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Crossroads Parish



CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mounds View, MN

Atonement Lutheran Church

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Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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MAY 2024



May Worship Schedule

—8:30 at Cross of Glory

—10:45 at Atonement

—Noon—Cristo Rey at Atonement

Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Communion served the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

—Sunday, May 28—Memorial Day Weekend

One worship service at Cross of Glory, 9:30am

The church offices will be closed on the following dates in May:

Friday, May 17

Friday, May 24

The offices and buildings will be closed on **Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.



Looking Ahead to the Summer Schedule

May 28; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—9:30 Service at Cross of Glory.

July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18—9:30 Service at Atonement.

August 25—Worship in the Park, 9:30 at Silver View Park in Mounds View.

September 1—9:30 Service at Cross of Glory.



Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I taught you in worship the week after Easter, the **Confession & Forgiveness** is omitted from the worship service for the entire season of Easter: yes, Easter lasts SEVEN Sundays! Much like Christmas cannot be contained in one day--it takes twelve--Easter lasts FIFTY days, which lead up to the day of Pentecost. While Lent was a season of preparation, Easter is a season of celebration. So, to celebrate, we observe a Thanksgiving for Baptism or a Call to Worship each week in place of the Confession & Forgiveness.

Each year when we make this shift, at least one person will comment that they miss the Confession because it is so important to their individual faith. I get it. I miss it too for those 7 Sundays. Interestingly, the act of Confession & Forgiveness is an act of **corporate confession**, that is, it is designed to bring the congregation into focus: **worship is not about us but about the living God**. Confession brings us humbly before the Lord and one another, seeing ourselves as we are, as we express our dependence upon the grace of God in the cross of Christ.

As is true for so many things in our current culture, we have unknowingly shifted our Confession & Forgiveness focus toward the individual instead of on us as a community. What's more, the language we often use for Confession & Forgiveness excludes people who are not familiar with this pattern of worship. Do people understand why we do it? Do we understand? That we are handing over any brokenness to God and celebrating that God loves us so much--showing us grace and mercy through it all? Taking it a step further, do we show that grace and mercy to our neighbor? Knowing that we are bathed in God's grace, where do we see the bright light of that grace in our life together?

I have been seeing that light in the work of God's Holy Spirit moving among us. Last Sunday I mentioned that we should begin to use the term "Crossroads Collaborative" because that is closer to what we are doing. We feel that the Spirit is doing something more here: there is a spark for something new, different, and unknown. A way of doing church that we are living into. Yes, that continues in some traditional ways: Circles, Bible Studies, Committees, Councils, Choirs, Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation--and in new ways: Connection Groups, Faith & a Pint, Summer Mid-Week Worship, and even Bingo.

The one I'm most excited about is the relocation of Cristo Rey Lutheran to Atonement, where they will begin their weekly worship service at noon on April 28th. By the time you read this, the worship and celebration will have taken place, Assistant to the Bishop Justin Grimm will have said a blessing over Pastora Ana Becerra and Cristo Rey, and we at Crossroads will be beginning a new chapter in our ministry together.

Would I have ever imagined this five years ago, when I began my ministry among you? No. And that is as it should be. You see: our work together **is not about us but about the living God**. Thanks be to God for that.

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Cassie

Minister of Music Farewell

Our Minister of Music, Shannon Rosas, has announced that she is leaving her position at Atonement at the end of May. We will have a farewell celebration for Shannon following the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate her many years of service here and to wish her well. Shannon wrote in her letter to our council *"I've been in this role for 12 and a half years, since September of 2011, and I've enjoyed my years here. I've created incredible relationships, grown my family, and relied on members here for countless hours of support, musical and otherwise. It has made a profound impact on my life."*

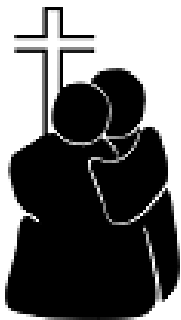
Please join us in saying a farewell blessing for Shannon and her daughters in the worship service on May 19th and join us afterward for the time of fellowship. Thanks be to God for the beautiful music Shannon has helped us make together!

