



Crosslake Presbyterian Church *Messenger*

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Message from

Pastor Tony

I remember when I started back in January, a few people told me that the church really gets going in the summer. Well, it certainly did! We had a great summer and a wonderful *Snowbird* season. Lots of ministry opportunities, lots of fellowship times, and lots of chances to grow in our relationships with God and with one another! Things certainly have slowed a bit but don't sit down just yet, we have a great rest of the year planned as well as a few opportunities in the early part of 2020! A continuation of Sunday morning adult education (see the newsletter article on page 3 for more info), a small group on Vocation and Life (coming January 2020), maybe a series of writing workshops to help us write our stories, all the normal weekly ministry items, and more are being planned.

I am truly excited for the next few months and the ministry that is being planned, not to mention that Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are just around the corner. I've always liked this season, the time after Halloween and the end of the year. I like that Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas work together.

Thanksgiving is when we take time to take it all in; to breath deep the blessings God has placed in our lives. Then we move into Advent which is a time of preparation and waiting. Advent is a time when we think about what those blessings mean to us and how much the giver of those blessings means to us as we prepare for Christ's arrival on Christmas morning.

To me the upcoming holidays just work well together. They can be used to help mold us into the right shape to receive the eternal blessing of Emmanuel; God with us. So, this Thanksgiving, as a church, we are collecting blessings. Those blessing will be put onto sticky notes (leaf shaped sticky notes weren't sticky enough to stay on the wall for very long) and we'll be using them as leaves to decorate the tree in the Narthex. We want to *re-leaf* the tree with the blessings of the congregation.

While collecting gratitude leaves is a part of the stewardship campaign this year, it's also good practice that can help shape us as we enter this up-coming holiday season, and it can help us re-think how we see God, how we see the world, how we see one another, and how we see the church.



Here are some questions to get you thinking...

- How has God blessed you through this church?*
- What are three good things about this church?*
- What are three good things about your life?*
- What is God doing in and through you?*

Got a blessing? Next time you're in church, or nearby, stop in and help re-leaf the tree with your blessings. If you can't make it in, or you're a part of the Southern Kingdom (aka: a Snowbird) feel free to email your blessings to the church and we will stick them on the tree for you. Let us know!

PUB THEOLOGY

Join us as we continue with Pub Theology, where we meet at **14 Lakes Brewery** at 5:00pm on the second Thursday of each month. 14 Lakes Brewery is located on Route 66 in Crosslake Join us if you can, we'll be talking about faith, life, and beer!



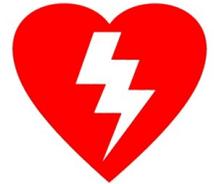
If you missed the fall congregational meeting and celebration you missed a good time and some great food! A big thank you to Barb Kohl and the Fellowship committee for preparing the wonderful meal! At the congregational meeting we elected new Deacons and new Elders; they begin their term in January.

The celebration part was great too! It was wonderful to celebrate that as a church we are debt free. It was great to have time to gather as a worshipping community and break bread together. The summer can be busy, summer schedules can be demanding, and not everyone can make it to a potluck or Pub Theology event, so it was great to be in one space giving thanks for all God has blessed us with! Maybe gathering together in the fall, or mid-September, for food and to celebrate God as work in us, can become an annual event for CPC.

AED TRAINING

You are invited to join us for a training session on how to operate our AED machine, along with a hands-only CPR training. These are life saving skills that take just a short while to learn but could make a huge difference in the life of a loved one or even a stranger!

AED
Automated External Defibrillator



Colette Larson, BS, RN (*Take Heart Program Coordinator and ER nurse*) from Essentia Health in Brainerd will be at CPC on **Thursday, November 14th at 3:30 pm** for this training, which lasts for approximately 45 minutes. If you have any questions please contact Diane McCormick or email the office.



COMMUNITY WIDE THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm
at Crosslake Lutheran Church

Join Crosslake Presbyterian Church and other areas congregations as we celebrate Thanksgiving as a community-wide Thanksgiving worship at Crosslake Lutheran Church. Congregations from the area have been invited to take part in giving thanks in song and Word on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00pm at Crosslake Lutheran Church. The CPC choir will be performing.



- 1 Marilyn Hobbs**
- 2 Diane McCormack**
- 7 Carol Campbell**
- 10 Mary Kay Smith**
- 17 Jerry Peterson**
- 20 Andrea Lund**
- 25 Louis Smith**

PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE CELEBRATION



On Sunday, October 22nd 2019 CPC held a Congregational Meeting to elect new Session members and Deacons. Pastor Tony made a presentation of Growth at CPC and all the things we have that makes us *Blessed to be Blessing* including paying off our mortgage after the generous contributions of many of our members and friends.

We welcome Amy Bloch, Karen Butler and George Young as new members of Session, and Jack Becker and Becky Bury as new members to Deacons, in 2020.

We thank Ginny Anderson, Doug Steele and Jerry Norgaard as they leave Session for their hard work and dedication. Also we thank Audrey Eiler and Mary Lu Dietz as their leave the Board of Deacons for the many hours they have served. Thank you!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Join us each Sunday at 9:00am for our Sunday Morning Adult Education series on Presbyterian distinctives. The first week we looked at God's grace and what it means to us in the Reformed tradition, and the second week we began to tackle the topic of sin and evil. We didn't quite make it through the prepared lesson, but we got a lot of material covered.

The lessons from Theocademy will almost carry us through the month of November. Our lessons will be about what it means to say Jesus is our Lord, some distinctly Presbyterian elements of worship and study, and our denominational focus on fellowship and mission.



We will meet on November 3, 10, and 17 to wrap up our Theocademy series. We'll still meet on the 24th, but we'll begin our Advent journey which will be co-led by Ginny Anderson and Pastor Tony. Throughout Advent, we'll explore the season and ways to increase our understanding of Christmas.



Sun	11/03	2:00am	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Sun	11/03	9:00am	Sunday Bible Series
		10:00am	Communion Worship
		11:15am	Fellowship
Tues.	11/05	9:30am	Literary Huddle
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Mainstreet AA
Wed.	11/06	10:00am	Bible Study
Sun.	11/10	9:00am	Sunday Bible Series
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:15am	Fellowship
Tues.	11/12	9:30am	Literary Huddle
		12:00pm	Women's Luncheon
		7:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Mainstreet AA
Weds.	11/13	9:00am	Senior LinkAge
		10:00am	Bible Study
Thurs.	11/14	3:30pm	AED Training
		5:00pm	Pub Theology
Sun.	11/17	9:00am	Sunday Bible Series
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:15am	Fellowship

MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00pm

Tues.	11/19	9:30am	Literary Huddle
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Mainstreet AA
Wed.	11/20	10:00am	Bible Study
		4:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		5:00pm	Monthly Potluck Dinner
Thurs.	11/21	12:00pm	Men's Luncheon
Sun.	11/24	9:00am	Sunday Bible Series
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:15am	Fellowship
		4:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service—Crosslake Lutheran Church
Tues.	11/26	9:30am	Literary Huddle
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Mainstreet AA
Wed.	11/27	10:00am	Bible Study

MEN'S LUNCH

Thursday, November 21 at 12:00pm
at Pine Peaks in Crosslake

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Tuesday, November 12 at 12:00pm
at Andy's in Crosslake

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