

# Cross Currents

Lutheran  
Church  
of the Cross  
2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I recently wrote a letter to the *Echo Journal* about “Fear and Faith,” which spoke to the fear a child has - particularly the fear of jumping off the dock for the first time. And how many of us as parents have patiently stood in the water with arms outstretched, encouraging and pleading for the child to trust that we will catch them- if they only rise above their fear and gather the faith to jump.

Over the last couple of years we have all experienced fear; whether it was due to the pandemic, changes to our routine, inflation, illness, etc. And as challenges presented themselves, we gathered our faith and overcame our fear and much like a young child, leapt off the dock into the waiting arms of our Father.

While we have experienced fear, we at Lutheran Church of the Cross have gathered our faith and taken some leaps as a faith community. We have hired a new Associate Pastor; we have seen growth in our worship services resulting in the addition of a second service; we have seen growth in our varied ministries that we serve in our community, and we have been blessed by wonderful new families and individuals joining our membership. And because of your generosity, we have also been able to make necessary repairs to the church.

I offer up a heartfelt thank you! On behalf of the staff and church council, thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to the ministry of Jesus Christ here at Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Now we enter into the season of harvest. October is when we at Lutheran Church of the Cross take the time to look at the abundance that we have been given and give back a portion to God to ensure that the mission and ministry of sharing the love of Christ may continue.

The ministry that we have here at Lutheran Church of the Cross is dependent on you and your time and treasure. Your gifts determine what we can and cannot accomplish. I know that there is fear out there but I hope you have seen God’s faithfulness and encouragement through our community of believers.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have one service at 9am so that we can gather as the family of God to celebrate all that we have accomplished over the past year. We will once again host a pancake breakfast following our worship service to celebrate the gifts that will be pledged; gifts that will allow us to continue reaching out to our community and throughout the world.

Please return your pledge card and your time and talent form on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> as any offering back to God and as a joyful gift for all that God has given to you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Drew

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.— 1 Peter 4:10



Oct. 15

# Stewardship Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs, Coffee & Juice  
*Served after 9am worship*

The poster features a stack of pancakes with syrup, a bottle of syrup, and a glass of juice. The background is a textured brown paper with colorful bunting flags.



 We are in need of \$17,000 in funds to complete our accessibility ramp to the back door of the church. Watch our ramp grow with each \$500 donated.

# RAMP IT UP!

Need approximately \$3,500 more

The poster has a yellow background with a red ramp graphic at the bottom. A black silhouette of a person in a wheelchair is shown on the ramp. A white box at the bottom right contains the text 'Need approximately \$3,500 more'.

## Treasurer's Report - Financial Summary 2023 General Fund

	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD</b>	Annual <b>Budget</b>	% YTD of Annual <b>Budget</b>
Income	\$ 52,994	\$ 471,659	\$ 699,490	67.43%
Expenses	\$ 55,189	\$ 474,055	\$ 699,490	67.77%
Difference	(\$ 2,196)	(\$ 2,395)	\$ 0	

**In the month of August our income was less than our expenses by (\$2.196).  
Thank you for your continued support.**



### **BAPTISM**

Name: Mack Duane Landecker  
 Born: May 10, 2023  
 Baptized: September 24, 2023  
 Parents: Travis & Simone Aune  
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

### **FUNERAL**

Name: Dennis Flanagan  
 Born: December 12, 1931  
 Died in Christ: September 3, 2023  
 Funeral: September 8, 2023  
 Brenny Funeral Chapel  
 Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

### **FUNERAL**

Name: Kathy Kline  
 Born: August 26, 1944  
 Died in Christ: August 19, 2023  
 Funeral: September 16, 2023  
 Lutheran Church of the Cross  
 Pastor Michelle Ruen, 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.*

## Salt and Light by Kari Erickson

***“the angel sunbathing on my roof this morning told me something interesting. She said ‘put children in charge of all of your churches and watch how playful God becomes’” --John Roedel***

Children are mentioned all throughout the bible. In fact, there are many instances of instructions, promises and encouragements specifically to children. While Jesus walked the earth, worship was a family affair and all ages were welcome. In fact, Jesus welcomed children *wholeheartedly*, and used them as an example of how to belong to God’s kingdom.

Worshipping with children is one of the most important things we can do for them, embracing them *wholeheartedly*, as Jesus did. By including children in worship, we help them to learn to participate in the body of Christ. God has promised to meet with us when we gather for worship - why in the world would we deny children the opportunity to meet - to see, touch, and feel God?

Children are like sponges, and need help, guidance and encouragement to learn the prayers and creeds; to follow along with liturgy and hymns; to pray and to listen to scripture; to give offering; and to receive and give grace. It may seem like simply a routine that they are repeating, but *children will sense our heart for worship long before they understand the words*. They will see and hear firsthand how praising God is one of the most joyous things they will experience in the world! Worshipping with the congregation, children get to sense the awesome wonder of God alongside their church family.

The thing is, children are squirmy, and sometimes noisy – they lack maturity and can be easily distracted. Yes, it is due to their age, but you know what? Saint Augustine of Hippo proposed an idea many years ago... *human beings feel an innate urge to seek out the divine and are restless until they find peace and rest in God*. And while on this seeking journey, humans of all ages need encouragement and guidance, mentoring and love. To that end, we at LCC provide many ways to help children and their parents feel welcomed and loved. After all, as children grow, so does their capacity to understand and express language, as does their ability to sit still for a longer amount of time. It can be challenging to worship with children when much of the worship service is above their developmental level! But, oh how the value of gathering with children in worship outweighs the challenges we face in doing so. Children understand the sign of the cross, for example, without an explanation. Actually, it may do the adults some good to experience worship with all of their senses – sight, sounds, touch, taste, and smell. This type of worship just might occur if we put children in charge of our churches.

