

# CROSSROADS



OCTOBER  
2023



Atonement Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Fall is in full swing at our Crossroads Parish! We are back to Sunday School and Youth Group/Confirmation lessons each Sunday--and this year, Deacon Brad and I have committed to teaching Confirmation and being present at the Sunday School opening each week, in an effort to focus on our parish's youth and children's ministries. After two weeks of the regular fall schedule, I realized it was not just a busy morning--it was a *rushed* morning--with not enough time to be present with you, my congregation. This made me think of the volunteers in our Sunday morning ministries: the Sunday School volunteers, Youth volunteers, and our choirs who at times would like to rehearse together as a joint choir.

The current schedule does not allow volunteers enough time in between worship services to tend to our ministries.

It also made me think of Jesus, who we all strive to follow. I wondered if Jesus would put up with being so rushed: Jesus, who took a nap on a boat in the middle of the sea! Jesus, who retreated up the mountain to have time to pray and be alone. I am also reminded of the passage from 2nd Corinthians: *"We, however, will not boast beyond limits but will keep within the field that God has assigned to us, to reach out even as far as you."* (2Cor.10:13) We are to hold to boundaries and to consider our limits. When I arrive at Atonement for worship each Sunday, we often have less than 10 minutes until worship begins. That leaves little time to feel



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## 15th Ordination Anniversary

ORDINATION  
ANNIVERSARY



Sunday, October 22 we're celebrating Pastor Cassie's 15th ordination anniversary with a combined service at Atonement at 9:30am. Bishop Lull from the St. Paul Area Synod will also be joining us.

Service will be followed by "Our cod is an awesome cod" fish fry fundraiser for kids going to Camp Wapo and/or the Youth Gathering in 2024. We need volunteers from either church to help in the kitchen—please let Dawn know if you can help.

We hope you will join us to celebrate Pastor Cassie!

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settled enough to lead a worship service--or to greet any guests or visitors.

Keeping all that in mind, I mentioned this situation to the church councils at our joint meeting; Atonement's council agreed that changing our worship time to 10:45am on Sunday mornings on a temporary basis to see if the situation improves was a good plan. So, starting Sunday, October 1st, our Sunday morning schedule will look like this:

8:30am: Cross of Glory Worship Service

9:30am: Sunday School, Confirmation lesson at Youth Group

10:45am: Atonement Worship Service

I thank you for your flexibility and I encourage you if you have questions or comments about the worship schedule, that you reach out to any member of the Worship Committee, as they will be evaluating the Sunday morning schedule before any permanent changes will be made.

May we remember in our daily lives that life is a marathon not a sprint. Let us follow Jesus closely by avoiding rushing our way through life. Let us experience and savor each moment the best we can. May we enjoy this abundant life together!

Alleluia and Amen,  
Pastor Cassie

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## Crossroads Blessing of the Animals & S'more Worship

Bring your leashed and well-behaved pets for a special blessing and S'more Worship at Cross of Glory on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30pm.

Meet at the firepit and bring your favorite lawn chair and a beverage if you wish.

## Winter Coat Drive & Distribution

We are collecting warm winter-weight coats for the **coat distribution on October 21 from 10am—2pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton.** Please be sure the coats are clean and in good repair as many of the recipients cannot afford to launder or repair them. Because each person only receives one coat, it needs to be a warm, winter coat. No fall coats, fleece or vests please. They especially need children's coats, all sizes, as they ran out last year. **Deadline to drop off coats at Atonement or Cross of Glory is October 18.**

**Volunteers Needed** - On the day of the drive, people are needed to help hand out coats. From each church, they would like 3-4 volunteers from 9:30am to noon and 2 volunteers from noon to 2:30pm. Afternoon shift includes clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex of both of our churches. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding opportunity.

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## OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you to Pastor Cassie & Deacon Brad for their spiritual leadership and guidance!

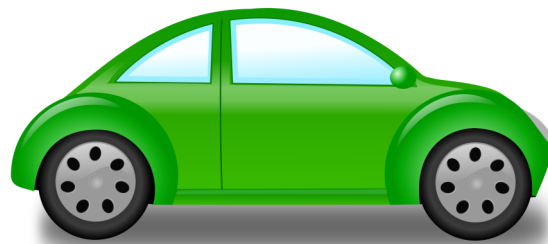
Also, appreciation to retired Pastor Jim Nelson for providing us his pastoral guidance and leadership too.

## Atonement Parking Lot Fundraiser

To help with the costs of the parking lot resurface work, you can buy a parking spot on the fundraiser poster board for \$99!

Each car on the poster represents at least a \$99 donation. The long trucks represent the Boutique's donation.

Donate today!



## Thrivent Action Grants

If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible to apply for two Thrivent Action Team Grants up to \$250 to be used for fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, educational events, or meals.