THANK YOU to those who have already returned your Estimate of Giving forms for this year. Your commitment to the mission of Crossroads Parish is greatly appreciated! If you have not turned in your form and would still be willing to, please feel free to add it to the collection plate or drop it by our church offices.



The Plant sale pickup day is Wednesday, May 15th in the evening at Cross of Glory.

We need volunteers that afternoon (3pm-6pm) to help sort the plant orders. Contact the church office if you are able to help.



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 in New Brighton on Mondays from 7:00—9:00pm.

Registration takes place each program night from 6:45—7:00pm at the host church. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted.

Schedule

May 6 Recalibrating Your Life After Loss
May 13 Prayer and Healing Service

For more information, call Margie Alexander at 763-755-5335.

Faith and a Pint Monthly Fellowship Group -Note Earlier Date for May-

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

When: May 17 @ 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 book discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement on **Monday, May 6 at 1:00pm**. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. On June 3 we will discuss *Icy Sparks* by Gwyn Hyman Rubio. 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.

Who Wrote the Book of Love

The Kitchen Kut Ups is presenting “Who Wrote the Book of Love”, a free one-hour variety show featuring songs, costumes and skits. Refreshments will follow the show.

Join us at Atonement on Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm for an evening of laughs and fun.



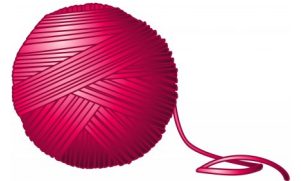
Atonement Charitable Giving Team Update

Here is one more May community event: The trusted Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is hosting a dinner presentation and fundraiser at Quincy Hall (1325 Quincy St NE in Minneapolis) on Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30—7:30pm. Funds raised will benefit local youth. Call 651-432-4731 to register.

If you are curious about where Atonement's church benevolence goes, please look at the kiosk bulletin board for thank you letters from donation receipts.

Prayer Shawls Meeting Day Change

The Prayer Shawls group, that meets at Cross of Glory, has changed their meeting day for the month of May to Wednesday, May 8 at 10am. All are welcome to join us!



Sunday School Update

I can't believe it is near the end of another Sunday School year. We only have four more weeks of classes. The last day of class will be May 19th and we will be have fun celebrating to celebrate the end of the year. May 5th there will be a special craft day.

We raised \$347.24 for Feed My Starving Children by collecting with the M&M containers. That equals 1,041 meals for kids in need. Thanks again for everyone that participated!

Marilyn

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 is open and is limited to 20 campers.

Email for registration info: preschool@atonementlutherannb.org



Highlights



Thank you to everyone that helped make our
Easter Egg Hunt such a success!



Highlights



**Lenten Connections Puzzle Group
participants proudly showing
their completed
5,000 piece puzzle!**



**Thanks to Kevin Gaylor and Tom & Denise Thomalla
for removing 3 diseased trees at Cross of Glory.**

Notes & Care

Crossroads Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 3 Jason Emerson

May 5 Grace Lucas

May 8 Nora Mills

May 9 Sally Kline

May 11 Roberta Olson

May 14 Jon Thomalla

May 15 Kevin & Gwen Blomseth (1999)

May 19 Lorna Schultz

May 20 Curtis & Taia Nix

May 22 Adam & Kari Vassel (1998)

May 23 Helena Mills

May 23 Kerry Shoberg

May 24 Pat Haselhorst

May 25 Dawn Saros-Kirk

May 26 Ann Burmeister

May 27 Jeanette Lundgren

May 27 Bev Johnson

May 28 Florence Lemke




Thanks & Joy—Atonement & Cross of Glory

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped the Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner Raffle!
- ♥ Thank you to Kevin Gaylor and Tom & Denise Thomalla for all the hard work removing diseased trees from Cross of Glory's property.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped with and donated to Atonement's Spring Rummage Sale!
- ♥ And thank you everyone for all you do for Atonement and Cross of Glory every day!

