

CROSSROADS



**MARCH
2024**



Atonement Lutheran Church

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Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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March Schedule



Sunday, March 3—Easter Flower Orders Due

Sunday, March 10—DST Begins

Sunday, March 17— St. Patrick's Day—Wear Green!

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday at Christ the King at 6:30pm

Friday, March 29—Good Friday at Atonement at 6:30pm

Sunday March 31—Easter Services

- 7:30am—Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory
- Pancake Breakfast at Cross of Glory
- 10:45—Easter Service at Atonement

Midweek Services

Wednesday, March 6, 13 & 20

6:30pm at Cross of Glory; Soup Supper at 5:30pm

IN APRIL WE RETURN TO COMMUNION ON THE 2nd & 4th SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Lent Connection Groups Continue Through March 23

Bible Study—Mondays at 8am at Atonement

Mall Walking at Rosedale Mall - Meet at 11am at Von Maur

Puzzles—Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Atonement

Yoga & Prayer—Following midweek worship service

Bible Junk Book Journaling—Thursdays at 4:30 at Cross of Glory

Crokinole Games (Winter Wonderland)—Saturdays at 10:00am at Atonement



Generosity, stewardship and being stewards...what are we talking about?

By Matthew Verkuilen, Cross of Glory Council President

We toss around words like stewardship and generosity a lot around our church. Sometimes we complicate this even more with talking about "being a good steward of what we have" while still questioning "are we doing enough?" or "is it actually making a difference?". So what does all this actually mean?

Generosity: (noun) is the quality of being kind and generous as in "I was overwhelmed by the generosity of friends and neighbors"

Stewardship: (noun) is the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving. And by extension, being stewards is the job of all of us who are part of this ongoing process.

I point this out, because it's easy to see things like our budget and come to the conclusion we have no money. I've even heard rumblings such as "why are we doing "this" [insert whatever "this" is] when it's obvious we can't afford it. Or even more troubling is when I hear of "why can't certain things happen like they used to?" And while some of these are all fair questions, sometimes we are missing the point of what we are called to do and what opportunities we have available to us.

You've heard me say in the past, that it takes a village to do the pieces that we do at our churches. This is not an understatement in the slightest. That village includes people who are generous of their time, generous of their talents, AND generous financially. It is a combination of all of these things that help us to succeed in our missions of supporting our community, supporting our members, and bringing what Jesus taught us of loving our neighbor to life in a very real way.

As stewards of this generosity, we are called to ensure that decisions are made that support our mission. And while, it may be hard to see the direct impact, the impact is very much there. We are becoming a parish that will embody what it means to be welcoming. Where ANYONE can come and feel safe to worship, welcomed by our church community, supported in ways that are challenging under normal circumstances. This is what church is all about. This is what we should be all about.

To do this, it takes resources. It takes commitment, generosity of our members, and a vision for where we should be, while being mindful of where we are.

In the coming month, you will be seeing our new generosity campaign kick off with pledge cards being distributed at both churches. This is the first step, and this new campaign is not a one-time event, but rather a year-long opportunity for us to look at generosity from a larger perspective. In the Spring, a Generosity Fair is being planned where we partner with various organizations to provide information on what is going on in our community, our impact as a parish, and even opportunities for looking at your personal giving or future planning. In the fall, we will be looking at time and talent which is another key element of generosity and stewardship.

For the pledge forms, I encourage you to give from what makes sense within your budget. I want to be clear on this message: **every gift and any amount being pledged is appreciated and so important to the work that we do!** With budgets for each church and for the parish having already been approved, these pledge cards will now be used going forward for us to plan where to make decisions on expenses and even look to additional

income opportunities to support these budgets. THANK YOU for your financial support over this next year and by completing the pledge form. Every single dollar counts. Every single hour of time given counts. It takes a village.

An example of this important village is our partnership with Atonement thereby forming the Crossroads Parish. This unique melding of our two congregations allows us to further expand our mission and be good stewards of the resources from each church. It is simply amazing at all the good work we can do while working together. With this partnership we were able to call Pastor Cassie Nault and Deacon Brad Mills who without a doubt actively support our mission and community. We are able to utilize our staff in a way that helps support our budget and mission in the most efficient way possible by *sharing these resources*.