The application is simple and quick. If you would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to benefit one of the ministries of Crossroads Parish, please contact the church office.

## Crossroads Trick or Trunk



Trick or Trunk is Thursday, October 26 from 5:30—7:00pm at Cross of Glory.

If you would like to host a trunk or help with food preparation/serving, signup sheets are available in the narthex of both churches.

There are cauldrons outside each office door if you would like to donate candy to hand out.

You can also make monetary donations to help with the cost of the community meal. Please indicate it's for "Trick or Trunk".

Crossroads served over 100 families last year.

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## Faith and a Pint Monthly Fellowship Group

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

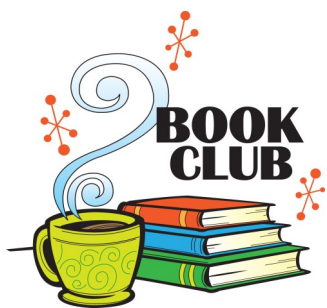
**When:** October 27 @ at 6:30pm at Torg Brewery

**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 meets the first Monday of the month at 1pm in Atonement's Fellowship Hall. Our next discussion is Monday, October 2 and we will discuss *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. 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.



## Men's Retreat—May 3-5

The Men's Retreat is scheduled for May 3-5 so be sure to mark your calendars.



The church offices will be closed the following days in October:

- Monday, October 9
- Friday, October 20
- Monday—Friday, October 23-27

## Women<sup>of the</sup> ELCA

All women at Atonement & Cross of Glory are members of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). Therefore, the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization invites all women to read our Fall 2023 newsletter called Bridges at <https://conta.cc/3slyAFW>, which shares faith stories, upcoming events and more.

If you would like to receive Bridges directly into your inbox, click on the Sign Up link at the bottom of the Newsletter.





## Wills & Trusts, Oh My!

Janine Hedback, Associate Attorney with Hedback Law Firm, will be available at the Fall Festival from 9am—noon to answer questions on a variety of subjects.

Janine is passionate about guiding her clients through their complex interactions with the legal field. Her focus is on helping clients have a better future, whether it is conquering financial issues or planning for their family's well-being, a bright future is always the target.

Janine studied music in college, and credits that experience with giving her the creative tools to better serve her clients. Janine has worked in law firms since high school, and dealt with a wide variety of individuals. Janine grew up in the Twin Cities area and now lives in St. Paul. She loves music, her cat, travel, and spending time with family and friends.

### Services Offered:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Health Care Directives
- Powers of Attorney
- and more

The Fall Festival is back on this year after a 3 year hiatus. It will be Saturday, November 11 from 9am—3pm at Cross of Glory.

There will be vendors, crafts, a quilt raffle, baskets or bidding raffle, food and new this much more!

New this year—a financial & legal representative will be available for questions on a variety of subjects.

### Current Fall Festival Needs:

—Donations of NEW Items, gift cards, tickets to events for raffle baskets—or pick a theme and create a basket yourself to donate.

—Donations of baskets in all shapes & sizes

—Donations for baskets needed by November 5th. Any questions, please call Nancy DeValk 763-670-5015.

**We are also looking for items to sell in “Grandma’s Attic” which is a smaller size sale of items like:**

- knick-knacks
- vases
- dishes
- unused candles
- Christmas decor
- fall décor, etc.

No large furniture or clothing.



**REFORMATION**  
**Sunday**

**October 29**

# Notes & Care

## Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct 01 Don Schneider

Oct 03 Steve Klaers

Oct 04 Jillian Emerson

Oct 05 Shannon Rosas

Oct 05 Una Solheim

Oct 07 Leah Fabian

Oct 07 Jim & Debbie Benson (1989)

Oct 08 Ryan Lunde

Oct 09 Paula Reed

Oct 10 Virginia Braunwarth

Oct 10 Fong Lee

Oct 11 Ardon Olson

Oct 12 Zachary Benson

Oct 17 Owen Van Ert

Oct 19 Dan & Kris Hoiby (2002)

Oct 20 Wally Billington

Oct 21 Ethan Lunde

Oct 23 Bea Lea



## Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to Shannon Rosas for coordinating Lutheran Night with the Twins.
- ♥ Thank you to Tom & Denise Thomalla for lending their trailer for the Festival in the Park parade.
- ♥ Thank you Brian Kaden for pulling the trailer with his tractor in the parade and for giving tractor rides after the Worship in the Park.
- ♥ Thank you to Cheryl Lunde and Bea Kaden for kicking off Sunday School this year.
- ♥ Thank you to Todd Haselhort & Carreen Houfek for the work on the parking lot fundraiser & poster.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

