

# CROSSROADS



MARCH  
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

## From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to you in this season of Lent!

As I write, we are experiencing historic snowfall amounts. So it is difficult to believe that spring begins this month! As we continue our journey through Lent, I wonder if we are continuing to pay attention to our faith lives. Yes, the days are getting longer at this point and the sun shines a little warmer, it seems--even when temperatures are low. How about our faith life? Is our faith shining through?

I realize this is difficult to measure. Perhaps take a moment, right now, close your eyes, and consider how often you've prayed to God in the past week? How often have you thought of God this week? How often have you read scripture--or a devotional book?

In this season, it might be a good time to add an e-devotional habit to your routine. Did you know Luther Seminary has a daily devotional that it sends out? You can subscribe here: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/email/>

No matter what your daily faith practices are, pay attention to how your faith is shining through. When you see the weather improving and the sun shining bright: remember, you are a beacon for God's promises every day. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Let your light shine!

Blessings in this season and always,  
Pastor Cassie



## Looking Ahead—Mid-Week Lenten & Holy Week Services Evening Services at 6:30pm

\*Wednesday, March 1—Cross of Glory  
\*Wednesday, March 8—Atonement  
\*Wednesday, March 15—Cross of Glory  
\*Wednesday, March 22—Atonement  
\*Wednesday, March 29—Cross of Glory  
\*Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday  
8:30 Cross of Glory; 10:30 Atonement

\*Maundy Thursday, April 6—Atonement  
\*Good Friday, April 7—Cross of Glory  
\*Easter Sunday—April 9  
7:30am—Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory  
10:30am—Easter Service at Atonement

# Faith and a Pint Monthly Fellowship Group

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

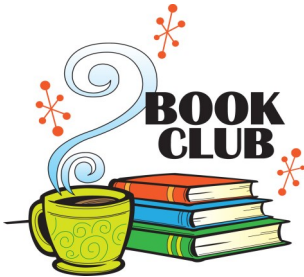
**When:** March 31 @ at 6:30pm at Torg Brewery

**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

The Atonement Book Club Daytime book discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on Monday, March 6 at 1:00 pm.

We will discuss *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. In April we will discuss *Take Me with You* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. People from both Atonement and Cross of Glory are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring a mask and your own beverage.

## Atonement Annual Meeting Highlights

Atonement held their Annual Meeting on February 5. Thank you to the Youth Group for providing a pancake breakfast to all.

The congregation voted in the following new Council Members:

Carreen Houfek  
Todd Haselhorst  
Scott Carlson  
Lindsey Fabian (returning)

The 2023 budget was approved. It was voted to make a change from having two semi-annual meetings to having one annual meeting per year.

At their Council meeting in February, the Council voted in Tony Houfek as President, Carol Hoiby as Vice-President and Lindsey Fabian as Secretary.

Welcome to the new and returning council members and for thank you for volunteering!

## Sunday School Collection for Hygiene Kits

Welcome to the season of Lent. It is a reminder that spring will soon be here. And in MN this year we are ALL looking forward to that!

Sunday School & youth group will be starting a **service project to assemble hygiene kits**. This will be going on thru May 1st. We will be accepting donations of **sample size products such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant and soap**. A donation box will be made available.

Just a reminder there will be no Sunday school on Sunday, March 12th for spring break.

Marilyn, Cheryl & Dani

# Growing Through Loss – Support for Those Experiencing Loss in their Lives

**Growing Through Loss** is a grief and loss support ministry jointly sponsored by the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition, of which 18 churches and organizations in our area are members. The coalition hosts two six-week series each year at various locations that address both the educational as well as support aspects of a variety of loss and grief issues.

**The spring series will be held on Monday evenings, April 17—May 22 from 6:45pm—9:00pm, at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Dr, Mounds View, MN 55112.**

Each session offers an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by peer support groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Each session is complete in itself, so you may attend any or all sessions. Registration takes place the evening before each session. There is no cost, although donations are welcome. You may call 763-755-5335 or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org) for more information.

The donations for the Lenten soup supper on March 8 will go toward our membership in the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition, which coordinates the Growing Through Loss series.

## Cross of Glory Plant Sale Fundraiser

Order your spring plants now through Cross of Glory's Plant Sale. The deadline to order plants is Sunday, April 9. The plants will be delivered at Cross of Glory and available for pick up Friday, May 12 between 5:30 and 6:30 only.

There are printed forms available in the narthex of both churches.

Please share with your family, friends and neighbors!

Questions? Contact Jeff Kinsel 651-249-8099 or [jeff3121961j@gmail.com](mailto:jeff3121961j@gmail.com) or Bob Reed 763-227-8597 or [rareedmn@gmail.com](mailto:rareedmn@gmail.com).



## Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2848 W. County Road H2, is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 26 from 8:30—12:30.

Gretchen Davis' father, Ed Roth, leads the local Habitat for Humanity effort and fundraiser.

## Non-Profit Donations

The Atonement Charitable Giving Team wants to remind everyone that our 2022 donation recipients were printed in the recent Annual Report.

Additionally, thank you notes from these non-profits are posted on the kiosk bulletin board.

# SAVE the DATES!

## 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.

## BWCA Boundary Waters Canoe Trip August 1-6

We have two permits for entry #16 Moose/Portage River North and can take a total of 18 people up to the Boundary Waters on an intergenerational adventure trip!

**When:** August 1, we will leave in the evening at 6pm and arrive at Grace Lutheran in Ely, MN and spend night in church. We will be on trail 4 full days and then come off water Sunday morning August 6 and arrive home around dinner time.

