



Crosslake Presbyterian Church *Messenger*

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MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Tony



As fall rolls around, I've been thinking and praying about two things that are extremely important to our congregation: **worship and fellowship.**

We've all missed the traditional ways of being together for worship and fellowship, and while we're thankful for the creative ways that have enabled us to still gather safely if one chooses, it's hard! It's hard to worship and do fellowship without the handshakes, hugs, and in-person conversations in the sanctuary and Friendship hall. So, I've been praying about and trying to think of creative ways that we can bring some of these needs together, to fulfill them for one another, as the body of Christ in safe and acceptable ways. Maybe we can combine some worship and fellowship together with a shorter amount of time for each, on a Sunday morning, outside or inside or some combination of the two?

The Holy Spirit has given us creative and good ways to be together, and I know the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us and provide for us. I invite you to pray and think about this, too, along with our leadership, to figure out the best way to gather for our worship and fellowship needs this fall. We want to meet those needs for one another as Christ works through us, and yet, we also know we need to be safe and care for our neighbors with safety and caution. It's a tricky balance, but I know the Lord will provide.

Thank you for your flexibility in this time as we figure out the best way to be the church, not just for one another, but for the community, so that others may continue to know God's love and care through us!

VISITATIONS

Pastor Tony will be making visitations again. Please contact the church office via email or phone message if you would like to schedule an appointment. Visits can be outside on the patio, porch, or deck and Pastor can visit for 60-90 minutes. Pastor Tony doesn't drink coffee, but water or lemonade would be perfect.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 **Doug Steele II**
- 3 **Gail Peterson**
- 8 **Don Hoger**
- 11 **Betsy Simons**
- 12 **Jo Bierman**
- 16 **Jane Milliman**
- 27 **MaryAnn Bennett**

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

The men will not be meeting at Pine Peaks again this month, luncheons are temporarily stopped.

The women's lunch will be at Andy's Bar & Grill in Crosslake on Wednesday, September 23rd at Noon. Please RSVP to Amy Bloch at (952) 212-1112 or amyshomeandcare@gmail.com.

DEACON'S REPORT



School, in whatever form it will be for your children and grandchildren, is just around the corner. Where did summer go? My family includes three teachers. Two are going to be “distance teaching” this year. We wish a good school year for all of the children and teachers in your lives.

And where are we going to be here at Crosslake Presbyterian Church this fall? We are hoping and praying for a return to meeting in our sanctuary and to the receiving of communion. The Deacons and Mission Committee will still be helping our members doing what we do best!

We have allocated additional funds to area food shelves and are working on seeing what kind of financial help we can provide teachers at the two local schools, Pequot Lakes Schools and Crosslake Community School. We will announce what we have decided to do after talking to school administrators to see what needs are most pressing.

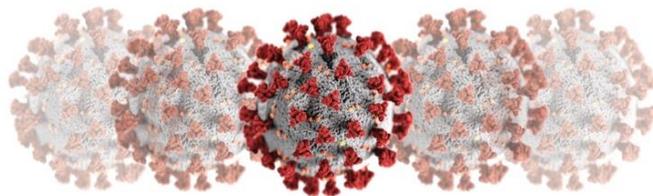
Thanks to generous donations to a memorial fund for Mary Lu Dietz, we will be able to create and continue some of the many missions she supported during her life. We want to remember those important birthdays and anniversaries our members are celebrating, such as the Kenner's 70th Wedding Anniversary we recently recognized by sending flowers to them at their Nebraska home!

We also want to do what we can to reduce any financial stress if our members are sick with illnesses like Covid19 or cancer. We will provide meals and help such as someone to mow their yards or shovel snow, so they can heal with fewer worries.

If you have suggestions, please send me an email at patriciatweed5@gmail.com or call me at 218-820-3690.

Deacon for September is Joan Krueger. Please contact Joan at (218) 838-2050 or djkrueger@brainerd.net.

CPC's COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN



As required by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), CPC has developed a **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan** to address issues related to reopening the church building. The CPC plan can be found on our website: www.CrosslakePres.org.