Here are some quotes that come from children who were asked to define worship:

*Telling God you love Him*

*Showing God how much you love him*

*Praying to God*

*Singing joyfully*

*Learning about God*

*Believing in God and talking about it*

*Giving things to someone special*

I think John Roedel’s angel sunbathing on his roof was spot on:



teenagers with faith  
in *Christ* are  
already a part of the  
*Church* and  
should be united with  
other *believers*

*Then wolves will live at peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down in peace with young goats. Calves, lions, and bulls will all live together in peace. A little child will lead them. Isaiah 11:6*

Where do teens fit in at church? They are “too old” for Children’s Ministry, yet “too young” to participate in many of the ministries of the church. But, we are called to live IN COMMUNITY – to serve each other, love each other, hold each other accountable and learn from each other. Our church community acts as an extended family. The pandemic really disrupted our family. But we are rebuilding, Praise God! Yes, it may seem as though once you are confirmed as a teenager, you may not attend church as much because you don’t feel obligated. But that need not be the

case. There is still much work for you and all of our teens to do in today’s church. There’s lots of people to love and serve and especially LEARN FROM. As a teenager, you may not realize it, but the Pastors, staff and membership are so encouraged when you show up in church. Worshiping in community helps fill all of our hearts with the Holy Spirit. Singing together and hearing the Gospel and sermon refresh us and remind us that we are not alone. Communing together is a very personal and special sacrament to enjoy together. Our church is committed to help teens plug in at church. I challenge you to get into the swing of attending again – when we get out of the rhythm of attending worship, we can get disoriented and lose touch with how important it is. During the pandemic, we stayed away from church in order to protect our physical health, but now it’s time to work on our spiritual health. God gave us the church for our benefit, so that we may benefit others. It’s at church where we see God’s love in action and we feel His presence. It’s where we keep grounded to what really matters in life. Those superficial and material things we are surrounded by each day are kept in balance with what is meaningful and eternal.

***If LCC could speak, here’s a message for teenagers:***

We honor your feelings.

We encourage you to come as you are.

We will guide you to becoming a participant rather than a spectator, we promise!

We will answer questions for you, just ask.

Keep praying – we pray for you continually.

You are loved and valued here.

*Yes, through Christ we all have the right to come to the Father in one Spirit. So now you non-Jewish people are not visitors or strangers, but you are citizens together with God’s holy people. You belong to God’s family. You believers are like a building that God owns... The whole building is joined together in Christ, and he makes it grow and become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Christ you are being built together with his other people. You are being made into a place where God lives through the Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:18-22





Welcoming Mack Duane Landecker into the LCC church family!

**DARE  
to  
PREPARE**



All 5th and 6th graders are welcome and encouraged to attend Route 56 on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We meet in the Treehouse. Join your leaders, Kari Erickson, Betty Arveson, and John Wallin for fun and fellowship - we will dive into the gospel each week and learn about God and ourselves. Bring your bible and complete a Worship Experience Sheet each week.



**2023-24 Team Meeting Dates;**

October 25 - 7pm

November 16 - 7pm

December 6 - 7pm

January 17 - 7pm

Feb, 22 (Thurs, as it is Lent) - 6:30pm

Mar. 14 (Thurs, as it is Lent) - 6:30pm

Apr. 10 - 7pm

**Wednesday Meal Ministry Serving Dates:**

December 13, February 7, and April 3.

Youth in grades 7—12. Highway Cleanup along 371 is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Meet in the Celebration Center. Wear weather appropriate gear. Gloves and vests provided.







BUT FIRST  
*jesus*

Congrats and blessings to our 2023 Confirmands, parents, sponsors and mentors!





DATE	9am SERVICE	10:30am SERVICE
Sept. 10	Lola Chase & Addy Gorr	Kolby Clarine & Peyton Clarine
Sept. 17	Kolten Hiles & Jacob Hernandez	Graham Johnson & Noah Johnson
Sept. 24	Anthony Nelson & Alex Pape	Maggie Prahm & Walter Prahm
Oct. 1	Luke Merseth & Eli Martini	Peyton Clarine & Kolby Clarine
Oct. 8	Allie Reilley & Rebecca Bakken	Isaac Trees & Kellan Timmons
Oct. 15	Ayla Teasck & Kaden Teasck	
Oct. 22	Emily Smith & Nora Nelson	Presleigh Larson & Violet Anderson
Oct. 29	Lila Nordby & Myra Nordby	Gavin Johnson & Tucker Williams
Nov. 5	Rebecca Bakken & Emersyn Sullivan	Graham Johnson & Noah Johnson
Nov. 12	Bennett Wottreng & Jude Anderson	Emmet Wilson & Jemma Anderson
Nov. 19	Sam Andrist & Mac Chandler	Eli Hayes & Claire Loge
Nov. 26	Kolten Hiles & Lauren Scott	Lola Chase & Addy Gorr



## ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



"The Holy Spirit himself and God, the Creator of all things, is the Author of this

## 3rd Grade Bible Presentation



## Music Notes



### October 2023 Hymn of the Month

### *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* (TEN THOUSAND REASONS)

**Text and Music: Matthew Redman, b. 1974 and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982**

#### *Refrain*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forever more!

This hymn has been a favorite for our Wednesday night worshippers. It is based on Psalm 103:1-5; "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits---who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

According to Matthew Redman and Jonas Myrin, co-composers, it tells us we can never run out of reasons to worship and praise God. 10,000 reasons or more to praise God, praise unending.