In closing, we continue to be truly blessed to be able to worship together and even more blessed to continue partnerships within our parish and within our community. What is even more exciting is the partnerships and opportunities yet to come that are on the horizon. There is amazing work being done and I am so honored to be your Council President.

Thank you for continuing on this journey with us. Thank you for your generous support financially, through your time and talents you are able to provide, and for continuing to keep our parish in your prayers as we move forward.

Lord God, We praise You and we thank You for Your tender, faithful Love. Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift. In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, and to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.



As the Church Council, there is often confusion and questions about what happens “behind the scenes” as it were. In an effort to give some additional transparency, we offer the following:

Council meetings are open to any of our congregation members. We currently meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30pm with the Joint Council, which is then followed by the individual church councils meeting.

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Cross of Glory (the meeting will start approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the mid-week service).

Additionally council minutes will be published in our newsletter once they are approved. While, we recognize there will be a delay of a month from when the meeting happened, taking time to ensure the minutes are correct before publishing is an important part of the process. Thank you for your understanding.

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 22 @ 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.

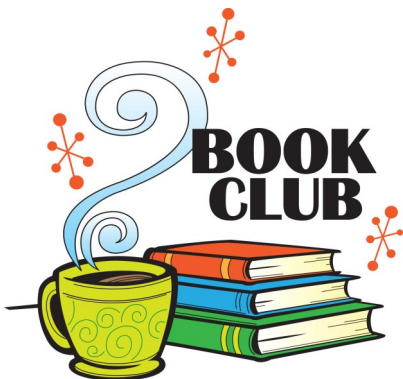
What: A social get together with folks from church! Come talk about faith, the world, and your life while sipping a craft brew with your friends.

Cost: Bring a few bucks and check out their tap selection at <https://www.torgbrewery.com/>

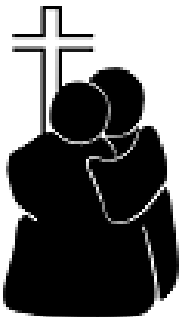


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Atonement Book Club Daytime



The Atonement Book Club Daytime meets the first Monday of the month at 1pm in Atonement's Fellowship Hall. Our next discussion is Monday, March 4 and we will discuss *Talking God* by Tony Hillerman. On April 1st we will discuss *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora. 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.



Growing Through Loss Grief Support Series

The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The Spring series will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Mondays from 6:45—9:00pm. There are six different sessions.

Registration takes place each program night at the host church. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted. For more information, call **Margie Alexander at 763-755-5335**.

Brochures are available at both churches with dates & details.

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

Sunday School News

Sunday School is excited about the Lenten season. We are also be learning about Ruth during our lessons.

We are collecting quarters for Feed My Starving Children in mini M&M containers. There will be containers at both churches to collect quarters. Keep an eye out for them!



If you would like one for yourself, please contact Marilyn Goldsworthy at maylon1@juno.com.

We're also trying to coordinate a date to prepare meals at the Coon Rapids location of Feed My Starving Children. Families, or anyone who'd like to participate, please give Marilyn feedback regarding the best times to schedule this.

Marilyn Goldsworthy
Sunday School Coordinator

Sweet Roll Sundays



Sweet Roll Sundays are here! The first Sweet Roll Sunday will be **March 17**. Yay!!

They will be \$2.00 a roll this year. This is the first time in 20 years that we have increased roll prices. All proceeds go towards camp costs to attend Camp Wapo.

We have 15 campers signed up to go to Camp Wapo. Yay!! Campers: information for selling the rolls will be handed out during Sunday School/Youth on March 3 along with e-mails to parents/guardians.



Spring Plant Sale!

