



Crosslake Presbyterian Church

Messenger

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OPENING UP CHURCH FOR SERVICE

What to expect during Covid-19



This coming Sunday, October 4 will be our first Sunday back indoors for Worship since March!

With great joy we welcome everyone back to our “new normal” indoor worship service. As the pandemic is unfortunately still amongst us, we will need to adjust what we can and cannot do for the health and safety of one another.

Here are the things that will be different for us right now, however, like all things during our pandemic experience, we will be fluid with these guidelines. The Worship Committee and CPC leadership will meet often as the situation changes to review and update these guidelines.

- Please, always wear a mask whilst inside the building.
- The water fountains are closed, so please feel free to bring your own refreshment.
- The disability accessible bathroom is the only bathroom available for use.
- We will have no paper bulletins – however there will be the slide show each week for you to follow along during the service.
- We won't have hymn singing.
- There will be no communion until we are able to further assess the situation to make sure that when we do have it, it is done in a safe manner.
- There will be no worship recording, either on Facebook, Zoom or in the parking lot at this time.

- Per our updated *Covid-19 Preparedness Plan* there will be no fellowship hour or refreshments after the service (a copy of the plan is posted on our website).
- If you wear a coat to service, please keep it with you at your seat, do not hang it up.

Thank you for helping each other to stay safe indoors whilst at the same time we can be together after so many months. Welcome back!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



On Sunday, October 4 we will be holding a congregational meeting at 11:00 am after the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting will be

for active members to vote on the recommendation of the Session on whether to dissolve the Designated Pastoral Call with Rev. Oltmann. We will be using paper ballots and protective gloves will be available for those wishing to use them.

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, conducted in both person using approved Covid-19 protocol, and on line via Zoom.

Members from Minnesota Valleys Presbytery will be present to assist with the meeting and operating Zoom. The meeting will be led by Rev. SanDawna Ashley. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all members prior to Sunday. Those participating via Zoom may vote also.

DEACON'S REPORT



The Deacons/Missions committee gathered in our church Thursday, September 24, for their monthly meeting. The entire committee was present. We finalized the distribution of our donations for fourth quarter 2020. The list of all of our donations for the current year is in the next column. Some are pending for fourth quarter delivery.

We were not encouraged by school personnel to collect school supplies for our two area school districts as we did last year. Both school administrators said their needs in that area are minor compared to what they really lack. This year has been critical for parents, students and teachers with regards to dealing with the upheaval created by the Covid19 pandemic.

Crosslake Community School and Pequot Lakes School District are both stretched beyond their budget for funds which will provide mental health services. A social worker discussed the lack of a budget for items such as games, videos and personnel who will focus on helping families and staff.

Both schools are delighted to come to our church to explain to us how they will use the funds we donate and to thank us. We voted to give \$625.00 each to the following schools: Pequot Lakes HS, Pequot Lakes Middle School, Eagleview Elementary and Crosslake Community School. This is a total of \$2,500.00!

Instead of our wonderful annual Christmas Party at Golden Horizons, we will send a donation for them to use for a safe party for the residents and staff!

*Respectfully submitted by the
Deacons and Mission Committee*
Members: Jack Becker, Becky Bury,
Joan Krueger, Jane Milliman, Shari Ochs
and Pat Tweed

OUR CHURCH IS A GIVING CHURCH!



OUR 2020 DONATIONS:

OPERATION SANDWICH	\$300.00
BRAINERD WOMEN'S SHELTER	\$300.00
CROSSLAKE FOOD SHELF	\$450.00
EMILY FOOD SHELF	\$350.00
HART ANIMAL SHELTER	\$400.00
SHARING BREAD	\$400.00
LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF, PL	\$405.00
PINE RIVER-BACKUS FOOD SHELF	\$150.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$400.00
SALVATION ARMY, BRAINERD	\$400.00
GOLDEN HORIZONS, CROSSLAKE	\$400.00
CROSSLAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	\$625.00
PEQUOT LAKES SCHOOLS	\$1,875.00
TOTAL FOR 2020	\$6,455.00

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

The men will resume their monthly luncheons again this month at Pine Peak Restaurant, on Thursday, October 15 at Noon.



The women will be meeting for lunch this month at the Cedar Chest Restaurant on Hwy 3 in

Crosslake on Wednesday, October 28 at Noon.

Please RSVP to Amy Bloch at (952) 212-1112 or amyshomeandcare@gmail.com.

HEALTH CORNER

In my pre-retirement days, I used to get ready for work, fix my breakfast, set it on the table, then go out to the front steps, pick up the newspaper and bring it in to read as I ate my breakfast. Little did I consider what germs might have been on that newspaper. How did I know if the paper was contaminated by a carrier who had a cough or cold or even by someone involved in the printing and distribution process? Yet there I was, holding the paper in one hand and a fork or spoon in the other.



That newspaper was what is called a *fomite*. Wikipedia describes a fomite as any inanimate object that, when contaminated with or exposed to infectious agents, can transfer disease to a new host. And now, in our caution at CPC, we're having to consider offering trays, bulletins, and anything else that we might touch, a fomite. (Water fountains are most assuredly fomites. When our pediatrics office in which I worked for many years was built, the doctors said "NO WATER FOUNTAINS!".)

In the 21st century, the role of fomites in disease transfer is higher than ever in human history because of our indoor lifestyle. Because of fomites, food workers have been wearing hair nets for some time. Now they're also wearing masks. Hopefully those working in the kitchen are also wearing gloves.

We are told to anticipate a surge in Covid cases this Fall and as I'm writing this, I heard on local news that Crow Wing County had 20 new cases of Covid yesterday. There may be

several surges before an effective vaccine is ready. Thus, we all need to keep up our guard. And if, in a store aisle, you meet up with someone not wearing a mask, at least try to hold your breath until they get past you. Masks are a way of saying "I care about your well-being." All of us are getting tired of having to "maintain a safe distance", yet we must not let down our guard. As one of our deacons has said, "stay strong."

A special thanks for all those who have prepared our building for a safe return to worshipping inside.

Mary Clement, R.N., M.O.H.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



6 Earl Angell
8 Karen Olsen
14 Marge Angell
14 Joyce Jutila
25 Ron Ochs



DEACON of the MONTH

Deacon this month is Jane Milliman, you can reach her at millimanjane@gmail.com or (218) 820-1259.



Judy Regan will be gone from the church office from October 8 – 22 to visit family in Arizona.

Please contact Amy Bloch if you have an urgent need at caretaker@CrosslakePres.org or (952) 212-1112. Amy will be checking emails and phone messages during this time.