Redman is a GRAMMY<sup>R</sup>-Award winning worship leader and song writer. He has been a contributor of our more contemporary worship songs for 20 years. He has toured all over the world. He grew up in England, but now lives in California with his wife Beth and 5 children.

Myrin is a Swedish singer, songwriter and producer based in Los Angeles, CA. He also is a GRAMMY<sup>R</sup>-Award winner with Redman for "Bless the Lord, O My Soul". He has written songs for such as Barbra Streisand and Andrea Bocelli. He has been active in the music profession since the early 2000's.

I know you will like this hymn as we do on Wednesday nights. Come join us sometime and see what the "Wednesday night experience" is all about. You will see a lot of young families and a bit of a different worship experience.

Have a wonderful fall season, praising God for our beautiful fall colors and change of season.

Cathy Taylor, Director of Music Ministries



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

—Psalm 98:4



### *Music Opportunities*

We are in full swing for our fall activities and services. We wish to extend an invitation for you to join us in our multitude of musical opportunities.

**Senior Choir:** 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Director of Music Ministries (763-607-4282) for more information.

Soli Deo Gloria – To God be All Glory





## **WOMEN in the WORD Bible Study**

The October *Women in the Word* Bible Study led by Pastor Michelle is on Tuesday, October 3, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the Chapel Hall. Come and enjoy tasty treats, hot coffee, and a special time in God's Word with our sisters-in-Christ. Bring your Bible and invite a friend. Each month is a stand-alone Bible Study so there is no homework. All are welcome!

## **Men's Breakfast**

Come join the guys for breakfast and a short Bible Study on Thursday mornings at Side Track restaurant on #371 every **Thursday at 8:15 AM.** All men are welcome. Come when you can.

## **Grub and Games - Friday, October 13**

Grub and Games is on Friday, October 13, from 5:30-7:30 PM. Come for a very fun evening. Games provided or if you'd like, bring your own favorite game. Supper provided which is usually pizza or some other fun food, dessert, and beverages. Come for two hours of fun and cheap entertainment on a Friday night! This is for all ages.



## **A Time For Us for Parents - Wednesdays - 7:00-8:00 PM**

*A Time For Us* is for parents of Confirmation and Route 56 kids. We meet in the old youth room at the end of the hall (sometimes called the Conservatory) from 7:00-8:00 while your children are in Confirmation and Route 56. Join us on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:00 PM for the first informational meeting. Come to meet other parents and offer your suggestions for a new year.



## Gather Bible Study--October 25, 2023

**@ 10:00 a.m. in Chapel Hall**

Please join us on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for session 2 of *"Holy places,"* a three-session Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. In this Fall 2023 Gather Bible study, written by an ELCA missionary living in Jerusalem, we'll

explore what holy places mean, not only for the Holy Land of the Bible, but for each of us, wherever we may be. In session two, *"Holy Places: Sanctuary,"* we will discuss that for thousands of years, physical spaces have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. "Sanctuary" is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, "sanctuary" has also referred to spaces of safety and refuge. If God is everywhere, what is the importance of sanctuary? What can Jesus' teachings and Paul's correspondence with the early church teach us about what sanctuary looks like today? Dagny Trucano will be leading this timely Bible Study and is also providing treats. All are welcome, and no advance preparation is necessary.

## NE MINNESOTA WOMEN OF THE ELCA—HEARTLAND CONFERENCE--OCTOBER 7, 2023, 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.

All women are invited to attend the NE Women of the ELCA's Heartland Conference. It is being held at Trinity Lutheran, 735 2nd St SE, Milaca, MN 56353. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., with worship and speaker following. The theme is "Boldly in Christ." This year's speaker is Liz Branum. Liz has been very active in the NE Minnesota synod, and she speaks about Christ being inclusive of all peoples, and how we can carry out His vision in our world today. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10.00. You don't want to miss this conference. Contact Jodi Milli, (507) 438-4435 or [jodiamilli@gmail.com](mailto:jodiamilli@gmail.com) if you'd like more information or would like to carpool.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY - OCTOBER 8

We will be welcoming in new members to Lutheran Church of the Cross on Sunday, October 8! We will be having a "Getting to Know You" sloppy joe supper and Informational Meeting for new members on Thursday, October 5th, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Please put these dates on your calendar. Let the office know if you are interested in joining our LCC church family and/or would like more information. We would love to visit with you and get to know you!





## Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen News

I would love to thank the small group of Pat and Uldis Birznieks, Ray and Betty Arveson, Dick and Judy Rickbeil, and Mark and Judy Swenson for making a meal and serving at the Soup Kitchen in September. Also, a big thank you AGAIN to Dr. David Ude and staff at Lakes Dental for serving, for the third time this year, in August.

Now a bit of a side notes on one of our SK guests.

Can you imagine what it would be like living 30 plus years without having stable housing, living in a tent or your car and then actually being able to sleep in a real bed and having a place to call home? This is happening to one of our female soup kitchen guests who has been currently sleeping in a tent. Four units are completed at "MY Neighbor to Love Coalition" for homeless people in our community, and there are more to come. I can't tell you how excited I am that she has been selected to live there. I highly recommend checking out this organization if you want to make a difference in the lives of others. MNTLC.ORG If you would like to help me at the soup kitchen the first Thursday of every month serving on behalf of LCC, call or text me at 218-820-5511.

