

CROSSROADS



AUGUST
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



Worship Schedule

We will worship together each Sunday for the month of August at Atonement at 9:30am.

S'MORE Worship at Cross of Glory is Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30pm. Bring a lawn chair and beverage if you wish. S'mores available after service.

On Sunday, August 20 we will worship outside at Silver View Park in Mounds View (corner of Silver Lake Rd and County Rd I). There will be a potluck after service. Bring a dish to share if you are able.

Looking ahead for Labor Day weekend Sunday, September 3, we'll worship together at Atonement at 9:30am.

WHO IS A "REAL" AMERICAN?

From Bishop Eaton

June 30, 2023 edition of *Living Lutheran*

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2023/06/who-is-a-real-american/>

My husband and I live in Skokie, Ill., a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family. Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes. More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up. I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we've seen an increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a "real American." Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren't considered real Americans. They didn't speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were "other" and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren't considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

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It's ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof," yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let's be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as "Christian."

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that's not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won't have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It's precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a "real American"? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good.

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: August 25 @ 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 is not meeting July and August. The second Monday in September we will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. 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.

Mounds View Festival in the Park Parade & Contest Winner

Join us Friday, August 18 as we participate in the parade for the Festival in the Park at 6:30pm. We'll have a tractor and trailer available and there's space for a few riders. Let us know if you are interested. We'll be handing out candy to parade watchers and informational fliers about Crossroads parish.



Congratulations to Connie Jones for the great idea submitted to the float contest! We'll be decorating the trailer with fishing nets so we can be "Fishers of Men". If you would like to participate in the parade or have fishing items to lend or donate, please contact Marilyn Goldsworthy at maylon1@juno.com or 651-247-3139.

The Mounds View Festival in the Park is Friday-Saturday, August 18-19. Saturday there is a car show, 5K, festival booths and laser fireworks in the evening. The festival is at Silver View Park in Mounds View.



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

We hope you will begin thinking of service ideas we can do as a parish together. We are looking for a person(s) to take ownership and lead our congregations in a service project. See the ELCA.org website for more information and ideas.

Summer is Here Now But Fall Preschool is Around the Corner

King’s Kids Preschool, located in the education wing of Atonement Church, will begin fall classes on Tuesday, September 5. If you know anyone with a 33 month – 4 year old child who would like a quality Christian preschool, King’s Kids in the answer. Students develop skills in an atmosphere of caring, tolerance, curiosity, and sharing.

The tuition amounts (depending on the days and hours preschool is needed) are on the Atonement website, Atonementnb.org. Please call 651-633-9604 to ask questions or schedule a tour.

Lisa Altomari, Director
Bonnie Anderson, Treasurer



Sunday School Volunteers Still Needed

Wow! It’s August. You know what that means? Time to get registered for Sunday School. If you have a child 3 years old through 5th grade, please watch for a registration form to complete and return. Sunday School will begin September 17 so that everyone can participate in the “God’s work. Our hands.” service project on September 10.

We still need volunteers to help with Sunday School to teach, substitute and brainstorm ideas.

Klaers' 50th Anniversary

Please join the Klaers family for cake & coffee in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 13, after worship at Atonement to celebrate Steve & Vicki's 50th wedding Anniversary!



Dog Days of Summer



Mark your calendars to bring your well-mannered dog(s) to another Dog Days of Summer, a community event, in the Cross of Glory parking lot Wednesday, August 23 from 5:00 – 6:00pm. There will be doggy pools, bobbing for hotdogs game, a photo opportunity with your dog and social time (doggie & human). Invite friends & family and their furry companions. No dog? No problem! Just come and visit with everyone and their doggy companions.

If anyone wants to help Dawn with the set-up, please let her know.

