

Cross Currents

Lutheran
Church
of the Cross
2022

October 

Dear LCC family,

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the big pumpkin patch and brings you in; then, washes all the dirt off of you. God opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then God carves in you a new smiling face; and puts Jesus's light inside you for all the world to see. Happy Fall!



Thank you to the many people who put in hours of volunteering for our September Rummage Sale. The Sale brought in over \$37,000. LCC was able to minister to many people in our community. The funds raised will continue to minister to various organizations and ministries.

Welcome to our forty new members who joined our LCC family on September 25. We celebrated with a cake reception after the service. The energy and excitement was palatable. Stop by the church office if you want to see our new members and their short bio. We are excited and grateful for each of these wonderful new members!

We're thankful for the wonderful attendance we have been having on Sunday mornings. Please know we are discerning whether to go to two Sunday services so we can provide the best worship experience for you on Sundays. We began our Wednesday night service on September 28. Dinner is at 5:45 pm and church follows at 6:20 pm. Join us on Sundays, Wednesdays, or both!

Come for a delicious Stewardship Breakfast on Sunday, October 9 at 10:00 AM after church. Join in the fun at the Ministry Fair that will be going on at the same time. The Celebration Center will be hopping. Come see what is happening at LCC this year!

We are entering the beautiful season of Autumn. It brings new opportunities to grow spiritually, serve faithfully, and fellowship freely. Thank you for joining us during this exciting, meaningful, and Spirit-filled time at LCC!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Michelle





Members: *Alanna LeBlanc, Jean Kraft, Autumn Loge, Julie Helsene, Danae Anderson, Todd Whipple, Sherry Pape, Kari Erickson, Pastor Drew*

Our group has had two meetings. **At our initial meeting**, we discussed the necessity for some sort of play area for children and youth of all ages:

A playground is inviting and sends a positive message about LCC – it shows that we care about and value our children and youth. A church playground promotes fellowship – for the children & youth it provides an opportunity for outdoor playtime (which promotes good health), teamwork, empathy, and appreciation for what makes

church special. When children learn to play cooperatively together, they are more apt to be involved in LCC's children, youth and family activities as they grow. It also sends a message to parents, grandparents, and care givers – that we are willing to provide and upkeep not only an area where they can safely interact with children and other adults, but also that there is a place for children so that adults may be encouraged to become more engaged in church activities and functions.

The basics we came up with were to provide some sort of play structure for younger children that would be easily accessible and visible from the building, as well as providing older youth areas for recreation. We walked the church property and discussed options for space vs. need. Foremost in our minds throughout discussion were other church ministry groups that would be impacted, and the importance of including them in further discussion/planning. We noted that the area near the Memorial Garden where a pergola stands was an Eagle Scout project initiated by Jon Aga. An idea that came forward was to (with Jon's okay) move the pergola to the front of the church near the bike trail and butterfly garden to provide a resting area with a picnic table and bike rack. We also noticed that the current fire pit area is rather close to the gas line and has become overcome by tree growth, but has potential to provide a great place for youth recreational space. Todd, Kari and Pr. Drew spoke to adding a portable Nine Square game structure, as well as a portable volleyball/badminton set. Another installation that would be recommended for youth would be a Gaga Ball pit. At the conclusion of the meeting, Task Force members were assigned to gather information- speak to area schools and community organizations and do some research to bring back to the group at the next meeting. **At our second meeting**, Task Force members shared information. We were directed to the companies that work with the Nisswa Elementary School and Pillager Schools. Julie Helsene shared that her brother in law, John Henke, works with *SourceWell* working with playground planning and development. She contacted him and he is willing to come to LCC to discuss wants, needs, space, and possibilities. She will let us know possible meeting days/times. Danae shared that she had spoken with Carolyn about the location of the proposed Prayer Labyrinth and that there would be plenty of space left for some sort of playground installation in that area (we did note that this area is farther away from the building, but is accessible during outdoor worship.) No matter the location of the play area, we agreed that this space should serve children between the ages of 2 to 12 years.

Alanna LeBlanc shared that Jon Aga has given his blessing to move the pergola to the front of the church. We then discussed the possibility of relocating the fire pit to the cement slab where the pergola currently rests, as we have a portable metal fire pit that could be used. Pastor Drew volunteered to contact the family of the young man who the fire pit area was dedicated to – to see if they would be comfortable with relocation. The area currently housing the fire pit/rocks could then be utilized for a Gaga Ball permanent installation. Todd mentioned that we have some wood that can be used in the construction of the pit. All were in agreement that this would be a good idea.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we were in agreement that those who were able would attend a meeting here at LCC with John Henke. We will share that information and discuss at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Financial Summary 2022 General Fund

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Annual Annual
Income	\$ 53,049	\$ 430,377	\$ 688,900	62.5%
Expenses	\$ 54,702	\$ 428,440	\$ 688,900	62.2%
Difference	\$ (1,653)	\$ 1,937	\$ 0	

**In the month of August our expenses were greater than our income by \$1,653.
Thank you for your continued support.**



BAPTISM

Name: Axel Robert Hoelmer
 Born: March 21, 2022
 Baptized: September 4, 2022
 Parents: Adam & Courtney Hoelmer
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

FUNERAL

Name: Donald A. Anderson
 Born: May 1, 1934
 Died in Christ: August 12, 2022
 Funeral: September 3, 2022
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

VISIONING MEETINGS

What brought you to LCC? What are your hopes and dreams for LCC? Where do you see LCC in the next 5 to 10 years?

You are invited to gather together to ponder and discuss these questions and others with Pastor Drew from 7pm—8pm in Chapel Hall or the Sanctuary.

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| Oct. 3rd—last name starts with A, B, C | Oct. 18th—last name starts with M, N, O |
| Oct. 10th—last name starts with D, E, F | Oct. 24th—last name starts with P, Q, R |
| Oct. 11th—last name starts with G, H, I | Oct. 25th—last name starts with S, T, U |
| Oct. 17th—last name starts with J, K, L | Oct. 31st—last name starts with V, W, X, Y, Z |

all kids welcome!



