

CROSSROADS



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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

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It feels cooler than it should this time of year: however, memory isn't always reliable, because as my Xcel Energy bill tells me, it's actually 2 degrees warmer this month on average than it was last year. Who knew?



Turns out, our memories are often a little fuzzy on these matters: we think it shouldn't snow in April...and then we look back and realize it often has snowed in April over the past decade. Us humans, at times, can be forgetful.

This is partially why we continue to tell the same stories on repeat: every 3 years, we hear the same stories of Jesus. We follow the "Revised Common Lectionary," along with many other mainline Protestant churches and the Catholic Church. And we remember together the reasons we follow Jesus.

It is for that reason that we have started new traditions--one of which is our annual Blessing of the Bicycles: a way for us to remind ourselves and others that wherever we go, God is with us.

In this season, though it is cold, we bring out our bicycles, our scooters, our walkers, our wheelchairs, and our strollers, so that we might get out in God's creation and enjoy the nature that surrounds us. So, coming up, we will be hosting a **Blessing of the Bicycles** (and whatever other wheels you'd like blessed). This year it will be taking place at the **New Brighton Lion's Park Playground Tuesday, May 9th from 5-6pm**. Remember to invite friends and neighbors to join us. In previous years, some people biked to the event, while others drove in and took their wheels out to be blessed.

It's not a formal service, it's just a stop by and get blessed by Deacon Brad or Pastor Cassie. We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ,
Pastor Cassie

News from the Atonement Charitable Giving Team

Help For Victims of Severe Weather

Thrivent policy holders are able to salve the victims of tornadoes and other severe weather in the US. Just use your online giving platform: for every \$2 you donate to Lutheran Disaster Response, Thrivent will donate \$1.

This terrific opportunity to help those who have lost homes, possessions, and jobs is available until June 4. *When tragedy strikes, Thrivent helps!*

Spring Means Warmth...and Non-Profit Luncheons

Our local Community Support Center (CSC), where the mission is to prevent homelessness, had a fundraiser luncheon on April 19. This non-profit at Silver Lake Road and 16th Street in New Brighton uses trained volunteers and 1 (ONE) paid employee to assist local residents in avoiding hardship. The most likely issue is eviction due to non-payment of rent. CSC is very successful in working with landlords to delay/extend rent payments while the resident obtains employment (or more hours of employment) or daycare. In fact, in 2022 fifty-two families were not evicted due to CSC assistance!



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Two members of the Atonement Charitable Giving Team attended this luncheon, which was held at Messiah Lutheran Church. We saw video interviews with a number of people who had benefited from the advice of CSC volunteers. These videos made clear how families' lives are improved via the efforts of the CSC.

Expanding Employment

Daily Work is a non-profit that was created by the St.Paul Area Synod of the ELCA. Its role is to help people, especially new arrivals to Minnesota, find employment. The Steps to Success spring event is Tuesday, May 23 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Westminster Church at 1200 Marquette Ave in downtown Mpls. You will hear testimonials from many local residents who have found purpose and dignity through employment.

Dinner will be served. Call 651-204-3043 to RSVP by May 12.

Daily  **Work**

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



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Mounds View is hosting *Growing Through Loss* series Mondays through May. Anyone experiencing grief or loss of a spouse, child, parent, friend or sibling; or for those dealing with a divorce or separation; pregnancy loss; loss to suicide; job change; or relocation are invited to attend.

May 1—*Understanding the Characteristics of Grief* by Paul Johnson, Bereavement Educator.

May 8—*Families Coping with Grief* by Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph. D, Licensed Psychologist and Marriage Therapist.

May 15—*Out of the Desert: Isolation or Engagement as one Experiences Loss* by Bob Bartlett, Marriage and Family Therapist.

May 22—*Where Is God in our Suffering* (includes a service of healing and hope) by Cheryl Bornhorst, Parish Nurse and Rev David Rogge, Associate Pastor of Abiding Savior.