Highlights July Camping Trip



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Notes & Care

Atonement Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 2 Mary Loesch	Aug 18 Janice Wikstrom (1962)
Aug 4 Bob Reed	Aug 19 Ruby Ryan
Aug 4 Scott & Gretchen Davis (1996)	Aug 19 Betsy Carlson
Aug 4 Steve & Vicki Klaers (1973)	Aug 19 Brenna Rosas
Aug 7 Tony & Carreen Houfek (1987)	Aug 20 Emily Davis
Aug 8 Scott Davis	Aug 20 Jim Lyons
Aug 8 Cheryl Lunde	Aug 21 Carol Tilden
Aug 9 Becky Redding	Aug 24 Carreen Houfek
Aug 10 Lindsey Fabian	Aug 25 David Kellesvig
Aug 12 Taia Nix	Aug 29 Bev Knapp
Aug 16 Lynn Miller	




Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to Kevin Gaylor for installing the new drinking fountain at Cross of Glory and for correcting the water drainage problem on one corner of the building.
- ♥ Thank you to the two generous donors who purchased the drinking fountain!
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

In Our Prayers

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| † Wayne & Pat Haselhorst & brother Darryl Haselhorst & family | † Prayers of thanksgiving for Jeff & Shelley Kinsel's new grandson |
| † Ryder & Jon, grandson & son of Dale & Carol Tilden | † Jeff Kinsel |
| † Willie Schneider, father of Don & Jennifer Schneider | † Dale Tilden |
| † Charles Buffington, brother-in-law to Bob & Paula Reed | † Lorna Schultz's husband Bob & son Gary |
| † Lori Schmidt & Tim Schmidt & his mother | |
| † Wally Billington, Mary Billington & family | |
| † Dave & Bev Knapp & family of their nephew | |

	SUNDAY, AUGUST 6—One Service at Atonement	SUNDAY, AUGUST 27—One Service at Atonement
	9:30	9:30
Worship Assistant	Carreen Houfek	Andrea Weatherly
Lector	Bev Knapp	Scott Carlson
Ushers/Acolyte	Bonnie Anderson	Virginia Cahow
Greeter	Bea Laubach	
Bread Baker	No Communion	Lynn Miller
Comm Setup	No Communion	Carol Hoiby
Comm Servers	No Communion	Andrea Weatherly
Counters	ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Sally Kline COG: Bob Reed, Jason Emerson	ALC: Bruce Jahnke, Sally Kline COG: Gretchen Davis, Roger Steen
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13—One Service at Atonement	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—One Service at Atonement
	9:30	9:30
Worship Assistant	Steve Klaers	TBD
Lector	Vicki Klaers	TBD
Ushers/Acolyte	Judy Hill	TBD
Greeter	Kerry Shoberg	TBD
Bread Baker	Lynn Miller	No Communion
Comm Setup	Judy Hill	No Communion
Comm Servers	Steve Klaers	No Communion
Counters	ALC: Bruce Jahnke, Royce King COG: Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	ALC: Sally Kline, Royce King COG: Jason Emerson, Jeanette Lundgren
	SUNDAY, AUGUST 20—Worship at Silver View Park	 <p>MINISTRY ASSISTANTS</p>
	9:30	
Worship Assistant	Jim Nelson	
Lector	Cheryl Lunde	
Ushers/Acolyte	Lindsey Fabian	
Greeter	Lindsey Fabian	
Bread Baker	No Communion	
Comm Setup	No Communion	
Comm Servers	No Communion	
Counters	ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Tony Houfek COG: Jeanette Lundgren, Roger Steen	

AUGUST 2023—Crossroads Parish

Crossroads55112 Calendar, Birthdays, calendar@atonementnb.org, calendar@crossofglorymv.org, Christian Holidays, Holidays in United States Aug 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Summer Stretch	Summer Stretch	Summer Stretch	Summer Stretch 1pm - A-Game Day 5:30pm - Collection	Summer Stretch 5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 12pm - Charitable Giving	1pm - A-Elizabeth Circle	4pm - C-Worship 6:30pm - C-S'more	9am - C-Jumbo Sale 9:30am - A-Mary Circle 1pm - A-Game Day	9am - C-Jumbo Sale	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-Jumbo Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
A-Prayer Ministers 9:30am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 9pm - A-Property	Assumption of Mary 6:40pm - Twins Game	3:30pm - A-KKP Board	1pm - A-Game Day 6:30pm - C-Councils	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30am - Worship at 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups		5pm - C-Dog Days of	1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - Faith and a Pint	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups			1pm - A-Game Day		

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. If you need entry into the church, it's best to confirm someone is there due to appointments or necessary schedule changes. Thanks!

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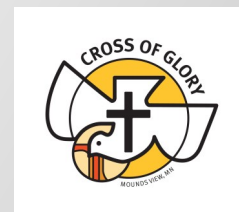
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of the month.

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