If your group or committee has plans to meet and would like to meet in the church building please contact the office to schedule the date and time, and receive a copy of the Preparedness Plan and full instructions on how to follow the new procedure. If you are in the building for any reason, please ensure you sign in and out so we know which area to clean to keep our building safe and healthy for all to use. Per the new Minnesota Emergency Executive Order 20-81, *it is now necessary to wear a mask during the time you are inside the church building.* **The church is NOW OPEN to outside groups.**

THANK YOU'S



This month we have received thank you notes for our mission giving from the following organizations:

- *Budget & Finance at Commission on Operations, Presbytery*
- *Mid-MN Women's Center*
- *Special Offerings at Presbyterian Mission*

The following note came in a Thank You card from Jim and Jan Kenner:

*Dear members of CPC,
We thought when Marge Angell announced that we had our 70th wedding anniversary and you all honked your horns that it was so nice, and then we got a beautiful flower arrangement when we got back to Hebron. Thank you all so much, the Crosslake Church has always been so special to us. We hope we get to see you this fall for a short visit.
Sincerely, Jim and Jan Kenner*

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Have you noticed a slightly different look to the church building? The entire exterior of the building and the bell tower were color stained by Gary's Painting. They also painted some outside doors which needed it. The east entrance door was only primed during the original construction and it looks much better now. The project which was funded by the "Blessed to be a Blessing" campaign came in under budget and was completed the week of August 10th. The next project is to replace the edging between the rocks around the building and the lawn. Contract bids are being secured and the plan calls for interlocking bricks to replace the timbers which have rotted over the years.

REMEMBERING NORM NELSON

We have received word of the death of Norm Nelson, who passed away on August 13, 20, age 85. Norm and his wife Doris were founding members of CPC.

A private family service was held, and his obituary can be found here:

<http://www.northlandpress.com/obituaries.html>

The Nelsons, Rev. Dean & Phyllis Williams, and Ken and Marilyn traveled together to Willmar in the very early days of our history. The result of that (and several additional) visits was the formation of CPC as a new church development. Doris Nelson served as church treasurer for several years and was the church's keyboardist prior to her death from ovarian cancer. The Nelson library is named after her. She was insistent that we should budget 6 months of salary for a choir director, in the event we found one. Sure enough, Andrea Besnett Lund joined our church staff in early January and got our music program started. When June came, we alerted the congregation that we did not have enough in the budget to keep a choir director for the remaining 6 months of the year. Within a couple of weeks, the congregation had donated the necessary funds. The music lovers of our congregation were most grateful to Dorie for her foresight.

Norm, retired from the Minnesota Highway patrol, was an early Building and Grounds chair and was instrumental in arranging for a landscaper he knew who put together a special grass formulation so that overflow crowds could park on our lawn as at the time we had an unimproved parking lot. Norm was what one might call a "hail fellow, well met" --

another way of saying he was hearty, friendly, and congenial.

About a year ago, Norm moved to the Twin Cities to be nearer his children. Winters here were becoming more difficult. He is fondly remembered by many here.

Condolences can be sent to Norm's family via his daughter:

Nancy Nelson Parris
8350 Airport Rd.
Waconia, MN 55387

The Nelsons and the Story of the Beginning of CPC

Dorie Nelson, while getting her hair done one day, learned from her beauty operator that someone was trying to get a Presbyterian Church started in Crosslake. So Dorie called the Twin Cities Presbytery and was told she had the wrong one. She then called the Presbytery at Willmar but they were unaware of any startup in the area. So Dorie put an ad in the local paper and 2 couples responded to it—Rev. Dean and Phyllis Williams and Ken & Marilyn Whitehead. The three couples got in the car and drove to Willmar to see if Presbytery would assist them. This started the ball rolling for the formation of CPC. It was later when Dorie learned that the person interested in starting a new church actually was wanting to start an Episcopal church. That individual and his wife, however, did become a part of the CPC family in those early days.

The early days (or years) of CPC were a struggle but that small group became wonderful friends and persevered. They sacrificed much to provide us with the church we have today.

At the dedication of our building, Dorie and I used a different hymnal than what the congregation was using. Our hymnal had 3 verses but the congregation's borrowed hymnals had 4 verses. At the end of the 3 verses, Dorie and I stopped playing but the congregation continued to sing. Dorie and I then caught up by the second or third measure! Afterwards, the Nelson's daughter related that the congregation kept right on singing in spite of the fact that the instruments stopped. She felt it was so typical of the CPC congregation—it had always "kept going" in spite of difficulties.

Submitted by Mary Clement