In Our Prayers

- † Please keep the family of David Kellesvig in your prayers as they mourn their loss.
 - † Prayers of thanksgiving for Deacon Brad's new nephew Winston and for his sister as they celebrate his birth.
 - † Carol, Bill & Family of Becky & Tom Redding
 - † Continued prayers for Carol Tilden's daughter Kelly
 - † Ginger Lunde, Ryan Lunde's mother
 - † Please keep Gwen & Bernie Lentsch in your prayers as they mourn their loss of Gwen's brother Terry.
 - † Candy Peterson
 - † Continued prayers for Lynn Miller and her daughter Cindy
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	Sunday, May 5		Sunday, May 26—Memorial Day Weekend
	8:30	10:45	9:30 at Cross of Glory
Worship Assistant	NA	Jennifer Schneider	NA
Lector	Kolleen Olsen	Vicki Klaers	Monica Cook
Ushers/Acolyte	Linda Thorson	Judy Hill	Leslie Bjork
Greeter	Paula Reed	Carol Tilden	TBD
Bread Baker	No Communion		Shelly Markham
Comm Setup	No Communion		Kolleen Olsen
Comm Servers	No Communion		Linda Radtke, Gretchen Davis
Counters	Bob Reed Jason Emerson	Tony Houfek Royce King	COG: Gretchen Davis, Roger Steen ALC: Tony Houfek, Sally Kline
COG Closer	TBD	NA	TBD
	Sunday, May 12		Sunday, June 2
	8:30	10:45	9:30 at Cross of Glory
Worship Assistant	NA	Andrea Weatherly	NA
Lector	Gretchen Davis	Cheryl Lunde	Shari Waddell
Ushers/Acolyte	Paula Reed	Lindsey Fabian	Jeff Olsen
Greeter	Annette Steichen	Judy Hill	Linda Thorson
Bread Baker	Shelly Markham	Carol Hoiby	No Communion
Comm Setup	Jeanne Boyle	Judy Hill	No Communion
Comm Servers	Gwen Lentsch, Linda Radtke	Cheryl Lunde	No Communion
Counters	Jason Emerson Bob Reed	Bruce Jahnke Royce King	COG: Roger Steen, Bob Reed ALC: Tony Houfek, Sally Kline
COG Closer	Dani Gow	NA	Bob Reed
	Sunday, May 19—Pentecost		 <p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY ASSISTANTS</p> <p><i>Thank you to all the volunteers! If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and let the office know.</i></p> <p><i>If you would like to help during Sunday morning worship and are not on the schedule, contact the office.</i></p>
	8:30	10:45	
Worship Assistant	NA	Steve Klaers	
Lector	Shari Waddell	Wayne Haselhorst	
Ushers/Acolyte	Linda Radtke	Bonnie Anderson	
Greeter	Jeanne Boyle	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth	
Bread Baker	No Communion		
Comm Setup	No Communion		
Comm Servers	No Communion		
Counters	Roger Steen Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth Royce King	
COG Closer	Marilyn Goldsworthy	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.

Cross of Glory Council Minutes

March 2024

Welcome

Call to order 8:00

Roll call: Present: Brad, Peg, Paula, Kolleen, Karen, Gretchen, Kevin, Matt, Cassie; Absent: Claire

Review of actions approved since the last meeting:

3/14/2024 (via email) - **Approval to offer bingo throughout the year at Cross of Glory.** Motion by Kevin Gaylor to approve and allocate \$300 for setup costs. With five votes for approval and one abstention the motion carries.

Review of minutes and to-do's from last meeting

Moved to waive reading from Peg; seconded by Paula, motion carried

Current Action Item List

Treasurer's Report

Weekly giving numbers have been good post-annual meeting.

Motion to accept as presented by Kevin, seconded by Kolleen, motion carried unanimously

Team Reports

Property (Kevin)

New refrigerator delivered 3/19/2024

IDEA: move nursery to library space. Would want to install a window to the sanctuary and speaker connected to the sound system. Project would be funded by the improvement fund donation.

AED location TBD (no outlet required)

Constitution & ByLaws (Karen)

Revised constitution sent to synod. Also informed about the upcoming amendment. No comment from synod

Worship & Music (Paula)

This Sunday will be slightly different (Passion Sunday instead of Palm Sunday)

Marketing/Communications (Matt)

Outreach (Brad/Peg)

Easter Egg hunt on 3/23

Youth (Claire + Youth Representative)

Nothing to report

Financial (Jon/Gretchen)

Policy Updates/Discovery - Due for approvals Fall 2024

Jon has documents from Dawn

Counters are using new counting sheet, not everyone has been trained. Tracks the income very well.

