca Bakken & Karen  
Raguse.

# Thanks for supporting our Youth Super Roll Sundays!

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



# SUPER ROLL SUNDAYS

## NEED YOU!

The gift of  
your time is  
priceless to  
your church  
family!

Check your  
calendar and go  
to the  
SignUpGenius  
link (below) as  
soon as you  
can!

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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



*Cross Kids Worship and Cross Kids Connection during Coffee Fellowship—join us for fellowship, learning and fun. On Dec. 4 we will be running through and practicing our Christmas Pageant.*



Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa

## Music Notes



### *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

We have all heard the famous Christmas Carol, The Christmas, you know that one that goes on and on...

Twelve Days of

Did you know that the biblical meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas is referring to the time of Christmas that starts at the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and ends with the coming of the Magi and Epiphany. That is a most precious time that we can take time to reflect and slow down after the busy-ness of preparing for the Christmas holidays.

#### **The Twelve Days of Christmas**

1<sup>st</sup> Day: Partridge in a Pear Tree – Jesus, the Son of God, a partridge is the only bird that will die to protect its young

2<sup>nd</sup> Day: Two Turtledoves – Old and New Testaments, complete story of the Judeo-Christian faith and God’s plan for the world

3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Three French Hens – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13, 3 theological virtues, Faith, Hope and Love

4<sup>th</sup> Day: Four Calling Birds – the Four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

5<sup>th</sup> Day: Five Gold Rings – the First Five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch or Torah

6<sup>th</sup> Day: Six Geese A-Laying – Creation, each egg is a day in the creation, world was “hatched” or formed by God

7<sup>th</sup> Day: Seven Swans A-Swimming – the seven gifts or sacraments of the Holy Spirit; Prophecy, Ministry, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Leading, and Compassion. Swans represent some of most beautiful and graceful of creatures, thus perfect as a symbol of spiritual gifts.

8<sup>th</sup> Day: Eight Maids A-Milking – Jesus came to bless the lowest of the low, this gift represents the ones who would receive his word and accept his grace. Poor in Spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

9<sup>th</sup> Day: Nine Ladies Dancing – The Fruit of the Spirit; Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

10<sup>th</sup> Day: Ten Lords A-Leaping – The Ten Commandments, the lords were judges in charge of the law.

11<sup>th</sup> Day: Eleven Pipers Piping – The Eleven Faithful Disciples, only eleven as Judas betrayed Jesus and then committed suicide, eleven disciples left to proclaim the gospels. Simon Peter, Andrew, James John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas son James and later Matthias.

12<sup>th</sup> Day: Twelve Drummers Drumming – The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed; 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. 5) He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. 6) He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. 7) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 8) I Believe in the Holy Spirit, 9) the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and the life everlasting.

Join us for our all of our “special services” during December. Our Wednesday evenings will feature the Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion; November 27 is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion, December 4 is 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion, December 11 is 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent and our “Musical Extravaganza” featuring our Senior Choir, Bells of Praise, King’s Kids and Sunday School kids; Wednesday, December 14 will be Holden Evening Prayer and Blue Christmas with Holy Communion; December 18 is 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion and Blue Christmas, December 24 is Christmas Eve with services at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00, all with Holy Communion. Then join us as well for Sunday, December 25 for a special Christmas Day service with the Twelve Days of Christmas and Holy Communion.

We wish for all of you a joyous Advent and Twelve Days of Christmas. Emmanuel-God with Us.

Cathy Taylor, Director of Music Ministries.



# ALL YOUTH GATHERING '22



## **WOMEN in the WORD BIBLE STUDY**

led by Pastor Michelle is **Tuesday, December 6, at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM** in the Chapel Hall. We will be enjoying a study on the Christmas Story. Join us for a time of looking into God's Word, fellowshiping with our sisters-in-Christ, and enjoying coffee and Christmas treats! Please come for a **special** hour in the word and bring a friend!



**Ponder and Prayer** will meet **Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the sanctuary in the month of December. Come and join us for a time of quiet fellowship and prayer. We pray for those on our prayer list, for our families, for our church family, for our nation, and the world. We let the Holy Spirit guide our prayers.

**A Time for Us** is for parents on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM while your child is in class. We spend our hour getting to know one another, watching The Chosen, serving on some Wednesdays, etc. Come and meet a group of really fun parents and see how fast the hour goes by. Led by Pastor Michelle.