Ann Bergin, LCC Soup Kitchen coordinator



### OPERATION SANDWICH:

Did you know Operation Sandwich served **55,000 lunches** area-wide this summer (Brainerd + Northern Route combined)???? This is determined by a family given lunch items based on their family size with food for 5 lunches in the week (for example, a family of 8 gets enough food for 40 lunches in a 5 day week)

Our first week for volunteering will be October 1-8. Again, new volunteers are asked to do a background check which is a very secure on-line procedure. A training video is provided prior to volunteering. Please contact Bonnie Stevens with any questions at 218-966-2125 or Ann Hunnicott at The Bridge on 7th Overnight Shelter at 218-892-2400. Sign up link for Oct 1-8:

<https://whocanbethere.com/SignUp/week-of-october-1lcc/1WXxzYt0m4O>

Morning shift is now 6:30 am to 8:30 am. Evening shift is 6:30 to 10 pm.



## Bridges of Hope Fundraiser

Bridges of Hope needs your help! The fall event and fundraiser, Compassion in our Community, is less than a month away. Bridges of Hope and My Neighbor To Love Coalition are sponsoring "A Prairie Homeless Companion" at the Gichi-zilbi Center in Brainerd on Sunday, October 8th at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.bridgesofhopemn.org>. This is THE fundraiser for the Bridge on 7th Overnight Shelter and we need to raise \$100K to keep the shelter going strong this season.

A Prairie Homeless Companion was originally created for the stage in 2019 by zAmya Theater Project with PlaceBase Productions, commissioned and supported by the Partnership Art Program of Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, featuring stories gathered in rural MN communities.

zAmya adapted and recorded a radio drama based on the original script by Josef Evans in 2021. This production was recorded at the Shakespearean Youth Theater and was made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council.



# *Serving in October...*

## **WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES**

October signup sheets for both 9:00 & 10:30am will be available in the Narthex, or contact me via text or call @ 612-810-2201.

## **MIDWEEK MEAL MINISTRY**

Wednesday Eve Worship & Midweek Meal Ministry starts September 27th and requires many hands to successfully prepare and provide a bounty for the body and soul. Volunteers are needed for ushering & assisting communion during worship service. Family units encouraged to volunteer for a given date. We are also seeking more volunteers to join the **meal teams** for food prep, serving, and cleanup. Each team serves only 3-5 times a year! Signup sheets are available in the Celebration Center, or contact me via text or call @ 612-810-2201.


## **AUTUMN CLEAN UP**

The Autumn LCC Property Clean Up is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th from 10:00am to 2:30pm, with lunch provided at 12 noon. Just grab your rake and show up!

*Many Blessings,*

*Todd Whipple, Volunteer Coordinator*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
facility calendar for:			
1	2	3	4
<p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship w/ Youth Rolls  <b>10:30 Worship w/ Communion &amp; Baptisms</b></p>	<p>8:30 Staff Meeting /Prayers            1:00 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Women in the Word            10:00 Coffee Clutch            7:00 Women in the Word</p>	<p>8:30 Tex            9:30 Qui            5:30 Bell            5:45 Sup            6:00 King  <b>6:20 Wo</b>            7:00 Con            7:00 Sr.</p>
8 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	9	10	11
<p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship  <b>10:30 Worship w/ Communion</b></p>	<p>9:30 MOPS            1:00 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>8:30 Staff Meeting &amp; Prayers            9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch</p>	<p>8:30 Tex            5:30 Bel            5:45 Sup            6:00 Kir  <b>6:20 Wo</b>            7:00 Co            7:00 Sr.</p>
15 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	16	17	18 No Wor
<p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Stewardship Breakfast            1:00 HS/MS Hwy Cleanup</p>	<p>11:00 Soul Sisters            1:00 Prayer Shawl Group            7:00 People for Racial Justice</p>	<p>8:30 Staff Meeting &amp; Prayers            9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch</p>	<p>8:30 Tex            9:30 Qui            10:00 Fal            4:00 Cre            5:30 Bel            7:00 Sr.</p>
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29 REFORMATION SUNDAY	30	31	
<p><b>9:00 Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 Coffee Fellowship  <b>10:30 Worship w/ Communion</b>            3:00 Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>8:30 Staff Meeting &amp; Prayers            9:00 Computer Lab            10:00 Coffee Clutch</p>	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>t Study ilters s of Praise per g's Kids <b>Worship w/ Comm.</b> nfirmation/Route 56 Choir/ A Time for Us</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:15 Men's Breakfast 9:00 White Pine Villa Assoc. 5:30 New Member Gathering 7:00 A.A.</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>11:00 Funeral: Steve Lienke Visitation at 10:00</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:00 Creation Care Presentation: Will Steger</p>
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<p><b>Worship or Program.</b></p> <p>t Study ilters Cleanup-Outside ation Care Mtg s of Praise Choir</p>	<p><b>19 MEA Weekend</b></p> <p>8:15 Men's Breakfast 7:00 A.A.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> 
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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>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1.
2. Ethan Paulson, Logan Verville
3. Dick Cowger, Allyn Dickie, Finnegan Fogarty, Zach Henke
4. Scott Lanz, Drey Loge, Christopher Moddes, Ruth Quisberg
5. Verna Miller, James Natwick, Hayes Owen, Collin Reed
6. Baylor Hohertz, Jay Rardin, Mark Smith
7. Morgan Eckes, Chad Hiles, Alison LeBlanc, Molly Sloan
8. Lorrie Anderson, Jesse Clausen, Avery Eisenschenk, Carter Erickson, Marty Holmstrom, Jim Kraft, Carter Reed
9. Nancy Doering, Noah Johnson, Dennis Morris
10. Betsy Egan, Chris Helsene, Dave Jabas, Marty Sapletal, William Taylor
11. Emily Dale
12. Jim Kostreba, Pamela Mailand
13. Uldis Birznieks, Bill Whiteman
14. Susan Natwick
15. Don Gunderson, Jackie Knutson, Jonas Raske, Bonnie Stevens
16. Jeanne Anderson, Matt Erickson, Kristel Schamber
17. Bruce Anderson, Ella Arneson, Kimberly Rardin
18. Paul Beilfuss, Allan Loney
19. Ned Aga, Margaret Sommerfeld
20. Jordann Gibson, Rob Norgon
- 21.
22. Bonnie Brandon, Mark Sandelin, Steve Stoxen
23. Ray Arveson, Barbara Wenschlag
24. Jace Anderson, Chad Knutson, Cheryl Swanson
25. Theresa Glendening, Paul Melby, Marvel Pelkey, Chuck Sather, Nancy Wangstad
26. Angie Andrist, Vicki Edminster
27. Dennis Brandanger, Stacy Grothem, Marilyn Quist
28. Deb Cranny, Randy Oestreich, Steve Park, Cole Smith
- 29.
- 30.
31. Mary Cram, Jake Niggeler, Dick Rickbeil, Dagny Trucano