Kids of all ages excused during Sun. worship

...more activities and learning during coffee fellowship

Lesson/activities repeated on Weds. night, 7pm for 1st - 4th graders

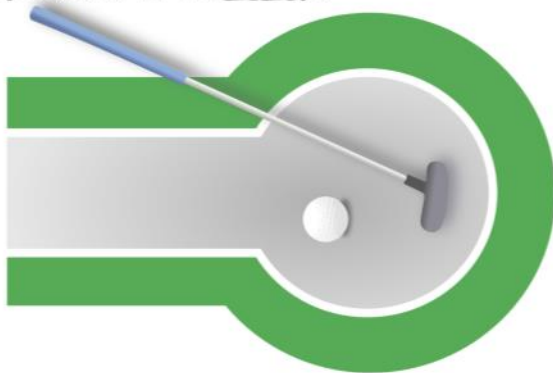
An illustration for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. A yellow Volkswagen Beetle is shown from a front-three-quarter view. Inside the car, four children are dressed as a witch, a pumpkin, a vampire, and a ghost. The license plate area says 'CROSS KIDS'. In the background, there is a dark, spooky landscape with a haunted house, bare trees, and a full moon.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 30TH
3:00pm to 4:30pm
5064 Co. Rd. 13 - Schaefer's Corner- in the front parking lot
ALL ARE WELCOME!

All are invited to host a trunk (supply your own treats, both candy and allergy-friendly options). If you are unable to host a trunk, but want to support this event, please consider donating candy or allergy-friendly treats so that our hosts don't run out. ALL ARE WELCOME AT THIS EVENT!

ROUTE 56 EVENT

October 9, 2pm
Nisswa Falls



*Family members welcome
to join us!*

What a great first night
of Route 56!!!

Reminder to 5th and 6th
graders that we meet
each Weds. following
worship in the
Treehouse. Please bring
your bible and complete
a Worship Experience
Sheet.

5th - 7th graders: sign up to acolyte:

<https://tinyurl.com/48emx3dv>

Playground Task Force



We met with Jon Henke and walked the grounds. He provided much information and is very experienced with playground installations. He will make a contact with a designer (at no charge) and they will take measurements and consider possibilities. Our next move is to have a meeting with other ministry groups who may be impacted by this project to discuss possibilities and keep communication open.

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



High School Youth Group Meeting for 9th - 12th graders on OCTOBER 9.

We will meet at 5pm in Celebration Center for pizza (yum) and planning with Kari, Pr. Drew and Pr. Hans. All are encouraged to attend to help us generate ideas for the year.



HIGHWAY CLEAN UP ON OCTOBER 16

Meet in Celebration Center at 12noon for lunch followed by cleaning up our section of Hwy 371 (from Mattson Lumber up to Schaefer's Corner). Gloves and vests provided. Wear weather appropriate gear.



CARE PACKAGE NIGHT is approaching...on October 12 we will prepare post secondary packages to be mailed. Please bring candy, tea, cocoa, microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, etc. to add to the packages to let our young adult members know we are thinking about them. A \$5 donation for postage is also appreciated.

7th—12th graders: our first Super Roll Sunday will be Nov. 6 and we will continue on the first Sunday of each month through May 7.

RESERVE YOUR VOLUNTEER SPOT BY GOING TO THE SIGNUPGENIUS LINK -

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



NE MN Synod ALL YOUTH GATHERING!

All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited for a weekend retreat to grow in faith, build relationships, laugh and play, and worship with hundreds of youth from across our synod.

Dates: November 19-20, 2022
Place: Cragun's Resort

Please sign up with your small group leader by Weds., October 12. All 7-12 youth are encouraged to attend - it will be EPIC!



Worship On Wednesday

There's something for everyone on Wednesday evenings! New this year, school-aged children (grades 1 - 4) are welcome for Cross Kids Connection at 7pm. The lesson will be a repeat of the previous Sunday's message, along with a combination of liturgy, prayer, activities and crafts, songs, and Bible exploration. This group will meet in Classroom 3 (across from the Choir Room.) If you find yourselves waiting for a Confirmation or Route 56 student, this is a great option—and Pr. Michelle will be offering "A Time For Us" for parents at the same time.

Reminder that there will be no supper, worship or programming on October 19.



WELCOME,

**PASTOR HANS
ANDERSON**

We at LCC are excited to announce that Pr. Hans has joined our staff. He will be working a few hours a week, helping out with youth ministry and Wednesday Worship. He brings 17 years of experience, compassion, and energy to us. Join us in welcoming him to LCC, and feel free to introduce yourself.. He and his wife Erin and children Karlton and Kaya have joined our church family and embraced involvement already. We look for this to be an exciting time with him on board!

Hymn of the Month



ELW 684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn; Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1. Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
2. Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
3. Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.
4. Indwelling God, your gospel claims one fam'ly with a billion names;
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Jeffery Rowthorn is a Welsh retired Anglican bishop and hymn writer. He first spent his career in parish ministry in the Church of England. He then moved to the United States where he worked at two seminaries: Union Theological Seminary in New York City and Berkley Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. He served as bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1987-1994 and as Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe from 1994 to 2001.

This hymn is his first. He had given his students at Yale Divinity School an assignment to compose a new psalm paraphrase. He decided, being he had never done this himself, to follow his own instructions. This hymn is based on Psalm 148 – a praise hymn celebrating God's creation. His instructions for his students were as follows: 1) to use inclusive language throughout and in particular by addressing each stanza to God; 2) to depict the ongoing and unceasing activity of each person of the Trinity by using active present participles (creating) instead of static descriptive nouns (Father); 3) to evoke awe and wonder and the recognition that our knowledge of the universe remains at best partial; 4) to emphasize the radical barrier-free love of God for all; and 5) to use "billion" in the final stanza, even though at first some resisted its use.