### **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

**Pizza and Games** is **canceled** for the month of December. Merry Christmas! See you on January 20th!



The **first-ever** LCC PrimeTimers *Christmas Festival of Tables* will take place on December 8, Thursday, at 12:00 noon. Come and enjoy a ham dinner. Tickets are \$10 each and selling fast. The BHS Windfall singers will be providing the entertainment, and there will be other fun surprises. Buy your ticket in the narthex on Sunday or in the office during the week. There are a limited number of tickets so get your ticket now for this **first-ever** LCC *Christmas Festival of Tables*. ALL ages welcome! Invite a friend or two. Start your Christmas season with this fun and entertaining dinner!

### 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*.



### 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.



Women of the Cross/Women of the ELCA is sponsoring a **Good Gifts Ornament Wreath**. Many of you are familiar with Good Gifts, where your donations can purchase animals, vaccinations, clean water, grow a church, give microloans to women to start a business, send girls to school, purchase school supplies, purchase seeds and gardening tools, and many, many other things. The deadline to get your ornament and donate to a great cause is **December 16, 2022**.

How it Works:

1. Pick the gift ornament(s) in the amount(s) you want to give
2. Make your check out to "ELCA Good Gifts"
3. Write the gift(s) you chose in the memo line of your check (i.e., two goats, one pig, etc.)
4. Place your check in the box below the wreath or at the Church Office weekdays
5. Take your gift ornament(s) home and place them on your tree or give them to loved ones as a gift given in their honor.

Please check out the Good Gifts Wreath in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



**Women of the Cross are hosting**  
**A Christmas Party for all LCC Women!**

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022, 10 am  
Please join us for a time of fellowship, great food, devotions, and our annual Baby Care Kit Party!  
Please see the display in the Narthex for the list of items requested for the Baby Care Kits or consider providing a monetary donation for the purchase of items needed. Your donations will make a real impact to the life of a child.  
All are Welcome!





## 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. 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 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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?

In the Academy Award nominated Civil Rights documentary, "A Time for Burning", the young Black barber, Ernie Chambers, [who confronts the young Lutheran Pastor, Bill Youngdahl, for thinking he can integrate his all White parish in Omaha, Nebraska] went on to become the longest serving State Senator in the history of the State of Nebraska. You can find "A Time for Burning" on Youtube.

People for 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



Big Thank You to Stacy Grothem, Marie Olness, and Nisswa Women's Club for cooking and serving a meal on behalf of LCC September 1st. Another Big Thanks to Tim Bergin and David and Julie Anderholm for serving October 6th, and Kari Erickson and youth crew for serving November 3rd. Thank you for the picture. LCC has the BEST volunteers!!

The Guests of the Soup Kitchen have started to fill up the "Thankful Tree" by writing words of thankfulness on the leaves to show appreciation for all the wonderful volunteers. The ones I have read are, "I'm thankful for the food that you serve here and for the people who come here to help serve the people in need." "Thank you for the great food and friendly service." "God bless and Thank you for all your kindness and joy you bring." Always a great feeling to know we are appreciated. In the months of September and October the Soup Kitchen served over 3000 meals to guests and made over 500 breakfast/lunch bags for The Overnight Shelter. If you would like to help, sign up on the **NEW 2023** Soup Kitchen calendar in the hall by the bathrooms, or call, email, or text Ann Bergin at 218-820-5511 or [georgiabergin@gmail.com](mailto:georgiabergin@gmail.com).



**SINCERE APPRECIATION TO OUR MANY, MANY VOLUNTEERS!**

**Thanksgiving Pie & Coffee:** What a nice evening as we gathered in Celebration Center with our LCC family and friends to enjoy some good fellowship and good pie after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship! This is always one of the nicest gatherings of the year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this event:

Joe & Jodi Milli, Dale & Connie Peterson, Peyton & Giina Clarine, and Clint & Cheryl Lindberg. Appreciate each and every one of you for giving of your time!

**December Worship Services:** With four busy Sundays in December, many calls will be made to ask for volunteers for all the Sunday services. We appreciate all the volunteers who sign up for our Wednesday night worship services and suppers! Your involvement is so very important in the life of our congregation!

