

# CROSSROADS



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CROSS OF GLORY  
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Mounds View, MN

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

This year the season of Epiphany is shorter than usual. Lent is just around the corner! This means mid-week worship begins, Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Soup Suppers at 5:30pm on Wednesdays--and it also means Confirmation students having discussions with their mentors. As a church worker, Lent is *\*always\** a busy time. I wonder how often we admit as much. It means extra work: for worship leaders, for volunteers, and even for our property teams, as the building gets a lot more use in these weeks leading up to Easter.

It can be difficult to remember that busyness is not the point of Lent. Returning to the Lord our God is what Lent is about. Turning away from ourselves and instead turning to God and our neighbor: in gratitude, in servitude, in reflection. As the book of Joel reminds us: *"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.*

*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment."* -Joel 2:12-13

This Lenten season, let us turn again to God, by connecting with God's Word, attending to our faith practices, and turning to each other in friendship and service. To facilitate this, there will be several **Crossroads Connection Groups** which will be meeting throughout the weeks of Lent (February 14th-March 28th).

These groups will meet weekly for about an hour, depending on the group. The schedule will be available soon and there will be sign up sheets in the narthex at each church. The groups will meet at different times and places throughout the week--and if more than one group sparks your interest, you can participate in more than one group.

Look in the weekly bulletin and in the narthex for more information soon!

This Lent, we will also be exploring **Gratitude** as a weekly topic in worship. If we are to return to God in this season, we also need to attend to our own stewardship of God's gifts. Everything belongs to God, we are merely caretakers of God's abundance.

May these connection groups; our shared meals, and shared worship throughout this season remind us of how richly God has blessed us.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Cassie



## 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 23 @ at 6:30pm

**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, February 5 and we will discuss *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. In March we will discuss *Talking God* by Tony Hillerman. 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.

## King's Kids Says "Thank You!"

We at King's Kids Preschool at Atonement are so grateful for those families who bought gift cards or gave a donation as part of our fundraiser. As was mentioned previously, this is our only fundraiser of the year.



Thank you for caring about us in our efforts to teach Christian values (sharing, tolerance, kindness, caring) to the little ones in our community. We feel in our hearts that we play an important role. The \$450 that we earned will help us accomplish our goals.

Lisa Altomari, King's Kids Director  
Bonnie Anderson, King's Kids Bookkeeper

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## Pre-Game Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Join us for a pancake breakfast fundraiser Sunday, February 11 at Cross of Glory from 9:00 – 11:00am.

Deacon Jennifer Schneider is working on her Masters at Luther Seminary and will be traveling to Germany this spring as part of her studies. All proceeds will go towards the costs of her studies in Germany. Thank you for your support!

## Crossroads' Weekly Summer Camp Smash!

Weekly summer camp at Atonement King's Kids Preschool for ages 33 months to 5 years. Register for one week or all 9 weeks with fun weekly themes.

Whole day 9am—4pm \$200/week OR

Half day 9am—11:30am \$85/week

\$70 registration fee required (waived for current King's Kids Preschool students)

Save 10% by signing up for the full 9 weeks (no camp week of July 4)

Bring a bag lunch — milk, juice & water provided

Enrollment opens March 18th and is limited to 20 campers.

Email for registration info: [preschool@atonementlutherannb.org](mailto:preschool@atonementlutherannb.org)



## Reader's Choice Award 2024

Cross of Glory and Pastor Cassie were voted best Place of Worship and best Religious Leader in Mounds View in the local Life newspaper that serves Blaine, Spring Lake Park, New Brighton, Mounds View, Columbia Heights and Fridley.

## Black History Month

The month of February is designated as Black History Month as we celebrate the achievements by African Americans and recognize their central role in US history.



# Summer Bible Camp

Registration for our reserved spots at Camp Wapo ends February 15. Please be sure to sign up to reserve your spot at camp this summer. Our reserved dates are:

Ox Roots Camp: July 28th-August 2nd

SEEDS Camp: August 2nd-August 4th

Wapo Youth (4th-9th grade): August 11th-16th

## How to Contact Us

The last page of the newsletter always has current contact information for staff. New, photo-less directories are being created by the office and will be coming out as soon as time permits. We are also working on consistent email formats for both churches but it's still a work in progress.

Please do not use any older email addresses as they are not monitored.



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## Easter Gardens at Crossroads

If you'd like to order an Easter plant to help decorate our Easter altars, order forms are available at both churches. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 3.

Atonement, please give your completed order forms and payment to Carol Hoiby with checks payable to Atonement.

Cross of Glory, please give your completed order forms and payment to Paula Reed with checks payable to Cross of Glory.



# Cross of Glory Council Minutes

## January 24, 2024

Welcome and call to order 7:30pm

Roll call -Present Matt Verkuilen, Claire Verkuilen, Peg Linder, Paula Reed, Kolleen Olsen, Gretchen Davis, Cassie Nault (in the building, but not in the room) Absent: Kevin Gaylor, Karen and Brad Mills

Review of minutes from November 15, 2023 and special budget meeting of December 16, 2023

Special budget meeting updates needed: Motions and second for the proposed budget.