The tune for this hymn comes from William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*. *Southern Harmony* was published in Philadelphia in the 19th Century and was one of the more well-known "shape note" tune books at that time. These tune books were intended to teach music. They consist of folk tunes, popular airs, ballads and hymns such as Amazing Grace and Rock of Ages. PROSPECT was also used by David N. Johnson in his very well known "The Lone Wild Bird". It is very singable and beautiful.

Enjoy this as we sing in October.

Cathy Taylor, Ministry of Music Director

KING'S KIDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We invite all students grades 1 through 4 to participate in King's Kids Children's Choir. This choir is led by Carol and Mike Smith.



King's Kids will meet in the Choir Room at LCC from 6:00PM. Families are invited to eat supper in the Celebration Center at 5:30 and then send their children to the Choir Room by 6:00. Choir students may go to the front of the food line even if they arrive late. After choir, all students are encouraged to join their parents at the church service which is held in the

If students are involved in sports activities at the beginning of the school year we will warmly welcome them when those end. Also, if there are any outgrown T-shirts at your home we could use them. Please bring them to the Choir Room. Thank you!

If you have questions, call us at 218--829-8142. We look forward to a great year!

Music Opportunities

We are in full swing for our fall activities and services. We are always encouraging people to volunteer to join us in our multitude of music opportunities.

Senior Choir: Brian Stubbs, Director; rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00-8:00 in the choir room. High School age on up are invited. The choir sings for Sunday services twice a month plus Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Bells of Praise: Cheryl Karlgaard, Director; rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary balcony area. All ages are invited. The bell choir plays on Sundays mornings the 4th Sunday of each month.

King's Kids: Carol Smith, Director; rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:00-6:30 in the choir room. Grade 1-4 are invited to join.

Wednesday night worship: Wednesday night worship is in the Celebration Center with a more contemporary service. The service is 6:20-7:00. We would love to invite guitar and bass players, other instruments and of course singers.

Please contact Cathy Taylor – 763-607-4282 if you would like more information on any of these groups. I will certainly welcome your call.

Soli Deo Gloria – To God be All Glory

Cathy Taylor, Director of Music Ministries

A Time for Us.....

This is a time for parents of Confirmation students, Route 56, and Wednesday night Cross Kids to gather with Pastor Michelle for good conversation, fun camaraderie, and faithful fellowship! Join us in the Conservatory (the old youth room) at 7:00 PM while your child is busy with their Wednesday night church activity. We finish at the same time they do. Please come and check us out! This is a time for you! Contact: Pastor Michelle

Ponder and Prayer Group— A NEW day and time! We have moved to Thursdays from 9:00—10:00 am. Meet us in the sanctuary for a wonderful time of “being still before the Lord” for the first half hour. Then, the second half hour we spend praying for our friends and family, our church, our country, our world, and any other needs or special supplications. Come and join LCC prayer warriors in this vital and rewarding ministry. All men and women are welcome. See you Thursdays! Contact: Carol Smith.

WOMEN in the WORD BIBLE STUDY

The **October Women in the Word Bible Study** will be on **Tuesday, October 4th**, and is offered at both **10:00am and 7:00pm**. Join Pastor Michelle for a special time of being in God’s Word. We enjoy coffee and tasty treats and good fellowship along with great conversation centered on God’s Word and how to apply it to our lives today. There’s no homework or preparation. Bring your Bible and a friend. See you on October 4th! Contact: Pastor Michelle

Pizza and Games

Join us for tasty pizza and fun games on **Friday, October 14, from 5:30-7:30pm**. Pizza and Games happens on the third Friday of every month. We provide pizza, drinks, dessert and games. You provide the laughs and the enthusiasm. There are games for the big people and the little people. If you like adult card games, come! If your children like playing games, come! If you like pizza, come! See you on Friday, October 14th at 5:30pm. Contact: Darrell Paske or the church office with questions.

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



BRIDGES OF HOPE will be the program on October 13th at noon. Please join us as Ann Hunnicott, the Warming Shelter Director updates us on this important community service and other happenings at Bridges of Hope.

Please bring a bag lunch and we will provide the dessert and beverages.

Hosts: Jean & Jim Kraft

Toning with a Purpose begins on Thursday, **October 13, at 10:00am**. 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. All women and men are welcome! Instructor and Lead Teacher: Gloria Thomas.

Soup Ministry

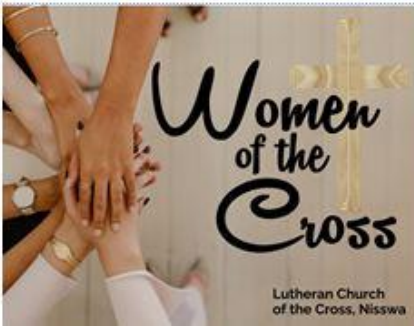
If you like to make soup, consider sharing your culinary skills with **LCC's Soup Ministry**. We have the containers which you will take home and fill with soup. Bring the filled containers back to LCC to put in our freezer in the kitchen. Please label your containers with the type of soup and the date. When Pastor Michelle or our newly formed Visitation Ministers go out on visits, they will bring a container of soup with them Thank you! Contact: Vicki Edminister or Jan Burns

LCC Landscapers

This Fall we are starting a form a new group called LCC Landscapers. LCC Landscapers is for people who like to play in the dirt! This would involve weeding, pruning, and possibly planting to keep the **front** of the church near the highway looking tidy and inviting. We have people who will explain more at the LCC Landscapers table on Stewardship Sunday October 9. Come, play in the dirt at LCC! Thank you! Contact: Dale Peterson

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", look for the LCC LIFT table at the Ministry Fair on October 9th and sign up to be a volunteer driver on occasion. Thank you for "lifting" someone's spirit by giving them a "lift" to church. Contact: Lenny Hodgson



Gather Bible Study—Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue with the three-part Bible Study written by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith entitled, “Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith.” Rev. Olson-Smith writes, “Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture.” Our September discussion was very thought-provoking, lively, and brought all of us closer to each other in Christ.