**Who:** Intergenerational, all ages welcome, however if under 9th grade an accompanying adult is required.

**Cost:** \$350 approximate depending on group sizes.

**Register:** Sign up and put down a \$50 deposit by May 31!

**Bring:** Full packing list will be coming but you will need your own sleeping bag & pad, canoe pack (rental available), clothes, tent, personal plate/spoon/cup set, and LifeStraw water filter bottle.

**Provided:** Church will provide (with help of outfitting) Kevlar canoe, paddle, all food and camp kitchen, maps, permits and legal documents, and leadership/canoe guide over a dozen group trips I have guided. We will also provide spirituality content, firs word, bible study, prayer and more.

**Questions?** Contact Deacon Brad at 612-242-7250 or [brad@crossroads55112.org](mailto:brad@crossroads55112.org).

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# Notes & Care

## Atonement Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar 4 Paul Anderson

Mar 9 Jan Zastrow

Mar 15 Nancy Jahnke



## Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to Carol Hoiby for volunteering to restock First Aid Kits located in the kitchen, nursery and behind the kiosk at Atonement.
- ♥ Thank you to Carol Gaylor for volunteering to coordinate Camp Wapo registration.
- ♥ Welcome to the Schneider family, Don, Jennifer, Olivia and Hannah as recent new members to Atonement. I mistakenly didn't include Jennifer last month.
- ♥ Thank you Becky Redding for volunteering to coordinate Sweet Roll Sundays.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

## In Our Prayers

- † Please keep Paula and Bob Reed in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Paula's sister who died near the beginning of February.
  - † Please pray for strength and comfort for Shari Waddell and her daughter Julie as she journeys with her daughter through kidney failure.
  - † Prayers of thanks and praise to God that Linda Thorson's partner Lonnie is doing better.
  - † Please continue to prayer for Arlene Drier.
  - † Please continue to pray for Royce King.
  - † Please pray for the people of Turkey suffering from the devastating earthquakes.
  - † Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine.
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# March 2023—Crossroads Parish

Crossroads55112 Calendar, Birthdays, calendar@atonementlrb.org, calendar@crossglorymv.org, Holidays in United States

Mar 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Cross of Glory Council Meeting Highlights

February 8, 2023

**Joint Council Meeting** Call to Order, new council member introductions & icebreaker.  
Review of Deacon's Report.

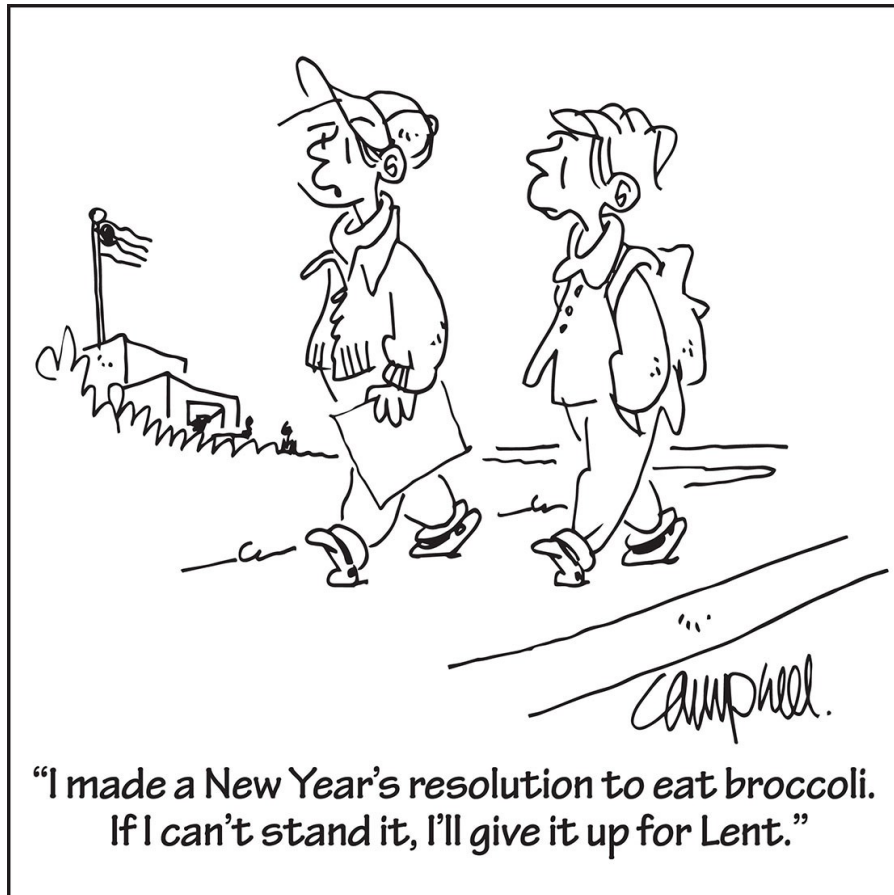
Discussions about: soup suppers and mid-week Lenten services, parish goal setting, parish constitution/by-laws, aligning the counting procedures between both locations, joint council retreat.  
The next council meeting will be after the mid-week service on March 8.

## Cross of Glory Council

Call to Order, proposal to take turns leading devotion, January Council Minutes approved.

Discussion about: roof leak/repair, adding numbers to exterior doors for easy identification, AED purchase and training, review of personal/council goals and formation of congregation teams.

Adjourned at 8:07pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.



# 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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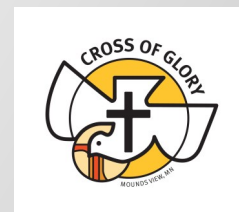
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