- **New This Year**—Online Sales! Our fundraiser will be primarily online. Let Dawn know if you are unable to order online but preference is online orders. Payment is due at time of ordering.
 - **Also New This Year**—Both Cross of Glory & Atonement can sell plants with proceeds towards each church budget.
 - Go to gertensfundraising.com & enter **Store ID 960**.
 - Select your plants and add them to your shopping cart.
 - Go to checkout and **enter Seller's Name** as either Cross of Glory or Atonement for that church to get the credit.
 - Submit your payment and we will have your plants ready for you on **May 15th from 6:00—8:00pm!** If you are unable to pick up your plants, please make arrangements to have someone pick them up for you. We are not responsible for any plants not picked up.
 - ***Share with your family, friends & neighbors!***
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Atonement Property Committee Needs Your Input

You may have noticed as you enter Atonement's parking lot that it looks a little bare on each side. We recently had to cut down both Ash trees that were on each side of the driveway due to the Ash Borer disease.

The Property Committee is asking for suggestions from you. Should we should plant new trees (we can purchase trees from the City of New Brighton), invest in some signage or any other suggestions?

Please see any of the Property Committee members with your suggestions. They are: Adam Vasel, Tony Houfek, Paul Anderson, Virginia Cahow & Dave Knapp.

Minnesota March Foodshare Month

HUNGRY? - Many of our neighbors are hungry...right now. March, which is food donation month, is the time to remember them! Food shelf usage increased in 2023; moreover, 30% of food shelf recipients are children. The Atonement Hunger Group and the Charitable Giving Team are asking for donations for non-perishable food donations in the wooden box behind the kiosk at Atonement or in the shopping cart at Cross of Glory. If you prefer to donate a check, that is wonderful! You can mail it to Ralph Reeder or members of the Hunger Group at Atonement or Peg Lindner at Cross of Glory will deliver it. Thank you one and all!

Items especially needed are:	canned chili, soup, or tuna	flour and oil
	canned fruit and vegetables	Tuna or Hamburger Helper
	rice mixes	peanut butter
	crackers and nuts	salsa
	cereal	laundry detergent



Notes & Care

Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar 4 Paul Anderson

Mar 8 Ardon & Lovera Olson (1954)

Mar 9 Jan Zastrow

Mar 9 Carl Kaden

Mar 11 Dave Knapp

Mar 11 Karen Christenson

Mar 12 Jeff Kinsel

Mar 13 Penelope Benson

Mar 14 Zach & Rochelle Benson (2015)

Mar 15 Nancy Jahnke

Mar 20 Nancy Husby

Mar 21 Pastor Cassie

Mar 31 Linda Thorson



Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Soup Suppers at Atonement!
- ♥ Thank you to Kevin Gaylor for installing a new outlet for the freezer at Cross of Glory and for purchasing and installing new furnace filters.
- ♥ Thanks to Bonnie Anderson & Lindsey Fabian for coordinating the popcorn fundraiser at Atonement.
- ♥ Thank you to Pastor Cassie, Dawn Saros-Kirk, Peg Lindner, Matt Verkuilen & Gretchen Davis for attending the synod's Toolkit for Congregational Leaders on Saturday, February 24.
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

In Our Prayers

† Janice Schmidt

† Mary Smith

† Rob Wilkinson

† Royce King

† Wally & Mary Billington

† Chris Paradise

† Carol Tilden's daughter Kelly

† Lonnie Thorson



† Becky Redding's relative, Carol

† Family & friends of the two Burnsville Police Officers & Medic killed while on duty