## In Our Prayers

† Wally Billington

† Leslie Bjork

† Virginia Cahow



† Ron Hoiby

† Bea Lea

† Florence Lemke

	Sunday, October 1		Sunday, October 22	
			9:30 at Atonement—15th Ordination Anniversary	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Carreen Houfek	Jim Nelson	
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Davis	Lorna Schultz	Cheryl Lunde	
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Linda Radtke	Judy Hill	Lindsey Fabian, Bonnie Anderson	
<b>Greeter</b>	Annette Steichen	Nancy Jahnke	Steve Klaers	
<b>Bread Baker</b>	No Communion		Lynn Miller	
<b>Comm Setup</b>	No Communion		Judy Hill	
<b>Comm Servers</b>	No Communion		TBD if needed	
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Reed, Jason Emerson	TBD	<b>COG:</b> Gretchen Davis, TBD <b>ALC:</b> TBD	
<b>Coffee Setup/Clean</b>	Dawn Saros-Kirk	NA	Fish fry fundraiser—Volunteers needed!	
<b>COG Closer</b>	Dawn Saros-Kirk	NA	NA	
	Sunday, October 8		Sunday, October 29	
	8:30	10:30	8:30	10:30
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Andrea Weatherly	NA	Steve Klaers
<b>Lector</b>	Shari Waddell	Laurel Nelson	Jaime Verkuilen	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Linda Thorson	Carol Hoiby	Redding/Benson	Carol Hoiby/Virginia Cahow
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Boyle	Janice Schmidt	Linda Radtke	Judy Hill
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Shelly Markham	Andrea Weatherly	No Communion	
<b>Comm Setup</b>	Jeff & Roberta Olson	Lynn Miller	No Communion	
<b>Comm Servers</b>	Gwen Lentsch, Linda Radtke	Andrea Weatherly	No Communion	
<b>Counters</b>	Roger Steen, TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Coffee Setup/Clean</b>	Paula Reed	NA	TBD	NA
<b>COG Closer</b>	Bob Reed	NA	Dani Gow	NA
	Sunday, October 15		Sunday, November 5	
	8:30	10:30	8:30	10:30
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Scott Carlson	NA	Wayne Haselhorst
<b>Lector</b>	Kolleen Olsen	Jim Nelson	Claire Verkuilen	TBD
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Paula Reed	Bonnie Anderson	Leslie Bjork	Carol Hoiby
<b>Greeter</b>	Linda Thorson	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth	Annette Steichen	Nancy Jahnke
<b>Bread Baker</b>	No Communion		No Communion	
<b>Comm Setup</b>	No Communion		No Communion	
<b>Comm Servers</b>	No Communion		No Communion	
<b>Counters</b>	TBD	TBD	Gretchen Davis, Jason Emerson	TBD
<b>Coffee Setup/Clean</b>	TBD	NA	TBD	NA
<b>COG Closer</b>	Marilyn Goldsworthy	NA	TBD	NA

*Thank you to all the volunteers! If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and let the office know. If you would like to help during Sunday morning worship and are not on the schedule, contact the office.*

# October 2023 - Crossroads Parish

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - A-Choir 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	2 8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-ABCD 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups	3	4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi 10am - C-Prayer Shawls 6:30pm - C-S'more	5 1pm - A-Game Day	6 10am - A-Charitable 5pm - C-New Birth	7 9am - A-Mount of Carmel 9am - C-New Birth
8 A-Prayer Ministers 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - A-Choir 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day Office Closed 8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - C-Fellowship Circle 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 6pm - A-Property	10	11 4pm - C-Worship	12 9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day	13 Confirmation Retreat 5pm - C-New Birth	14 Confirmation Retreat 9am - A-Mount of Carmel 9am - C-New Birth
15 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - A-Choir 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	16 8am - A-Men's Bible	17	18 6:30pm - Councils Meet	19 1pm - A-Game Day	20 Office Closed 5pm - C-New Birth	21 9am - A-Mount of Carmel 9am - C-New Birth
22 15th Ordination No Sunday School 9:30am - A-Choir 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	23 Office Closed 8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 6:30pm - C-RIC Meeting	24	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed 1pm - A-Game Day 5:30pm - C-Trick or Trunk	27 Office Closed 5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - Faith and a Pint	28 9am - A-Mount of Carmel 9am - C-New Birth
29 Reformation Sunday 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - A-Choir 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	30 8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4



# Contact Us

## Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

Atonement 8am—Noon

Cross of Glory 1pm—5pm

Due to appointments, things that come up or schedule changes, please call ahead to be sure someone will be at the church.

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Cross of Glory Choir Director—Jaime Verkuilen

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You are welcome to contact the church staff at either site, regardless of where you attend worship.



Please submit newsletter articles by the  
**THIRD MONDAY**  
of the month.

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**One big community in faith.**