Classes are held at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View, MN 55112. Each weekly session begins with registration at 6:45pm, followed by a professional speaker at 7pm, and small group gatherings from 8-9pm. There is no fee but donations are welcome. For more information, call 763-755-5335 or visit its website at www.growingthroughloss.org.

ELCA Launches Truth and Healing Movement

Article credit: ELCA.org



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has announced the launch of the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement. The focus of the initiative is to increase the church's understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous people in past generations and in the present.

"We must be in better, right, and healthy relationships with the Indigenous people of Turtle Island," said Eaton. "As we know, the truth and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us."

In 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. Following this action, Eaton commissioned a task force to lead the work outlined in the repudiation. The task force also developed "A Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People," which confessed the church's complicity in the oppression and genocide of Indigenous people and recommitted the ELCA to the work of Repudiation.

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement will enlist and empower members to become involved in the areas of focus started by the task force: development of appropriate settler narrative from a Lutheran perspective; encouraging the ritual practice of land acknowledgement; understanding Lutheran participation in Indian Boarding Schools; and support for communities impacted by murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. The movement will also offer ways to participate in the national Truth and Healing Movement.

Since the 1960s Lutherans have supported the American Indian Movement, working towards justice for and with Indigenous People. The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement commits this church to building and strengthening right relationships with our Indigenous neighbors.

Go to the ELCA's website for more information.

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: May 26 @ at 6:30pm at Torg Brewery

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

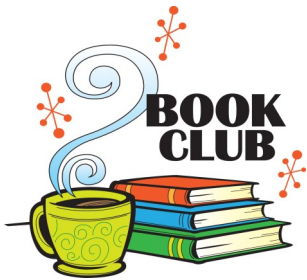
Who: All ages welcome! Blue Sun Soda and other non-alcoholic options served.

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/>

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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, May 1 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May. In June we will discuss *The Quarry Girls* by Jess Lourey. 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.

Cross of Glory Plant Sale Pick-up May 12 from 5:30—6:30



The plants will be delivered at Cross of Glory and available for pick up Friday, May 12 between 5:30 and 6:30 only. Please make arrangements to have someone pick up your plants if you are not available. Questions? Contact Jeff Kinsel 651-249-8099 or Bob Reed 763-227-8597.

The Kitchen Kut Ups is presenting THOSE WERE THE DAYS

April showers bring May flowers and the annual Kitchen Kut Up show at Atonement. Be sure and mark your calendars to attend the **FREE** performance of the band on **Friday, May 19 at 7:00pm.**

Invite your friends and neighbors to an evening of song, silliness and surprises! Refreshments will follow the show. This show is given to thank Atonement for providing rehearsal space for us. (Believe it or not, we do rehearse!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

It is already the last month of Sunday School before summer. We have grown in all aspects of our classrooms this year. We will be going out of the classrooms Sunday, April 30th to deliver May Day flowers to the neighborhood. Please dress your children appropriately for going outside & for the weather.

The last day of classes will be May 21st (the weekend before Memorial Day). Let's hope it will be nice so we can play outside that day.

Keep in mind the Mounds View Summer in the Park Parade will be August 18th. Mark your calendars to participate in this event this summer.

Thank you for all of the parent support throughout this year! We so very much appreciate all of you!

Marilyn, Cheryl & Dani

Sunday School Collecting Items for Hygiene Kits Through May

The Crossroads Parish Sunday School youth are partnering with Ralph Reeder to help participants “Look Good” and “Summer Safe”. We are collecting personal hygiene essentials and assembling “Looking Good” packs. Collection boxes are available in the narthex of both churches. Donations will be collected through May. Kits will be assembled and ready for blessing and delivery to Ralph Reeder on Pentecost, May 28.

Full-size and Trial Size Items Needed:

Looking Good Pack Needs

- Toothbrush (2)
- Toothpaste
- Antiperspirant/Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion
- Bar Soap/Body Wash
- Razor

Summer Safe Items Accepted

- Sunscreen
- Kid-friendly Bug Spray
- Band-aids
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Aloe
- Facial Tissues

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Crossroads Intergenerational Camping Trip!