The Lakes Area Food Shelf continues to see record numbers. It is not uncommon to have as many as 50 families visit on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. Food literally flies from the shelves and it is difficult keeping up with the demand. Items in high demand include CANNED FRUIT, MEATS & FISH and BREAKFAST CEREALS.

Here's my challenge to you: If every family unit brings JUST ONE (or more) of these food items for LCC's collection basket over the next few weeks, our church can make a huge difference in helping our Friends and Neighbors. We can do this!

In gratitude,  
Jean Kraft  
LAFS Board Member

## Did You Know?

From the "People for Racial Justice" Group

Submitted by Marty Halvorson

Marcie R. Rendon is a citizen of the White Earth Nation. Her novels (*Murder on the Red River* and *Girl Gone Missing*) have won the National Pinckley Women's Debut Crime Novel Award and were a Western Writers of America Spur Award Finalist in 2018. Both novels have been donated to the LCC library and give insight into the Native American female writers' mind as well as a glimpse at the culture at the time of their writing. The rough depiction of the interface between the criminal justice system and a young woman attempting to emerge from the tribal life paints a not so pretty picture of the main characters struggle.

A Note from the book *Girl Gone Missing*: The National Crime Information Centre database reported that 2,758 Native women were missing or murdered in 2018. That number grows. In 2019, it is estimated that up to 4,000 Native American women are missing or were murdered in Canada. In the United States the number is estimated to be close to 3,000. The trafficking and murder of women and children, of all races, is a worldwide epidemic. *Girl Gone Missing* skirts around the edges of that story.

Please contact Pastor Drew if you are interested and would like to hear more about the 2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage October 26—November 4.

**\$4,390 per person, double occupancy includes:**

- Airfare to/from MSP
- 8 nights in 4-star hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner each day
- Entrance fees to all sites
- All ground transport in private tour bus

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- \$300 deposit due at registration
- \$1000 due on or before April 20, '24
- Balance due on or before August 1, '24

# Thank You Rummage Sale Volunteers ...

We can say you are amazing .... **BECAUSE YOU ARE!**

Team Rummage Sale volunteers pulled it off again ...

- You worked diligently to get the new garage near completion. The walls and ceiling were insulated, sheetrock was installed and painted, shelving added, and a divider wall put in place. The garage building is a true complement to our church.
- You presorted, hauled boxes, moved furniture, set up displays, folded clothing (and more clothing!), cashiered, and helped shoppers to their vehicles with their new-found treasures. You are a caring team!
- You prepared drinks, snacks, and incredible meals to provide much-needed energy for all. We heard from many that they were working on their balanced diet by putting a dessert in each hand!
- You volunteered your pole barns, garage spaces, and trailers to Rummage Sale storage needs. Your kindness was noticed.
- You even cleaned the storage shed ... otherwise known as the “mouse house”! (Rumor has it that this was not a fun job!)
- You shared our shoppers’ stories. From “I slept in my car last night to be first in line” to magically reduce the price of items for someone in need.
- You invited approximately 50 local ministries the opportunity to obtain much needed goods near the end of the sale free of charge.
- You raised funds to help so many in need in our area and around the world!
- Your efforts were priceless! Your spirit to help was incredible!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who donated, volunteered your time and talents, and shopped the sale. You are the hands and feet of God!

Blessings,

Pastor Drew and Pastor Michelle





Presort  
Days.....



**Rummage Sale Setup Week  
What we heard....**

Huh, wonder what this is?  
Oooo, this could come in handy.  
I wasn't gonna buy anything, and then I found this!  
Where is the other shoe?  
I gotta sit down, my back is killing me.  
Whew!  
I will survive. Maybe.  
I have to stop eating like this.  
Have you seen Liz, Bob, Connie,.....?  
Dessert line—oh, I shouldn't, but I will.  
Thank you.  
And lots and lots of laughter.





Thank you shoppers!  
Beautiful weather for  
shopping during the fall  
rummage sale.....





## Thursday, October 12th at 12:00 Noon



Bring a sack lunch and coffee and dessert will be provided.

Program to be announced later.  
Stay tuned.

The September PrimeTimers Program was "Travels with Todd". Todd gave a visual presentation of pictures and videos of his adventures to several destinations in 7 countries, including Norway, Finland, Estonia, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, & Luxembourg.