Old Business

Additional Income Ideas (BRAINSTORM - Additional Income Ideas)

Space Costs Updates vs. Rental Costs (Matt V)

Matt has some sample rental prices

Matt and Kevin will take measurements of spaces we share

Matt will create a basic pricing list of the spaces we would consider sharing

Matt will compare the basic pricing list to current lease with New Birth, along with the number of hours New Birth uses the space. New Birth has dedicated classroom space all year.

New Business

Commercial Insurance Policy - CM Select (Brad)

Motion to have Brad pursue the new insurance policy pending no penalty for canceling the

existing policy. If penalty, then switch time of renewal in June 2024 from Gretchen. Paula seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGES: \$2500 deductible to 1% wind and hail deductible (1% of the coverage amount = \$30,000 deductible) all other damage deductible would be \$5000. Current building structure coverage is \$4.5 million, new policy would be \$3 million. Cuts the premium from \$12k to \$6k. Only the shingled roof is vulnerable to hail.

Jumbo Sale

Jeanette will apply for Thrivent Action Team Grant to support the Jumbo Sale
Baptismal Font was built by a founding member. There is a little red book in the office that might have the name of who donated. Would like to install a plaque naming the donor.
Florence has suggested and, as one of the most tenured members, given permission to sell the silver items in the display case near Brad's office for cash.

Carpet cleaning

Paula has quotes from Zerorez and David Kahle. Zerorez quote (\$2340) is \$100 less than David's. Time estimate is 6 hours to clean all carpets and pew cushions, minus quilters room and New Birth classroom.

Motion for Paula to move forward from Peg seconded Kolleen; Paula: add classrooms back in; schedule for August after jumbo sale, ask if the price will hold until late summer, ask Zerorez for building space measurement numbers (so Matt and Kevin don't have to re-measure!)

Motion Carried unanimously

Affirmations

1. Thank you to everyone for all you do.
2. Thank you to all the connection group leaders and participants
3. Thank you for all the Lenten planning
4. Thank you to Cheryl, Shannon and Youth for assembling eggs for Easter Egg hunt
5. Thank you to Gretchen for coordinating the new refrigerator
6. Thank you for Council for the quick turn around with the new refrigerator
7. Thank you to Dawn and Paula for accepting delivery of the refrigerator
8. Thank you to Kevin for the platform behind the altar
9. Thank you to Shannon, Ivan and Diane for the flexibility with music during Lent
10. Thank you to the congregation for being welcoming towards to new members
11. Thank you to Karen and Gretchen for providing feedback for Cassie for sabbatical grant
12. Thank you to Pastor Cassie and Deacon Brad for the study of Ruth during Lent.

Adjourn

Lord's Prayer

Kolleen motioned to adjourn, Peg seconded. Adjourned at 9:01pm.

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Crossroads55112 Calendar, calendar@atonementinb.org, calendar@crossroglorymv.org

May 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			11:30am - C- 2pm - A-Visitation 3pm - A-Funeral	1pm - A-Game Day	Church Retreat 5pm - C-New Birth	Church Retreat 9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Church Retreat 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 3pm - A-Faith Comm	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-ABCD 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 6pm - A-Girl Scouts	6pm - C-Girl Scouts 6:30pm - C-Boy Scouts	10am - C-Prayer Shawls 4pm - C-Worship	9:30am - A-Mary Circle 10am - C-Naomi Circle 1pm - A-Game Day	5pm - C-New Birth 7pm - A-Kitchen Kutups	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Last Day of Classes 8:30am - C-Worship 9:30am - C-Sunday 10:45am - A-Worship 12pm - A-Cristo Rey 3pm - A-Faith Comm 5pm - A-Recital	8am - A-Bible Study 1pm - A-Kitchen Kutups 6pm - A-Girl Scouts	6pm - C-Girl Scouts 6:30pm - C-Boy Scouts		1pm - A-Game Day	Office Closed 5pm - C-New Birth	9am - A-Mount of 9am - C-New Birth
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Contact Us

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

Atonement Mornings until Noon

Cross of Glory Afternoons 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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