**Advent Wreath Families:** Each year at Church of the Cross we ask our young families to participate in our Advent Wreath Lighting and Reading. We are so appreciative and thankful that these families are willing to participate in the Worship Services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Advent; you are each a blessing!

**Christmas Eve Worship Services:** We will have three Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services again this year: 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Approximately 50-60 volunteers are needed for these three services. We will have many visitors with us that afternoon and evening and want to extend a warm and sincere welcome to each of them.

If your family is celebrating the weekend before or after Christmas and you won't have company on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please consider volunteering for one of the services. We will need ushers, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes, readers, and worship coordinators for all three services on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Thank you in advance for your involvement here at Church of the Cross; you are very much appreciated!

*May you and your family share in the  
Blessings of this Christmas season,*

*Sally Hodgson, Lay Ministries Coordinator*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
facility calendar for:			
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<p><i>Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.</i></p>			
<p><b>4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship/ Rolls            10:15 Cross Kids Connection            1:00 Piano Recital</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group            7:00 Suicide Loss Survivor Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></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><b>7</b></p> <p>8:30 Text S            9:30 Quilt            5:00 Bells            5:45 Supp            6:00 King's  <b>6:20 Wors</b>            7:00 Conf.            7:00 Sr. CH</p>
<p><b>11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Musical Extravaganza Worship</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship            10:15 Cross Kids Connection            1:00 MS &amp; HS Tubing/Skiing            1:00 Piano Recital</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting /Prayers            9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch            4:00 Lakes Area Food Shelf            Board Mtg</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30 Text S            5:45 Supp            6:00 King's  <b>6:20 Wors</b>            7:00 Conf.            7:00 Sr. CH</p>
<p><b>18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Blue Christmas Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship            10:00 Worship &amp; Music Committee            10:15 Cross Kids Connections</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 MOPS            1:00 Prayer Shawl Group            7:00 People for Racial Justice</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers            9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:30 Text            9:30 Quilt            4:00 Crea            7:00 Sr. C</p>
<p><b>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: #c00000; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Merry Christmas!</p>	<p><b>26 OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch            10:30 Novel Ideas Book Club</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>No program</p>



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ember	2022		
	<b>1</b> 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 7:00 A.A. 	<b>2</b> 9:00 55+ Drivers Discount Program	<b>3</b> 11:00 Funeral: Ervin Ruether 3:00 Parent's Day Out
Study ers of Praise er s Kids <b>hip w/ Communion</b> / Route 56/Cross Kids choir/HSYG/Time for Us	<b>8</b> 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.	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 10:00 Women of the Cross Christmas Party
Study er Kids <b>hip w/ Communion</b> / Route 56/Cross Kids choir/Time for Us	<b>15</b> 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 12:00 Nisswa Women's Club 7:00 A.A.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Study ters tion Care Team choir	<b>22</b> 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 7:00 A.A.	<b>23</b> 2:00 Private Baptism	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 2:00 Candlelight Worship w/ Comm. 4:00 Candlelight Worship w/ Comm. 6:00 Candlelight Worship w/ Comm. 
ming or worship	<b>29</b> 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 10:00 Toning w/ a Purpose 7:00 A.A.	<b>30</b>	<b>31 NEW YEARS EVE</b> 

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Dena Moody, Jesse Sullivan, Bonnie Tangen
2. Autumn Loge
3. Kerry Malmquist, Benjamin Schamber, Barbara Scrimgeour, Emily Smith, Brian Stumvoll
4. Karen Boche, Brett Dutton, Janet Haeg, Andrew Kirzeder, Keith Mickelson, Anne Pierson
5. Noah Hanson, Kirk Loge, Kelsi Martini, Kayden Obe
6. Lea Anderson, Lyle Hillman
7. Caroline Martin, Jim Pierson
8. Ryan Fritz, Michelle Johnson
9. Carolee Wallin
10. Kathleen Carlson
11. Cooper Aakhus, Mike Brodeur, Mason Green, Jean Kraft, Tony Schwaller
12. Lynne Blanch, Mary Boche, Connie Peterson
13. Colleen Bakken
14. Erik Aakhus, Chris Fogderud, Doug Johnson, Ervin Reuther
15. Shawn Hansen
16. Kolten Hiles, Cassi Holmstrom, Bonnie Nygren, Gavin Trosdahl
17. Linda Brandon, Missy Trees
18. Dolores Weibel, Benjamin Wermager
19. Bob Beck, Jenna Bergin-Ude, Karen Holmen, Greg Tollefsrud
20. Jacob Hernandez
21. David Pelowski
22. Becky MacIver, Sarah Olson, Curt Wohl
23. Rod Opp, Joseph Reed
24. Brendan Brill, Ayla Teasck
25. Everett LeBlanc, Karen Peterson
26. Jason Gorr
27. Julie Anderholm, Aubrie Schamber
28. Ara Anderson, Carter Dirkes
29. Carol Smith
30. Joel Mailand
31. Clara Bolt, Rosalie Gulbrandson, Dick Schmidt, Stefanie Ubl, Byron Wacker, Grace Winegar