As the holidays creep closer, we are calling all hosts and hostesses: we are looking for folks to host tables for this year's FESTIVAL OF TABLES, sponsored by the Prime Timers. This event will take place on Friday, December 1, 2023. In order for this event to be a success (like last year☺) **we need volunteers who are willing to decorate and host tables.** All are welcome to participate and set a table for 6-8 people, your choice. You choose the theme of your table and decorate it. If this seems like a daunting task to take on by yourself, ask a friend to join you and combine your talents and share the work. Sign up on the Church Office counter or call the office to get your name on the list by October 15. Last year's event was a success, and we would sure like to see a repeat and make this an annual event. It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

## NOVEL IDEAS BOOK CLUB

Join us for discussion, food and fellowship!

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

10:30am

Chapel Hall



The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

REMINDER: We will be voting on 2024 book selections at the October 24th meeting. Please send any recommendations that you have to Jean Olson at [ltlthndr@gmail.com](mailto:ltlthndr@gmail.com) by October 20, 2023. Thank you!

### The library is going online!

Most of the books in the library have now been entered into a website by the name of LibraryCat that will allow you to search by things such as:

- book title
- author
- topic

Details on how to access the online church library will be coming soon so please watch for further information in the eBlasts and newsletters. Thank you for supporting the library.





# CREATION CARE



## WILL STEGER

*A formidable voice calling for understanding and the preservation of the Arctic, and the Earth, Will Steger is best known for his legendary polar explorations. He has traveled tens of thousands of miles by kayak and dogsled over 50 years, leading teams on some of the most significant polar expeditions in history.*

### OCTOBER 7 - 1pm

Lutheran Church of the Cross  
5064 Co. Rd. 13, Nisswa

*Steger will share about his adventures and the drastic effects of climate change on glaciers at both Poles.*

***There is no charge for this event, which is open to the public***

*Hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross Creation Care Team, NEMN Synod/ELCA Ecofaith Network, Lutheran Church of the Cross Rummage Sale Committee, Happy Dancing Turtle, and Roger and Donn Beaubien.*



*Sharing Market. Sharing Market .....Harvest time. Produce fine. Sharing God's creation. Making a donation....YES, we care! YES, we care! (To the tune of the French children's tune - Brother John.)* Thanks to Ray Arveson for singing this ditty as he spoke about our sharing market during comments from the pew.

Our sharing markets on July 9, August 13 and September 10 brought in \$1121.00 as we enjoyed sharing the fruits of our gardens in the church foyer.

Thanks to Lola Chase's inspiring talk and helping us at the produce table.

We appreciate all the produce, baked goods and canned jams that people could take home and enjoy. Besides sharing our garden produce, we were able to donate the proceeds to the food shelf.

Thanks to all who helped make this sharing market successful. We look forward to next year.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**We Assemble in God's Name**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Council President Mike Smith

**Present:**

Pr. Drew Bakken, Pr. Michelle Ruen, Colleen Both, Dean Dalzell, Darrell Paske, Dale Peterson, Mike Smith, Bonnie Stevens, Brian Stubbs, Jenny Stubbs, Sarah Tietz and Lyn Underdahl.

Welcome Dean Dalzell as our new Stewardship Minister

- **Motion to approve Dean's finishing out the year's term as Stewardship Minister vacated by Rob Norgon, then run for election in January by Darrell Paske; Second by Lyn Underdahl. Motion passed.**

**Devotion:** Mike Smith

**Officer Reports:**

Approval of Last Month's Minutes (August 2023)

- **Motion to approve by Bonnie Stevens; Second by Lyn Underdahl. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report (August 2023)

- **Motion to approve by Bonnie Stevens; Second by Sarah Tietz. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

1. Treasurer Colleen Both reviewed the recommended "Gold" insurance plan for LCC staff.
  - **Motion to approve continuing the "Gold" insurance plan by Brian Stubbs; Second by Bonnie Stevens. Motion passed.**
2. Vote to Confirm Mike Smith as the new Sr. Choir Director
  - **Motion to approve Mike Smith's appointment as of September 1st by Darrell Paske; Second by Dale Peterson. Motion passed.**
3. Discussion about Rally Sunday- introduction of the 10:30 service, coffee hour, programming in-between services, trends in congregations locally and statewide.

**Old Business:**

1. Review and vote on LCC Facility Use Policy effective January 2024. Changes include compensation for janitorial services for weekend use of LCC based on room size/usage by non profit organizations.
  - **Motion to approve the new Facility Use Policy by Lyn Underdahl; Second by Dale Peterson. Motion Passed.**
2. Playground Project- Donations continue toward the project. Location, among other factors, remains a topic for assessment. Council agreed that publicity and information about this important outreach to our young members and their families needs to continue.
3. Exploration into possible procurement of adjoining land by LCC for future expansion continues.

**Pastors' Reports**

**Senior Pastors' Report; Pastor Drew:**

- As I sit thinking about Fall, I realize the definition of Fall has changed for me through the years. When I was a child, Fall began when we went back to school. When I got older and was done with schooling, Fall began when the leaves began to change. And then as I became a parent with kids in school, once again Fall began when school started. And now, since moving up to Nisswa, Fall has been measured in a new way for me. I now measure Fall by the number of visitors coming into the

Brainerd Lakes area. And since living up here I have noticed that once labor day hits, we start to see a decrease in the amount of visitors.