Session 2: “Soil,” will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

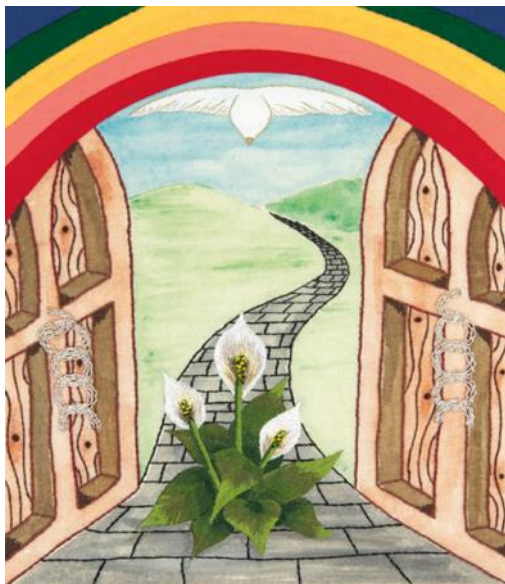
Candy Barnack will be leading the Bible Study, and Marie Olness will be providing treats. *Please note the time change back to 10:00 a.m.*

Women of the Cross (Women of the ELCA) Upcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

The **Christmas Trees of Sharing** will begin the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Please prayerfully consider taking one or more ornaments to help someone in need.

Inviting all Women: the Women’s Annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletters, bulletins, and e-blasts!



World Day of Prayer at LCC

Sunday, October 2, 2022

**I Know the Plans I Have for You!
Jeremiah 29:1-14**

**Join Us at 9:00 a.m. for Worship,
Fellowship, and Study**

*Brought to us by the World Day of Prayer
Committee o England, Wales and
Northern Ireland*

- Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Special Music
- Traditional Irish Dancers at Worship and During Fellowship
- Learn more about the countries and experience their traditional foods in the Celebration Center following Worship
- Participate in the Jeremiah Bible Study led by Pastor Michelle Ruen on hope and a future which is particularly relevant for today as well!

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS WONDERFUL
ALL-CONGREGATION WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

ALL ARE WELCOME



Sheri McSherry is currently on leave from her position as Lay Ministries Coordinator. Sally Hodgson has graciously agreed to temporarily assume this role once again. Thank you in advance for saying yes when Sally reaches out to you for assistance with the many volunteer opportunities that there are.

Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen News

Big Thank You to the Nisswa Women's Club for serving September 1st.

If you would like to help, sign up on the Soup Kitchen calendar in the hall by the bathrooms, or call, email, or text Ann Bergin at 218-820-5511 or georgiabergin@gmail.com.



...and it's a wrap! The Northern Route of OPERATION SANDWICH (Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Jenkins, and Pine River) concluded its 2022 summer with serving a total number of 21,995 lunches to an average of 47 families each week. Grand totals, including Brainerd and Baxter sites, tallied 44,095 lunches compared to 30,035 last year. It was an amazing summer helping our neighbors with food needs, as well as sharing this experience with over 70 volunteers from our church, Our Savior's in Pequot Lakes, and community. Thank you to Teams A and Z and all of you who donated food, money, gift cards, prayers, and support to Operation Sandwich.



Dear LCC Friends,

What a beautiful time of the year!

And what a beautiful number of ways this fall to share fun and fellowship here at LCC. Stewardship Sunday and the Ministry Fair are on October 9th. There will be a breakfast and all kinds of information about ways you can share your time and talents in the upcoming season. (We even have a new brochure for you to till out!)

We can always use more help with our Wednesday evening worship time together. Whether it is helping with meals or cleanup. Many hands make light work. You might also enjoy ushering or helping serve communion at the evening services as well.

My heart is continually full of gratitude for all you do to help keep us a vibrant, loving and welcoming congregation. Thanks for being you and doing all you do!

*Peace,
Sheri McSherry, Lay Ministries Coordinator*

Weds. Meal Ministry Volunteers Needed



We are in need of teams to help prepare and serve our Weds. evening meals. No clean up duties included! Please contact Sally or Kari if you could be a part of this ministry. Flexible scheduling—only need to serve a few times. Please prayerfully consider helping provide suppers for our families. Contact Sally or Kari if you can help.

**Worship on
Wednesday with
supper and
programming is
back!**

*Bells of Praise @ 5:30pm
Supper starts @ 5:45pm
King's Kids @ 6:00pm
Worship @ 6:20pm
Confirmation, Route 56 &
Cross Kids @ 7:00pm
Sr. Choir @ 7:00pm*

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PO Box 29
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<h1>facility calendar for:</h1>			<h1>October</h1>
<p>2 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Cross Kids Connection</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Visioning Mtg 7:00 Suicide Loss Survivor Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Women in the Word 7:00 Women in the Word</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Text S 9:30 Quilts 5:30 Bells 5:45 Supp 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
<p>9 STEWARDSHIP & MINISTRY FAIR</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion & Baptism 10:00 Stewardship Breakfast/Ministry Fair 10:15 Cross Kids Connection 2:00 Route 56 Mini Golf 5:00 Youth Group Mtg & Pizza</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Nisswa Garden Club Board 11:00 Soul Sisters 1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting /Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 5:00 Lakes Area Food Shelf Board Mtg 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Text S 10:00 Gathe 5:30 Bells 5:45 Suppe 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion & Baptism 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship & Music Committee 10:15 Cross Kids Connections 2:00 Funeral: Ernie Teie, visitation 1:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 MOPS 1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Visioning Mtg 7:00 People for Racial Justice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 Text S 9:30 Quilts 5:30 Bells 5:45 Suppe 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Cross Kids Connection 2:00 Concert</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30 Staff Meeting/Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 10:00 Novel Ideas Book Club 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 Text S 5:30 Bells 5:45 Suppe 6:00 King's 6:20 Wors 7:00 Conf. 7:00 Sr. Ch</p>
<p>30 REFORMATION SUNDAY/RED</p> <p>9:00 Worship w/ Communion & 10:00 Coffee Fellowship & Reception 10:00 Sharing Market 10:15 Cross Kids Connection 2:00 Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Visioning Mtg</p>		