# 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 27th, 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class mail.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,  
that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

*Merry Christmas from the staff of LCC.*



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# Advent Worship

November 27 - December 18, 2022  
Sunday Worship @ 9am

**Wednesday Worship: Holden Evening  
Prayer in the Sanctuary, Nov. 30 - Dec. 21**

*All services begin with families lighting the Advent candles*

**"The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is  
matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it  
happens. ADVENT is the name of that moment."**

**--Frederick Buechner**



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, NISSWA

# Christmas Eve Worship

2:00 PM | 4:00PM | 6:00PM

# Christmas Day Worship

9:00AM

*Holy Communion served at each service*

Coming  
Soon...



Great news: we are publishing a new LCC picture directory soon! The last time we did one was five years ago and it is sadly out of date.

To make it a valuable resource, we are making it our mission to gather photos of as many members as possible.

We will be publishing the directory ourselves, so the cost to you will be around \$10.

As you gather together this holiday season, think of taking a family photo to submit. We will also require updated membership information. A form will be emailed out to members and be available in the church office soon.

### **LCC Member(s) Photo Submission**

Please submit a family/members photo to [lcc@lccnisswa.org](mailto:lcc@lccnisswa.org).

- No outdoor photos
- Photo background a neutral lighter/solid colored blank wall
- If needed, a church staff member can take a photo of you at church, call the church office to set up a time.
- Photo may be resized, altered, cropped, etc. by church staff to fit portrait format

Thank you and smile for the camera!

## **SCSU'S DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR DRIVERS OVER 55 YEARS OF AGE**

4-hour refresher course for returning students

Classes held at Lutheran Church of the Cross

**December 2 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**1-888-234-1294 or 1-320-308-1400**



## Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter

On Monday, December 7, Ray Arveson, Betty Arveson, and Pastor Michelle slept outside at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd to draw attention to homelessness in our area and to help raise funds for the Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter - *Bridges on 7th*. There was a time for devotions in the darkness of the night before settling down in a sleeping bag on top of cardboard. Please consider giving to the Warming Shelter. LCC is one of the church sponsors of *Bridges on 7th*.

Donate here: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2022SLEEPOUT> or write a check to LCC and write Warming Shelter in the memo line. Thank you.



It's beginning  
to look a lot like  
**Christmas**  
Soon the bells will start,  
And the thing that  
will make them ring  
is the carol that you sing  
*Right within your heart.*

Atrealth  
Wilson

It's beginning to look like Christmas in the church library!

The Christmas tree is up and the holiday books are now out for you to browse through.

There are books for all ages so please stop by!

Thank you for supporting the church library this past year. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

## DECEMBER NOVEL IDEAS BOOK

*The Boy, the mole,  
the fox and the horse*



*Charlie Mackay*

Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most important life lessons. The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse have been shared millions of times online - perhaps you've seen them?

Here, you will find them together in this book of Charlie's most-loved drawings, adventuring into the Wild and exploring the thoughts and feelings that unite us all.

**Please join us on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall!**

Even if you haven't read the book, please feel free to attend. You'll enjoy the discussion, fellowship & treats.

THANK YOU to the Rummage Sale Committee for the funds that will be used to purchase Novel Ideas books in 2023. These in turn will then be donated to the church library. If you have any questions regarding the book club and/or would like to be added to the contact list, please email Jean Olson at [jeanaolson@me.com](mailto:jeanaolson@me.com). Thank you!