Motion to approve both documents as presented by Peg, seconded by Kolleen, all in favor; motion carried.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

Bank account signers: Jon and Paula are authorized. Each account needs 2 people authorized as signers.

Solidifying the counting process, will be using the same process for both churches

Team Reports

Introduction of Teams for 2024:*All of us on council are involved with the work being done around Cross of Glory. We need to foster communication between the council and the different groups.*

Property (Kevin)

Constitution & ByLaws (Karen)

Worship & Music (Paula)

Marketing/Communications (Matt)

Outreach (Brad/Peg)

Keep a pulse on the groups so we know what's going on and what they need.

Take inventory on what groups are still around (Naomi, Quilting, Prayer Shawl, others?)

Youth (Claire + Youth Representative)

Financial (Jon/Gretchen)

Note: Gretchen cannot be a signer and continue to be a counter.

Matt has asked Dawn for a list of past council presidents. Special project for Kolleen - get a group to brainstorm (especially around finances) what has worked, what didn't work, what they would have done differently, etc. (Past presidents: Kolleen Olsen, Jeff Kinsel, Tim Schmidt, Rob Wilkinson). Matt would like to have the group as an advisory group when he needs advice.

Communicating with the Congregation

Paula gets asked "what's going on" more than the rest of us

Paula will pass on the questions to Matt

Council Meetings are open to everyone in the congregation

Gretchen will provide minutes to Dawn for the monthly newsletter.

Old Business

AED Update: Per Jon (1/24) AED in process of being purchased.

*The AED is \$2100. It is able to cover both Adults and Children with a push of a button (no need for additional accessories, unlike other brands). There will be ongoing maintenance for it every couple of years for new pads and batteries at some point. We currently have \$1050.00 that was set aside by donors to go towards an AED. I believe there is another donor waiting in the wings to donate a chunk of the rest, but I will look into that and confirm.*

*Jon will write documentation on AED info; how to unlock the bathrooms; tornado preparedness (Sunday school office or hallways around the fellowship hall.)*

Jon ordered cases for the credit card readers; and would like to order a box of 500 printable checks. Authorization is not required, Jon will log it under office supplies.

Church space vs. cost of rental

Relative costs for area (similar properties vs. amenities)

Consistent approach

Need to look at our space and determine what are the rates for rooms within the church. This will also help us to update our terms with New Birth Church.

Jumbo Sale uses a lot of the church space in June, July, and August.

New Business

Appointment of Treasurer for 2024 fiscal year.

Gretchen motions to appoint Jon, Peg seconded ;all in favor; motion passed

Council acknowledges the housing declarations from Pastor Cassie and Deacon Brad have been received, and the treasurer will process the appropriate paperwork.

Nomination of Youth Representative for 2024.

*The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the deacon(s), and not more than 9 nor fewer than 6 members of this congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth and at least one of whom shall be a young adult.*

Council has 8 members currently. Claire has been elected for a 3 year term. Should we use the 9th spot to appoint a youth representative (unclear if this would be a voice with or without a vote?) Potential candidates: Bea Kaden, Brianna Thomalla, Eli Nault, Owen VanErt.

Paula motions to ask the 4 candidates if they are interested in a 1 year term on council. Claire seconded. Claire will reach out to the candidates. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries

Election of officers for council

Peg - Vice President

Gretchen - Secretary

Kolleen : Motion to fill position for secretary by Gretchen, Peg as Vice president; Paula seconded. All in favor; non opposed; Motion carries

Paula would like to use some of the donated money to get the carpets professionally cleaned. Paula will talk with Kevin and get a proposal for the work.

Matt to grant permissions to the google docs for all council members

Next meeting: Feb 21 at Atonement 6:30 (Kolleen will be absent). Send reports/updates to Matt at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Gretchen to pull out to-do items with who is responsible.

Old business needs to have due dates so that the old business doesn't stay on the list forever.

Is there a better way to communicate/track projects/etc?? Slack? Discord?

Affirmations

Thank you Jon for all the work he does as treasurer

Thank you, Jon for ordering the AED

Thank you, Shelley Kinsel for her 6 years on council

Thank you, to the congregation for a really good annual meeting

Thank you, Matt V for being our council president

Thank you, Youth for the chili dinner

Thank you, Dani for all the work with the youth

Adjourn

Peg motioned to adjourn, Kolleen seconded;

Lords Prayer

Adjourned 8:37pm

# Notes & Care

## Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 7 Sam Nault

Feb 8 Emily Karmue

Feb 8 Isaac Weatherly

Feb 14 Bob Jones

Feb 17 Tommy Davis

Feb 18 Janice Wikstrom



Feb 25 Paul & Janice Schmidt (1962)

Feb 26 Annette Steichen

Feb 27 Karen Mills

Feb 28 Andrew Benson

Feb 28 Linda & Mahlon Schwartz (2017)

## Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Meetings and/or brought chili, soup, desserts or fixings for the lunches following the meetings!
- ♥ Thank you to Karen Mills for building our candle sandboxes we used for the Service for the Weary during Advent.
- ♥ Thanks to Bernie Lentsch for building the Free Will Offering box for the kitchen.
- ♥ Thank you to Jim Nelson for making black candles we will use during Lent, that contain ashes from last year's palms and for the stand to hold them.
- ♥ Thanks to Dave Knapp for coordinating the new furnace install at Atonement and many other "fixes" around the building.
- ♥ A BIG BIG thanks to Tom Thomalla for helping Kevin Gaylor blow 15 bags of insulation (about \$600 worth) into the sanctuary ceiling which was badly needed. Tom helped feed bags into the blower and helped lift it on and off the roof. Also thanks to Jon Thomalla for helping clean up and lower the blower when done. The insulation was compacted from a previous animal problem and too thin for Minnesota winters. We look forward to seeing a difference in the heating bills!
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

## In Our Prayers

† Lynn Miller

† Vicki, Shari Waddell's cousin

† Bob Schultz, Lorna's husband

† Virginia Cahow

† Royce King

† Wally & Mary Billington

† Mary, Shari Waddell's friend

† Lincoln, Bob & Paula Reed's grandson

† Rob Wilkinson

† Cindy & Jerry, Lynn Miller's daughter & son-in-law

† Baby Owen & the Kinsel Family

† Harriet, Linda Radtke's cousin

† Joe Flaherty

† Ardon Olson

	Sunday, February 4		Sunday, February 25	
	8:30	10:45	8:30	10:45
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Wayne Haselhorst	NA	Scott Carlson
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Davis	Bev Knap	Jaime Verkuilen	Virginia Cahow
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Linda Thorson	Carol Hoiby	Melanie Thomalla	Judy Hill
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Boyle	Janice Schmidt	Linda Radtke	Carol Tilden
<b>Bread Baker</b>	No Communion		Shelly Markham	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Comm Setup</b>	No Communion		Linda Radtke	Judy Hill
<b>Comm Servers</b>	No Communion		Leslie Bjork, Gwen Lentsch	Virginia Cahow
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Reed, Gretchen Davis	Tony Houfek, Bruce Jahnke	Roger Steen, Bob Reed	Tony Houfek, Sally Kline
<b>COG Closer</b>	Dani Gow	NA	TBD	NA
	Sunday, February 11		Sunday, March 3	
	8:30	10:45	8:30	10:45
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Jim Nelson	NA	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Lector</b>	Shari Waddell	Laurel Nelson	Claire Verkuilen	TBD
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Paula Reed	Lindsey Fabian	Redding/Benson	Carol Hoiby
<b>Greeter</b>	Annette Steichen	Nancy Jahnke	TBD	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Shelly Markham	Carol Hoiby	Shelly Markham	Andrea Weatherly
<b>Comm Setup</b>	Jeff & Roberta Olson	Carol Hoiby	Jeanne Boyle	Judy Hill
<b>Comm Servers</b>	Jaime & Claire Verkuilen	Laurel Nelson	Shelly Markham Gretchen Davis	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	Gretchen Davis Jason Emerson	Gwen Blomseth Royce King	Bob Reed Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth Tony Houfek
<b>COG Closer</b>	TBD	NA	TBD	NA
	Sunday, February 18		<p align="center"><b>Midweek Lent Schedule</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Soup Suppers at 5:30; Service at 6:30</b></p> <p>February 14—Ash Wednesday at Atonement</p> <p>February 21—Worship at Atonement</p> <p>February 28—Worship at Atonement</p> <p>March 6—Worship at Cross of Glory</p> <p>March 13—Worship at Cross of Glory</p> <p>March 20—Worship at Cross of Glory</p> <p align="center"><b>Communion Every Sunday During Lent</b></p>	
	8:30	10:45		
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	NA	Carreen Houfek		
<b>Lector</b>	Monika Cook	Scott Carlson		
<b>Ushers/Acolyte</b>	Linda Radtke	Bonnie Anderson		
<b>Greeter</b>	Linda Thorson	Carol Hoiby		
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<b>Counters</b>	Jason Emerson Roger Steen	Gwen Blomseth Bruce Jahnke		
<b>COG Closer</b>	TBD	NA		

**Atonement Prayer Ministers** will be available following the 10:30 worship service on the second Sunday of each month for those requesting intercessory prayers for themselves or others. Please contact Mary Billington if you are interested in serving as a prayer minister once a month.



# February 2024 - Crossroads Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - A-ABCD 6:30pm - C-RIC Meeting	6pm - C-Girl Scouts	10am - C-Prayer Shawls	First Day of Black History 1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - C-Fellowship Circle 4pm - Charitable Giving 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 8pm - A-Property	6pm - C-Girl Scouts	10am - C-Prayer Shawls	9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A-Prayer Ministers 8:30am - C-Worship 9am - C-Pancake 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Men's Bible 1pm - C-Fellowship Circle 4pm - Charitable Giving 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 8pm - A-Property	6pm - C-Girl Scouts	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 4pm - C-Worship 6:30pm - A-Ash	1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	Presidents' Day 8am - A-Men's Bible	6pm - C-Girl Scouts	6:30pm - A-Lenten 6:30pm - Councils Meet.	1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - Faith and a Pint	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
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# Contact Us

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Monday—Friday

Atonement Mornings 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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