All ages are invited. **Outreach event**—please invite neighbors, friends and family!

***NOTE DATE CHANGE* Now Friday, June 30 to Sunday, July 2**

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

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

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 nearby 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. Bring a snack to share if you are able. 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.



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! Sign up sheets in the narthex. Or go here to register through Sign-Up Genius: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4aa2da7f94-bwca/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4aa2da7f94-bwca#/)

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, fir's word, bible study, prayer and more.

Questions? Contact Deacon Brad at 612-242-7250 or brad@crossroads55112.org.

Notes & Care

Atonement Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 5	Grace Lucas	May 22	Adam & Kari Vasel (1998)
May 8	Nora Mills	May 23	Helena Mills
May 9	Sally Kline	May 23	Kerry Shoberg
May 15	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth (1999)	May 24	Pat Haselhorst
May 19	Lorna Schultz	May 27	Bev Johnson
May 20	Curtis & Taia Nix (2011)		



Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory


- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped with Lenten worship services and soup suppers!
- ♥ Thanks to Tony Houfek for cleaning up water in the lower level at Atonement and the Property Team for helping handle a problem with the sump pump.
- ♥ Thanks to Paula Reed & Carol Hoiby for coordinating the purchase of palms and Easter flowers.
- ♥ Thanks to Paula Reed for making Cross of Glory's Easter altar look so beautiful.
- ♥ Thanks to Carol Tilden and Carol Hoiby for decorating Atonement's Easter altar beautifully.
- ♥ Thanks to the Youth and adult helpers for hosting the pancake breakfast on Easter morning.
- ♥ Thanks to all the families that have helped with Sweet Roll Sundays.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

In Our Prayers

- † Marj Hanson
- † Ruby Ryan
- † Karen, Will Uecker
- † Austin, Kelly & Carol Tilden
- † Jackie Lallier family
- † Willie Schneider
- † Roger Bremseth family
- † Judy

	SUNDAY, MAY 7		SUNDAY, MAY 28—Memorial Day Weekend
	8:30	10:30	9:30 AT CROSS OF GLORY
Worship Assistant	NA	Carreen Houfek	TBD
Lector	Gretchen Davis	Virginia Cahow	Monika Cook
Ushers/Acolyte	Redding/Benson	Virginia Cahow	Jeff Olson
Greeter	Janice Wikstrom	Steve Klaers	Linda Thorson
Bread Baker	NA	Carol Hoiby	NA
Comm Setup	Janice Wikstrom	Judy Hill/Lynn Miller	Roberta & Jeff Olson
Comm Servers	Gwen Lentsch Jaime Verkuilen	Carreen Houfek	Leslie Bjork Linda Radtke
Counters	Roger Steen Gretchen Davis	Tony Houfek Royce King	COG: Jason Emerson, Roger Steen ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline
Coffee Setup/Clean	Paula Reed	NA	Jeanne Boyle
COG Closer	Bob Reed	NA	TBD

	SUNDAY, MAY 14		SUNDAY, JUNE 4
	8:30	10:30	9:30 AT CROSS OF GLORY
Worship Assistant	NA	Wayne Haselhorst	Steve Klaers
Lector	Shari Waddell	Lorna Schultz	Jaime Verkuilen
Ushers/Acolyte	Melanie Thomalla	Lindsey Fabian	Linda Thorson
Greeter	Annette Steichen	Nancy Jahnke	Paula Reed
Bread Baker	NA	Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Setup	Jeanne Boyle	Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Servers	Claire Verkuilen Linda Radtke	Wayne Haselhorst	No Communion
Counters	Gretchen Davis Jason Emerson	Gwen Blomseth, Tony Houfek	COG: Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed ALC: Bruce Jahnke, Royce King
Coffee Setup/Clean	Janice Wikstrom	NA	Dawn Saros-Kirk
COG Closer	Marilyn Goldsworthy	NA	TBD