# Novel IDEAS book club

## 2023 Monthly Selections

All are welcome - see Jean Olson with any questions!	January 31	"Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate	Meets monthly on Tuesdays in Chapel Hall at 10:30
	February 28	"Becoming," by Michelle Obama	
	March 28	"My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She's Sorry," by Fredric Backman	
	April 18	"Killers of the Flower Moon," by David Grann	
	May 30	"The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek," by Kim Michelle Richardson	
	June 27	"Harpey Mendelson," by Harold L. Schmidt	
	July 25	"The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict	
	August 29	"The Day the World Came to Town," by Jim DeFede	
	September 19	"The Lemon Tree," by Sandy Tolan	
	October 31	"The Vanishing Half," by Brit Bennet	
	November 28	"The Boys in the Boat," by Daniel James Brown	
	December 19	"A Redbird Christmas," by Fannie Flagg	



# CREATION CARE

The Creation Care Team (CCT) has not been a high profile group at LCC; nonetheless, we have been working hard “behind the scenes!” Many projects are spearheaded by our team and include the “Pollinator Demonstration Garden,” the Sharing Table, and the Solar Panels, just to mention a few. Additionally, the CCT recently updated our team’s Mission Statement to reflect our renewed focus on critical issues facing us today: It reads as follows:

*The CCT are stewards that advocate on behalf of LCC with forward-thinking ideas and actions that focus on God’s call to preserve and renew the Earth’s resources. This team is committed to inspire the congregation to incorporate these endeavors through our worship life, educational programs and personal stewardship at home as well as in the community at large. As dedicated workers in the Kingdom of God, we know that the church exists for the sake of the world and that our efforts serve as an informed model to encourage responsible ecological behavior.*

In May of 2018, MN Power completed an Electric Energy Analysis for our congregation. This report provides an agenda for not only lowering our energy costs but also reducing our carbon footprint. The audit showed that 46.9% of our energy consumption came from lights. The CCT decided to continue the progress that this congregation made when we replaced our sanctuary lights with LEDs and will keep moving forward.

Our timing could not have been more fortunate. When we contacted the energy provider to update our audit, we learned that LCC was eligible to participate in a pilot program launched in 2022 called “Direct Replacement.” In lieu of rebates, MN Power has offered to replace outdated electric bulbs with new energy-saving LEDs; and, the most exciting aspect is that it comes at **no cost whatsoever to LCC**. MN Power will replace over 500 bulbs at no charge to LCC for materials, labor or removing and discarding old bulbs. This work is estimated to lower LCCs annual electric costs by approximately \$800.

Furthermore, MN Power will reimburse the church for portions of the cost for routine maintenance on our HVAC systems over the past several years. The CCT has filed the appropriate paperwork for this and should receive a **rebate check for \$1,260** prior to the end of the year.

Next up on the energy savings front is the installation of motion detectors, which will automatically turn off lights if a room is empty for a set time. Stay tuned for further details in the upcoming months!

Jim Roberts  
Creation Care Team



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

**We Assemble in God's Name**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Council President Mike Smith

**Present:**

Pr. Drew Bakken, Colleen Both, Rachel Gerhartz, Rob Norgon, Darrell Paske, Dale Peterson,  
Pr. Michelle Ruen, Mike Smith, Bonnie Stevens, Brian Stubbs, Jenny Stubbs, and Joanie Swanson.

**Devotion:** Dale Peterson

**Announcement:** Council will tour the new offices following our meeting tonight.

**Officer Reports:**

Council Minutes (October 2022)

- **Motion to approve by Darrell Paske; Second by Rachel Gerhartz**  
Treasurer's report
- **Motion to approve by Bonnie Stevens; Second by Dale Peterson**

**New Business:**

**1. Budget Planning**

Committees are to have their proposed budgets into Colleen by Dec. 6-8. Council will meet to approve a proposed 2023 annual budget January 8, at 11:00.

**Old Business:**

**1. Constitution Update**

Committee is meeting Nov. 17 and update is close to being ready to send to the Synod. When sent back from the Synod, the Constitution is presented to the congregation at the second part of LCC's annual meeting to review for 12 months.

**Pastors' Reports**

**Pastor Drew:**

For the month of October I held 8 fireside chats as a chance to meet with the congregation in order to see where we are after we came out of the COVID pandemic and to see where the congregation would like to head into the future here at Lutheran Church of the Cross. I had three questions:

“What part do you play in God's Story? What aspects of the Lutheran Church of the Cross most supported you? And what do you want to see grow and flourish here at church and how do you plan to help bring God's dreams for the church today and in the future?”

