

CROSSROADS



FEBRUARY
2023



Atonement Lutheran Church
1980 Silver Lake Rd NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5472 Adams Street, Mounds View, MN 55112

Atonement Congregational Meeting

Atonement's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5.

There will be a combined worship service at 9:30 followed by the meeting.

The Youth will serve a pancake breakfast.

Parents Night Out

The Youth Group is hosting another Child-Care Night on Friday, February 10 from 5-8pm for children ages 3 and up.

Maybe you want to do an early Valentine's dinner? Or just want to stay home and read a book by yourself?

Drop off your children at Cross of Glory for a fun evening of games and crafts. Dinner will be served to everyone.

To participate, you must sign up ahead of time on the sign up sheet so we can plan accordingly. The sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex of both churches.



Cross of Glory Annual Meeting Highlights

Cross of Glory held their Annual Meeting on January 29. Thank you to the Youth Group for providing a pancake breakfast to all.

The congregation voted in the following new Council Members:

Matt Verkuilen—President
Peg Lindner
Karen Mills
Kolleen Olsen

The 2023 budget was approved.

Welcome to our new council members and thank you for volunteering!

Remind Text Messages Sign up today!

To receive important updates from Pastor Cassie or Deacon Brad, sign up for Remind Text Messages.

Go here to sign up:
<https://www.remind.com/join/37a6e8d>

Text @37a6e8d to the number 81010



News from Pastor Cassie & Deacon Brad SAVE the DATE!

Planning has been in the works for a June 2023 Intergenerational Camping Trip! The planning committee includes: Pastor Cassie, Deacon Brad, Cheryl Lunde, Shelly Markham and Marie Thomalla.

What: Crossroads All Church Camping Weekend

Who: All ages, intergenerational. **Outreach Event**—please invite neighbors, friends, family, etc.

Just come for the day if you want to sleep at home.

When: June 9-11

Location: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground, 7373 Main St, Centerville, MN 55038

Fee: Vehicle Permits—Anoka County required—\$7/day or \$30/year per vehicle entrance. Tent campers no cost! If you want to bring an RV/Motorhome/Camper, please reserve your own site.

What: Come join in an all church camping trip. Play at the beach, enjoy the playground, bring/rent a canoe to use at the boat launch, go fishing or use the hiking trails. Bring your bike if you want to ride the Anoka Bike Trails or your golf clubs to play at nearby Chominox Golf Course. Just come and hang out too if you want a low key relaxing time to sit and talk or read a book. Fun for everyone outdoors. Full schedule will be posted before the trip.

Worship: We will have an evening time around the campfire to discuss highs and lows, sing songs with guitars and pray together.

Food: We will provide a campfire and you bring your own meals. If you would like to bring a snack to share, please do so. S'more fixings will be provided.

Lodging: Tent camping space will be provided if you would like to tent at no cost. We can have up to 60 people tent camp in our group site. Please visit <https://www.anokacountyparks.com/camping> for more information.

CAMP WAPO Registration is Open!

Our Seeds weekend is July 21-23.

Youth weeklong camp is July 23-28.

Please register online at:

<http://lwlbc.com/crossroads>

\$150 down payment is needed at registration.

Questions?

Please contact Carol Gaylor at clh@usfamily.net.

Sweet Roll Sundays Camp Wapo Fundraiser

The Sweet Roll Sunday schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen at Cross of Glory.

Families, please sign up to help to receive a portion of the funds towards costs.

Questions?

Please contact Becky Redding at:

redding1523@comcast.net

Faith and a Pint Monthly Fellowship Group

Join Deacon Brad and others for Faith and a Pint—a monthly Fellowship Group—all are invited!

When: February 24 @ at 6:30pm at Torg Brewery

Where: Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park - 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Who: All ages welcome! Blue Sun Soda and other non-alcoholic options served.

What: A social get together with folks from church! Come talk about faith, the world, and your life while sipping a craft brew with your friends.