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

† Lynn Miller

	Sunday, March 3		Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday	
	8:30	10:45	8:30	10:45
Worship Assistant	NA	Jim Nelson	TBD	Jim Nelson
Lector	Claire Verkuilen	Bev Knapp	Kolleen Olsen	Steve Klaers
Ushers/Acolyte	Redding/Benson	Carol Hoiby	Jeff Olson	Lindsey Fabian
Greeter	Annette Steichen	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth	Linda Thorson	Steve & Vicki Klaers
Bread Baker	Shelly Markham	Andrea Weatherly	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow
Comm Setup	Jeanne Boyle	Judy Hill	Jeanne Boyle	Judy Hill
Comm Servers	Gretchen Davis Linda Radtke	Jim Nelson	Linda Radtke Jaime Verkuilen	Jim Nelson
Counters	Gretchen Davis Bob Reed	Gwen Blomseth Tony Houfek	Roger Steen Gretchen Davis	Bruce Jahnke Royce King
COG Closer	TBD	NA	TBD	NA
	Sunday, March 10		Maundy Thursday at Christ the King 6:30pm Good Friday at Atonement 6:30pm	
	8:30	10:45	Easter Sunday, March 31 7:30 10:45	
Worship Assistant	TBD	Wayne Haselhorst	TBD	Andrea Weatherly
Lector	Gretchen Davis	Andrea Weatherly	Monika Cook	Carreen Houfek
Ushers/Acolyte	Melanie Thomalla	Judy Hill	Linda Thorson	Carol Hoiby
Greeter	Jeanne Boyle	Virginia Cahow	Paula Reed	Carol Tilden
Bread Baker	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow
Comm Setup	Roberta & Jeff Olson	Judy Hill	Roberta & Jeff Olson	Carol Hoiby
Comm Servers	Jaime & Claire Verkuilen	Wayne Haselhorst	Claire Verkuilen, Leslie Bjork	Andrea Weatherly
Counters	Bob Reed Jason Emerson	Gwen Blomseth Royce King	Bob Reed Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth Tony Houfek
COG Closer	TBD	NA	TBD	NA
	Sunday, March 17		Sunday, April 7	
	8:30	10:45	8:30	10:45
Worship Assistant	TBD	Carreen Houfek	TBD	Steve Klaers
Lector	Shari Waddell	Scott Carlson	Jaime Verkuilen	TBD
Ushers/Acolyte	Leslie Bjork	Bonnie Anderson	Paula Reed	Judy Hill
Greeter	Linda Thorson	Nancy Jahnke	Linda Radtke	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
Bread Baker	Shelly Markham	Jan Zastrow	No Communion	
Comm Setup	Linda Radtke	Carol Hoiby	No Communion	
Comm Servers	Leslie Bjork, Gretchen Davis	Carreen Houfek	No Communion	
Counters	Jason Emerson Roger Steen	Gwen Blomseth Sally Kline	Bob Reed Jason Emerson	TBD
COG Closer	TBD	NA	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.

March 2024 - Crossroads Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-ABCD	11am - Mall Walking 6pm - C-Girl Scouts 6pm - Puzzles	10am - C-Prayer Shaws 6:30pm - C-Soup Supper 6:30pm - C-Lenten 7pm - C-Yoga	1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible	First Day of Women's 5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 10am - A-Winter
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A-Prayer Ministers Daylight Saving Time 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 1pm - C-Fellowship Circle 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 6pm - A-Property 6:30pm - C-Jumbo Sale	11am - Mall Walking 6pm - Puzzles	4pm - C-Worship 5:30pm - C-Soup Supper 6:30pm - C-Lenten 7pm - C-Yoga 7pm - Councils Meet	9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 10am - A-Winter
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 1pm - C-Fellowship Circle 6pm - A-Girl Scouts 6pm - A-Property 6:30pm - C-Jumbo Sale	11am - Mall Walking 6pm - C-Girl Scouts 6pm - Puzzles	4pm - C-Worship 5:30pm - C-Soup Supper 6:30pm - C-Lenten 7pm - C-Yoga 7pm - Councils Meet	9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible	5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 10am - A-Winter
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups	11am - Mall Walking 6pm - C-Girl Scouts 6pm - Puzzles	5:30pm - C-Soup Supper 6:30pm - C-Lenten 7pm - C-Council 7pm - C-Yoga	1pm - A-Game Day 4:30pm - C-Bible	9:30am - C-New Birth 4:15pm - A-Charitable 5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - Faith and a Pint	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth 10am - A-Winter
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 6pm - A-Girl Scouts			1pm - A-Game Day 6:30pm - CTK-Maundy	5pm - C-New Birth 6:30pm - A-Good Friday	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Sunday 7:30am - C-Worship 10:45am - A-Worship 12:30pm - A-Faith Comm						

Contact Us

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

Atonement Mornings until Noon

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



Please submit newsletter articles by the
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One big community in faith.**