I was amazed at what I heard from these listening questions.

- For the first question the responses were, to be an example, preach the Gospel and if we have too we can use words, support one another, reach out to others, be a welcoming and inviting place for everyone.
- The second question: Choir, sermon, bible studies, music, staff, our members, small groups, social circles, Sunday worship, LCC feels like home, familiarity in our worship, feel comfortable, the banners, Wednesday worship, memorial garden, and encouragement from the congregation.
- The last question: Grow the next generation of leaders, grow and support our youth and children's ministry, being out in the community, preaching God's word, serving the community, meet people where they are at, Find a need and meet a need-Find a hurt and heal it, community dinners, don't be afraid to be visible, worship service, and explore our faith.

We have amazing members here at LCC that wish to continue to grow in our faith and a willingness to serve our community. Now that we have finished these listening sessions it will be important to look at our previous long-range plan that was last updated in 2012 and to come up with a plan for the next five years.

Pastoral acts for the month of October:

1 wedding, 5 nursing home worship service, 3 hospital visits, 1 funeral, confirmation, 4 congregational visits, Wednesday morning bible study, Men's breakfast, trunk or treat, High School Youth group, constitution and bylaws meeting, baptism meeting, and Sunday worship.

### **Pastor Michelle:**

- Fall programming is in full swing. There is lots of excitement and participation with classes, activities, and church offerings. Sunday services and Wednesday services have had wonderful attendance.
- *A Time for Us*, the Wednesday gathering of parents led by Pastor Michelle, is one of the teams that will be serving meals on Wednesday nights. On Wed, Oct 26, our parent team put-away food, cleaned up the kitchen, and washed dishes. We will do the clean-up again on Wednesday, Nov 30. We will be cooking and serving the meal, along with clean-up, on Jan. 4, Feb. 8, Apr 12, and May 10.
- It's wonderful to see all the children in our church nursery. A big thank you to Colleen Bakken, Abby and Rebecca, Ann Hayes, Hannah and Eli, Emma Trees, and Karen Raguse. Also, thank you to Alanna LeBlanc who has stepped in to sub at the last minute when needed. Thank you, nursery attendants, for being the "hands and feet of Jesus" with our precious little ones whom Jesus loved so much.
- I baptized Hayes Owen on Sunday, October 9. Hayes is the son of Michael and Melissa Owen and grandson of Todd and Eileen Holland. Welcome into God's family, Hayes!
- PrimeTimer's program in October was Ann Hunnicutt from the Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter. The November speaker will be Steve Wright, manager of the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport to talk about our local airport. The December PrimeTimers will be the Christmas Festival of Tables on Thursday, December 8, at 12:00 Noon. Please join in the fun and buy a ticket to join us for a delicious dinner. The entertainment will be the Brainerd High School Windfall singing group under the direction of Brian Stubbs. Come see the wide variety of decorated tables for Christmas! A festive and good time will be had by all!
- I continue to visit our dear members who are homebound, in the hospital, and recovering at home or in a nursing home facility from illness or hospitalization.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Social Concerns & Global Missions: Bonnie Stevens**

##### **Warming Shelter-Bridges of Hope**

Thank you to Ray and Betty Arveson and Pastor Michelle for "Sleeping Out" on Monday, November 7 at Bethlehem church in Brainerd. Their shelter was cardboard. The Shelter hopes to raise \$100,000 over this season to provide for this year's operating costs. The "Kick-off" raised \$28,000. To date this year the shelter provided 58 different people shelter since it opened September 15th as "**The Bridge on 7th.**" The shelter provides rest seven days per week to those 18 years of age and older from 7 p.m. – 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed for the week of November 20-27 (Yes, that's Thanksgiving week.) Shifts to be covered are mornings from 6 am to 8:30 am., and evenings from 6:45 to 10 pm. There is always a full-time staff person onsite during the hours of operation. Guests are taken in from 7 pm to 11 pm and leave the shelter at 8 am. The only way to sign up to volunteer is through the link in the newsletter. Background check and confidentiality agreement are needed to volunteer.

Volunteer duties for the morning include making coffee, telephoning for transportation, linens and light cleanup. Evening duties include monitoring cameras, helping with tote storage and making coffee and snacks available to the guests.

Please consider volunteering.