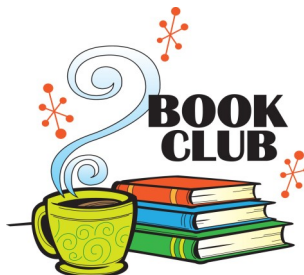
Cost: Bring a few bucks and check out their tap selection at <https://www.torgbrewery.com/>

ABCD Atonement Book Club Daytime

ABCD 2023 Reading Schedule

The Atonement Book Club Daytime meets the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in Atonement's Fellowship Hall. Members of both Atonement and Cross of Glory are invited to attend. You can come to all of the discussions, or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage and wear a mask.

- Feb 6—Force of Nature by Jane Harper
- March 6—The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan
- April 3—Take Me with You by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- May 1—Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees by Meredith May
- June 5—The Quarry Girls by Jess Lourey
- July—No meeting
- Aug 7—Are we meeting?
- Sept 11—Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- Oct 2—The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley
- Nov 6
- Dec 4



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed:

Wednesday, February 8.



Food Donations

Thank you to everyone who brought non-perishable food for Atonement's donation box behind the kiosk. Hungry neighbors are grateful !

On January 11 Paul and Bonnie Anderson delivered 6 large bags of food to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf in Mounds View. Our parish is especially thankful to King's Kids Preschool which had a food drive in November and December. Even young children become aware that some people feel hunger but have no food. One of the attributes that King's Kids teaches is sharing.

Thank you to Peg Linder at Cross of Glory who monitors the food donation shopping cart at Cross of Glory. She brings the food to Ralph Reeder when the shopping cart gets full.

Thank you to all who donate food and to our volunteers for bringing it to the food shelf.

Local Non-Profit News

Open Arms

A metro organization named Open Arms prepares and delivers (usually using volunteer drivers) medically tailored meals for no charge to critically ill Minnesotans. After 37 years of operation, they are expanding their delivery zone by opening a Saint Paul site.

The Open House for this Open Arms site is from 2-5 PM on Saturday, February 4 at 380 E Lafayette Frontage Road (near the downtown airport). There will be games, prizes, refreshments, and appetizers. Call 612-872-1151 for more information.

Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS)

Have you heard of Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS), our local Shoreview organization that serves youth ages elementary school to high school? Many more students than ever before are struggling with mental health: a three-fold increase! NYFS offers a day-treatment team and a diversion program – to learn what is going on in a youth’s life, which is key to understanding what circumstances have contributed to their negative behavior. Services are open to Mounds View, Roseville, and White Bear Lake school districts. Call 651-486-3808 for information.

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge is famous in our state for helping people with substance abuse during four decades of operation. Now it is launching a new counseling division to help with growing numbers of Minnesotans with general mental health. This new effort is named RockBridge Counseling and is offering outpatient services in Crystal, Maplewood, and Lakeville to people over the age of 12. Telehealth and in-person counseling are available. Call 612-673-4141 for more information.

Godspeed to all these valuable non-profits.
The Atonement Charitable Giving Team

Community Support Center (CSC)

Community Support Center began and is supported entirely by donations from churches, individual contributions, and community organizations/businesses. While operating in a strictly secular mode, the organization fulfills the common desire of these churches and our community to reach out to our neighbors and give them a hand before they become homeless.

CSC serves residents of Minnesota in the cities of: New Brighton, Mounds View, North Oaks, Shoreview and Arden Hills. Call 651-387-8050. Located at 1600 Silver Lake Road, New Brighton.

Mission: Our goal, is to guide participants towards long term financial stability. There is no one-size-fits-all program. A CSC team walks beside participants to identify goals and create a path to achieve them.

How we work

- Prevent evictions with financial assistance
- Prevent shut-offs
- Identify resources
- Offer continuing support

- CSC does not
- Pay for hotel stays
 - Provide supplemental assistance such as a gas card, food or clothing

From Cross of Glory's Council President

Greetings from your council!