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October	<h1>2022</h1>		1 4:00 Wedding
Study ers of Praise er s Kids hip w/ Communion / Route 56/Time for Us oir	6 8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Ponder & Prayer 9:00 White Pine Villas Mtg 7:00 A.A. 	7 9:00 55+ Drivers Discount Program	8 9:00 Cullen Lakes Board Mtg
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			<p>Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.</p>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1.
2. Ethan Paulson, Logan Verville
3. Dick Cowger, Finnegan Fogarty, Zach Henke
4. Scott Lanz, Ruth Quisberg, Andrew Fiebelkorn, Drey Loge
5. James Natwick, Verna Miller, Collin Reed, Mia Green, Hayes Owen
6. Mark Smith, Jay Rardin
7. Alison LeBlanc, Chad Hiles, Morgan Eckes
8. Jim Kraft, Lorrie Anderson, Jesse Clausen, Carter Reed, Carter Erickson, Avery Eisenschenk
9. Dennis Morris, Cindy Aakhus, Noah Johnson, Nancy Doering
10. Marty Sapletal, David Jabas, Chris Helsene, Betsy Egan, William Taylor
11. Dwight Lindberg, Emily Dale
12. James Kostreba, Pamela Mailand
13. Bill Whiteman, Uldis Birznieks
14. Susan Natwick
15. Don Gunderson, Bonnie Stevens, Jonas Raske, Jackie Knutson
16. Matt Erickson, Jeanne Anderson, Kristel Schamber, Maren Pelowski
17. Bruce Anderson, Kimberly Rardin
18. Allan Loney
19. Margaret Sommerfeld, Ned Aga
20. Robert Norgon, Gannon Raguse
- 21.
22. Mark Sandelin, Steve Stoxen, Bonnie Brandon, Clara Gromer
23. Barbara Wenschlag, Raymond Arveson
24. Cheryl Swanson, Jace Anderson, Chad Knutson
25. Paul Melby, Chuck Sather, Marvel Pelkey, Nancy Wangstad, Theresa Glendening
26. Angela Andrist, Vicki Edminster
27. Dennis Brandanger, Stacy Grothem, Marilyn Quist
28. Randy Oestreich
- 29.
- 30.
31. Jacob Niggeler, Dick Rickbeil, Dagny Trucano, Mary Cram



Welcome New Members



*Mark & Shawna Williams
Jackson, Wyatt, Tucker*

*Hans & Erin Anderson
Karlton, Kaya*



*Seth & Nicole Nelson
Nora, Natalie, Henrik*



*Michael & Anna Haarstad
Heidi, Hazel, Hunter*



Welcome A



*Mark Gruebmeier
Lynn Durrenberger*



Mike & Deb Cranny



Dale & Lynn Christensen



Martin & Cassi Holmstrom



Dean & Diane Dalzell



New Members



John & Marilyn Quist



Steven & Meriel Park



Barb Pisani



Nancy Buckley



Janet Bedard



A Message on our ELCA Global Missionary

Russian Correspondent– Bradn Buerkle

From the Pentecost Greeting of the ELCR

... Acts describes how, on the day of Pentecost, the diverse group of people who had surrounded Jesus and learned from Him during his life, were unified with one another: they rejoiced with one other, prayed together, waited together for the fulfillment of the promise of the Lord. The experience of fear, devastation, and hopelessness at the death of Jesus were behind them. The Risen One comforted them.

And while the authorities and many other people claimed that Jesus was a false messiah and a criminal, although He was condemned and put to death, although His followers were to be persecuted, suddenly a sermon about the great deeds of God was proclaimed! The Good News rang out that forgiveness of sins was extended to others through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ!

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke openly, boldly and confidently about Christ. In preaching and witnessing about the Savior, they felt God's accompaniment... They were not afraid of earthly powers; in the Holy Spirit they were delighted by God's greatness and closeness to them. After Peter's sermon some asked: "What should we do?" Peter responded: 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' ... So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added." (Acts. 2.37-38, 41).

Today, too, through proclamation, repentance, baptism, and the power of the Holy Spirit – Behold! Something incredible happens! Embittered, cruel, callous people entrust their lives to the God of love and peace in Jesus Christ! There are thousands of such people!

May God Almighty help us in these days and always to see only Him in the foreground, to listen to the Word, to be led only by the Spirit, to serve only for Lord's glory, to be blessed fruits ourselves and see the fruits God produces in others!

Deputy Archbishop of ELCR, Dean of the Kama-Volga Deanery Vladimir Provorov

From the Pentecost Greeting of the GELCU

The Holy Spirit leads the Church through the centuries filled with suffering: wars, famines, persecutions... Huge empires and powerful rulers tried to destroy it, and surrounding circumstances caused Christians to disperse and lose their faith. But the Spirit of God, through the Word and the Sacraments, helped believers hold on to the Savior and rise up again after various catastrophes.

Now you and I are experiencing tremendous upheavals that tempt us to disperse and hide from our responsibility for the well-being of our neighbor. But the Spirit of God is calling the Church again so that we can be light and salt for the world and for our country in these difficult times. Be sensitive to this call; the Holy Spirit is stronger than those that resist the Spirit, but for Christians the Spirit is the tender Comforter.

Together we ask the Holy Spirit to bless our Church and strengthen the hearts of all Christians for the faithful testimony of faith and the service of love to our neighbors!

Pavel Schwartz, Bishop of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ukraine

Thank You Team Rummage Sale



What an amazing whirlwind week ... or should we say whirlwind few months?