<https://whocanbetherere.com/SignUp/week-of-nov-20/114wmwtBIXW>

Thank you to the Rummage sale committee for approving \$500 for Showers at the YMCA for the homeless. Towels and toiletries are provided by the Y.

### **My Neighbor to Love Coalition**

All permitting and Brainerd City Council approved the last applications and vacated the alley on Monday for the Creekside Community in Brainerd. Phase One construction is underway which is a fourplex with studio housing units. Application forms and resident handbook are complete and classes are courses are being developed.

### **Central Lakes College Food Pantry**

In December, working with Kari and Route 56, cookie packages will be delivered to the Central Lakes College Food Pantry along with fruit to provide a Christmas cheer package for the students. Each week there are students at CLC who deal with hunger issues.

The Spring 2023 Penny offering from Heartland Conference Women of the ELCA has been designated to support the CLC Food Pantry, sometimes overlooked because it's a campus source for students. Some may be single parents or have tentative housing situations. Erich Heppner, Director of Student Services, is able to purchase food items through Second Harvest, but also relies on donations.

Also, March 2, 2023- If council members could volunteer at the Sharing Soup Kitchen, let Bonnie know!

### **Worship and Music: Brian Stubbs**

W&M met on November 6, 2022

1. Budget \$9,000 budget; we have spent \$7684.40 (84%). Organ fund has \$2930.45, Bell choir fund has \$555.50.
2. Altar Guild – Darrell reported that he could use one more bread maker. Request that recipes be explored that could be a gluten free bread for communion... Darrell is looking into it.
3. Music – All is going well - next big focus is the Christmas Extravaganza service held on the second Sunday in Dec. Organ recital recital Friday 11/18 “Christmas in November”
4. Video – New speakers for outdoor worship are here. New until needed for the video room that broke. Will be ordered this week.
5. We continue to have sound issues and hope we can get retraining from the installer. We've waited a year now for this.
6. Wednesday worship – off and running - good attendance and 8 musicians involved in leadership roles.

Special services:

Thanksgiving Eve – November 23 with Pie social

Advent – starts November 27

Musical Extravaganza – December 11

Christmas Eve – December 24

Upcoming:

1. Organ recital: “Christmas in November” 11/18

Our next meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of January.

### **Stewardship Report: Rob Norgon**

No report

### **Congregational Life: Joanie Swanson**

No report

## **LCC Property Report: Dale Peterson**

Here is an update of the major LCC Property projects:

### **1. Painting of Church Building exterior**

- a. Lower Styrofoam areas on the north and west are scheduled to be repaired and painted in spring 2023
- b. Bell Tower is scheduled to be painted in spring 2023
- c. The 2 storage sheds will be addressed in 2023

### **2. Addition to Garage**

- a. Electrical inspection was completed
- b. Divider wall will be erected in the north garage
- c. Door access between the old and new garage will be installed

### **3. Relocation of Church Offices**

- a. Completed the new church office space and workroom
- b. LCC staff has relocated

### **4. Seal Cracks in the Parking Lot**

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

### **5. Snow Removal**

- a. Selected Cutright Services for winter plowing
- b. Edges have been staked for plowing.

## **Children and Family Ministry: Rachel Gerhartz**

- Cross Kids is going very well - last week Kari had 26 kids join her. She thinks she will be moving to Chapel Hall in the future.
- Weds. evening Cross Kids is okay - it's been tough finding volunteers to take this class. Not sure how to proceed - Kari will put out a call in the Dec. newsletter. Kari also tried opening the wall/doors to CC on Sunday and that worked well - attracted more participation.
- Our Trunk or Treat was a success with over 400 in attendance; we served cocoa and popcorn once again in CC; HOWEVER, the number of trunks was way down and we need to remedy that - perhaps next year we encourage ministry groups/teams/committees to host a trunk? We have also approached the Lions Club with combining our events for 2023 - they could serve their hotdogs and hand out candy during our event, and perhaps some of their members will host trunks, as well. They were very interested in working together. (Evidently the Legion will not be hosting their Halloween events any longer.) Shout out to Party World for providing the Bounce House at a great price, too!
- Kari will be using the Luther Crest Bold Transformational Faith program for Advent in both Cross Kids and in Route 56 this year.
- We have 16 kids signed up to attend Parent's Day Out on Dec. 3 and have 4 youth helpers. Kari anticipates more numbers as the days go by.
- Our Christmas Pageant will be "One Night in Bethlehem." Speaking parts have been assigned and we will have rehearsals on Weds evenings at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 10am. As usual, this pageant will be presented during our Dec. 11 Musical Extravaganza service.
- Kari has received some copies of "The Action Bible," a graphic novel-type bible geared toward upper elementary - she will look into offering some programs for kids in the winter - perhaps Bible Detectives, or something like that.
- Jerry Raedeke approached Kari with an offer of funds from the Art & Faith Committee for us to work together to host an art event for kids. Kari has reserved the Celebration Center for January 14 in the afternoon for this event. Judy Swenson, Jerry, and Kate Carlson will be helping with this and also hoping to snag some high school students as well to help.
- Mary Hubert has graciously agreed to help with creating take home Twelve Days of Christmas Prayers 'kits' for those attending our Christmas Day service. Cathy is also working on incorporating this theme into the worship service.