- This Summer we saw an increase in the number of visitors to Lutheran Church of the Cross. After reflecting with the staff, I believe that we as a staff and council made the right decision to add an additional “Summer Sunrise Service.” It did help alleviate the pressure on the 9am service, which allowed more room in the sanctuary for visitors to join us for worship.
- As we begin our Fall worship schedule, I am excited for the start of all our Fall programming. I am looking forward to restarting Confirmation, Wednesday Worship, the Choir and music programs, and the second service at 10:30am. I truly believe that we are seeing great things beginning to happen at Lutheran Church of the Cross. I feel that we have come out of the pandemic even stronger than before. A huge thank you to our staff, church council and to the members of our church for their faithfulness and leadership throughout all of this.
- As we continue to look at the future there is one important thing that still needs to be done, that is a playground space for our children. Our Playground task force will begin again looking at new alternatives for a playground space. Many of our members have come to me to share their thoughts on this, and it has been many overwhelming voices sharing that we need this playground space to be a welcoming place for young families. Which is so important and vital to our continued growth here at LCC. I am very excited to announce that another donor made a \$10,000 donation to the playground fund. This donation brings us up to around \$30,000. I hope to have a proposal in place for our annual meeting in January.
- I want to close with this inspiring note we received from prospective new member,  
 “We are interested in becoming members of LCC and making LCC our church home. We have visited Sunday morning services on several occasions and have felt welcomed and spiritually uplifted as a result of the pastors' messages, the music/choir performances, the children's choir, the involvement of LCC in the community, etc. We were so impressed and so comfortable!”
- Thank you all for your hard work and faith to make LCC such a welcoming and vibrant place where everyone is welcomed.

### **Associate Pastor’s Report; Pastor Michelle:**

- I have enjoyed meeting many visitors in the narthex before and after services and getting to know more during coffee hour in the Celebration Center. What a pleasure and honor for us as our guests decide to join the Lutheran Church of the Cross family. Our New Member Sunday will be October 8. We will have a sloppy-joe supper and Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 5 for all prospective members where staff and council members will be introduced. Please call Laurie in the office, Pastor Drew, or myself if you or someone you know would like to join the LCC family. We would love to get to know you!
- Carol Smith, the leader of our Small Group ministry, and I met in August as we look to add new Small Groups this Fall. If someone calls to see if you are interested in joining a Small Group, please consider it. Small Groups are a wonderful way to connect with people on a deeper and richer level and in a more intimate way. If you would like to join a Small Group and no one contacts you, please reach out to Carol Smith, myself, or our church office and we will get you plugged in. I look forward to a Fall with many Fellowship and Ministry offerings at LCC - Bible Studies, Dinner Groups, Small Groups, Book Clubs, Men’s Breakfast, Grub ‘n Games, PrimeTimers, etc.
- In the month of August I officiated at an offsite wedding, a private burial at Pelican Woods Cemetery, and two baptisms in our Memorial Gardens. I will be attending the NEMN Fall Theological Conference on Monday, September 18, in Grand Rapids.
- Thanks be to God as we prepare our hearts to encounter Christ this Fall!

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Youth & Family Ministry/ Children & Family Ministry: Sarah Tietz/Rachel Gerhartz**

1. We have implemented our new system for scheduling acolytes where all students grades 5 - 8 have been paired up and assigned worship services and will have to make their own switches as needed. Hopefully this will work better than what we have done in the past.
2. All letters for Route 56 and Confirmation have gone out and reminders will be sent out as we launch programming on Sept. 27.
3. Jen Henry and Karen Raguse have stepped back from Super Roll Sundays, so I have reached out to all 7th - 12th grade parents for assistance, and volunteers are stepping forward. Hopefully our schedule will be filled as time goes on. For now, the October 1 kick off Super Roll Sunday is covered, but Kari will be counting on my Council Reps to help with a bit of supervising as needed. With less time between services, Kari will need some help.
4. Rally Day was a very fun morning, with 30+ kids participating in Cross Kids. Take Home Faith Bags were beefed up to include materials for use with at home worship GIFT bags and Kari will continue to encourage families to use these throughout the year, emphasizing the theme, "Dare to Prepare."
5. Instead of adding various activity days for CYF ministry, we will be cooperating with Grub and Game Nights to offer expanded game options and encourage families to participate.
6. Our Playground Committee will resume meetings in an attempt to scale back our plans and expectations. Any suggestions from Council are welcome.
7. Our first big event will be Trunk or Treat and as usual, Kari ENCOURAGES council members to participate in this event which has proven to be successful as well as a tremendous outreach opportunity.
8. We received an email from Drey Loge regarding Lola Chase's Temple Talk. He is offering to plan an event on Recycling for education purposes that will be for all ages. This would be in conjunction with our Creation Care Team, and we will be moving forward with this idea.
9. Kari is receiving Faith Statements from our Confirmands and we are all set for our Dessert and Sharing on Sept. 16 and Affirmation of Baptism on Sept. 17. Trinity has once again graciously offered use of their robes for our event. Kari has been in conversation with Carol Christofferson regarding a pattern to make our own so that we have them on hand, and she is willing to help out.
10. Kari will be scheduling quarterly meetings for our CYFM team that will be communicated to all and will be recruiting some new members as well.
11. Connie and Liz have come up with a list of helping opportunities for our youth and families at the Fall Rummage Sale. Kari will get this out to families and encourage them to volunteer.
12. Third graders will be receiving their bibles on September 24 during our 9am worship service. Kari would appreciate it if all Council members would write down their favorite bible verse so that Kari can highlight them for the kids.
13. King's Kids have begun rehearsals and their special music was fantastic on Rally Sunday. Kudos to the kids, parents, and Carol Smith:-)
14. We have four baptisms in September that Kari has prepared for.
15. Kari will be rolling out "Kari's Koko Korner" on Sundays during Coffee Fellowship for our Cross Kids. Kari will be offering kids cocoa and donut holes in an effort to make them feel more special and connected. Kari plans to start this on October 8.
16. Just a reminder that we will not be offering Cross Kids on Weds. evenings this year due to a lack of interest from volunteers and lack of participation from kids.
17. We will be setting up Classroom Four as a Hang Out Room for kids on Weds. evening so that we can limit running around during mealtime. The Hang Out Room will be open from 5:30 to 6:15, then will be closed for the remainder of the evening. Lyle has offered to set up a gaming station and we will make the room cozy and have some basic activities available.
18. Kari has been exploring options for reviving a Youth Group, and Pr. Drew and Kari hope to have a plan shortly for how we will roll this out. It is imperative to do this with lots of thought and input so that it will be a success. Prayers appreciated as we move forward. It would be fantastic to get an adult or two interested in helping and mentoring our youth, as relationships built within the church family have a GREAT impact on their faith growth.