It is definitely hard to believe that we are already starting February! It seems like we were just beginning our church year and celebrating Christmas. Like Christmas, we have a lot to celebrate within our congregation as well as within our parish. First and foremost a huge word of thanks to Dawn Saros-Kirk, Paula Reed, and Leslie Bjork who have ended their terms on council but continue to work and support our church and our parish in many ways. It is very very much appreciated. Secondly, we welcome our new council members who began their terms at our annual meeting. These new members include Kolleen Olson, Peg Lindner, Karen Mills and myself. I am very honored to have been elected your council president and to be able to work with your church council over this next year.

I emphasize that we are your council because at the core, all of us who have the honor to serve in this capacity, are regular congregation members. We are here to be your voice in decisions that are made for Cross of Glory and for our Crossroads Parish and know that decisions are never made lightly but are made with the faith that you have entrusted in us. Know that we are here should you have any questions, ideas, concerns, praise or other things that are part of what makes our congregation great.

In the coming months, you will be hearing from all of us on council to not only ensure that you know what is going on behind the scenes but also as an invitation to be involved in projects or teams that we hope you will feel called to be part of. In the meantime, know that I am always available should you have any questions. I can be reached via my email at mverkuilen@crossofglorymv.org or even simply by finding me at the tech table on Sunday mornings!

Again thank you for the honor of serving as your Council President. It is not a role I take lightly and I appreciate the faith and support that you continue to have in your council members.

"Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come... Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today."

God bless!
Matthew Verkuilen



Cross of Glory Council Meeting Highlights

January 11, 2023

Joint Meeting with Atonement Council (6:30PM) at Atonement, individual meetings followed.

Call to Order and Open with prayer

Deacon's Report—Overview of his work so far including: Remind notifications, Faith and a Pint—4th Friday of each month, May retreat details being worked out.

Pastor's Report—Overview including: COG funeral for Milt Crampton, 2023 Christmas schedule planning with Worship Committee, Abundance not Scarcity, Camp Wapo Sweet Roll fundraiser

Annual Meeting and council nominee discussion.

Constitution/By-law updates discussion.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 at Cross of Glory.

Cross of Glory Council Call to Order 7:17PM

Roll Call

Secretary's Report - Presentation & approval of December 2022 minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Presentation & approval of the treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance	\$138,328.83
Income	\$9,508
Expenses	\$24, 293 (includes Nov/Dec Parish expenses)
Ending Balance	\$142,338.41

Committee Reports - No reports submitted,

Worship committee met 1-4-2023. Discussion about Lent mid-week services/soup suppers. Advance planning for Advent/Christmas 2023. St. Lucia program this year.

Property: Leak on the flat roof again. Need to contact company that replaced our roof.

Old Business

Annual Meeting, Council nominations, AED, numbering Cross of Glory's doors for clarity

New Business

Would like to purchase a set of Compost/Recycling/Trash bins for Fellowship Hall

Suggestion to purchase or make 3 matching stands to put communion collection baskets and children's offering box on at the front of the sanctuary.

Announcements/Affirmations

- ♥ Thank you to the Prayer Shawl group for the 22 twiddle cuffs that were delivered to the Alzheimer Unit of Sunrise of Roseville.
- ♥ Thank you to Tom & Jon Thomalla and Kevin Gaylor for cleaning up the roof leak and removing snow.
- ♥ Thank you to Ron Markham for raking the snow from the roof.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Cross of Glory every day!