	SUNDAY, MAY 21		<p><u>Summer Worship Communion</u></p> <p>June, July and August, there will be communion on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month only.</p> 
	8:30	10:30	
Worship Assistant	NA	Jim Nelson	
Lector	Kolleen Olsen	Marilyn Nelson	
Ushers/Acolyte	Leslie Bjork	Bonnie Anderson	
Greeter	Jeanne Boyle	Janice Schmidt	
Bread Baker	NA	Carol Hoiby	
Comm Setup	Kolleen Olsen	Lynn Miller	
Comm Servers	Gretchen Davis Shelly Markham	Jim Nelson	
Counters	Bob Reed Jeanette Lundgren	Sally Kline Royce King	
Coffee Setup/Clean	Annette Steichen	NA	
COG Closer	Dani Gow	NA	

MAY 2023—Crossroads Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Month of May: Asian Pacific American Heritage Missing & Murdered Indigenous Awareness #MMIW	1 8am A—Men's Bible St 1pm A—ABCD 1pm A—Kitchen Kutup 6pm A—Girl Scouts 7pm C—Cub Scouts	2 6:30 C—Cub Scouts	3 6:30 C—Cub Scouts	4 10am C—Prayer Shawls 1pm A—Game Day 6pm C—Girl Scouts	5 Men's Retreat Cinco De Mayo 5pm C—New Birth Ch	6 Men's Retreat 9am C—New Birth Ch 9am A—Mount of Blessings Ch
7 Men's Retreat 8:30 C—Worship 9:30 C—Sun Sch/Youth 10:30 A—Worship 12:30 A—Faith Com Ch	8 8am A—Men's Bible St 1pm A—Kitchen Kutup 1pm C—Fellowship Cir 6pm A—Property Com 7pm C—Cub Scouts	9 1pm A—Elizabeth Cir 5pm Blessing of the Bicycles	10 4pm A—Worship Com 6:30 A—Councils	11 9:30 A—Mary Circle 10am C—Naomi Circle 1pm A—Game Day 6pm C—Girl Scouts	12 5pm C—New Birth Ch 5:30—6:30 C—Plant Pick Up	13 9am C—New Birth Ch 9am A—Mount of Blessings Ch
14 Mother's Day 8:30 C—Worship 9:30 C—Sun Sch/Youth 10:30 A—Worship— <i>Prayer Ministers</i> 12:30 A—Faith Com Ch	15 8am A—Men's Bible St 1pm A—Kitchen Kutup 6pm A—Girl Scouts 7pm C—Cub Scouts	16 6:30 C—Girl Scouts	17 3:30 A—KKP Board 6:30 C—S'more Worship	18 1pm A—Game Day 6pm C—Girl Scouts	19 5pm C—New Birth Ch 7pm A—Kitchen Kutups Performance	20 9am C—New Birth Ch 9am A—Mount of Blessings Ch
21 8:30 C—Worship 9:30 C—Sun Sch/Youth 10:30 A—Worship 12:30 A—Faith Com Ch	22 8am A—Men's Bible St 1pm A—Kitchen Kutup 7pm C—Cub Scouts	23	24	25 1pm A—Game Day	26 5pm C—New Birth Ch 6:30 Faith & A Pint	27 9am C—New Birth Ch 9am A—Mount of Blessings Ch 3pm C—New Birth Ch
28 9:30 C—Worship 12:30 A—Faith Com Ch	29 Memorial Day Offices Closed 8am A—Men's Bible St	30	31	CROSSROADS Atonement Lutheran Church 1980 Silver Lake Rd NW New Brighton, MN 55112 651-6333-2240 Cross of Glory Lutheran Church 5472 Adams Street Mounds View, MN 55112 763-784-2528		

Contact Us

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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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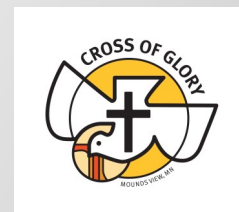
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