A garage addition was built - thanks to your blood, sweat and tears through pounding nails, erecting walls, raising trusses, and painting/staining. We give thanks to the Lord that there were no serious injuries. In short:

- You gave the building electricity and we saw the light
- You asked for trailers ... and members responded with nine of them (and a semi-truck offer)
- You asked for pole barns to temporarily house trailers ... and graciously got four very large ones
- Donations were overflowing ... into the garage addition before the doors were on
- When the message was sent that help was needed you showed up
- You did not complain ... (well, maybe you did once or twice;-)

The sense of community that permeates our church was strengthened as we gathered together and laughed, made new friends, and stuffed our bellies with hot dishes, sandwiches, soups, and desserts that were out of this world (going back for seconds was a compliment to the cooks and kitchen staff.) We planned, cleaned, boxed, hauled, set up tables and displays, bargained with customers, and made the day for many in attendance. Shoppers left with bags overflowing and smiles on their faces.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who donated, volunteered time and/or talents, and shopped the sale, which was truly a "team effort." Gathering together, we continue to be the hands and feet of God in the world and through this Rummage Sale have helped many in need with charitable contributions.

Although the Rummage Sale proceeds have not yet been totaled, your efforts were priceless. LCC volunteers are AMAZING!

Glory be to God!

Pastor Drew and Pastor Michelle

Novel Idea Book Club



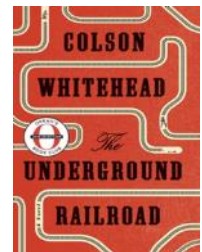
A committee of LCC book lovers came up with a list of books that will provide rich discussion. It is the intention this year to keep the attention focused on the current book to keep the discussion timely. We would like to see this book club as an outreach to the community. Please come join us and bring a friend. **You will love the treats!**

Novel Ideas will meet in Chapel Hall at 10:00 am according to the following schedule. Dates may be adjusted as needed during the year.

October 25	<i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead
November 29	<i>Hiding Place</i> by Corrie Ten Boom
December 27	<i>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse</i> by Charlie Mackesy

OCTOBER NOVEL IDEAS BOOK

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hell for all the slaves, but especially bad for Cora; an outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is coming into womanhood--where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Matters do not go as planned--Cora kills a young white boy who tries to capture her. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted.



In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the *Underground Railroad* is no mere metaphor--engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora and Caesar's first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels. Forced to flee again, Cora embarks on a harrowing flight, state by state, seeking true freedom.

OCTOBER 25th 10am Chapel Hall Food & Fellowship!

Please stop by our table during the Ministry Fair on October 9th!

Take a look at some of our books – for all ages – and we will also have information for the Novel Idea Book Club that meets monthly.

Thank you for supporting the library.



CREATION CARE



Thank you to everyone who donated and or bought flowers, baked goods, jams, preserves and produce. You helped raise some much needed funds for the local food shelf. Thank you for your generosity!



Is there a spiritual solution to climate change? Even as we hear the facts about rising temperatures, extreme weather, and a toxic environment, it doesn't always seem to move us emotionally. That is the reason for bestselling British author and scholar Karen Armstrong's latest book, **"Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond With the Natural World,"** in which she hopes to help us rebuild a reverence for and connection to the natural world.

Karen Armstrong shows us that even as we have grown indifferent to and careless about the natural world, we still long for the beauty of nature as we plan vacations in places of natural beauty, as we go for restorative walks in natural settings, and cherish our gardens. She writes that we could consciously develop this longing for the natural world in a way that is essential not only to our well-being, but to our humanity and the struggle to save the planet.

Incorporating simple practices into our daily routines, Armstrong writes, will help us gradually reach a place where we "get beyond our own selfishness and our own preoccupation with self....to discover what gives us pain, and then refuse under any circumstance whatsoever to inflict that pain on anybody else." Nature consists of a myriad of things that should be considered our "companions. And we have to treat them as carefully as we treat one another."

In both Judaism and Christianity, the emphasis has not been on nature, but on the events of history (the Exodus, the life of Jesus) that shaped our beliefs; particularly after the 17th century, nature came to be seen as something to conquer and reshape for our own use. Yet it is no virtue to ignore the created world, as Karen Armstrong says, because "even if you say God created the world, it's really very, very ungrateful of us to mess it up."

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022

We Assemble in God's Name

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Council President Mike Smith

Present:

Mike Smith, Michelle Ruen, Drew Bakken, Joanie Swanson, Jenny Stubbs, Brian Stubbs, Colleen Both, Rachel Gerhartz, Dale Peterson, Sarah Tietz, and Rob Norgon.

Devotion: Colleen Both

Announcement: None

Officer Reports:

Council Minutes (August 2022)

- **Motion to approve by Brian Stubbs; Second by Rachel Gerhartz**
Treasurer's report
- **Motion to approve Sarah Tietz; Second by Brian Stubbs**

New Business:

- Frandsen Bank is closing its Nisswa branch, presenting some issues for LCC's ease in making weekly church and rummage sale deposits.
* **Motion to open an account at First Western Bank (with a branch location at Schaeffer's, nearby) at no cost, and then transfer funds electronically to Frandsen by Joannie Swanson; Second by Dale Peterson.**
- Notification by Portico that LCC's benefit package for staff is increasing by 2%.
***Motion to stay with Portico's Gold Plus plan by Brian Stubbs; Second by Sarah Tietz.**

Old Business:

- Committee will be meeting September 25 for continued work on By-laws. Goal is to be done by the end of the year for approval by council and congregation.