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Adjourned at 8:54pm followed by the Lord's Prayer

Notes & Care

Atonement Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 7 Sam Nault

Feb 8 Isaac Weatherly

Feb 25 Paul & Janice Schmidt (1962)

Feb 27 Karen Mills

Feb 28 Bradley Houfek

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Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ To Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, I am very touched and blessed by the gifts of love, especially when I am not a member or even live in your state. To know that the prayer shawl and bears were prayed over means so much to me. I will treasure them always as a reminder that I am not alone and that God is with me as I face what is ahead. May God bless your ministry as I have been blessed with love and kindness. Janet Johnson, Center Point, Iowa.
- ♥ Thank you to the Willhaus family for their generous donation for the purchase of an AED in memory of Richard.
- ♥ Thank you to our outgoing council members for your service on Cross of Glory's council: Leslie Bjork, Paula Reed and Dawn Saros-Kirk.
- ♥ Welcome to Cross of Glory's new council members: Peg Lindner, Karen Mills, Kolleen Olsen and Matt Verkuilen (President).
- ♥ Welcome our recent new members to Crossroads Parish: Pastor Paul Hanson, Bob & Connie Jones, Dave & Bev Knapp, Deacon Brad, Karen, Helena, Iva & Nora Mills, Don, Oliva & Hanna Schneider and Alice Sponholz.
- ♥ Thank you to Tom & Jon Thomalla & Kevin Gaylor for their speedy response after discovering the roof leak at Cross of Glory.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

In Our Prayers

- † Please keep Bruce Madsen and his family in your prayers as they mourn their loss of Nancy Madsen.
 - † Please keep JoAnn Crampton and her family in your prayers as they mourn their loss of Milt Crampton.
 - † Please keep Ron Markham in your prayers.
 - † Please keep Doug & Virginia Cahow in your prayers.
 - † Please continue to keep Arlene Drier in your prayers.
 - † Please continue to keep Royce King in your prayers.
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February 2023—Crossroads Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY: A = At Atonement C = At Cross of Glory LS = Live Stream Time						
5 9:30 A-Worship LS 10:30 A-Cong Meeting 12:30 A-Faith Com Ch 1pm C-Recital	6 8am A-Men's Bible St 1pm A-ABCD 6pm A-Girl Scouts 7pm C-Cub Scouts	7 6:30 C-Cub Scouts	8 6:30 C-Councils Meet	9 9:30 A-Mary Circle 10am C-Naomi Circle 1pm A-Game Day 6pm C-Girl Scouts	10 10:30 Charitable Giv 5pm A-Mount of Bless 5pm C-New Birth	11 9am A-Mount of Bless 9am C-New Birth
12 A-Prayer Ministers 8:30 C-Worship LS 9:30 C-Sun Sch/Youth 10:30 A-Worship 12:30 A-Faith Com Ch	13 8am A-Men's Bible St 1pm C-Fellowship Cir 6pm A-Property Comm 7pm C-Cub Scouts	14 Valentine's Day 1pm A-Elizabeth Circle	15 7pm C-Jumbo Sale Mtg	16 1pm A-Game Day 6pm C-Girl Scouts	17 5pm A-Mount of Bless 5pm C-New Birth	18 9am A-Mount of Bless 9am C-New Birth
19 8:30 C-Worship 9:30 C-Sun Sch/Youth 10:30 A-Worship LS 12:30 A-Faith Com Ch	20 President's Day 8am A-Men's Bible St 1pm A-Kitchen Kutups 6pm A-Girl Scouts 7pm C-Cub Scouts	21 Mardi Gras 6:30 C-Girl Scouts	22 Ash Wednesday 6:30 A-Worship	23 1pm A-Game Day	24 5pm A-Mount of Bless 5pm C-New Birth 6:30 Faith & a Pint	25 9am A-Mount of Bless 9am C-New Birth
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Contact Us

Church Office Hours:

Both Atonement and Cross of Glory church offices are open Monday - Friday.

Atonement's office is open mornings until noon.
Cross of Glory's office is open afternoons until 5:00.

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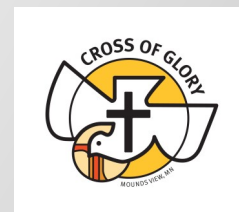
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