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

- W&M met on July 25, 2023
- Rally Day was a successful “kick off event” for moving to 2 services. Attendance was good at the first service, and the late service was attended by a little over 30. Getting volunteer coverage for both services remains a focus as we move forward.
- Music is up and running with the Senior Choir, under new director Mike Smith, and King’s Kids, directed by Carol Smith. Bell Choir continues from this summer and Wednesday worship band has yet to come together until the end of September.
- All of our teams are adjusting to the 2 services and seem to be running smoothly thus far. (Altar Guild, Video/Audio Booth, Volunteer Coordinator, Music Ensembles)
- Questions for Church Council:  
Is there a defined number for attendance at the new service that we will use to decide whether or not to continue? (How many worshipers constitutes a good use of all the resources needed to offer a full worship service in the sanctuary?)

## **Stewardship Ministry**

Welcome, Dean! He reported he has received handoff information from outgoing Stewardship Minister Rob Norgon and looks forward to learning more about his new role, with council’s support.

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

- Fundraising continues for the new handicap accessible ramp and new handicap accessible doors at the north entrance. The new doors have been ordered and will be installed this fall. Removing the existing concrete steps and constructing a heated ramp with new railings will be completed early next year.
- The new air conditioning unit and new furnace for the sanctuary will be installed this week. The expenditure was approved by council in August and by the congregation on September 10th.
- The Memorial Garden aggregate walkway was cleaned and sealed. The Columbarium and Memorial Walls were inspected and repaired. The circulation pump was replaced in the water garden feature.

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

LCC Rummage sale committee asks that requests for funding of Mission and Outreach projects be submitted by September 26. The many days of presorting were successful thanks to the volunteers who came to help.

### **The Bridge on 7th**

The Warming Shelter at 1926 S, 7th Street in Brainerd provides a safe and secure environment for adults over the age of 18 to spend the night. The 23-24 season opens September 20. Hours for the Shelter are 7pm to 8am 7 days of the week.

LCC’s first week of the rotation with other churches and organizations is October 1 to the 8th. Shifts for volunteers are Mornings from 6:30 to 8:30 and Evenings from 7pm to 10pm. Duties may include making coffee, and providing snacks, making beds and light cleaning. Staff is always there for the entire shift. Volunteers are asked to do a background check, watch a training video and sign up on the Who Can Be There link for LCC.

<https://whocanbethere.com/SignUp/week-of-october-1lcc/1WXxzYt0m4O>

Fall fundraiser for the shelter on October 8 at 3:00 at the Gichi Zibbi center in Brainerd hosting *A Prairie Homeless Companion* along with My Neighbor to Love Coalition from 3:00-5:00 to bring awareness of homelessness to our community. Bridges of Hope will doing a fall fundraiser in the vestibule area afterwards with appetizers and a program on the shelter hoping to raise 100k to sustain the shelter to be open through this coming season.

### **Lakes Area Food Shelf**

Food scarcity is a problem for area residents but also for Lakes Area Food Shelf. Donations are needed as the shelves are emptying and Second Harvest is having difficulty providing supplies.

Please continue to think of the Food shelf with monetary donations and when grocery shopping.

**7) Congregational Life: Lyn Underdahl**

- There are no special requests or reports for this past month.
- Prayer Shawls Ministry
- Funerals – Ministry
- New Member Committee – Thursday, October 5th – hosting new members with new members joining on Sunday, October 8th I may not be able to attend either meetings for the new members as Russ and I may be traveling to Wyoming for an event.
- Library Ministry –
- Fellowship Group Learning Ministries
- Prayer Ministry Team (Book Study)
- Visitation Ministry – Michelle is working on this project.

**8) Personnel: Darrell Paske**

Pastor Drew, Cathy Taylor, and I met with Mike Smith regarding the position of LCC Senior Choir Director on September 5th. Following the interview/discussion Mike was offered the position of choir director and he has accepted the position. The effective date of this appointment is September 1, 2023. This action will require Council approval on September 14th.

**Closing Prayer: Pr. Drew Bakken**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Council Meeting:** Thursday, October 12, 2023, 7 p.m.

**Devotions:** Darrell Paske

Submitted by 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.

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

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**November 17 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**December 15 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

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

Do not call the church to register—call SCSU





**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Dress up and fill up your trunk  
- it's time for fun!

**OCTOBER 29**  
**3PM - 4:30PM**

All are welcome!

-you provide sweet treats and non-candy treats-



**Kari's**

**Koko Korner**

**CROSS KIDS:**  
Kari's Koko Korner will start on October 8 during Coffee Fellowship. We will gather and share cocoa and donut holes each Sunday!

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## Welcoming all people into discipleship

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Director of Music Ministry/Organist	Cathy Taylor	218-961-2053
Financial Secretary	Karen Wiele	218-961-2016
Volunteer Coordinator	Todd Whipple	218-961-2052
Senior Choir Director	Mike Smith	
Organist	Laura Raedeke	
Bell Choir Director	Cheryl Karlgaard	
King's Kids	Carol Smith	
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### 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

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