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Drew:

- As the summer months come to an end, the beginning of a new school year means that new activities and ministries in the life of Lutheran Church of the Cross have begun. Confirmation and Sunday school teachers have been called and new energy is felt by everyone who walks through the doors of Lutheran Church of the Cross. Thank you to all our members and staff for creating this wonderful environment.
- October marks my fifth year here at LCC and in those first months here, I held several fireside meetings. In those meetings with members from the church, I asked several questions: the first question was what brought you to LCC?, the second was what are your hopes and dreams for LCC?, and the final question was where do you see LCC in the next 5 to 10 years? These questions were to help direct us as we look towards the future. But as the old joke goes if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.
- For the last couple of years everything changed due to COVID. We know that COVID is still with us,

but we need to look forward. Like the disciples, we need to move out of the upper room and into the world. I would like for us to meet in groups once again to ponder and vision what our future holds. I would like for us to reflect on what our part is in God's story, second, to take stock of what aspects of Lutheran Church of the Cross have most supported you and what you want to see grow and flourish, and third, to plan how you can help bring God's dreams for Lutheran Church of the Cross to fruition today and in the future.

- As a mentor of mine would remind me, *yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not yet here, so why not live for today, for you never walk alone.* RKY

Vicar Michelle:

- Thank you to the church council for the memorable and Spirit-filled Ordination and Installation service on August 28. Thank you for the beautiful stole, your participation in the service, your faithful service in the kitchen for the reception, and finally, your support of me this past year. Thank you to all those who helped set up, decorate the Celebration Center, serve at the lovely reception, and lend a hand wherever needed. Thank you to the congregation for coming to support me and share this holy morning with myself and my family, whether in person or online. God was so present and the Holy Spirit was blowing! I am grateful and blessed to serve you now as your Associate Pastor.
- Wartburg Theological Seminary is seeking to develop a new course on Spirituality. I was asked by Wartburg Seminary to participate in a small pilot class this year that will possibly be offered to ministerial graduates in 2023/2024. I am happy to help them with this endeavor. It will involve Zooming once a month. It begins with a retreat on September 26-27 at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, IA. Since the Seminary asked me to participate, they will pay for my class through a grant and/or gifts to the Seminary.
- Our New Member Committee of Jim and Joan Roberts, Jim and Jean Kraft, Joanie Swanson, Carol Smith and myself had a very productive meeting on August 24. The New Member gathering will be on Thursday, September 15. New Member Sunday will be September 25. We are so excited to welcome in our new members. We know you will be, too!
- The Small Group brochure will be coming out in September with present and new offerings. The Small Group committee of Carol Smith, Sheri McSherry, Sally Hodgson, Joanie Swanson and myself have been meeting to discuss the opportunities to get plugged in at LCC. I am delighted with the opportunities being offered this Fall. Thank you to Carol Smith for her work on the Small Group brochure.
- I continue to visit members in their homes and lead services on a monthly basis at Edgewood Vista Brainerd, Baxter, and Northern Lakes. It is an honor to visit our saints.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Rob Norgon

- Organizational work continues for October's Stewardship Sunday; experienced volunteers are involved, menu & grocery list is finalized, Thrivent grant secured, and Time/Talent survey will be going out with the stewardship letter.

Social Concerns and Global Missions: Bonnie Stevens

Bridges of Hope-

- **Operation Sandwich** is a grassroots program that exists to end childhood hunger by feeding kids when free and reduced meals are not accessible at school. Operation Sandwich's 10th record breaking summer of feeding kids in the Brainerd Lakes Area wrapped up September 1! Amazing volunteers, donors, and staff came together to feed so many each week. Big shout out to our host sites for putting together bags - Lutheran Church of the Cross—Nisswa, MN and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brainerd, Minnesota and also our pick up sites: Bethlehem Lutheran, City of Baxter, Minnesota, Nisswa Elementary School, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot, Veteran's Park

Jenkins Mn, and Pine River Chamber of Commerce. End of season numbers, information on school year pick ups, and more at www.bridgesofhopemn.org/operation-sandwich

- **Warming Shelter** in Brainerd is scheduled to open September 15 and continue to April 15. Pastor Michelle, Sherry McSherry I attended the information meeting. Darrell Barnack has agreed to serve as LCC's LEAD volunteer to coordinate shelter shifts. LCC has agreed to participate and gather a group of volunteers for the early evening and early morning shifts. There are always paid employees of the shelter onsite. Target date for volunteers to start October 2. Each church or organization will be scheduled under their coordinator for a week at a time. Training for Lead Volunteers is on September 12, at the shelter 1926 South 7th Street, Brainerd. Starting at 6:30.
- **Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen** – There are several more dates to fill before the end of the year. LCC's scheduled evening is the first Thursday of every month. If you put together a group of friends or have a small group interested in doing this, help is available. Contact Ann Bergin at 218-820-5511. Please consider helping with this dedicated Mission program.

Worship and Music: Brian Stubbs

- Since the last Council meeting, the Worship and Music committee has not met. We will next meet on the 18th.
- We celebrate with Pastor Michelle on the event of her installation and ordination. What a beautiful and meaningful service to mark the occasion! Thanks to the many people who made it happen, volunteering to usher, greet, read, sing and play. It was a Sunday to remember!
- Attendance is up, and we wait to see how it is affected as Fall progresses. We are interested to see if we are affected by members who typically travel south for the colder months, or if our attendance remains consistent. We anticipate staying with one service at 9 AM at this time.