• Our Playground Task Force meetings have continued, but with hunting and folks being out of town, we have had to move our next meeting until after Thanksgiving. Todd and I met with reps from the Creation Care Team last week to try to listen, answer questions and address their concerns. From now on, Laura Raedeke will be attending the Task Force meetings and will relay information to the CC Team. We hope to have a plan ready to present to the Church Council in January.

**Youth and Family Ministry: Sarah Tietz**

Report included with Children & Family Ministry report.

**Personnel: Darrell Paske**

No report

Meeting Adjourned/Closing Prayer: Pr. Drew Bakken

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Stubbs, Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 7:00 pm

Devotions: Jenny Stubbs

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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

ANNUAL MEETING PART 1

November 20, 2022

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Council Vice-President Darrell Paske.

Opening prayer – Pastor Drew Bakken

A motion to approve the minutes of the second half of the Annual Congregation on January 22, 2022 was made by Candy Barnack, seconded by Barb Elmquist. Motion to approve passed.

The Voting ballot for the congregation was presented by Vice-President Paske. Those on the ballot who were present were introduced.

After three calls for further nominations from the floor, Ron Whipple motioned for a Unanimous ballot. The motion was seconded by Terry Frovik. Motion was approved.

The Closing prayer was done by Pastor Michelle Ruen.

Meeting adjourned until January for the adoption of the budget.

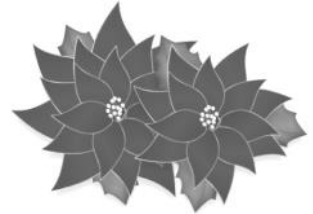
Informational meeting will be January 15.

Congregational budget approval meeting will be January 22, 2023.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Remember a loved one or honor someone in your family this holiday season by helping us fill our church with Christmas color! You can contribute \$15.00 toward the purchase of poinsettia plants for our church in honor/memory of a loved one. Complete the form and place in the offering, or mail the form and payment to the church office. Please write "poinsettia" in your check memo. These poinsettia tributes will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve, so please clearly write your tribute on the form, with special attention to spelling of name(s).

We appreciate your help in decorating this Christmas season!



### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (due by December 20th)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) donated at \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to Lutheran Church of the Cross and place in the offering or mail to the church office.*

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## Welcoming all people into discipleship

### STAFF

Pastor	Drew Bakken	218-961-2014
Pastor	Michelle Ruen	218-961-2013
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry	Kari Erickson	218-961-2012
Youth Ministry	Hans Anderson	
Director of Music Ministry/Organist	Cathy Taylor	218-961-2053
Financial Secretary	Karen Wiele	218-961-2016
Lay Ministry Coordinator	Sally Hodgson	218-961-2052
Senior Choir Director	Brian Stubbs	
Organist	Laura Raedeke	
Bell Choir Director	Cheryl Karlgaard	
King's Kids	Carol Smith	
Custodian	Todd Whipple	218-963-2564
ELCA Global Missionary	Bradn Buerkle	
LCC Office	Laurie Hemish	218-961-2011

### 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Mike Smith	Social Justice/Global	Bonnie Stevens
Vice President	Darrell Paske	Worship & Music	Brian Stubbs
Treasurer	Colleen Both	Youth	Sarah Tietz
Secretary	Jenny Stubbs	Stewardship	Rob Norgon
Cong. Life	Joanie Swanson		
Children/Family	Rachel Gerhartz		
Properties	Dale Peterson		