Children and Family Ministry: Rachel Gerhartz

- We welcomed two new members to the CYFM Team: Alanna LeBlanc and Laura Hernandez.
- Pastor Drew, Todd, and Kari did the initial meeting with the **Playground Task Force**: Alanna LeBlanc, Autumn Loge, Sherry Pape, Danae Anderson, Julie Helsene and Jean Kraft. They are gathering information and will bring to a second meeting to share information they are gathering, then ask other ministry teams who are impacted to a third meeting where they can discuss sharing space and perhaps walk the grounds. Our next meeting is on Sept. 8 at 5:30pm.
- Thanks to the Bakken "girls" for updating our reusable **Busy Bags**, which are found in the nursery. Colleen, Rebecca and Abbie will do this regularly throughout the year.
- Our **Back-to-School (Backpack) blessing** was during worship on Sept. 4 - Pr. Drew took care of the liturgy for that. Thank you to Tess and Kristin for taking pictures for Kari.
- **King's Kids** began rehearsing on Aug. 30 and will continue through Sept. They will sing a special "Donut Song" during worship on Rally Sunday.
- **Rally Day will be on September 11** - all materials/supplies are here, and the Women of LCC will be heading up the Blanket Tying for Camp Noah and the LWR Hygiene Kit stations. Kari has found a Donut Prayer station that she will need help with and we need helpers for a couple of carnival games as well. All activities are open to folks of all ages. We will also serve bagels with flavored cream cheese along with our donuts. Theme is "Gather Round".
- **Wednesday evening programming for school-age kids**: we will be presenting a 'repeat' of Sunday's Cross Kids Connection (with a little more advanced bible work). Kari has two HS girls willing to do one Wed. evening a month, but Kari still needs three more people to get things started. Let Kari know if you can help out with this. Kari has materials written through October.
- Our CYFM Team will continue to be part of the **meal rotation for Weds. suppers** again this year.
- Kari has procured a Thrivent grant to fund the bounce house rental for Trunk or Treat, and will be ordering some non-candy treats to have available for trunk hosts. We will be bringing back the cocoa and popcorn in the Celebration Center as well. We will ask for candy donations from the congregation so that none of our trunkers run out!

Congregational Life: Joanie Swanson

- New Member Committee Meeting was held on August 24th to discuss the New Member Gathering which will be held on Thursday, September 15th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A sloppy joe supper will be served as we gather to introduce the individuals and families that are wanting to join. I am making a request that all of the Council Members be invited to join us that evening as we are introduced to them! We need to introduce ourselves to them as well!
- New Member Sunday will be Sunday, September 25th. Welcomed and introduced to our congregational family. They have been visiting us for some time and are finding that our Church has a place for them and their family. It's exciting after our last few years of distancing and pandemic protocol.
- Groups are thriving. There is something for everyone!
- We celebrated the Ordination and Installation of Michelle. No longer Vicar but Pastor. Amazing morning filled with love.

Property: Dale Peterson

Here is an update of the major LCC Property projects for 2022:

1. Painting of Church Building exterior – nearing completion

- a. Repairs are complete
- b. Painting of the main building is complete
- c. Painting of the bell tower will be done this fall
- d. Lower Styrofoam areas will be repaired and painted this fall
- e. Volunteers painted the garage and new garage addition
- f. The 2 storage sheds will be addressed in 2023

2. Addition to Garage – nearing completion

- a. Property survey was completed
- b. Building permit was received from City of Nisswa on July 12th
- c. Playground equipment was removed mid-July
- d. Cement floor work was completed in late July
- e. Walls, trusses, and roof panels are complete
- f. Siding, roof removal (old garage) and roofing are complete
- g. Kitchen crew provided coffee and lunches to volunteers
- h. Electrical outlets and lighting is nearing completion
- i. Apron cement was completed on September 6th
- j. Garage doors will be installed week of September 8th
- k. New garage will be ready for fall rummage sale

3. Install new Underground Wiring to the Garage - completed

- a. Completed in July

4. Remove playground equipment and fence - completed

- a. Removal was completed in mid-July

5. Landscaping (south side of Sanctuary) – completed for 2022

- a. Completed planned improvements for 2022
- b. Reduced and installed landscape borders
- c. Removed old roots and planted new bushes
- d. Planted flowering bushes under the LCC Monument sign and added drip irrigation
- e. Spread black dirt and seeded lawn areas

6. Relocation of Church Offices - underway

- a. Currently underway, started late August
- b. Installing opening to hallway, window, and door in new church office space
- c. LCC staff will relocate as spaces are available

7. Seal Cracks in the Parking Lot – planned for fall

- a. Planned for early fall, received estimate. (May be moved to next spring)

Youth and Family Ministry: Sarah Tietz

We held our Affirmation of Baptism Workshop with all but one in attendance - a great success - we gave the kids and mentors supper and then they created their stoles and worked on their Faith Statement presentations for Sept. 17. Everything is ready for Sept. 18 Affirmation of Baptism service - Mary Hubert will be making special cards for the kids for the Council to give them, and I ordered them "Confirmed in Christ" dove bible bookmarks. I also have cards read for the staff to sign for each of them. Trinity will allow us to borrow white robes for the service (I have the stoles ready to go) and the confirmands are working on their Faith Statement presentations. We will have Dessert and Faith Statement Sharing the night before the service.

We will have Confirmation Guide Training on Sept. 7 and it looks like we have commitments from Jesse Lind, Eric Bolt, Carrie Taylor, Stacey Gorr, Alicia Prahm, Allison Van Vliet, and perhaps Anne Hayes. I have lists and charts created for each grade and Pr. has binders prepared that include curriculum info for each guide.

Confirmation Orientation and Acolyte Training will occur on Sept. 21.

On Sept. 28 we will launch our Worship on Wednesdays with supper, worship and programming. John Wallin and Betty Arveson will be assisting me with Route 56 again. Letters have gone out to all families of 5th - 8th graders with necessary info.

Super Roll Sundays will continue, beginning in November. I have created a Sign Up Genius online schedule. We will need to work on getting all kids to volunteer this year to increase involvement. Jen Henry and Karen Raguse will once again be coordinating this fund raiser.

Pr. Drew and I are looking to get our Youth Group meetings started at least once a month this fall.

I'd like to urge anyone on Council who may be interested to consider signing up for a Weds. Evening Meal Ministry Team. We need help with providing supper for our church family each week.

Personnel: Darrell Paske

No Report

Meeting Adjourned/Closing Prayer: Pr. Drew Bakken
Respectfully submitted by Jenny Stubbs, Secretary

Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, October 13, 2022, 7:00 pm
Devotions: Rob Norgon

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.

**Update
your
Information.**



If you would like to receive weekly eblast notifications, please email the church office at laurie@lcnisswa.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.

Autumn...



Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to:

Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ. Ephesians 4:31-32

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget what happened long ago! Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands. Isaiah 43:18-19

<https://www.dayspring.com/articles/letting-your-leaves-fall>



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